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PULSE PROFILE

Thomas Boudjaklian
Printing

Photography is his favourite pastime, travel his ambition. And photographs and post cards of places he hopes to visit cover his office walls.

Thomas has been involved in photography and printing all his life. As a teenager in Beirut, Lebanon, he was introduced to the trades by his father's friend, who owned a studio. There Thomas spent several summers -- watching and learning. When he was 18, his father presented him with his first camera.

After high school, Thomas worked full-time with the photographer. Because he also did printing, Thomas learned that skill as well. In 1962, his dream of travelling came true. He was given an airplane ticket to go to France and photograph the Caravelles for a calendar.

In 1964, the photographer decided to go to Montreal, and asked Thomas to join him. When the time came, Thomas found he was going alone. The man had chosen to stay behind.

In Montreal, Thomas worked for a photographer for two years, and then, in 1966, he joined the JGH in the mailroom. At that time, the mailroom and printing were together. By 1967, they had separated, and Thomas went to work in printing. In 1971, he took over as its head.

Thomas is now involved with most of the printing jobs in the Hospital. The machines he operates include the printing presses, addressograph and embossograph.

Thomas, who married in 1968 and now has two children, has continued to travel and take photographs. In 1969 and 1973, he revisited Lebanon, including Iran in his most recent trip. As a photographer, he has exhibited his slides at one of the Hospital's art exhibits. He also operates professionally, taking photographs of babies and weddings.

Thomas' dream is to go to Italy one day -- as a traveler, of course, but especially as a photographer. Then he will be able to line the walls of his office with photographs and post cards of the places he himself has visited.

My name is Joe Kraus, and for the past 16 years, I've worked as a carpenter in the Maintenance Department.

My days are always different. But they all start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:45 p.m. In the mail slot marked "Carpenter", I find the work requisitions for the day. If any are urgent I tend to them first. Some might involve broken windows, jammed doors, or shelves and bulletin boards to be put up in a clinic before patients arrive at 9:00 a.m.

I have a large tool box on wheels which goes everywhere I go. I never know what tools I'm going to need until I actually see the work to be done. Among other things, I carry planes, saws, hammers, hacksaws, screwdrivers, oil cans, glue, nails and screws. I try to be prepared for all possibilities.

As one of four carpenters in Maintenance, I work either alone or with the others on large projects. Usually I go to a job, complete it, look at the next requisition, go to that job, complete it, and so on. If something urgent comes up, I leave the job I'm doing, attend to the emergency and return to the original one later on. In Maintenance, there is a board to indicate the locations of our jobs. That way we can easily be located.

I'm involved in all types of carpentry work -- taking down and putting up walls, putting up and dismantling cabinets, making counters and cabinets. As carpenters, we are constantly changing and shifting things for people. No one seems to want the same facilities as anyone else. They all want something different.

Some of my recent jobs have included working on the Family Practice Centre, the Women's Auxiliary office, the Medical Library and the Accounting offices.

What I find most enjoyable about my work is that it is never tedious or repetitious. None of the jobs are ever exactly alike. There is always something new and different to be done.

As long as people change their offices and change their minds about how they want their offices to look, I'll be busy.

What a wonderful feeling to plan a trip. Although it is tiring, it gives you a special glow of excitement just preparing for it.

Therefore, I was no exception to the rule. And now, in looking back on my trip, I can only say that the unforgettable impressions gathered and the richness of the experience made it very worthwhile.

To begin with, our destination was Israel. But first we stopped in Italy. For three days, we toured this beautiful country, and during this time, we visited the Capitol in Rome, the Pantheon, Colliseum, Arch of Constantine and the ruins of Pompei.

Pompei impressed me most of all. This magnificent Roman town, buried by the Vesuvian eruption in 79 A.D., is situated 15 miles from Naples. It was known as one of the most important commercial and cultural centres of the ancient world.

From Italy, we flew to Israel, landing at Lod Airport. From there we headed towards Haifa, one of the largest cities in Israel and the country's main seaport. On our way we stopped in Tel Aviv, the biggest and busiest city in Israel.

Tel Aviv (meaning Hill of Spring) was founded as a suburb of Jaffa in 1909. It quickly grew into a modern city -- the country's main centre for business, art, theatre and music.

