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Have I got a guru for you!

From psychics to feng shui, seekers look for answers

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When MGM was on the auction block, clients of Justine "Psychic Girl" Kenzer already knew that the Lion would belong to Sony.

"I had two people come to me from different areas of the business," says Kenzer, who says she responded to the bidder that had "the most energy around it." Kenzer says she also knew that the sale would happen "at the 11th hour."

From follicles to toenails, Hollywood has an endless appetite for personal care. However, the town's little-advertised psychics, astrologists, healers and feng shui specialists are impossible to quantify and trusted with their clients' lives.

Hal Sparks, star of "Queer as Folk," says his life "completely changed" since working with feng shui expert Deborah Rachel Kagen.

He sought her out five years ago in hopes of boosting his career. Since then, he says, "I've increased my income at least double every year."

Among her recommendations were hanging feng shui crystals over Sparks' desk and bed. "They're sort of a psychic bodyguard," says Kagen.

She also advised Sparks on his bed's positioning because "it can make or break anyone's life. Feng shui is acupuncture for architecture."

The seemingly random nature of the entertainment industry might be enough to make you believe in the power of inanimate objects. However, "satori" specialist Dr. Bradley Frederick says his work is not about superstition but making the world more sensible.

"I believe there is no randomness in the universe," Frederick says. A licensed chiropractor at the Intl. Sports Medicine Institute, his counseling technique includes guided meditation and hypnosis.

"All people who are successful deserve to be successful," he says. "People who aren't successful, there's a reason and there is a way to change the energy flow to get what you desire."

For some people, however, there's no way to make them believe. As founder of Skeptic magazine, executive director of the Skeptics Society and author of books such as "Why People Believe Weird Things," Dr. Michael Shermer dedicates his life to debunking what he calls "flapdoodle flummery."

"After a century of rigorous scientific research on ESP, feng shui, tarot cards and the like, there is still not a shred of evidence that it works," Shermer says.

However, spiritual therapists may be less about hocus-pocus and more like Glinda the Good Witch, pointing Dorothy toward the power of her own ruby slippers.

"It helped me get in touch with my characters and get over my own fears," says writer-producer Ron Cowen, a Frederick client and self-proclaimed cynic.

Still, no guru replaces patience.

"The Red Sox will happen," Kenzer told TV producer Kathryn Vaughn about a sports pitch, but it didn't sell.

Months later, Vaughn produced "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition." Her makeover subject in Boston? The Red Sox.

Tools of the cosmic industry trade			
Justine Kenzer , psychicgirl.com \$200 for the first 45-minute session, \$100 thereafter (213) 707-2567			
Service	Philosophy	Mode	Products
Psychic readings	A former clothing designer, who says tapping into her psychic abilities "came from trying to find myself."	Email, telephone and in-person.	Possession protectors (\$30); is developing an animated

			series based on her life.
<p>Deborah Rachel Kagen, sacredinteriors.com Charges by the square foot, on a per-project basis (323) 650-4433</p>			
Service	Philosophy	Mode	Products
Feng shui consultant	Harmonizes individuals with their environments using "energy movement," colors and placement of objects. Has worked with everything from actors' trailers and office cubicles to dorm rooms and restaurants.	Private sessions	Feng shui crystals known as "atma jewels" (\$18-\$99)
<p>Dr. Bradley Frederick, freeonlineyoga.com \$200 for in-office consultations, with the caveat that the results may be used (anonymously) as testimonials. \$2,000 for private house calls. Takes only six new patients each month, but monthly workshops are free. (310) 559-6900</p>			
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"Satori" consultations, based on Frederick's proprietary technique. "It's a culmination of techniques that are 5,000 years old," he says.	"Encoded in every cell is the ability to have the life of our dreams," he says. "The only way to have that is to quiet the mind. This technique is a really rapid way to come up with answers."	Private sessions	CDs (\$24.95)

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