

Whims wing Farmington women 'round world

By SUSAN AVERILL

FARMINGTON HILLS—It's dream, sheer dream. For days you've been seeing visions of sunny Spain instead of your world. Wouldn't it be great to just walk into a travel agency on your lunch break, purchase a one-way ticket to Barcelona, and be on your way two hours later?

Well, for Renee Schooley of Farmington Hills, it's almost a way of life. Born in Michigan of French parents, Ms. Schooley has lived in nearly every country that comes immediately to mind: France, Germany, England, Egypt, Italy, Greece, you name it.

She doesn't make elaborate plans for accommodations, food or money, because it's more a matter of stuffing a suitcase and stepping onto the plane.

She has given up a well-paying job with an opportunity for management of a credit card company franchise for one with one-fifth the salary and an 18-hour day. Her friends, she said, thought she was crazy to give up the security. Why, they asked.

CLEARLY, A checkerboard of foreign residencies and constant job changes don't appear to lend themselves to accomplishment of the American ideal.

But for Ms. Schooley, it's not the money, career or other visible objects of success that matter: it's the opportunity to experience, learn and share with other people, that keeps pushing her from one culture to another.

"It's the hardest university I've ever been to, and the best," she said.

"Where else can you learn so much about other people's customs, heritage and language? Here else can you learn so much about yourself?"

Jobs for her are not careers, they are opportunities to learn. As a crew assistant for three years, she worked nearly every job available, from ticket taker to entertainment director. When she started making regular trips to the bridge to learn navigation, charting and star calculation, the captain finally took her aside and told her with much seriousness to forget about trying to do him out of a job.

"I JUST LIKE to learn. The world is so fantastic! It's such a great experience. It doesn't matter if you love a city or hate it, you still get something from it," she explained.

But that isn't all of it, either, because you've got to share what you find.

"I like the chance to share it. I want to love it, too. You feel so selfish if you don't try to open a new door for someone else," she said.

Her kind of life is not for everyone. "YOU HAVE to be positive-thinking and have confidence in yourself. If you want to travel like this, you must know why you want to do it," she said.

As long as you know, what does it matter if you screw things up if you are where you want to be?"

To support herself, Ms. Schooley has been everything from a governess to tour guide, scriptwriter to folk dance instructor.

She has lived in a primitive village in Egypt and has had eight servants to attend her.

Mostly, accommodations are by chance, and as might be expected, lack of planning can be disastrous.

"AT ONE POINT, I arrived in Rome with very little money. It wasn't long before most of it was used up."

"That time I went without food for five days," she said. Her last remaining currency had been spent sending an emergency telegram to her Swiss bank to cable her some money.

Fortunately, she was befriended by a young Italian couple who supported her until her money arrived, several weeks later.

Something else important to those who travel extensively is a code of ethics.

"I developed one of my own when I first left my home at 16. Without it, you will begin to lose your sense of identity," she explained.

Although she enjoys people, she said she must be careful not to become too attached.

"EVERY TIME you leave, you get another scar," she said.

Traveling gives you small tastes of the smorgasbord of life, and while it fills you that way, it also leaves you empty, she said.

"Sometimes I feel like a tree without roots, a leaf in the wind. Everywhere is your home and nowhere is your home."

Ms. Schooley, as part owner of T.L.C. Travel, Inc. of Birmingham, will probably stay in the area for at least the next few years.

It's just that now when she has the urge to travel, her partners make sure she has a return-ticket, non-refundable of course.

Noted parapsychologist lectures at Center

By SUSAN AVERILL

FARMINGTON—It shakes your faith like a dog picks up a rabbit and shakes it by the neck," said parapsychologist Ruth Reva, looking down at her Farmington audience.

"There are certain things beyond our ability to explain right now, and people have a hard time giving up cherished beliefs."

Ms. Reva likened the status of parapsychology to that of Galileo's discovery that the earth revolved around the sun.

Galileo, she said, merely brought to light heretofore unnoticed natural laws which were observable. Condemnation by the Church forced him to recant, which allowed Church fathers to cushion themselves with preconceived world views without having to worry about inescapable loose ends, she said.