From Tel Aviv we drove through the fertile Sharon plain to Haifa. We passed orange groves, fields of vegetables irrigated by twirling overhead sprinklers, red roofed farm houses, clumps of tall, dark cypresses and seaside resort towns facing stretches of sandy beaches. Inland, the plain is bounded by the blue wall of the hills, which curve down to the sea at Haifa.

We arrived in Haifa -- described as a city built like a three-decker sandwich. The dock area and the business centre are at the edge of the bay; the older residential and shopping areas are on the slopes; and the new suburbs spread out along the mountain top.

One can reach the top either by road or by tilted subway called the Carmelit. It whirls to the top in ten

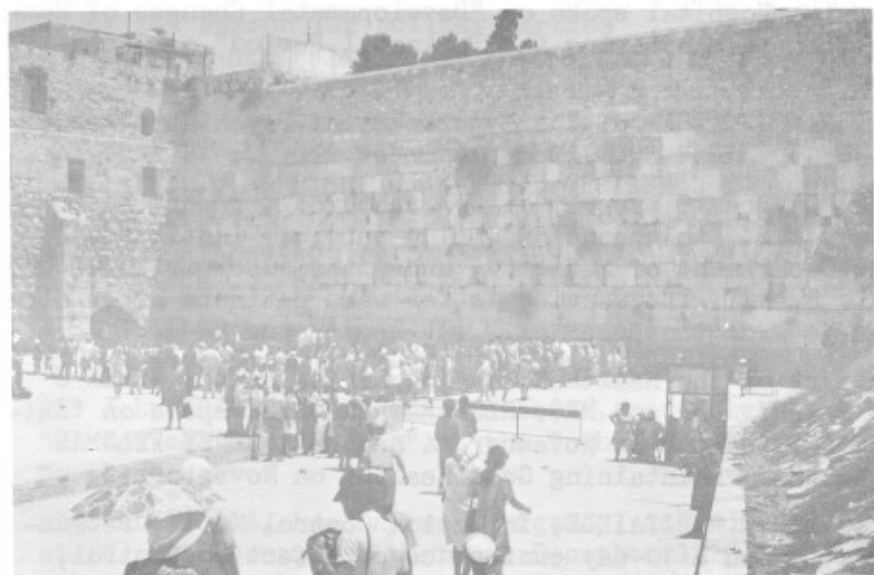
minutes at a very steep angle.

At the top is Mount Carmel with its spectacular view of the sea and with its modern architecture.

During our stay in Israel, we visited the Galilee in the north, with its covered hills and cultivated valleys. We also spent some time in Jerusalem, the Holy City, as well as at the Western Wall, Rachel's Tomb and other biblical sites.

On our way back to Canada, we stopped in Roumania, the country I left 15 years ago. It is a small and very beautiful country, quite unknown in this part of the world. There we met old friends and family, and we spent several days in Bucharest, Roumania's modern capital.

Arriving home in Montreal, I thought about the wonderful trip I had just taken. But I realized that there is no greater feeling than just being back home again.



Visitors can be seen thronging to one of the most holy and historic sites in Israel — the Western Wall in Old Jerusalem. Many stand silently, praying; others write words or prayers on small slips of paper, and press them into the cracks in the Wall.

DR. SYDNEY PEDVIS, pediatrician-in-chief, discussed the new Youth Services program at the Hospital on CJAD on November 2 ...

The staff of the DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY welcomed Dr. Paul Watzlawick of the Mental Research Institute, Palo Alto, California, during his recent visit to Montreal. He also lectured them on psychotherapy ...

THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT announced that over \$103,000 in Canada Savings Bonds were sold at the Hospital ...

FROM THE LADY DAVIS INSTITUTE ... On November 20, DR. NORMAN KALANT, director of the LDI, spoke at the Institute's Seminar Series on "The Effect of Insulin on Hepatic Glucose Production" ... DR. BARRY MALCHY of the Institute spoke on "The Competitive Labelling Method and Its Application to the Study of the Structure of Histones in Chromatin" on December 5 ... Dr. Harry Bard of St. Justine Hospital spoke on "Developmental Changes of Hemoglobin in Man During the Perinatal Period" on December 11 ...

