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# Faith healers could be pols

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A Sunflower Priestess performs a healing during the Newlife Expo in midtown Saturday.

Not even the City Council can boast of a higher concentration of charlatans than the Newlife Expo held this weekend at the [New Yorker Hotel](#).

The expo is a veritable convention of charlatans, including numerous purveyors of healing stones and anti-aging elixirs, as well as an "aura photographer," a celebrity pet psychic, and a "light doctor" selling instant transportation to an all-healing "lightship."

The 150 exhibits also include a booth occupied by People Unlimited, which offers the new age equivalent of repealing term limits.

"Physical immortality now!" trumpeted the literature. "Fee \$150."

The decidedly lively woman at the People Unlimited table could have a future in [New York City](#) politics judging from her response to my suggestion that lifting the ultimate term limit might result in an overcrowded planet.

"That's no excuse to die so someone else can live!" she declared

The promise of "infinite health, wealth and well-being through the pursuit and practice of death-free living" was apparently not viewed as a challenge by the other purveyors of miracles. No grumbles about immortality peddlers came from [Ron Amitron](#) as he hawked \$20 sessions in his "light infusion chamber," which looked remarkably like a closet outfitted with a strobe.



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Dr. James Capers, a medical intuitive, works with a client.

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"It'll hold six," he said.

"I'm from the lightship," Amitron said. "You've transported out of time to the lightship. You're beamed up into the light."

He missed not a beat explaining why more than one instantaneously healing treatment was needed.

"You have to get down to the issue of past lives," he said, the sign behind him offering "unlimited use" for \$100. "That's why I do many, many transmissions."

Next to the lightship guy's booth was [Dr. James Capers](#), paranormal detector of ghosts and aliens, setting his manicured and bejeweled hands on the bald pate of a man named Al.

A booth across from him was occupied by two guys selling a book billed as "a groundbreaking first-person account ... as told by the gnomes, leprechauns, elves and faeries themselves." One of the guys, [Christopher Valentine](#), indicated that he and his partner are able to summon the little people.

"We had a blue fairy come in last weekend," he reported. "We also had a leprechaun. So, that was really wonderful."

A woman named [Lai Ubberub](#), billed as "Best Pet Psychic of 2007," was also peddling a book, "Celebrity Pets Tell All." Another woman, The Sunflower Princess, was giving blessings with a caduceus, the winged staff entwined with twin serpents that most of us know as a symbol for medicine.

"You can place a photograph of someone you are sending a telegraphic message, lay the caduceus on it," the cheerful princess suggested.

A gentleman from [Salt Lake City](#) named [William Jones](#) was saying something like "cheeee-quaa-alaaaa" as he stood behind [Shiquala Bailey](#) holding a crystal bowl he had set humming like a big crystal wine glass.

"I needed that," Bailey said when he was done. "It brings your energy up. Trust me. Try it."

Among the comparatively mundane offerings was IonCleanse's footbath "detoxifying the planet two feet at a time." The "ionizing" device supposedly cleanses the kidney, bladder, liver, gallbladder and lymphatic system by soaking the feet.

"Unfortunately you have to do this 30 times," said a woman who was giving it a try.

The complete kit goes for \$2,595. Nearly as expensive was Abunda Life's oxygen therapy gizmo, at \$2,500 billed as the "World's First Inexpensive Ozone Infused Far Infrared Detoxification Synergy Wellness System."

That made the \$150 immortality offered by People Unlimited seem a bargain. The woman there remained untroubled by the implications of lifting the ultimate term limit.

"Human beings are the most amazing people!" she said.

She again sounded like she might fit right in at the City Council, where there are charlatans on both sides of the term limit issue, though none who could sell even an ionizing foot bath.

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