



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Retirement with a teen

I met Lori at a coffee hour and since have seen and talked with her several times on the beach. She and her husband Bob retired about a year ago. Their new lifestyle differs quite a bit from that of most of us. It includes a teen-age son.

Lori and Bob had planned years ago to retire and move from New England to Florida as soon as the rules at Bob's firm made him eligible. In the beginning the long-range view didn't include the arrival of David 15 years ago, this mother acknowledged somewhat ruefully.

But as David grew up he became part of the planning, and he knew right along he'd be finishing high school in Florida.

SOMEWHERE ON the Gulf Coast has been Lori and Bob's retirement destination from the start. It was for David's benefit that they made it Sarasota. They had several friends and acquaintances who could vouch for this area's school system.

Choosing a home once retirement was a reality also had to be done with special needs considered. Obviously out was any kind of retirement community with lower age limits. And, with three in the family and the possessions needed by a busy teen, they couldn't go for much smaller quarters as many retirees do.

They wound up renting a large apartment. "It's fine for now," Lori said. "Close to the school, convenient for all of us. When we buy, it will have to be a smaller place. But in a few years, David

may be going away to school. We'll have to see how things are then."

MEANWHILE, family lifestyle combines the retirement leisure they anticipated with the needs of an active high school student with an after-school job.

Mornings during the school year see David heading for class and his parents heading early for the beach. "We walk the beach just about every morning," Lori said. "Sort of a master of staying on a schedule. It used to be work; now it's the beach." Bob does a lot of fishing in the surf and Lori is accumulating a good shell collection.

David gets a good noon meal in school, so his parents go out for lunch a lot. Restaurant prices are low at noon, and they all have found that a light family meal at supper time best suits their needs. And the parents are free late in the day to pick up David after work, maybe offer a bit of homework help and get him to extra activities like the Boy Scout troop he enjoys.

This year the family headed north for the summer when school was out, planning to stay at the lake where they had vacationed. But they think that probably future years will see shorter stays in the north. They all like Florida, and they're getting a good mix of retirement and teen living.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 16 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

Optimist's lines have upward slant

Dear Mr. Green:

I have experienced a number of dramatic changes in my life over the past few years and have noted corresponding changes in my handwriting — especially in my "end-strokes." I will be fascinated with any insights you offer. It may be helpful to note that I am 34 years of age, right handed and female.

Thank you for your time and for a consistently interesting column

V.L., Redford

Dear V.L.:

Your unique handwriting style points up a success-oriented person.

The admirable quality of optimism (up slanted lines) tells me you are also a young woman who consistently looks on the bright side of things. The high degree of optimism has to include faith in a high being. And is accentuated by both dynamism (long and heavy t bars) and many persistent ones (led to the left and then back out to the right). This

graphology
Lorene Green

I have experienced a number of dramatic changes in my life over the past few years and have

is an implacable combination. I can visualize you tackling problems that might seem insurmountable to a less dynamic person.

Your mind is rapid and facile and can furnish original ideas and solutions.

This is complimented by an easy flow of words and ideas. In fact, literary aptitude seems like a definite possibility. I have to think you enjoy reading, that is if you can remain inactive long enough.

You are ever busy and active and often find yourself involved in activities with other people.

Security is important to you, as are the creature comforts of life.

There is a high degree of ambition in this handwriting. And you are not afraid of hard work to accomplish your goals. An aggressive side to your makeup will not permit you to let others stand in the way of your success. So it seems paradoxical that fulfillment eludes you in some areas of your life.

If you would like a complimentary handwriting analysis through this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper writing in the first person singular. Age, signature and handedness are helpful. Feedback is always welcome.

GRAPHOLOGY TIP: The tempo of writing and thinking are intimately correlated.

Little Caesar cast in bronze

Little Caesar franchisees presented a bronze sculpture of Little Caesar to Michael and Marian Ilitch, founders of the national pizza chain, which was commissioned by all 188 Little Caesar franchisees from 36 states.

The 5-foot-7-inch bronze sculpture, the work of Midland sculptor Jim Hop-

fensberger, will be on display at the international headquarters of Little Caesar Enterprises Inc., Farmington.

The sculpture was cast in bronze by Hopfensberger at the Fine Arts Center in Clarkston.

However, before the statue could be cast in bronze the artist had to use sev-

eral different materials in order to accurately represent the Little Caesar logo character.

A steel skeleton of Little Caesar was built to support the other materials needed to reproduce the more detailed features of the character.

HOPFENSBERGER ADDED Styro-

foam to the steel form to rough out the head and body of Little Caesar. Plaster was then used to achieve the proper texture.

The finer details, such as the hands and the laurel wreath, were achieved through the use of oil bases, clay and wax.

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S. Economy will head International Institute

Stephen T. Economy of Farmington Hills, executive assistant to the president of Michigan Bell Telephone Co., was recently elected president of International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit Board of Directors.

A native born Detroit resident of Greek descent, Economy earned a bachelor's degree in political science from University of Michigan in 1965, and a master of business administration degree from Michigan State University in 1983.

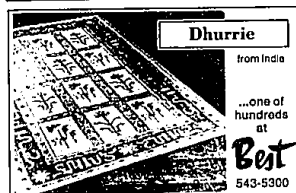
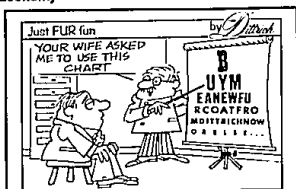
"Throughout the years, we've all benefited from the hard work, contributions, and rich cultural heritage of our fellow immigrants," said Economy to new immigrants on Hart Plaza during the Freedom Festival. "We all should remember that our nation's history is largely the history of her immigrants."

Economy is also a member of the Greater Detroit Alliance of Business, Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, the University Club of Detroit, the University of Michigan President's Club, the Michigan State Alumni Association, and the Political Affairs Council, Washington, D.C.

Another Farmington Hills resident on the institute's board is Dr. Leo C. Ho.



Stephen Economy



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