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ents across the country. She sees her book as a bridge between neurology and education.

Follow your dreams

Both are passionate about their work and stress the importance of pursuing individual interests to keep a marriage alive.

Says Dan: "I think about the unity candle in wedding ceremonies today. Hold one candle but don't blow out the other two. Maintain a degree of individuality. You are not just an extension of the other person."

"And support one another's interests. My wife is a city girl, but I love horses, and she has always encouraged me. I'm a crew leader for Horses Haven, an animal rescue in South Lyon. And I support her in her interest in public speaking."

Cathy's first public speaking engagement at the Farmington

Hills Library in 1990 was recorded for posterity by Dan. That Christmas, he gave his wife a framed board displaying fliers announcing the event, a handwritten letter of thanks she received from a librarian afterward, and the card he sent her with flowers.

Especially when their children were young, they made it a point to date regularly - a dollar show at the Farmington Civic Theatre or a performance of the Farmington Players would fill the bill.

"It didn't have to cost a lot of money," said Dan.

"And it's the little surprises," adds Cathy. "I'm Italian and I like to cook. I don't always have the time, but I like to show that I care enough to make something special."

That established dating routine has ensured the Schneiders still have plenty to talk about now that they're empty nesters.

"We take time for one another," said Dan.



Newlyweds: Dan and Cathy after their September 25, 1970 marriage. They met over a cadaver in a Wayne State anatomy class.

Chat room from page C5

Anyone who says they're seeking true love probably isn't really ready for it, especially if they can describe said true love in terms of height, weight and hair color.

"Mr. Romantic" will promise you the moon and stars, but probably won't come across until you do. And think about it... he doesn't actually OWN the moon and the stars, does he?

The best connections I've made in my life didn't start with 25 words or less. No matter how they turned out, they were chance meetings that happened when I least expected them.

I'm not saying the personals don't work. I'm saying love is a strange and wonderful thing. You never know when or where you'll find that pair of eyes that see right through you or when you'll find someone who makes you feel like you're finally home.

And I don't think any of us know enough about it to close off any avenue that might lead us to it.

I'm just sayin'... it's a good idea to be careful and look both ways when you're crossing the street.

Jon Hubert is editor of the Farmington Observer.

Muslim paper from page C5

a two-part series in separate November issues.

The Muslim Observer also chronicled the case of Dr. Mazen Al-Najjar, a Palestinian who was released after spending 3 1/2 years in a Florida jail without being formally charged. He was arrested on suspicions of being linked to Middle-East terrorist groups.

"It's unconstitutional. This is not right," Nakadar said. "In some other countries I would expect this. I would never expect this to happen in my country."

On the field

On the lighter side, the paper devotes a page or two to sports.

American fare of baseball, football, hockey and basketball is covered. World sports such as cricket and soccer are given more than just a cursory look.

Nakadar stepped away from a career as a cardiologist five months ago, where he was affiliated with St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

His staff includes editor in chief Aslam Abdullah, who has a doctorate from Cambridge University in England, and a 13-member national editorial board. The panel is largely comprised of people who hold doctorates, and scholars.

In two years, there has been growth. The operation will move

The operation will move to Farmington Hills in a couple of months.

from its four-room Livonia office to a six-room office on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills in a couple of months, a staffer said.

Advertisers, the lifeblood of any publication, have grown to include Kruger and Detroit Edison as well as Muslim-run businesses such as restaurants, real estate agents and physicians.

"I think it has great potential," he said. "I believe it will become a dominant force in the Muslim community."

HAPPY COUPLES CELEBRATED

John and Joyce Weigel



Faith in God: Farmington residents John and Joyce Weigel attribute the success of their marriage to a strong faith in God. "One of the songs we had sung at our wedding was titled, 'Together with Jesus.' When we were married we became a household of three; my husband, myself and Christ," Joyce wrote. "Christ has been the head of our home for almost 42 years. For those 42 years we have honored the words of that song, 'Together with Jesus life's a pathway we'll tread.' Having Christ the head of our home is the secret of our successful marriage."

Al and Jean Mattingly



Time apart: Farmington residents Al and Jean Mattingly were married April 20, 1952, in New York. They have four married children and nine grandchildren. "I believe the secret of our successful marriage is probably the fact that we don't spend every waking minute together," wrote Jean. "Al hunts and fishes and golf, and I get to do things on my own, too. I really think couples need a little time apart to keep the spark in the marriage. Love, trust and respect make a successful marriage."

Al and Sophie Zann



Know when to shut up: Terry and Janet Oplinger sent us these pictures of Janet's parents, Al and Sophie Zann of Farmington Hills, who were married in 1944. Asked what the secret of their marriage's success is, Sophie said, "Keeping my mouth shut." To which Al retorted, "That'd be OK if she did that once in a while!" Then he smiled and said, "We really do love one another."

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