

Silhouettes:
In the book,
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tion that
moves the
story along.



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Both Mike and their son David, 10, were with her at the Village Club. Her husband helped set up the microphone for the program and supervised the film presentation, a showing of her animated, animated film on the story of Rapunzel.

Stories in "The Gate of Dreams" are "The Woodcarver's Daughter," "Franz the Fool" and "The Girl of the Bell." Moats said, "These stories are loved as much by adults as by children. The reading level isn't written down. I wanted it to be a book for family reading. The silhouetted characters perform the story. Even a small child can follow the action through the pictures."

The 116-page book costs \$21.95 and may be ordered from Cranbrook Press in Bloomfield Hills. For more information, call 646-3529.

Moats wrote first drafts of the three fairy tales 16 years ago. "I've come back to them periodically through the years," she said. "Each has gone through 30-50 drafts."

Moats had sent the stories to her mentor Helen Williams,



"Gate of Dreams": Lillian Somersault Moats has gone from films to fairy tales.

who was determined to see them in print. Then, Margot Snyder of Cranbrook, who was instrumental in publishing Williams' literary newsletter "The Incessant Trumpet," became interested in Moats' book as a project. Snyder produced "The Gate of Dreams."



RENEE MAHLER

Q. After reading your recent article on Social Security, I believe you have been given the government line on Social Security, pay in/pay out. The figures you s e d \$50,027.09 over 45 months, comes to \$1,111 per month, which is above the maximum. I question that the \$50,027.09 does not include employer matching funds and the pay-out period does not consider compound interest on contributions.

A. In the Social Security article, only the employee was mentioned, and considered, not the employer.

The interest is not mentioned or considered either. As for the maximum figure you questioned, the maximum benefit, for those 65 or older, is \$1,128.

You may be interested in knowing that statistically, according to the Social Security office, the average retiree draws benefits for 15 years while in less than six years all tax monies paid in will be paid back in the form of benefits.

The system is not perfect, but it is well to remember that Social Security was never intended to become the sole support of people over 65 years old. This, in many cases, has occurred. As people live longer, more and more funds are drawn out of the system. There are also many who abuse the program, which results in you and I, literally and figuratively, paying for these abuses.

The concern that there will not

be enough money for future generations is a real one. I have no idea what the solution should be.

Q. My mother-in-law lives in another state. She has been living in her own apartment but now needs more care. I would like to bring her to Michigan and find a good nursing home for her. She has a very limited income and will need Medicaid. My question is, does she have to be a Michigan resident and establish residency in this state before she can get Medicaid benefits?

A. According to the Department of Social Services, a person who moves to Michigan permanently does not have to establish residency in order to receive his or her Medicaid benefits. What will have to be done, however, is to go to your local Social Security office

and make application for Medicaid or ask to have the application mailed to you. If the older adult is not able to answer all the questions, a representative will need to answer such questions as age, income and assets, and cost of medical expenses, and information concerning medical insurance. The DSS will ask for proof of income and assets and a Social Security number.

Renee Mahler is a gerontologist and the director of communications and admission at a Rochester Hills nursing facility. She is a former member of the Michigan State Commission on Services to the Aging.

To leave a message for Mahler, from a touch-tone phone, call 933-2047, Ext. 1869. Send your questions to her at the Observer & Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Writer likes investigating information

GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

in neither was presented with data to substantiate conclusions.

Do you teach classes which go into some depth? If so, please let me know how I can get information on attending.

Of course, I'd be delighted if you choose to use this in The Observer & Eccentric.

C.I.,
No city given

and work. She has a need for getting right down to the essentials and can cut through the extraneous details. Wise use of her time suggests a productive worker.

Rarely does she allow obstacles to stand in her way. She has been blessed with vigorous vitality. When she wants something she goes after it.

She is independent and wants to express her individuality. She does not allow herself to be held back by conventional standards nor past roots.

Our writer seeks admiration and has a desire to lead. Taking charge may come naturally.

Her experiences, good or bad, remain with her for long periods. Forgiving and forgetting do not come easily.

Some resentment is seen here. She is cautious and often on guard to prevent being taken ad-

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vantage of by others.

Some impatience is also noted. When crossed she can come up with a quick retort.

Social relationships may not always flow smoothly. Some people may perceive her as defensive with a tendency to behave in socially challenging ways. She also needs time by herself.

On the day she wrote this letter optimism soared on the lines of her writing. However, without seeing samples done at other times I

cannot be certain that this is always the case.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 39251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful and feedback is always welcomed.

Common Ground offering color walk

The third annual Common Ground color walk on the Point Creek Trail will be held Sunday, Oct. 3. The public is being invited to participate in the walk.

Walkers will take a trail that follows Point Creek for 7.4 miles through hills, fields, woodlands and marshes. Registration will be held 8 a.m. to noon at Rochester Municipal Park, and walkers will be transported to the starting point at Clarkston and Kern roads in Lake Orion.

