

Witch Watch

by GUNDELLA



Could you adjust in a future life?

Dear Gundella: What do you believe about cryogenics? To me it sounds like science fiction. Do you think it can possibly work? Do you consider it immoral?

Hilda, Garden City

DEAR HILDA: Cryogenics is the name given to the process of freezing the human body upon the occurrence of death or mercy freezing just prior to death.

The body is then preserved in this frozen state until such time as medical science perfects a cure for whatever was killing that person. Hopefully, if this plan works, the cryogenics people will then revive the frozen body and administer the cure.

This would allow the subject to live on and enjoy — or at least experience — a few more years of life in his old, familiar body.

YOU ASKED HOW I feel about it. Well, I am not well enough acquainted with the scientific aspects of it to comment on whether it would be possible to accomplish this physically. But many people have believed strongly enough to raise enormous sums of money to finance this work.

Several bodies do lie in a frozen state at this time, awaiting revival at some future date.

Assuming this could be successfully accomplished, it would seem to me the poor patient undergoing such an ordeal might soon wish he had remained dead.

Imagine the loneliness you would experience in such a situation. All the people you had known and loved in this lifetime would be dead and gone, or reincarnated into new forms to play roles in life different from the what they did in this one.

They would have new lives, new outlooks and be fully oriented to that new time and place.

YOU, HOWEVER, would be in your old body, with your old memories, and a brain that cannot begin to comprehend the events that occurred during the hundred or so years you were lying comatose in an icebox.

Prisoners of war often commit suicide after they are freed to return home because they cannot cope with the changes that 10 or 12 years have brought.

Prisoners released from penal institutions will sometimes break the law deliberately, hoping to be caught and sent back to prison because they have been away so long that they cannot adjust to present society.

I PERSONALLY expect to be alive 200 years from now, in a human form. I believe in reincarnation, and I believe I will be born again into new lifetimes where I can learn and grow in those times.

I would not go so far as to say that cryogenics is immoral. That is not for me to judge. But even if I did not believe in reincarnation, I would not personally choose to be canned, dried, frozen, freeze-dried, or preserved in any form.

You might say I believe in recycling, for am in accord with the text of Ecclesiastes 12:7.

"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

That way, we are ready for whatever naturally comes next.

Work begins on Cadillac plant

General Motors Corp. Thursday shifted into third gear in its race to meet federal government fuel economy standards.

The start was the beginning of construction of a \$102 million engine assembly plant addition in Livonia which will turn out 1982 model engines.

The start was marked by a ceremonial groundbreaking on GM property on Middlebelt, north of Plymouth Road, with company officials praising Livonia city and business officials for their support.

The plant addition will mean another 1,200 jobs to go along with the 400 now at the engine machining plant which turns out engine blocks, cylinder heads and other components.

The addition, when completed in the spring of 1981, will replace the existing engine assembly operations now done at the Cadillac plant on Detroit's southwest side.

The new engines in two years will be smaller than the existing power plants turned out in Livonia and assembled in Detroit. But GM representatives refused to say which size engines will be built then.

Cadillac now turns out 425 and 350 cubic inches of displacement engines.

The groundbreaking follows by three months the Livonia City Council approval of a 50 percent property tax break on the addition for 12 years. The Detroit City Council also gave its required waiver for the move to Livonia under a state law providing for the tax break.

The addition of 450,000 square feet will more than double the existing plant which opened in 1971.

The addition itself will be completed in the summer of 1980 with the installation and testing of new processes scheduled to start production in early 1981.

Henry B. Brawner, general manufacturing manager for Cadillac, said the new and smaller engine will help the company meet the more stringent federal government fuel economy and emission standards mandated for the mid-1980s.

Brawner also said the addition will feature the latest occupational and quality standards with machines to have solid state, programmable controllers. "Automatic tool compensation will be used where the potential exists and the plant will use the most up-to-date machine outage monitoring system."

Brawner said that the company is proud of its existing facilities and it intends to provide for employee and community needs in the new expansion.

Taking part in the ceremony were Richard Malian, plant superintendent; Mayor Edward McNamara; City Councilmen Robert McCann, Robert Nash, Robert Bishop, Gerald Taylor, and Peter Ventura; Chamber of Commerce president Dick French; past chamber president Frank Hand; numerous company officials, and leaders of Cadillac Local 22 of the United Auto Workers.

During the property tax break controversy last winter, Detroit councilmembers at first refused to approve a waiver to allow the expansion in Livonia.

GM officials refused to commit themselves to the Livonia project unless they got the property tax break for 12 years.

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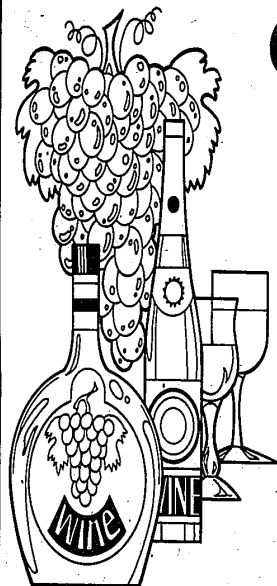
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