Speaking Friday before an audience at the Farmington Community Center, Ms. Reva, a noted psychic lecturer and teacher, explained that parapsychology and extraordinary perception (ESP) have begun to come into their own and are no longer considered the bastard children of modern science.

More coincidence does not account for the revived interest in ESP, she said.

"For the first time, man has had the leisure time to consider questions other than immediate needs and wants of the physical body. He now has the opportunity to journey inward, to search for the answers to questions like 'Why is there life?' and 'What is happening inside the mind?'" she said.

As defined by the Academy, parapsychology includes mental telepathy, clairvoyance, retrocognition, precognition, psychokinesis and—to use embarrassment of most parapsychologists—reincarnation.

Reincarnation, which is the successive rebirth of the soul in human form, is often confused with transmigration and metempsychosis, which includes rebirth in animal as well as human bodies.

WHEN PARAPSYCHOLOGY is defined as mind over matter, a relatively new and accepted branch of medicine may be included. This new medical method for controlling blood sugar, heartbeat, blood pressure and migraine headaches is called "biofeedback."

Patients are taught to listen or pay attention to biological rhythms through the use of electronic devices. Eventually, they learn to regulate their systems without the devices, she said.

Migraine headaches, for example, were cured when the patient was taught to raise the temperature in one hand by concentration and willpower. Physical explanation for the accomplishment was simple.

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Migranes were caused by the constriction of blood vessels which were already engorged with blood. In order to treat the headache, the extra blood in the head was required. The flow of blood from the head to the hand diminished the sufferer's pain.

MOST OTHER areas of parapsychology are not as readily explainable because they don't fit into natural laws as we have chosen to define them, she said.

Psychokinesis, the movement of inanimate or remote objects by psychic power, is one such field. It is the most researched area of parapsychology, perhaps because it is so spectacular, she said.

Her own life has taken a new direction toward psychic healing, she said, which is not to be confused with faith healing. One of the differences between the two is the former's emphasis on self-healing.

"When you are healing psychically, you are not actually healing the other person. You are helping them heal themselves. It's not the Kabbalah Kabbalah kind of thing that seems to get spectacular results, when it's actually spiritual suppression of pain," she said.

In faith healing, the subject must believe he can be healed, that the healer is an instrument using a God-given power, and that such a power can heal.

PSYCHIC HEALING needs no such "gimmies" before results may be had. The subject doesn't have to know that a healing is being done on him. He doesn't have to believe the healer is any kind of instrument with the inner power, whether God given or otherwise.

Although there can be laying-on-of-hands, that or any other kind of personal contact is not necessary, she said.

The relative lack of requirements make it possible to aid babies and comatose people, those who would be unable to respond to faith healing.

Ms. Reva listed as one success of her healing group a woman who was able to move her right elbow for the first time in 12 years.

Even her mother-in-law served as a witness.

A stroke had impaired the woman's ability to speak and sent her to a Florida hospital on a Sunday. She was not informed that the group turned its efforts at healing toward her. Wednesday she was released with full faculties returned, no apparent injuries, and even a touch of bursts of wit that the group knew nothing had disappeared.

THE WOMAN reported hearing Ms. Reva's voice, but nothing else unusual during her hospital stay.

Tests on psychic healing have produced incongruous results which have led to troubling questions for researchers, she said.

In Canada a deactivated enzyme returned to its normal molecular structure after it was held in the

hands of a healer. This concerned scientists.

If healing speeds regrowth and development, what is to keep it from encouraging the growth of cancer cells?" they asked.

Several subsequent tests forced researchers to the conclusion that some kind of intelligence was determining the way in which the body would use the healing power.

"Apparently, the body will only accept as much as it can use," Ms. Reva said. "You can't say what will happen. How dare you presume to make the decision?"

THE BEST attitude for a healer is that whatever is best for the body. So be it, she said. It may be what is good for the body is acceptance of that which it cannot change.

One woman recently aided by the group "has more things wrong with her than you'd care to count." For weeks, the group concentrated on healing the woman, who complained time after time that she felt no different.

She later admitted that her blood pressure had decreased from 200 to 160.

"It didn't seem like much, but who knows?"

