Psychic Has Grounds on Which to Base Predictions

Many magical properties have been attributed to coffee over the years, but a Chicago psychic is pioneering a new way of looking at the powerful brew.

In a variation on the time-honored practice of tea-leaf reading, Jorianne (the Coffee Psychic) is a practitioner of coffee reading. The average person may not see visions in the hot beverage steam or riches in the grounds, but to her they are the stuff of dreams.

"What I do are psychic readings using a cup of coffee as a crystal ball and I see images through the steam, the bubbles, the cream," says Jorianne. "I see letters, numbers, images, body parts. It forms pictures, like a video or a motion picture."

Jorianne will be demonstrating her skills at the Belmont Street Fair during the weekend of June 1, noon-3 p.m. (her stay may be extended somewhat that day).

She will help fest-goers learn the secrets of their personalities and futures by "reading" their coffee. She pours halfand-half cream into a hot cup of black coffee and, for a \$5 donation, will provide a five-minute reading.

All money donated at the Belmont Street Fair will be donated in turn by Jorianne to Children's Memorial Hospital.

"I have been doing this for 11 years.



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It's been my major form of divination," she says. "It was the first thing I started out with. It is different from Turkish coffee or tea reading because there the residue forms an image. With coffee and cream, I actually see the image materialize.

"I'm a coffeeholic myself, so it works out well that I am around coffee so much."

She says over the years her glimpses into the caffeinated world of the supernatural have accurately predicted marriages, business and artistic successes and personal adventures.

"Generally I've got about a 75 to 80 percent accuracy level," she says. "I get feedback from everyone I do a reading for."

And that sounds like a latte work.