

When your name is Kreskin and your bag is extra-sensory perception, you're fair game for a bit of photographic trickery. The Amazing One didn't really disappear when he addressed the Northville Town Hall women last week. But Observer photographer Bob Woodring couldn't resist seeing how it would look if he had.



Kreskin Says

Don't Confuse ESP, Occult

By BETTY MASSON

Don't confuse ESP and the occult, says mentalist Kreskin. "Everyone who believes in the occult believes in extra-sensory perception but not everyone who believes in ESP believes in the occult," the ESP expert told his Northville Town Hall audience.

Kreskin has been challenged by many skeptics and has a standing offer of \$20,000 to anyone who can prove that he uses confederates or secret assistants in his mind-reading activities.

But he said he is skeptical of many current occult activities. These include hypnosis, the black mass, persons who predict publicly tragedies for public figures, poltergeists and reincarnation.

Kreskin uses hypnosis in his longer performances, but doubts that there is any such thing. "The hypnotic state or trance has reached a point in scientific literature where it is highly suspect," he said. "There is evidence there is no such state, that it is a figment of the subject's imagination."

If you're concentrating on something else, a finger prick won't hurt you, he pointed out. "We are all suggestible, and we don't need hypnosis," he said. Kreskin reported that black masses are being held against him, but said they don't worry him. "They don't work unless the subject believes they will," he said.

Of Jeanne Dixon, who claims to be able to predict the future, he said, "I believe she is sincere and may have some kind of gift, but she lives in Washington and may pick up some of her stuff by telepathy."

She said she is skeptical of the Kennedy assassination, but did predict that a blue-eyed Democrat would die in office. In fact, she predicted that Richard Nixon would win the election won by Kennedy.

Mrs. Dixon is Farmington Town Hall speaker Thursday, April 19.

However, Kreskin pointed out that since the days of Washington and Jefferson every president who has been elected in a year ending with the digit 0 has died in office. "1980 will bring a raft

such predictions," he predicted.

He also said that anyone who predicted earthquakes in San Francisco or Los Angeles was on pretty safe (or unsafe) ground.

"I wouldn't want to raise a family there," he said. However, he called Edgar Cayce "one of the truly classically significant clairvoyants of all time." He expressed doubt that Cayce would approve of the groups bearing his name which have been formed since his death.

Pointing out that poltergeists or "noisy ghosts" are almost always associated with teenagers, he said the

explanations usually given include an actual ghost, the teenager unconsciously sending out energy and causing movement or "kids having a good time."

Although he said most of the world believes in reincarnation, Kreskin said he himself has "seen no evidence of it." "UFOS are not my field," he told a questioner. "but I think there must be something to it. I don't buy people who have gone to Venus and come back, though. Orson Welles does it better."

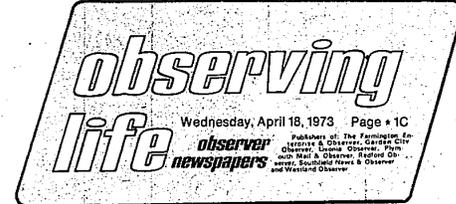
Kreskin's act included a bit of magic he started in the entertainment business as a

magician, demonstrations of ESP, including finding his check hidden in the audience, and a lot of humor.

Of a writer who was skeptical of his claims to have ESP and attempted to explain his act, he said, "I don't mind skeptics. I enjoy them. The man is obviously an authority on his own point of view."

Again, he said, "Don't be too amazed. I do this for a living."

To find out if you have ESP, Kreskin recommends turning up cards to see if you can call them red or black. A score of 35 out of 50 is better than average, he said.



GS Annual Meeting Cites 1st Class Cadettes

A total of 93 Livonia, Redford Township, Garden City and Westland Girl Scouts who have earned their First Class award will be honored at the annual meeting of the Girl Scouts of Metropolitan Detroit Wednesday, April 25.

The local Cadettes will be among 235 in the metropolitan area who will join in an international flag ceremony to open the meeting at 8 p.m. in the Rackham Building, Detroit.

Mrs. Richard E. Cross, president of the Girl Scouts of Metropolitan Detroit, announced the plans.

Mrs. Donald E. Gilbert, vice president and meeting chairman, said the council was honoring the First Class Cadettes in this way for the first time "because this is the highest honor girls can receive in scouting."

Cadette scouts, the seventh, eighth and ninth graders in the organization, earn First Class awards by completing various service and skill requirements. They also must have the mutual agreement of sister scouts and their leaders.

The list of local girls who completed the requirements

includes 22 members of Livonia troop 1882.

Others to be honored during the meeting will be six outstanding Girl Scout volunteers chosen for Thanks badges, the highest award for an adult in scouting. Their names will be announced the night of the meeting.

Charles Smith, Western Michigan University associate professor known as a humorist, will be speaker, and there will be reports on council activities from Mrs. Cross and Marjorie Manning, executive.

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LWV Sets Meat Talk

An evaluation of the meat industry from farmer to consumer will be presented by the Farmington - West Bloomfield League of Women Voters at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 19, in West Bloomfield High School.

The presentation is designed to give League members and all others interested a picture of the factors be-

hind high prices at the meat counter.

On hand will be a farmer still to be named and two cattle feeders, Robert Cohen and Robert Fisher of New Hudson.

Representing the packing house part of the industry will be Jerry Carnaghi, treasurer of Standard Meat Co.

Richard Allen, owner of Al-

len Supermarket in Detroit, and Edward Deeb of the Associated Food Dealers will represent retailers of meat.

Speaking for the consumer will be a representative of the Wayne State University Task Force on Hunger and Malnutrition.

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Our "who's where when" calculations indicate the family will be down by two girls Easter Sunday. University freshman will be on campus hitting the books as she heads toward finals, and high school senior leaves the day before Easter to visit a friend in the south.

"And that means," announced Miss 14, "that I'll be the oldest kid home so I get to open the first Easter hunt clue."

Which brought her mother to the realization that tradition must go on and there's another Easter basket hunt to be arranged.

Since the girls were little, we've hidden Easter baskets each year at the end of a trail of treasure hunt clues.

Over the years, it's become increasingly challenging to think of a new place to put four baskets (same ones each year; we save them and we'd better remember which is which). Also there's the



MANY SMALL HANDS make light work of an early Arbor Day project on the grounds of St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Livonia, home of the Mother Hubbard Nursery. With some help from their teachers and representatives of the Thomas Harold Nursery, the pre-schoolers planted ornamentals and shrubs around their play yard. The

nursery, a day-care center, has classes three mornings a week for four-year-olds and twice a week for children who are three. Parents interested in enrolling children may call Mrs. Sharon Fromme, 9830 Auburndale, Livonia. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

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