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WXYZ-Radio personality Jacqui has been giving advice to area residents since

moving here from Canada 30 years ago.

Using unseen powers

By Kathy Parrish
staff writer

Did last week seem a little crazy? If you were dodging cars, lost keys or bought sour milk just blame the heavens.

"Did you notice anything crazy the last two days?" astrologer Jacqui asked her Troy Town Hall audience Wednesday.

"Mercury was going direct. It's that kind of time and will continue to be."

Speaking to 450 women — including many who have sought her advice during 36 years as a psychic counselor — the Troy resident filled them in on what their horoscopes held for 1983.

But before predicting the fate of Chrysler Corp. and an unborn baby's sex, Jacqui talked about that part of psychology dealing with the supernatural. And she cautioned listeners not to "pooh-pooh" unseen or unknown powers.

"Can anyone tell you what love is? Have you ever seen it?" asked the Montreal-born astrologer, who has a master's degree in humanities from McGill University.

"But does love exist? You bet it does. It rules the world. The most important thing to you is unseen."

Jacqui, whose last name is Kendall, told of what she believes to be everyday instances of mind-to-mind communication, auras, hypnosis and psychic healing.

"HOW MANY OF you have gone to a girlfriend's house, had a cup of coffee and felt so much better?" she asked.

"All she gave you was love, but that's psychic healing. We all have it, we're just not using it."

Booked six months to two years ahead for psychic counseling sessions, Jacqui only takes clients on the first of the month.

"It's difficult to reach me, but I can't hire people to help out," said the astrologer, who doesn't use a computer. "People say 'If you're so good why not go to the race track and make predictions?'" she said. "But I feel this is a gift from God, and if you misuse a gift you're gonna lose it."

"So I just charge enough to live on."

While she's now booked solid for readings, does radio and is negotiating with television, Jacqui wasn't always in such demand.

One of 16 children — eight of them Libras like her husband — the Taurus discovered her special talents at the age of 9.

She was brought up in Montreal where psychics were accepted "right off the bat." But, Jacqui said, her powers made people wary when she moved to Troy 30 years ago.

"Here I was regarded as a little bit of a witch," said Jacqui, now 52.

"In England, Europe and Russia it's not that unusual to be psychic. That's why those countries are more advanced," she said.

"But all of you in this room have special gifts."

WHILE STEADILY building her reputation, Jacqui has seen interest in parapsychology boom in the last few years.

She credits much of that interest to the poor economy and lack of faith in experts.

"People are starting to look for answers within themselves. They don't want to look to experts," said Jacqui.

"They're finding out the answer is them."

At a luncheon at Alfreida's in Troy High School, she predicted that people are moving toward a new way of life.

She sees an end to the age of "instant everything," with the future holding more stabilization, emphasis on family, more marriages and fewer divorces — "thank God."

"People are beginning to realize there is something else and that



Jacqui talked about the supernatural.

that something is not a material thing," said the astrologer, who thinks people are looking for inner peace.

"The last three years have proven we can live on a lot less. And I'm pleased to see people looking to themselves for answers because that's where they are."

SHE BELIEVES in the accuracy of horoscopes and uses astrology and numerology for character references of clients.

But Jacqui cautions against putting too much stock in the Zodiac.

"If you got up every morning and studied astrology, numerology and Chinese astrology charts it would be 4 p.m. before you got out of bed," she said.

"Just use the common sense nature gave us."

At a question and answer session, the astrologer did several general readings — a policy she's had since asking a skeptic in the audience about his son. To her dismay, she found out that the son was a Korean child his wife didn't know about.

"I've been careful not to do that since," she said. "I won't say if Richard Burton will marry Elizabeth Taylor again. I don't want to invade their privacy. And do you care?"

SHE DID go out on a limb to say that Chrysler Corp. will stay in business (a prediction she actually made two years ago), that real estate will pick up in the spring and that a pregnant woman in the audience will have a little boy ("the last for you").

"You told my oldest he wouldn't marry the girl he was going with, and she is marrying someone else Saturday," volunteered one fan.

She acknowledged there are charlatans in her profession — "like other fields" — and warned against using ouija boards and tarot cards as toys because "some people can be very much disturbed."

But she urged her listeners to make more use of the special powers she believes they possess.

"If we use any method to help ourselves be better people we can't be wrong."

Number of women candidates up

By Sherry Kahan
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"Real power is elected power," believes Kathy Wilson.

The chairwoman of the National Women's Political Caucus, visiting this area recently for a caucus steering committee meeting, Wilson was feeling bullish about the possibility of women winning a share of that real power.

"When the caucus started in 1971, only 4 percent of the country's state legislators were women," she said. "Now 12.1 percent are women. This year, 437 women filed in state legislative elections."

Specifically, there are 68 women filing for these posts in Michigan, 17 in South Dakota, 81 in Florida and 75 in the state of Washington, Wilson said.

"We are talking of an unprecedented number of women filing," she said. "Our organization has helped show women they don't have to be passive recipients in a male-dominated world. It is possible to take political decisions into their own hands."

"We are hopeful that women have seen the last wringing of their hands in the observer's gallery over every roll-call vote. We want to stop trying to change the hearts and minds of legislators and change their faces instead."

WILSON BECAME involved in the women's movement for the same reason thousands of others have — sex discrimination.

"For 11 years I was in sales," she said. "I was a leading sales person and was asked to train two young men. I found they were making \$100 more a month than I was."

"It was a devastating experience. I'd always been sympathetic to the women's movement. But personal familiarity with discrimination in pay catapulted me into it."

Having long felt that political action could mean change, she directed her efforts in that direction.

"The caucus is an important training ground for public office," said Wilson, who is married and has a 2-year-old daughter. "A woman learns to deal with politics from within. She can learn parliamentary procedure, organizational skills, negotiation and how to deal with people's feelings."

"After a while this woman can say, 'I have community credentials. I have political credentials. I can help elect my neighbor.'"

"After that," Wilson said, "she might test her abilities by undertaking a fund-raiser for a local candidate."

"That requires a lot of skills," she said. "She has to deal with caterers, business people and candidates; and be a communicator, a cheerleader and someone able to negotiate prices. She would call in chits. She baked a cake for someone, they can bake one for her. That's the way it works on a local level."

"This way she becomes known to the candidate,



Kathy Wilson

and might be asked to work in a responsible position in the campaign."

THE WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS "has done a lot to change the image of female campaigners and to help women realize their potential," Wilson said.

"We're organizing an old girls' network."

She noted that the caucus has grown from a membership of 271 in 1971 to a national membership today of about 80,000 in 300 local caucuses. To join, an individual must be a feminist and pro-

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choice on the abortion issue.

One of its efforts is to raise money for women campaigners.

"To women candidates, attracting money is a big problem," Wilson said. "Men have already-established ties to business people. During an election they can call in their chits. Women aren't used to giving big money. They think \$5 is a reasonable donation. They don't appreciate the financial sacrifice necessary to put a person into office."

In her opinion "men out there are ready to help. You just have to ask them. Lots of men feel women are woefully under-represented in political life."

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