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WOMAN'S INTUITION Collingswood alternative medicine practice teaching 'self-awareness'

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In the backwoods of Scranton, Pa., Marissa Pell always felt she had an intuitive force pulsing through her. The self-proclaimed skeptic never knew what the natural forces were until she could no longer deny the gift. She has opened a space in Collingswood and is now diagnosing medical imbalances through what she calls her powers of intuition.

According to the executive director of the Mind and Soul Healer Center, Dr. Rita Louise, alternative health is all about naturally aligning the body, mind and spirit so they function in harmony with one another.

"It's about giving you the power to keep your life in focus," said Louise.

"Alternative health offers amazing benefits such as increased self-awareness, abounding peace, feelings of centeredness, and increased mental and physical health." "I never thought this was a serious thing," said Pell. "I always looked at it as kind of joke until people started really taking stock in my diagnoses and started to improve their lives."

She said the extra-sensory power to perform these functions has always been a hidden secret that she only shared with friends in college.

"When I was working on my bachelor's I would talk to my friends and they would look at me funny," said Pell. "Then when I went to graduate school, I started to work a little on the side at this spiritual healing center in Boston." She said the side business rolled over to a career.

After Pell's awakening, she moved down to Philadelphia. Fresh off her graduate work in media and broadcasting, she checked out WIP (610 AM). "I stood in the studio and diagnosed Angelo," said Pell. "Right after that Angelo had me on and I did a stint with him and then over to the midday show with Mike and Anthony."

Angelo Cataldi, Mike Missanelli, and Anthony Gargano are all radio personalities on the 610 Philadelphia sports talk station. She said the radio exposure was great for her business and turned new clients on to her gift.

Since her time on the popular sports station, the Haddonfield resident has been mixing her media education with her spiritual gift. "I just got done hosting a talk show on 1350 (AM) about wellness in the workplace," said Pell. "It was a self-help type of show."

Pell has been seeing clients on Haddon Avenue for more than a year.

Merchantville resident Chris Bararo said his life has been changed through bimonthly visits with Pell. "I was really huge skeptic about this kind of thing, but Marissa looked at me and told me stuff only I would



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Intuitive healer Marissa Pell poses in her Collingswood office.

know," said Bararo. "She told me my jaw was out alignment before I was diagnosed with it."

He said Pell has a sixth sense about the internal trauma of the body.

"Doctors provide Band-Aids for a lot of problems in the body that are deep rooted in the brain and need to be diagnosed on another level," said Pell. "I try to root out the real problems that people have and find away to correct them through successive sessions." She said the goal for the intuitive sessions and energy therapy is to find a healthy physical and emotional balance.

Ex-Philadelphia Wing Bowl contestant Augie Chung said Pell has changed his life

through her services. "I started sessions with Marissa almost two years ago and she has provided me with a new life," said Chung. "I had a lot of issues in my life and she helped me develop a master plan and lots of insight." He said Pell has provided the right balance in his life mentally and physically. "The intuitive service is about finding hidden blockages in the body and how to release them," said Pell. "That is the goal to get people feeling better about themselves and release built up blockages."

Pell can be seen by appointment in her office on Haddon Avenue. Call (856) 546-4665 or visit her Web site at www.knowledgeforliving.com.

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