DR. JAMES NAIMAN of the Department of Psychiatry spoke about "Dreams" on CJAD on November 29 ...

The "Daybreak" program on CBM featured a report on the new T.A.S. (telephone answering service) instituted by the Department of Medicine, under the supervision of DR. J.L. BRANDT. The service is for ward patients after discharge from the Hospital ...

As part of the Health Education Series of the WOMEN'S AUXILIARY, DR. and MRS. RICHARD MARGOLESE spoke on "Eating for Health" on November 14 and DR. SYDNEY FELDMAN discussed "Maintaining Good Health" on November 28 ...

MISS MARGO ROBITAILLE, Infection Control Nurse, recently attended a 10-day conference on Infection Control, held in Atlanta, Georgia ...

DR. JOSEPH SHUGAR, orthopedist-in-chief, spoke on CFCF TV's program "As It Is" on November 28. He discussed "Exposé of Quackery" ...

Attending the 59th annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America held recently in Chicago were a number of people from the Hospital's Radiology Department. They were: DR. A. NAIMARK, DR. A.D. ROTENBERG, DR. M. ROSENBLOOM, DR. A. LISBONA, DR. P. LANDER, MR. N. ALEXANDER and four residents -- DR. R. SATIN, DR. J. ZANBILOWICZ, DR. D. ORNSTEIN and DR. I. KRONGOLD ...

MRS. CAROL SEITZ has recently joined the Department of Nuclear Medicine as a technician ...

Joining the Lady Davis Institute have been DR. SUBHASH PATEL, research assistant, and MARIA SCISCENTE, secretary ...

The staff at P.B.X. or SWITCHBOARD has expanded to 27. Five new telephone operators who have recently joined the department are: MRS. D. DESFORGES, MISS E. HOGUE, MISS W. PINNIGER, MISS T. CASEY and MISS L. GENDRON ...

T'was the season for holiday parties ... and among the departments celebrating the holidays were -- THE FAMILY PRACTICE CENTRE with a wine and cheese party on December 19 ... O.R. on December 19 .. MEDICAL O.P.D. on December 21 ... 6 N.W. on December 20 ... MRS. P. GEORGES, MISS J. MORRISON and MISS D. BUTLER (of Nursing), threw a wine and cheese party with slides of Russia as an added attraction ... ADMITTING and ACCOUNTING ... MAINTENANCE ... RESIDENTS and INTERNS ...

BILL WHEELER has joined the Maintenance Department as Maintenance Supervisor ...

DR. J.L. BRANDT, physician-in-chief, recently spoke on "Biomedical Engineering" at the Technion Institute in Montreal ...

MISS ALCANTARA, head nurse Emergency, and some of her staff gave a surprise party on December 12 for the volunteers who work in Emergency. They made it Volunteer Appreciation Day at the wine and cheese party ...

The annual meeting of the WOMEN'S AUXILIARY will be held on February 6, Drawing Room, former Nurses' Residence ...

CHANGES TO BE NOTED

The new telephone local for the Women's Auxiliary is #435 ...

Dr. Bernard Zinman, endocrinologist, whose office is now located on the 6th floor of the former Nurses' Residence, is #714 ...

Dr. Oswaldo Rico's telephone locals are now #439 and #430. The local #430 replaces #426, which has become an additional trunk line to the Institute of Community and Family Psychiatry ...

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Mr. Max Shainblum, personnel officer, is flanked by the girls of the Personnel Department at a party to honour his leaving the Hospital to return to industry. Standing with him, from left to right, are Judy Rabinovitch, Miriam Schwartz, Iris Lesser, Maria Pappas and Soryl Goldstein.

KNOW YOUR HOSPITAL

THE OFFICE OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MOVES

The office of the Women's Auxiliary has moved to new quarters. What was once the Science Laboratory on the Ground Floor of the former Nurses' Residence is now the home of the Auxiliary. And it is located beside a well-established Hospital landmark -- the Sewing Room.

