



Marilyn Turner and John Kelly respond to questions from the studio audience.



Producer Nancy Lenzen is part of the team that helps keep "Kelly & Company" running smoothly five days a week. Surrounding Nancy are (from left) Chuck Derry, floor director; Randy Barone and Dan Weaver, both associate producers.

She shines off screen

By Gary M. Cates
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Keeping WXYZ's Kelly and Company talk show equipped with new guests is one of the hardest tasks for producer Nancy Lenzen, a 38-year resident of Farmington Hills.

"It's a challenge to keep getting new material," says Lenzen, producer of the show for three years.

Her job entails coordinating the staff, making arrangements for guests, and sometimes making the split-second decisions of what to do when a guest doesn't arrive.

During the actual airing of the live 90 minute show, Lenzen can be found on the sidelines of the Channel 7 studio or upstairs in the control booth, monitoring the efforts of the camera crew.

"I enjoy what I'm doing very much. You have to enjoy doing this because the hours are long," says Lenzen as she ducks into the Green Room where guests wait to go on.

The Green Room, a small room containing chairs and walls covered with pictures of past guests, is a semi-quiet retreat from the areas where cameramen, technicians and staff personnel.

The Detroit-based talk show which originates from Channel 7's studios on 10 Mile in Southfield features hosts John Kelly and Marilyn Turner.

"The producer is responsible for all the mechanics of putting the show together," says Lenzen, who is the former producer of Detroit's Lou Gordon Show.

"The most rewarding part of the job is seeing a show going from a three rating to a seven rating," she says as co-workers buzz around the studio, where promotions are now being taped.

Lenzen explains work has just begun for the staff, even though the show has been aired for the day. The staff must prepare scripts, research topics, write questions and check on guests for the next show.

"We try to get a balance between entertainment, information and service (with the selection of guests)," she says. "It's a very fine line."

Many persons approach the staff to appear on the show, but not everyone can be used, Lenzen says.

"In the past there have been guests who walked right off the show," Lenzen says. "You panic a lot when a guest doesn't show up. But we have some very good friends that will come on at the last minute."

"There have been so many funny things that have happened," she says. "I've been impressed with the number

of big stars that are really neat people."

Lenzen meets the guests who appear on the show, and often talks with them between segments.

She enjoys working with her staff and is pleased with the show.

"We always want to make changes, but it has been very successful. The basic format will stay the same."

Lenzen says many viewers think the show runs itself, because it appears to run so smoothly, but it actually takes a lot of hard work.

"It's a great crew to work with, and that is so important," she says. "They all care. Marilyn and John are wonderful to work with. They have a great sense of humor and are very down to earth."

Because of the long hours Lenzen puts in during the week, she says her outside interest is sleeping in on Saturday and Sunday.

Lenzen is married and has four children.



Helping John Kelly during the production of the show is all part of the job for Nancy Lenzen.



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Staff photos by Randy Borst

Girls, show your shine!
The soft metallics
are wrapping waists
and giving hairdo's a glow

Metallics are making it big on the school scene this fall. And ROSECRIFT strikes up the theme with a treasure of little extras in tones of gold, silver and bronze. Like soft braided belts, shiny sashes and skinny cinches for wrapping up tunics, jeans and skirts. Then, a gleaming collection of barrettes, bows and headbands for adding a little glamour to your hairstyle. It's fun stuff for girls and young teens to try, at little prices: just 2.50 to \$8. Go for the glow in Children's Accessories, all stores.



INSIDE ANGLES

BY MARY RODRIQUE

HURRICANE DENNIS was in part responsible for bringing some good news to former Farmington residents Ed and Ellie Reeber last week. The Reebers were in town visiting Ed's mother, Henrietta Turrill of Farmington, when they got a call from a Sebring, Fla., radio station informing the couple that they had won an all-expense-paid Caribbean cruise to Nassau, Bahamas.

"We left (Florida) when (Hurricane) Dennis was acting up and thought it would be a good idea to leave a phone number with our neighbors," Reeber said. "We have to claim the prize in a week but we have a year to decide when we're going to take the cruise to Nassau."

Reeber, who retired from Detroit Ball Bearing before moving to Lake Placid, Fla. is going to be seeing a lot of the Caribbean's blue sea in the coming year. He and his wife have already booked a cruise on the S.S. Skyward, scheduled to sail in November.

FARMINGTON HILLS ARTIST Larry Hayden, who specializes in painting wildlife scenes and carving duck decoys, is among 2,500 American contemporary artists whose biographies are listed in a new reference book "American Artists of Repute," published by the Wilson Publishing Co., Gilmer, Texas. Each artist's background in study, media, style, honors, important exhibits and collections is given, with a cross reference to 3,200 galleries, grouped by state, where the work of each artist can be seen. The book also presents a photo display of more than 185 works — some black and white, some color, ranging from abstract to western representational, from painting to sculpture to tapestry.

THINK SNOW? Winter may be a long way off, but the Independence Oaks County Park Nordic Ski Patrol wants you to start thinking snow. The volunteer patrol is seeking new members to provide assistance to skiers at Independence Oaks this winter. Skiers must have advanced first-aid certification. They also must pass written tests required by the National Ski Patrol and trail tests given at the park. On weekends throughout winter, the Nordic Ski Patrol helps maintain the trails and aids skiers. Independence Oaks offers more than 16 kilometers of trails on 830 wooded acres. The park is on Sasabaw Road, two and a half miles north of I-75. For more on the ski patrol, call 625-9877.

THREE MSU STUDENTS were admitted to the honors college at Michigan State this

summer: Kimberly Garver, Gretchen Good and Eric Kerastas of Farmington Hills. Admission is open to academically accomplished freshmen and sophomores. Honors college students receive library and registration privileges and are accorded special recognition at commencement. Garver is a sophomore majoring in nutrition. Good also is a sophomore with an undeclared major. Both are 1980 graduates of North Farmington High School. Kerastas is a sophomore business office administration major and a 1980 graduate of Harrison High School.

HOUSE CALLS are no longer a thing of the past. A new firm called Doctor on Call is now in operation. It offers house calls to home or office day or night, including weekends and holidays. Besides a staff of licensed physicians, EKG technicians, a full-service laboratory and a 24-hour pharmacy are available. For information, call 559-DOCS.

LOCAL POETS David James and Judith McCombs of Farmington recently were honored by Central Michigan University in a public radio competition. WCMU-FM and WCMU-FM, CMU's public radio stations, chose 15 Michigan writers for a half-hour interview on "A Cappella II," a 13-week public radio program. The programs were taped this summer to air in the fall. In addition, each writer received \$100. "A Cappella II" will feature a different poet or prose writer each week with host A. Delaney Walker. The writers will talk about how their work is tied to their lives and read some of their work. McCombs was unavailable for an interview, but still won the \$100 prize.

NACORE (National Association of Corporate Real Estate Executives) is sponsoring its annual International Real Estate Marketplace in Boston on Thursday through Saturday. Bruce Gershenson, W.A. Engelhart, R. Richard Walker, and Michael Ward all of Farmington Hills will be there. NACORE's members represent 60 percent of the Fortune 500 companies which hold more than \$1 trillion in real estate assets worldwide. Featured speakers at the sessions will be Bill Monroe of NBC-TV's "Meet the Press," Frank Vogl, American correspondent for the Times of London, Douglas MacArthur II, consultant to multinational corporations, Massachusetts Gov. Edward King, and commissioner of Massachusetts Department of Commerce and Development, Ernest Lucci.