"Maybe it was the first important step to be accomplished before any step else could be healed," Ms. Reva said.

Federal money will help

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Mayor Fred Lichtman agreed that there would be a better chance of improvements in the area if drainage were better.

He quipped: "Are you suggesting, Earl, if you'll pardon the pun, that the whole \$600,000 go down the drain?"

However, Lichtman said other larger improvements may be needed to make drainage projects effective for the southeastern area. Lichtman said drains in the south end alone won't solve the problem. The master drain plan for the whole city has a price tag of about \$20 million, he said.

Lichtman worried that the city could be "trapped into massive capital spending by the bait of \$600,000."

Though paving projects in the area were dismissed, some officials supported water or sanitary sewer projects. City Clerk Floyd Cairns and Lichtman seemed to favor these improvements.

Cairns said it was sanitary sewer assessments which seem to hurt low-income property owners the most. The mayor commented that flooding often there are septic tanks and wells in a "deadly combination."

Officials also discussed at length the best way to spread the money among these in need of financial relief. Lichtman suggested the city pay part of the assessments of the suburbs couldn't afford them and charge others the full assessment.

MAJORS SAID water and sewer systems for sections 25 and 26 would cost about \$1.5 million. The council might "consider assessing people 60 per cent then our \$600,000 would pick up the rest of it."

The city could create a committee to grant tax credits to those who can't afford the assessment, Lichtman said.

Majors said the city charter allows them to make the tax a lien on the property to be paid at the time it is sold.

Commissioner John Dudley, however, said there is a "unanimous testimony" on the part of some people to apply for special grants.

"I guess it's a pride."

If the city decides to create an assessment district then give credit in hardship cases, it will have to inform residents.

"And that's hard to do down there," Lichtman said he does not foresee problems telling people about the credit system. Also, property owners could apply on a conditional basis.

Oppositioner and Cairns said the state tax rebate system didn't reach many people who were eligible but Lichtman said residents could be notified by mail.

"THERE IS no reason why we cannot get every address of every homeowner in that section," Lichtman said.

Mrs. Dudley said the city should be careful because it could be forced to pay a large amount of money to make up for those who can't afford assessments.

If a village were needed to cover taxes of people who couldn't pay it would be like "when a penny from heaven can cost you 50 cents in hell."

Majors said the city could set up a contingency fund from a balance in a sewer interceptor project account, but Cairns said the about \$1 million balance is earmarked for future debts on the project.

Commissioner disagreed with administration recommendations to improve a fire hall and a park in the southeast sections. The improvement of Walden Park should be held until problems with vandalism and youths loitering there are solved, they said.

Cities hear nothing on water rate hikes

Farmington and Farmington Hills are taking a wait-and-see attitude about the possibility of a water rate increase.

Officials for both cities say that there has been no notification of an increase.

"The two cities are among more than 10 communities in the metropolitan area that purchase water from the Detroit Metropolitan Water Department."

Word of a possible rate hike came from Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara who charged that Detroit was planning a 35-per cent rate increase.

THE LAST INCREASE came two years ago with an across-the-board hike which applied to all users.

"We agreed that the rate was justified after an outside firm did a study," said David Jones, director of public services for Farmington.

"It's a Detroit-owned system and is entitled to a profit," he said.

The water department sells the water to the suburbs which in turn pass on extra charges to residents for laying the pipe, pumping, billing and maintenance.

At one time Detroit and the suburbs split the cost down the middle, but as more persons moved to the suburbs the split became 60-40 with the suburbs paying more.

THE DETROIT Water Board is made of four Detroit residents and three out-county residents — one each from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Jones said that one problem faced by the suburbs is that there is no way to appeal the rate increase.

He said that the suburbs' decision to accept or reject the increase will probably depend on whether the hike is applied uniformly to all communities involved — including Detroit.

Deejays, FHS play charity basketball

FARMINGTON—Faculty members from Farmington High School and deejays from Detroit radio station WDRQ will play a benefit basketball game 7:30 p.m. March 17 at the high school.

A donation will be asked, and all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

The Wishing Tree



I wish I had a bunch of super-soft Kayne's shirts in show-off prints.

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