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"It's a warm wind, the west wind,
full of birds' cries." -- John Masefield



FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS

"May shipwreck and collision, fog and fire, Rock, shoal and other evils of the sea
Be kept from you, and may the heart's desire Of those who speed your launching
come to be." . . . John Masefield



THE CEREMONY

Sunday 6th of September 1998

Friends, family, shipmates; Welcome all to this happy place, in the midst of the grand sierra, on the shore of this lake in the sky. We have come together to celebrate the union of two wanderers who will wander no longer. Emily Dickinson said "God hath made nothing single." From this time on Edward and Gillian will be single no longer. We are social creatures and the most happy state we can experience is that of living together in a joyous and supportive marriage. A wedding is a most ancient rite wherein two people say for all to hear "Today we are as one." It forms a sacred and legal promise. The bond therein created is strong and most difficult to break. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into lightly; But when two people have reached such a high level of devotion and great depth of feeling for one another then marriage is the truest expression of their love.

Edward and Gillian, what words will you offer to express your intent and devotion to one another?

E My bounty is as boundless as the sea.
My love as deep;
The more I give to thee, the more I have
For both are infinite. William Shakespeare

G How much do I love thee?
Go ask the deep sea
How many rare gems in its coral caves be;
Or ask the broad billows that ceaselessly roar,
How many bright sands do they kiss on the shore?
Mary Ashley Townsend

E Come the wild weather,
Come sleet or come snow,
We will stand by each other,
However it blow. Simon Dach

G The fountains mingle with the river,
And the rivers with the ocean;
The winds of heaven mix forever,
With a sweet emotion;
Nothing in the world is single;
All things by a law divine
In one another's being mingle;
Why not I with thine? Percy Bysshe Shelly

E Believe not what the landmen say,
Who tempt with doubts thy constant mind;
They'll tell thee, sailors, when away,
In every port a mistress find.
Yes, yes, believe them when they tell thee so,
For thou art present whereso'er I go. John Gay

G Thou art the star that guides me along life's changing sea.
And what'er fate betides me, this heart still turns to thee.
George P. Morris

May I have the rings?

These rings have each three golden bands linked together.
They symbolize the three parts of matrimony;
Love; friendship; Devotion.
Each without the others is incomplete.
Together they create an unbreakable chain.

Edward and Gillian, please face one-another and repeat after me.
I love you Gillian and take you to be my wife. With this ring I
pledge my devotion to you. I promise to cherish you above all else.

I love you Edward and take you to be my husband. I will mingle my life
with yours and will share your destiny whatsoever it may be.

I would like to offer a prayer to consecrate this occasion.

May the Great Spirit who dwells around us and within us
smile upon this union and bring peace to these two lives that their
love may continue to blossom. Help them keep a true course on this life's
voyage that they have chosen to make together.

And now in the presence of Almighty God and this company of your
friends, family and shipmates, with the authority vested in me by the State
of Nevada I now pronounce you to be husband and wife. May you have fair
winds and following seas in your life together.

I wish to present to you Edward and Gillian Ferranto

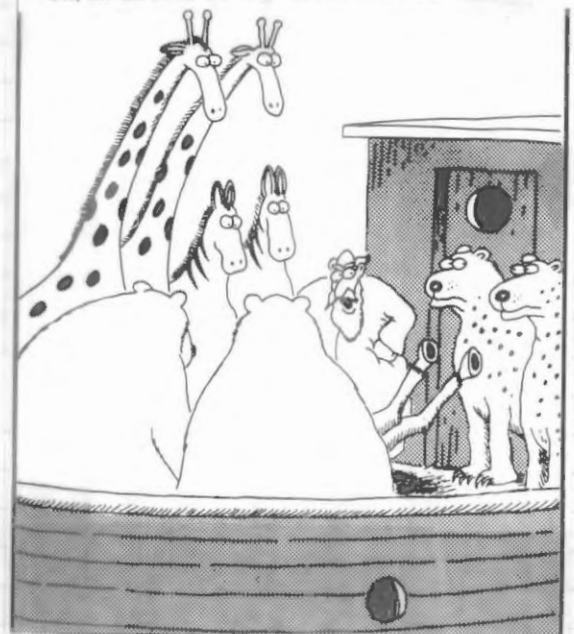


WHAT A WEDDING IT WAS!

