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## Heart transplant

Surgeons and family report all is 'better than could be hoped for'

By Loraine McClish  
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Randall Stern, whose name was often seen on the sports pages of the Farmington Observer when he was attending Farmington High School, made daily front page and television news in Florida when he became the third successful heart transplant patient in Tampa General Hospital.

"Randy is back home now. His employers (Southeast Banks) have set up an at-home office for him, and we expect he'll be back at his own desk before too long," said his mother, Pat Stern.

"He has to be extremely careful about being in crowds. He will be wearing a mask for a long while because catching even a cold can be disastrous. But his recovery was so quick it was better than we could ever hope for."

Doctors, interviewed for television news programs from the time Stern said he would submit to the heart transplant to the time he awoke alert after the operation, echoed his mother's better-than-we-could-hope-for sentiments.

The donor and the patient were a perfect match. Both were 25, were the same weight, same height, had the same blood type, the same heart size and even lived in the same city.

Further, Stern was in excellent physical condition. A wrestler in high school with his twin brother Ronnie, Stern jogged, played tennis and golf all through his years at Michigan State. He was still running about 10 miles a day when he suffered the first signs of cardiomyopathy, a condition which results in a progressive weakening of the heart muscle.

Stern was transferred from one hospital to another before he reached Tampa General and the Tampa-based Florida West Coast Organ Procurement Foundation was contacted for a heart. At the time his heart was pumping only 10 percent of its normal rate.

Stern had a new heart less than 35 hours later, from a young woman who died of a brain hemorrhage in a hospital less than 30 minutes away.

The likelihood of both rejection and infection increase with the amount of time it takes to transfer a heart from

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one body to another. In Stern's case the heart started beating on its own almost as soon as it was sewn into his chest, and on the day he left the hospital, Sept. 15, his new heart was pumping at 87 percent capacity.

R. J. Vijay, Tampa General's chief cardiac surgeon, is quoted as saying, "This particular heart needed no electrical stimulation." Vijay performed the two-hour surgery with Dr. Michael Sweeney, chief cardiac surgeon from the University of South Florida. Both volunteered their services.

RANDALL STERN moved to Florida's Clearwater area to take a job as a loan officer because his twin brother was living there. Almost as soon as

Randall Stern was settled in his job, his brother was transferred to Louisiana.

"But a little bit of help from our friends got Ronnie back to Florida to be with his brother, in spite of Hurricane Elena," their mother said.

At the time relatives were trying to reach Ronald Stern to tell him that his brother had opted for a heart transplant, he had been evacuated from his New Orleans home because of the hurricane.

Intervention to get Ronald Stern back to Florida, as well as back in his former Florida office to stay with his brother through his recovery, came from one of the family's neighbors, George Watts.

"As well as things have gone, and are going now, infection is still a worry, and we're all pretty much paranoid about him and his mask," Pat Stern

said. The "we" she speaks of includes her husband Dan, Randall Stern's younger sister Debbie, his younger brother Mike, and his bride of only a few months, Christine Mori-Stern, a concert pianist with Florida Orchestra of St. Petersburg-Tampa-Clearwater.

"The first thing Chris did was get rid of the cats because of the infection they might carry, then start rehearsing again to get back into performances. She likes Randy to be in the audience when she plays, and if he is in the audience, he'll be there with his mask," Pat Stern said.

## 'Genealogist's genealogist' will keynote 2-day seminar

Dr. Arlene Eakle, known both nationally and internationally as the "genealogist's genealogist," will keynote Michigan Genealogical Council's annual seminar called "Migration Patterns, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27-28 in Holiday Inn West, Livonia.

The event will be hosted by Farmington Genealogical Society, and is described by Margaret Walker, a founder of the local society, as "the most ambitious project we've ever undertaken."

Organized by seven persons who took a class in genealogy in an adult education class 13 years ago, the Farmington society "has always been known for being able to bring in knowledgeable speakers, but this time we've outdone ourselves," Walker said.

Eakle is owner of the Genealogical Institute in Salt Lake City, a past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists, served on the research faculty for Historical Population Studies, University of Utah, and authored a number of books.

Her talks for the Michigan seminar are called "Were Your Ancestors Front Page News?," "British Migration to America," "Solving Michigan Pedigrees Through Migration Patterns," "Finding Lost Genealogical Records" and "Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestors."

EAKLE WILL share the podium with Scharlot Goetzke Blevins, vice president of Federation of Genealogical Societies; Ursula Huelbergen, director of the Max Kade German-American Document Center in Kansas; Patricia Foley Gee, author of "Newspaper Indexes for Brown County, Wisconsin" and "Vital Records in Quebec"; Marie Baker Gordon from United Loyalist Association of Canada; and Alice Cook Dalligan, chief of Burton Historical Collection in Detroit.

Speakers are scheduled from 8 a.m. through the 7 p.m. Friday banquet and continue from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The speakers will talk specifically about tracing roots from Britain, Germany, Ireland, Canada and Detroit, as well as tracing immigrant ancestors through passports, passenger lists, ports of entry, and naturalization records.

The event has been two years in the making. Walker, who is past president of the Farmington Genealogical Society to take on the job of host while serving on the state board. Her co-

worker in pulling it all together is Becky Davis, a past president of the local society.

While working together towards the state seminar the local society's 75 members simultaneously completed manuscripts which include historical landowner maps from 1823-30 in Farmington Township, Oakland County, Territory of Michigan.

Registration fees for "Migration Patterns" vary, for Friday's session, Saturday's luncheon, or attendance for both days. Luncheons and Friday night's banquet are optional.

Kathryn Briggs of Farmington Hills is handling the reservations and can be reached by calling 474-4608.



