There's Something In Your Coffee

By Rosalind Cummings

or two weeks, the phones at Caffe Classico have been ringing with wild urgency. An exotic new flavor? Truly addictive espresso beans?

No. Customers haven't been calling about coffee to drink but coffee to read. Namely, Jorianne the coffee psychic, who will read the cream in customers' coffee from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday at Caffe Classico's 3257 N. Broadway location, and from 2 to 5 p.m. on Monday at the Caffee Classico at 161 W. Madison.

"There's going to be a line of peo-ple just waiting for her," predicts Phil Everett, manager of the Broadway Classico. Jorianne will read coffee for 10 minutes at \$10 per reading (includes coffee; decaf or regular). All proceeds benefit the Epilepsy Foundation.

Recently, at another coffeehouse, Jorianne sat at a table in a purple sweater draped with gold chains. She rubbed her hands together over a cup

rubbed her hands together over a cup of steaming coffee.

"I always tell people that everything is subject to change and choice," she said before pouring cream into the coffee (the clients do not pour or drink; they simply sit across the table and listen). "I access the seffee like a graytal ball. I can the coffee like a crystal ball. I can read the steam that comes off the top. I can see figures and impressions in the cream. They come up like an X-ray machine. I've seen broken bones, babies' faces, always moving like a motion picture.

Leaning her petite frame over the cup, she peered into the coffee, focusing on the swirling liquid. "I see a seahorse, that usually represents a father figure," she said. "Oh, who is this?" she asked me. "I feel a sharp pain on my side," she said, clutching her side. I explained that I had reseatly her hearing pains like that cently been having pains like that. "Well you should have it checked out," she admonished.

Since she was about 7, Jorianne says, she has been able to transmit



One reading or two: Perky Jorianne with a piping hot cup of somebody's fortune.

people's thoughts, experiences and pain.
"My best friend punched me in the

head when I was 7 or 9. He knocked me out cold," she said. "Then I started having unusual experiences with premonitions, only I didn't know it was unusual."

Seven years ago, Jorianne, who is 40, decided to become a full-time psychic. "It did scare me at first but I learned that spirituality is a gift from God," she says.

She took classes at the Edgar Cayce Foundation and joined a spiritual study group. She says she is clairvoyant, clairaudient (hearing sounds outside the immediate situation) and clairsentient (sensations and feelings without outer stimuli).

Jorianne decided on cups of joe as

her medium after her cousin who showed her how to read coffee. "She showed her now to read contee. She told me that you can look in coffee and see pictures," Jorianne said. "She showed me and it was very fluid, very symbolic. You can see lots of things."

Jorianne reads tarot cards at Excalibur on Friday and Saturday nights for 10 minutes at \$10. "It's too dark to read coffee," she explains. She also does weekend parties.

business events and one-on-one readings. Jorianne charges \$40 for a half hour and \$60 for an hour. "It's not the money that's important," she says. "It's helping people."

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