

editorial opinion

How supernaturals change lives

Are you suffering the heartbreak of psoriasis, PBB poisoning, heartburn and gas, static cling or terminal "bionic plague"?

Don't let the miseries get you down. Bunkie. Lift your head up high, raise your arms to the sun, shout "hallelujah," and hurry on down to the International Supernatural Church at the branch nearest your home.

If you're a shut-in at wit's end corner, and the devil is turning you every way but loose, simply call the church's "hour of delivery hotline." A staff of preachers will be on the switchboard, ready to lift and restore you. Just be ready to put your money where your prayer is.

"This is where it is, where it's happening," says the ordained master of ceremonies, grinning for the TV cameras as his teeth die from over-exposure.

"The tri-level, \$10 million, International Supernatural Church headquarters is dedicated to the sick, the given-up and the dying. Our staff of ministers is working 24-hours a day, seven days a week to provide services designed with you in mind.

"Let God speak to you about special contributions to the temple. The oppressed, the depressed and the possessed will reap dividends in eternity."

YOU DON'T have to be sick to be healed or lost to be found, the mc of the spiritual world informs you. What he doesn't mention is you just have to be loaded.

Bible days are here again and the

church is in positive condition, you're assured. They're cleaning up at International Supernatural. If you can't find God any other place, you'll find Him in the tri-level church and subsidiaries.

"Other churches are backsliding and busing up," the toothy, modern-day Pharaoh insists. "Get a hold to revelation and revelation on in to International Supernatural. This is where the action is, and if we can't beat the competition, we'll send you five chapters of the Old Testament."

"Man is getting as cold as ice cream, as dead as chickens, as dry as Arid extra-extra. So, all you fathers out there in TV land, get in your automobiles and bring your sons and all you mothers bring your daughters to International Supernatural Gospel center."

All you non-believers out there, just listen to the testimony of Sister Sarah Pitts. She was taking her regular Saturday night bath when she discovered

a lump on her right breast as big as a watermelon.

Mrs. Pitts, brought up in a strict, religious home where breasts were parts of the anatomy only bared in X-rated movies produced by the devil, was too embarrassed to tell anyone about the "cancerous" growth.

BUT AFTER hours of torture and anxiety, she decided to revelation on an International Supernatural. Her favorite minister exercised Satan right out of that watermelon, and Mrs. Pitts was cured, hallelujah, praise the Lord.

"Lo and behold, the very next Saturday night, I was taking another bath, and the devil stuck another lump on my left er, uh, you know, breast," she whispered on TV, blushing in living Magnavox color.

"I couldn't wait until Sunday morning to high-tail it down to Inter-

national Supernatural. I knocked over 40 other parishioners to get to Brother Zachariah. He put his hand on my er, ah, um, chest and God chased that devil right out of the left lump, hallelujah, I'm healed of the cancer, but I'm still afraid to take another bath."

Brother Zachariah was encouraging. He told Mrs. Pitts not to be ashamed of her breasts, and he'd even make a house call to pray for her while she was in the tub.

"God made man, and he made woman," Zachariah chanted. "If the Lord had meant for man to have bumps on his front, he would have made bumps. But he gave those bumps to women so the devil could give them cancer and they could be cured by the Lord like Mrs. Pitts was in International Supernatural Church designed with you in mind."

One good thing about the church TV show is there are no commercials.

My Cup of Tea

by Loraine McClish

NOW fights food costs

Pols contemplate cooperative force

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a direct line for instant communication between departments, said Lloyd.

A central fire dispatch would require the hiring of full-time dispatchers, since that job is filled by persons who work for the police departments as well as the firefighters in most communities.

Cooperative firefighting would require stations that are near to two or three areas. The communities would decide upon the location of the shared stations.

"In the long run, if you save building a couple of stations or save buying an aerial, the taxpayers are going to save money," Majors said.

While the building of a coop fire station would concern growing communities, more stable areas, such as Farmington, would be apt to avoid spending money on another station.

"WE COULDN'T CARE less where the fire station is," Bennett said.

"We have one that would be closed someday if this thing comes off," Deadman said.

Shared stations would require that full-time firefighters and volunteers work side by side.

Lloyd warned the representatives that animosity between the professionals and volunteers could develop.

"They could say that here comes a donkey volunteer that goes to meetings once a month and gets to a fire if he gets out of bed," Lloyd said.

West Bloomfield Fire Chief Earl Benson rejected the idea.

"The volunteers we have are trained once a month. They have 60 hours of training in each station," he said.

Volunteers also are added manpower that helps fight fires, even if they arrive later than the full-time firefighters, according to Benson.

Shared stations would result in union and non-union firemen working together.

"I've heard of union problems in other states," Majors said.

"WHEN ONE STATION IS ON STRIKE, it refuses to help in a mutual aid pact," he said.

Majors' fears were answered by Glen Leonard, Oak Park Public Safety director and the study group's legal advisor.

"I never saw that happen," he said. "Grievances appear quickly." Deadman said. "Especially if the men are left in the dark and don't know what's happening."

"Policemen and firemen are pretty much the same. If you get a good police incident happening it's hard to keep the men away," he said.

"With a good fire, it'd be hard to keep the firemen away," Deadman added.

Firefighters would be working with equipment which different areas had purchased. Each community could be using a different type of fire hydrant with differing sizes of threads for the hoses, which could cause delays and confusion, Deadman said.

Equipment would have to stand around, he then suggested.

Doherty assured him that although West Bloomfield hydrants had different threading than Farmington, the problem could be remedied with the use of adapters.