Dr. Arlene Eakle



### The Gingerbread Lady

Jim Hughes is flanked by Marcia Benson (at left) and Nancy Clervil, both residents of Farmington Hills who star in "The Gingerbread Lady." Playing weekends at Hyatt Regency Dearborn, cast and crew are top-heavy with Farmington-area residents. Fred Buchalter is featured in a char-

acter role in the Nell Simon play. Debi Brown is assistant director and the producers are Jimmy and Brigitte Launce. Dinner is served at 8:30 p.m., and show time is 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. For reservations, call 593-1234, Ext. 2323.

## Photos pile up waiting for pickup

Photographs that do not belong to the Farmington Observer are being held here waiting to be picked up by their owners.

These are pictures that were either dropped off or mailed to be published, accompanied by a note stating that the owner would return to pick them up after publication.

The staff always complies with these requests. The pictures held for pickup are placed in a folder on the front desk, and more often than not the owner will come in and redeem them. But now that one folder is two folders and the un-

picked-up pictures number in the hundreds. The address here is 33203 Grand River and office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Rose Butler will help the picture owners going through the folders.

Pictures dated before Jan. 1, 1985, will be scrapped the week of Oct. 14.

The simplest and surest way of having a picture returned promptly is to send along a self-addressed stamped envelope when the photo is submitted. These photos are returned a day or two after publication.

## Award aids career plan

Karen Zimmer, a Farmington Hills resident and student at Oakland Community College, has won Farmington Area Community Women's "Returning Woman's Scholarship" this fall.

The scholarship is given each year to a woman from either Farmington or Farmington Hills who has returned to college after at least a four-year break from high school. Recommendations, course work transcripts, community involvement and financial need are considered in selecting the recipient.

Zimmer is enrolled in a business course on Orchard Ridge Campus and plans to transfer to Walsh College in January where she'll work toward her

bachelor's degree in business administration. Her plans after that are to pursue a graduate program in either business or law.

Farmington Area Community Women raise money for the scholarship through a variety of fund-raisers sponsored through the year. Next money-maker on the club's agenda is called "Lunch for Halloween with Sesame Street Friends." The group will be giving out Thanksgiving Day food baskets, gifts for needy children, and hosting a holiday party and program for residents of Oakland Nursing Home's annex before the year is out.

Applications for next year's scholarship will be available in the spring.



Karen Zimmer

## Tot's school has openings

The Northwest YWCA has openings in several of the School Readiness Programs.

The licensed pre-school program is especially designed to meet the social and emotional needs of children 3 and 4 years of age.

The classroom setting allows for creativity and development of social skills. Activities included in the program are art, cooking, baking, music, puppetry, dramatization and season-related activities.

The School Readiness Program is designed to assist a whole school year (September to June). This enables the children to develop and maintain relationships with one another as well as their instructor. It is broken down in sessions to simplify registration and allow flexibility for participants. For information, call the branch, 25949 Grand River, at 587-8500. The YWCA is a Torch Drive Agency.

## Old-fashioned gardens show in slide show

"Antique Gardens" is the subject of a slide lecture that begins at 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 in Farmington Community Center.

Landscape gardener Scott Kunst of Ann Arbor will speak on pioneer or Greek Revival gardens, Downing

landscapes and English cottage gardens.

During his slide presentation Kunst will discuss the plants appropriate for each period. He will also illustrate the fences used in each era and show slides of Victorian garden ornaments.

The presentation is sponsored by Farmington Hills Historic District Commission. Admission is \$1.

Kunst has spoken to numerous groups in the Detroit metropolitan area and has been published in Old Home Journal.

## Don't Just Worry About It... Find Out What You Can Do About It!

When you or someone you love has a special health problem or health risk, you are better able to help if you are well-armed with good information. This series of health seminars and workshops, sponsored by Harper and Grace Hospitals, is designed to give you the information you need and want on a variety of health subjects.

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### Understanding Colorectal Cancer

Thursday, September 26, 1985 • 7-9 p.m. Southfield Civic Center, City Council Chambers 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, Michigan

Learn all about cancer of the colon and rectum; how it's detected, treated, and prevented, and how to reduce your risk factors in this FREE two-hour seminar. Participants will receive a new and very timely booklet about diet and cancer prevention.

Presented by: Richard Pazdur, M.D., Cancer Specialist; Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Medical Oncology, Wayne State University and Harper-Grace Hospitals.

Donald Weaver, M.D., Surgeon; Associate Professor of Surgery, Wayne State University School of Medicine, and Harper-Grace.

Allison Booner, MPH, RD, Health Educator/Registered Dietician; Cancer Information Service of Michigan, Comprehensive Cancer Center of Metropolitan Detroit.

Co-sponsored by the Cancer Information Service of the Comprehensive Cancer Center of Metropolitan Detroit.

### Stress and Your Heart

Tuesday, October 29, 1985 • 7-9 p.m. Southfield Civic Center, City Council Chambers 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, Michigan

Attend this FREE two-hour seminar, and find out how both positive and negative stress affects your heart and what preventive measures you can take to keep your heart healthy, in order to better manage stress in everyday living.

Presented by: Julius Wynne, M.D., Professor of Internal Medicine, and Chief of the Division of Cardiology, Harper-Grace Hospitals and Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Kenneth M. Aschard, Ph.D., Chief Psychologist, Department of Psychiatry, Harper-Grace Hospitals; Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry/Psychology, School of Medicine, Wayne State University.

Co-sponsored by the American Heart Association, Oakland Division.

Both seminars are co-sponsored by Harper & Grace Hospitals, Department of Community Health Programming, and the City of Southfield, Department of Human Resources.

• For Reservations or More Information: (313) 494-8963.

Recreation required.

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