There was the glorious setting--high in the rocks and pines above Lake Tahoe: from the balconies of Gillian and Eddy's home we looked past the wedding party over miles of descending green, to the shimmering lake in the distance. Then, the weather couldn't have been more perfect. Thick fog greeted us in the morning, but it lifted. Afternoon storms had been forecast, but they never came--it was sunny and pleasant. Gillian was radiant in her lovely gown; Cress fully as radiant in a matching gown. (Cress found the dresses!) Eddy was natty in his dress blues; many guests were also in their navy blues or summer whites, and Kent, who performed the ceremony, a combination of blue jacket and white trousers. It was so classy! The ceremony began with Shasta Ferranto, flute, and Damaris Jackson, viola, playing Bach and Handel. Then Cress and Gillian came down the balcony steps, met Eddy and Ed's son Justin who were waiting with Kent in front of the huge rocks, and there followed the ceremony printed on p. 2 of this newsletter. Eddy composed it, and he and Gillian read the poem excerpts to each other (omitting of course the names of the poets). It was simple and moving. After the ceremony (and some camera work) there was a lavish feast

spread out on the balconies, catered by Filamon of the Dixie paddlewheeler, where Eddy is captain. A variety of appetizers and salads, chicken and mushrooms on rice, broccoli and cauliflower, lots of champagne, two kegs of beer, coolers of soda, and a tremendous cake--some layers with strawberry mousse filling, some chocolate. (But of the little pair that perched on top, the groom was in formal wear, not navy!) Andy Ryan, 5, helped himself to beer from a keg, and was sick. And Megan, and the rest of us, nearly had heart failure as her wee ones cavorted on top of the 30 foot rocks!

"Well, so much for the unicorns. ... But from now on, all carnivores will be confined to 'C' deck."





*You are cordially invited to attend the launching
of a new enterprise*

*The marriage of
Gillian Jackson and Edward Ferranto*

*To be held at our home
Sunday the 6th of September 1998
12:00 Noon*

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Reception Will Follow

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IT WAS A ROLICKING HOUSEPARTY!

Gillian, Eddy and Cress live in a duplex (with balcony hot tub) that fits harmoniously into the mountain; they rent the other side and the lower two floors of their side, to skiers. (See ad in this issue.) We filled all the space--Elle and Royce, Damaris and Jackie, Megan, Michael and the three little boys, (Mark, Andy and Jay) and two of the older kids (Matt and Melinda). Kent and Paula. Eddy's son, daughters Shasta and Tonya, and a boyfriend. It was convenient to have three kitchens! Some of Eddy's friends stayed at the house next door. Our cousins Bill and Dorothy Lueken were in Stateline, Bob Jackson and wife Jerry in Reno. We were glad to see more family: Ingrid Keady, husband Ash and sons, and were sorry they couldn't stay over. Other events: We hiked the pony express trail, rock climbed, hot-tubbed, swam in Lake Tahoe, sailed on the catamaran that Eddy captains, watched Mr. Bean videos and one about medicine on top of Everest (ugh!), and Demi and I and a number of guests went to the dinner dance on the Dixie, Friday night. It poured rain but we were cosy in the cap'n's cabin. Saturday night a lavish dinner was held on the 18th floor of Harrahs, in the "Forest Room Buffet." And, non-stop talking, laughing, stories, as the two sides of the family got to know each other and their friends. All in all it was a superb wedding celebration, and Gillian and Eddy gave everyone an exquisite vacation. We predict a happy life for this pair, and we all plan to visit often!