The group is a study group and can only advise city councils about the options open.

My friends from NOW are in trouble and need bailing out.

All six of the metropolitan chapters banded together with our local Visitors' Bureau and together won the bid to bring the National Organization of Women's 1977 convention to Detroit. And that, for the most of us, means bringing them to Cobo Hall because that was the reason it was built.

Consequently, commitments were made with our convention hall and various downtown hotels in no-way-out contracts.

But as convention time approaches, one rule and another regulation have combined to make one believe there is a concerted effort afoot to keep people out of Detroit.

The women I talked to recently have substituted the expression "selling booths" to "selling space" in their promotions. "Booth" implies an erect structure which demands hammer and nails, a something that in turn demands an astronomical cost.

The same applies to plugging in a wire, using the service elevator and moving furniture from one place to another.

The convention planners find themselves locked in on some facets and locked out on others.

IN ONE FACET, they had an option and that concerned foods: either sell it through the Cobo Hall caterers or give it away.

This boiled down to either charging embarrassingly high prices or begging for it to give it away.

For an exercise on your imagination, try the thought of rounding up food for 2,000 people for three days.

We are not talking about seven-course dinners. We are talking about a cup of coffee or a bag of peanuts.

And we aren't talking about a bunch of women who are planning a party. We are talking about a working convention made up largely of professional women who are doing their

best to help battered wives and abused children, who are getting ADC mothers off the doles and are fulfilling a long list of training programs which can do nothing except help society as a whole.

The persons instrumental in bringing the convention to Detroit had been NOW conventionists before this in Dallas and Philadelphia where no one had any trouble selling food on the premises. Price-wise no one was hurt or upset.

In Detroit, they expect it to be the same thing and the odd issue wasn't an item on anybody's committee list to be concerned about.

But now it is the number one item, what with no quickie lunches, for a moderate price available anywhere near Cobo Hall and doughnuts inside the hall selling for 35 cents each.

In this case, the whole to-do about bringing people into Detroit goes way beyond any noises we hear about streets being unsafe in the inner-city.

From our readers Why does county wait?

Editor:

In response to your article in the Jan. 10 edition of the Farmington Observer about two people already being killed in front of the Orchard-Fourteen Mile Shopping Mall, what in the world is the county waiting for?

Is the Oakland County commission waiting for a third person to be killed, perhaps a child, before taking action and putting up a traffic light?

Would a child's death really appeal to their emotions and good sense rather than two adults already killed?

I can't believe the county's asking the landlord of the Orchard-Fourteen Mile Mall to pay because after its survey, the county says the types of accidents which occur at that intersection wouldn't be avoided by the installation of a signal.

I am in total disagreement with the county's conclusion that even with the volume of traffic on Orchard Lake, especially with the people entering Kmart during all hours, that they still feel a signal is unwarranted.

In my opinion, a traffic signal would certainly help the situation. But this seems to me to be pure common sense, no matter who should foot the bill.

Over the disagreement of who should pay for this needed signal, more lives can be taken. Is it worth it?

I feel Farmington Hills Director of

Public Services, Ralph Magid, should reapproach Oakland County Road Commission and demand the safety of the people would be better insured

with a traffic signal at Orchard-Fourteen Mile intersection

DODIE HARRIS
Farmington Hills

Stop signal needed at shopping corner

Editor:

My letter is in reference to your article in the Jan. 10 Farmington Observer concerning the hit-and-run accident at the site of the Orchard-Fourteen Mile Shopping Center. Having been in an automobile accident at the same location where Mrs. McCracken and Bernard Sakoske were killed, I take exception to the statements concerning the validity of a traffic light at this site.

Mrs. McCracken would be here today if she had a left turn signal which to enter Orchard Lake. Bernard Sakoske would be here today if he had a light which to cross Orchard Lake.

Fortunately, my three children and I came out of our accident alive, even though we were hit broadside and sent to the hospital as a result of trying to exit the shopping mall.

Another of our neighbors, a 15-year-old girl, was hit by a car at the same site just one year ago. The list goes on and on and the fatalities keep mounting up.

What price can you place on a human life? Can we say perhaps it is worth the price of a traffic light? No, well then how about two lives?

In March my husband and I went to the city manager's office to register a complaint concerning traffic safety in the mile stretch between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile roads. Two weeks later, I was called by Mr. Majoros (Farmington Hills city manager) assistant Mike Dotman, saying that a

study had been made and a light would be installed.

Perhaps it could save a life. It just might be to the best interest of the commercial property owners to seek installation of the traffic safety equipment in an effort to insure their customers' safety.

MRS. R.C. WISE
Farmington Hills

Workshop set for MOMs

A Mothers on the Move conference for wives and mothers will be held Monday and Tuesday, March 14-15, at the Mercy Conference Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Daytime workshops are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will also be a presentation given at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Joyce Landorf, a singer, musician, and author, will be the guest speaker. Marilyn Van Wingerlen, president of MOM, will also speak.

Breakaway session, or workshops, include "You Can't Begin too Young," "No Faith Communication," "And He Saw That It Was Good," "Crisis With Teens," "Developing Emotional Stability," "A Man's Point of View," and "Wine to Now, God?"

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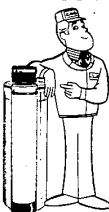
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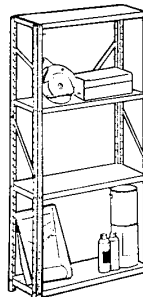
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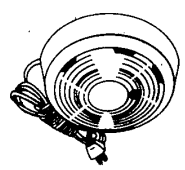
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