The Auxiliary office is a large one, the sense of openness enhanced by windows on one side which run the entire length of the room. The walls are pale blue, the floor and room partitions are carpeted in purple, the curtains are blue, purple and white. The atmosphere is warm, inviting.

There is a reception area up front and desks nearby for workers; along one side there is space for Auxiliary volunteers to work; across from them are two separate offices, including one for the Auxiliary President; and at the end of the room is a small lounge.

This move is one of many being made throughout the Hospital as departments continue to expand.



Mrs. Gladys Freedman is busy at work in her new surroundings. In front is the reception area, to the left are the partitions for the offices of the Auxiliary.

In the November 13, 1973 issue of "Medical Post", there appeared the following article:

"The most common skin allergen in North America at the moment is nickel sulfate often found in cheap costume jewelry.

"Nickel-plated earrings, watch bands and other items cause a reaction in about 11 per cent of those wearing them.

"Results of a study of the most common of today's skin irritants are published in the October issue of the 'Archives of Dermatology.'

"Other substances high on the list include:

* potassium dichromate, found in tanned leather and concrete. Some eight per cent of people who wear leather against the skin can show a reaction.

* Thimerosal, most often encountered as an ingredient of the most common antiseptic Merthiolate, causes an allergic reaction in about eight per cent of users.

* p-phenylenediamine, used sometimes in hair dyes, reacts with about eight per cent of users.

"Some 13 dermatologists representing 10 North American centres took part in the study which examined some 1,200 patients with 16 allergies.

"Most reactions to those substances are cured by simply removing the allergen."

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In the New York Times of June 10, 1973, it was noted at a conference to study effects of stressful life events that: the death rate of widows and widowers is 10 times higher during the first year of bereavement than for others their age; that divorced people have an illness rate 12 times higher than married people in the year following divorce; and that up to 80 per cent of serious physical illness seems to develop at a time when the victims feel helpless and hopeless.

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TO THE PATIENT RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE

J'ai été très satisfaite des services de l'hôpital et lorsque j'aurai à retourner à l'hôpital, c'est au Jewish General que j'irai.

Les infirmières sont très gentilles et très prévenantes.

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I would like to say that I received the best care and the warmest feeling I have ever had in a hospital.

There were Black, Japanese, Chinese and white women who looked after me. I have now seen and felt how people of different races can work together in a warm and comforting manner.

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C'était la première fois que j'allais à c'est hôpital, alors le personnel a été très courtois et dans la salle où j'étais, les malades étaient très gentils envers moi car je ne parlais pas l'anglais.

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Dear Mrs. Lahaie:

A bouquet to the entire staff of 5NW.

As a patient of Dr. Alan Neuman, I would like to thank all who were responsible for making my hospital stay as comfortable as possible.

This was visit number four in less than three and a half years, and I can truly say that the patient-staff communication and care was excellent.

With sincere appreciation to a wonderful staff of the Jewish General Hospital.

Mrs. Helena Sonin

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I enjoyed my recent stay at the Jewish General Hospital. If I ever need hospital care again, I now know where to go.

Dear Sir:

May I take this opportunity to thank all those in the Emergency and X-ray Departments for the human kindness and skill they showed when I was brought to the Hospital following a street accident.

I especially want to thank the two doctors who sewed up the cut on my forehead, the girl who took the x-rays in case of a fractured skull and the doorman who volunteered to get me a taxi when I was ready to go home, and who refused a tip for his kindness.

I do not happen to be of the Jewish faith, but I could not have been better treated. I do appreciate it.

Again many thanks to all concerned, from a very grateful 76 year old retired teacher.

Dorothy Mathewson

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Monsieur le chef:

Avant tout je présente tous mes grands respects à tout le personnel de votre honorable hôpital. Docteurs, infirmières, pour leurs bons soins, gentillesse, politesse je leurs fait tous mes compliments.

Votre honorable hôpital m'a sauvé la vie. Je vous félicite d'avoir vraiment un très bon personnel choisi dans tous le cas de A à Z parfait cent mille fois.

Samuel Cohen

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Dear Sir:

Excellent service by the nursing staff. Bright and cheerful girls who were most helpful and pleasant to talk to. They were the kindest nurses I have ever met.

Mrs. Margaret Taylor

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