SAILORS' HONEYMOON? WHY, SAILING!

When asked about a honeymoon, Eddy said, "People come here to honeymoon!" and Dorothy and Bill Lueken, Elle and I met a Florida pair when we drove around the lake to Emerald Bay. (White-knuckle driving on mountain roads, by the way.) Anyway--the two left Oct 2, to pick up a sailboat at Mazatlan, Mexico, and deliver it to San Diego. There are two more crew, sailor friends of Ed's, and the trip will take about 18 days with leisurely visits ashore as they progress. (Though my Baja Peninsula map shows a pretty barren coast.) Cressida and Cocosita, the family dog, are holding the fort at home.



WTTW Bids Farewell to a Legend... ...And Welcomes a New Leader



Daniel J. Schmidt, New President & CEO

Window to the World Communications, Inc. is proud to announce its new President and CEO to succeed Bill McCarter--Dan Schmidt. If the name sounds familiar, you may know Dan as the Senior Vice President of WFMT & The Radio Networks, the role he has filled at WWCI for the past seven years.

As Senior Vice President of WFMT & The Radio Networks, Dan guided the radio division of WWCI through a number of important achievements. Under his command, WFMT made the move from off-site, leased facilities to the new permanent state-of-the-art digital studios at the WWCI campus. In addition, the WFMT Networks' satellite uplink facility made the transition to digital operation, the Beethoven Satellite Network expanded to 24-hour operation, a national mainstream jazz radio format service was launched, the WFMT Radio Networks' program

distribution expanded into international venues, and the WFMT Fine Arts Circle was developed. All of these achievements ensure the future and growth of WFMT & The Radio Networks, which in turn ensures the future and growth of WWCI as an institution.

Before joining WWCI in 1991, Dan had a distinguished career in broadcasting. He began at WHA Television and Radio in Madison, Wisconsin, and later held several different management positions at Minnesota Public Radio, serving as General Manager for the five-station group from 1987 to 1991.

We are looking forward to enacting Dan's vision for WWCI and all the future opportunities it encompasses. Dan officially assumed his new responsibilities July 1, 1998. Please join us in welcoming Dan Schmidt to his new position at WWCI!

Chicago: I'm not printing the front page article on retiring CEO Bill McCarter, complete w/ Minda, but jumping right to the next (for us) -- the next page writeup on Dan! Way to go, Dan!! We're proud of you! Proud of more Schmidts, too: From the NGS catalogue, a 6 blurb on 2 bks, Tom's is the second, and NO MENTION OF TOM! HUH! → However, in their ONTOUR booklet, there are detailed pages of an upcoming trip that Jeremy Schmidt is hosting, only \$2400 for 8 days. Let's all go! We can listen to Jeremy, read Tom, & tune in to Dan via satellite!

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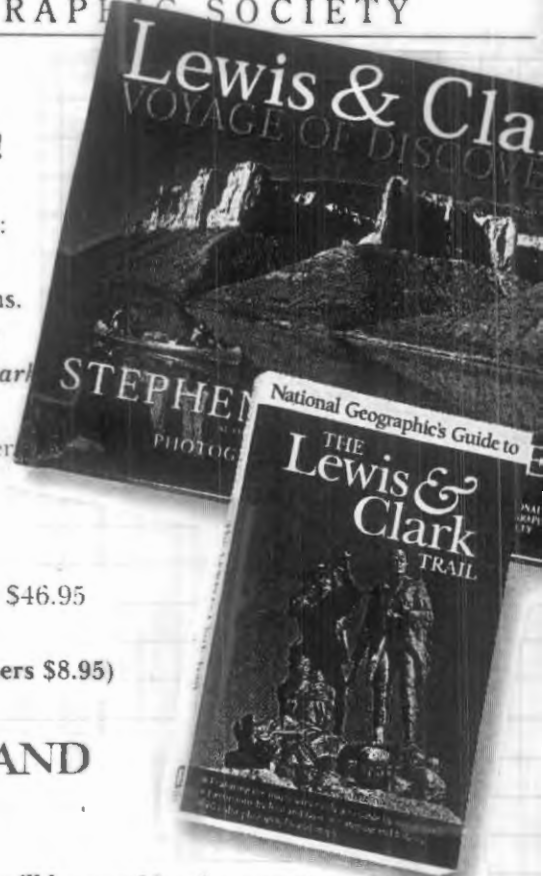
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LECTURER



