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week was really nailing people.”
As for the show’s popularity, he says, “It’s a lot of fun. It’s something you can’t prove. I think a lot of people out there are looking for guidance ... lost souls looking for help.”

The psychics appear at no cost. They get to put in a couple of plugs announcing their availability for home or corporate parties and investigations. Jorianne, who appeared once before, said the show did generate calls.

Johnson opens by chitchatting with her about the usual stuff: her paranormal investigations, visits from the dead, a photograph of a spirit. “I’m sorry I didn’t bring it tonight,” Jorianne says. So is everyone else.

But it’s the phone calls everyone is waiting for to see Jorianne do her thing. First she pours coffee into a cup and examines the bubbles. Then she pours in cream and looks for images, letters, animals, body parts.

“What do you see for my future?” Ann, the first caller, asks.

“Can you be a little more specific?” The Coffee Psychic responds. “You have a lot of nice bubbles here. That would tell me a lot of good luck is coming. The film is moving clockwise on top of the coffee. Things are moving forward.”

She sees a question mark in the coffee and asks Ann whether she is questioning a relationship. “I don’t know,” Ann says. “Maybe.”

“There’s going to be a relationship you’re going to be questioning,” Jorianne assures her.

As a defense against self-fulfilling prophecies, a disclaimer at the outset of “Your Psychic Destiny” advises viewers the program is intended for entertainment purposes only and that Multimedia assumes no responsibility for the predictions or views expressed in the program. In other words, swallow this at your own risk.

No telling whether many callers pay attention to the disclaimer or whether it’s like the FBI warning at the beginning of videos. The callers all sound sincere, like they are genuinely searching for answers.

The next caller, Carol, has been having rough times. “You haven’t been doing what you want to do lately,” Jorianne says. This she may have figured out without the use of cream. At one point Jorianne asks, “Does that make sense for you?”

“No,” Carol says.
“This is one of those things. I get information past, present and future,” Jorianne says. Later she explains, “It’s harder for them because certain things are going to happen. ... When things don’t make sense I try to tell peo-



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“Your Psychic Destiny” host Doug Johnson and his guest on a recent Wednesday evening, Jorianne the Coffee Psychic, await the start of a broadcast to cable viewers in the southwest suburbs.

ple to be patient.”
She claims to have a “75 to 80 percent accuracy level.”

As she stares at coffee, Jorianne asks caller Joe, “Is there another ‘J’ person around you, Joe?”

“No,” he says.
“Watch for another ‘J’ person,” she says. Premonitions like this give ‘J’ people a bad name.

Then the coffee window clears. “You hurt your shoulder or back,” she says.

“Yes, real bad,” he replies.
“Great,” she says. Jorianne asks if there’s a dog in his life.

“Yes, we put one to sleep last week,” he says. Jorianne suggests another one may be coming.

Some things she sees are of concern. This is no rose-colored coffee. Two women who ask about sick relatives get no reassurance. “My thought would be to put a lot of prayer around your uncle. Just continue to be with him and love him.”

Sometimes she sees life that’s not welcome news. A woman inquiring about her grandkids is told everything looks fine, but is asked whether another baby might be on the way.

“Oh, gosh, I hope not,” grand-ma says.
“But there’s a sperm in the cup,” Jorianne says.

“Get it out,” Johnson says with a fake urgency. After he hangs up, he says, “I hate it when that happens, sperm in the coffee.”



“Your Psychic Destiny” producer Jan Pollack and crew member Darrell Petersen watch the show from a control room at Multimedia Cablevision’s studio on Oak Park Avenue.

Each call gets a fresh cup. Some of them hold new beginnings. Fay is looking for a job. Jorianne says, “Know that you will find yourself eventually in a very hot state. ... You’re not supposed to be here. It’s time to find your happiness elsewhere.” And here’s hoping she’s right.

Some cups hold new endings. She tells one woman, “I’m going to encourage you to move past this relationship. I think he’s got other plans.” And Jorianne tells a woman wondering whether a guy will call, “It kind of feels a little uncomfortable, Arlene.”

Sometimes she sees people who can’t face up to life. A woman says she’s calling about romance. Johnson asks, “You want it, or you want to get rid of it?”

“Inside the coffee I’m seeing some tears,” Jorianne tells her. “Do you have a tendency of not showing your whole self?”

“No,” she answers.
“Are you sure? Are you sure? I see a mask,” Jorianne insists.

It’s amazing all she sees. At one point she sees the skull of a dead

cow in the cream. The guys in the control room need a release from the tension. As the camera shows a coffee close-up, one of them says, “You see that? It’s a body. There’s a hand waving.”

“If I see a tornado in the coffee you know bad things are coming,” she says. Well sure. And if there’s a sperm in the tornado, good heavens.

Many things she tells people could come out of self-help books. “Try to get yourself in a position where you don’t have to move,” Jorianne advises a caller. She tells another, “Marriage is a very sacred union; you want to work it out to the best of your ability.”

Some advice is good hygiene. “I want you to get your teeth checked; there is definitely some dental problem,” Jorianne tells a caller. Pollack says in the control room, “Wow, I hate that one.”

Some calls are more cheery. Jorianne tells one woman, “I see Mother Mary. It’s not that often I see Mother Mary. That’s very good luck.” The stunned woman

can only say, “Oh-h.” Jorianne tells another, “When I’m feeling your energies I’ve got goosebumps going up and down my arms.”

And there are exchanges that defy commentary.

“I’m feeling Arizona,” Jorianne tells a caller.

“What’s that?” the woman says.

“The state,” Jorianne answers.

During a break, Pollack asks, “Does she want water? She probably doesn’t want to drink that coffee.”

As they return from the break, Johnson says, “You just saw something.”

“Actually I just felt something. I felt a spirit come up to me and touch me on the head,” Jorianne says. “I actually felt a spirit the last time I was here.”

Pollack says several psychics on the program felt the presence of spirits here. OK, now it’s weird. The cable company studio used to be a funeral home.



Johnson and Jorianne prepare for showtime with the help of “Your Psychic Destiny” director Vince Varacello.