Individuals interested in walking may contact Common Ground at 643-3050 for more information.

Organizers hope to raise \$15,000 for Common Ground, Oakland County's 24-hour crisis

intervention and prevention agency. During 1992, Common Ground provided a number of off-site critical interventions to businesses and communities. The most recognized was for the Ameritech Network, in which many workers across five different states were losing their jobs due to massive cutbacks by the company.

Common Ground provided 24-hour crisis intervention and referral services to help people cope with this incident. Over a period of 91 days, counseling services were provided by Common Ground staff and volunteers to help friends and families of the victims cope with the traumatic event.

FEMALE chapter meets each month

The Oakland County Chapter of FEMALE conducts meetings 7:30-9:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

A nonprofit support and advocacy group, FEMALE stands for Formerly Employed Females at the Leading Edge. The group addresses concerns and issues women face in balancing their lives within the framework of a healthy, stable family life.

For more information about the

Oakland County Chapter, contact Carolyn Gessner at 661-9247 or Monica Grogan at 652-5507.

Program topics include everything from traditional issues of child rearing, health and education to issues of family financial planning and re-entry into the career world. Other issues relating to physical and mental health of women both outside and inside the work markets are also topics of discussion.

Society plans lunch

The Women of Maimonides Medical Society will hold its Donor Luncheon at noon Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills.

The luncheon is followed by a fashion show presented by the Twelve Oaks Fashion Guild. Also,

a special presentation will honor Mrs. Sarah Levin for many years of devoted work.

Planning committee members include Fathy Phillips, Cheryl Kerwin, Sue Kerwin, Hannah Moas, Marlene Moas, Laurie Winston and Sharon Datch.

Beaumont looking for volunteers

William Beaumont Hospital's Division of Preventive and Nutritional Medicine in Birmingham is seeking volunteers for diabetic research studies.

Diabetic volunteers over age 30 are needed for research studies comparing medication for controlling diabetes and levels of sugar in the body. Another research study examines kidney disease as a complication of diabetes.

For more information on the research studies, or to volunteer, call Beaumont's Division of Preventive and Nutritional Medicine at 645-8158.



Is your home fire-safe?



Take a few minutes to walk through your home—use this check-list to make sure your home is in good shape

SMOKE DETECTORS

- ☐ Place smoke detectors near bedrooms and on every floor.
- ☐ Test the batteries monthly.
- ☐ Keep smoke detectors away from air vents.
- ☐ Place smoke detectors at least 4 to 6 inches away from walls and corners.

ELECTRICAL WIRING

- ☐ Replace wiring if it's frayed or cracked.
- ☐ Do not place wiring under rugs, over nails or in high traffic areas.
- ☐ Avoid overloading outlets.
- ☐ Keep covers over electric plates and avoid exposed wiring.

ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS

- ☐ Plug heaters directly into the wall socket, and not into extension cords.
- ☐ Unplug heaters when they're not being used.

KEROSENE HEATERS

- ☐ Be sure kerosene heaters are legal in your area.
- ☐ Fill only with K-1 Kerosene, and never use gasoline or camp stove fuel.
- ☐ Refuel kerosene heaters outdoors and when they're cool.

WOODSTOVES AND FIREPLACES

- ☐ Only use seasoned wood, and never use green wood, artificial logs or trash.
- ☐ Always use a protective screen.
- ☐ Clean chimneys yearly.

FIRE SAFETY TECHNOLOGY

- ☐ Consider installing residential fire sprinklers.

For more information about how to keep your home and family safe from fire, please write to:

SAFE COOKING PRACTICES

- ☐ Don't leave food unattended on the stove.
- ☐ Keep appliances clean and free of grease and crumbs.
- ☐ Keep curtains, clothing and other combustibles away from the stove.
- ☐ Make sure the stove is off and small appliances are unplugged before going to bed.

SAFE SMOKING HABITS

- ☐ Keep a fire extinguisher handy.
- ☐ If you must smoke, never smoke in bed.
- ☐ Keep ashtrays away from upholstered furniture and curtains.
- ☐ Always attend burning cigarettes.

CHILDREN AND FIRE SAFETY

- ☐ Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- ☐ Teach children how to call for emergency assistance.
- ☐ Use safety plugs in electrical outlets.

HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- ☐ Have an escape plan and make sure all family members know it.
- ☐ Practice the plan every six months.
- ☐ Keep emergency numbers handy.
- ☐ Identify an outside meeting place and never return into a burning building.
- ☐ Know how to call for emergency assistance.

SPACE HEATERS

- ☐ Use heaters only in well-ventilated rooms.
- ☐ Place heaters where they will not be knocked over easily.
- ☐ Do not use heaters to dry clothing or other items.
- ☐ Keep heaters at a safe distance from curtains, furniture and all combustibles.

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