After several stints as a winter keeper at Old Faithful geyser in the 1970s, Jeremy Schmidt has found ways to stay in the national parks year-round. Applying his background in biology, he has worked as a ranger, naturalist, writer, publisher, photographer, and On

Tour lecturer. His assignments have taken him to remote wilderness areas all over the world and have included award-winning articles for NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER magazine.

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Where Jeremy will be taking everyone.

CRESS 16 on July 29; GETS HER LICENSE

And, a 1986 Nissan pickup truck from her dad, so she's on wheels and can drive to school rather than wade through waist deep snow to the bus. She had to practice her driving all summer, so for the month she was in Vermont we drove nearly every day. She was skilled when she arrived, and I never felt unsafe with her. She was highly critical of my driving, though, and I'll tell you I improved! Gillian was her driving instructor--both are to be commended.

MARGARET LEM HAS QUINTUPLE BYPASS

We were just at the Lang pigroast on the next farm, 5 days before, and Jackie wasn't aware that Margaret was feeling bad. But she went to her doctor for tests and whamo, he sent her straight to the knife. She's at Mercy hospital, Janesville, and doing very well.

RYAN BOYS AT CHARTER SCHOOL

Aptos, CA A new regime! Megan and Michael have enrolled Mark, 1st grade, and Andy, kindergarten, in Linscott Charter School, a parent-run co-op. There are teachers, but a parent has to spend 4 hours a week per child assisting: 8 hrs for Megan, besides transporting the boys daily. She's gone contractual with her illustrating job at McGraw Hill, and also is doing freelancing. The boys are together in a multi-age classroom. Megan says it's working well, so far being more positive to brotherly relationship and learning than negative. Each has his own circle. If there is a sibling tangle, someone else deals with it, using different skills and other ways to relate. Jay meanwhile gets more Mommy time at home.

"WOODEN BOAT DAYCARE" BEGINS!

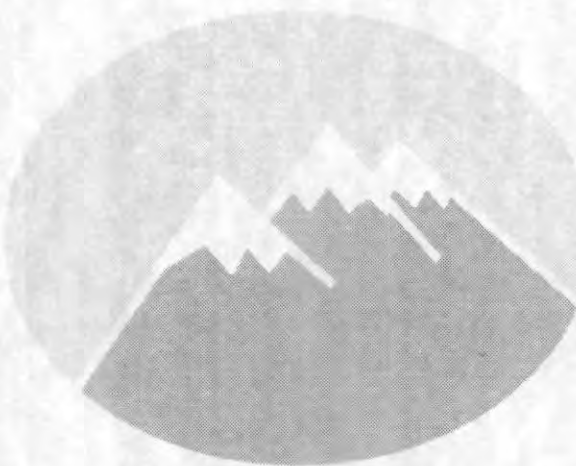
Mips Damaris Jackson has started a Waldorf pre-school in her home, taking children 3 1/2 to 4 1/2, 4 mornings a week. This summer, she returned to the Vermont Music and Art Camp as its manager. Lots of work, but loads of chamber music, too, even some dancing. And in Vermont!

ROYCE AND ELLE IN NEW JOBS

Delavan WI Elle is working as a computer trainer at Cherry-Burrell. Royce is with MCI, and has rapidly advanced since his hiring. The two were finding the self-employment market too irregular and unpredictable; this way they can buy a home with reasonable security. Their mortgage has been approved; house okayed; they expect to move from Grafton to Delavan soon.

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