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friends; how to balance her personal life and her career.

"That's very unusual to find among journalists," she said.

As president of the International Society of Newspaper Design, Withey's work will involve setting the organization's policies and creative ideas for the future.

She's also looking forward to the society's annual workshop in Barcelona, Spain - the organization's first ever outside the United States.

An 1977 graduate of Dallas High School, Withey studied English and fine arts at Wilkes for two years before transferring to Syracuse, where she graduated magna cum laude in 1981.

While at Syracuse, Withey wanted to explore careers which would be relevant to her studies and took two internships in design with *The Times-Leader* in Wilkes-Barre.

"I wanted to do something with my art," she said. "It was much better than selling shoes, which I had done before."

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Her first job as a page designer and graphics illustrator at *The Times-Leader*, was followed by the same type of work at the Dallas *(Tx) Times-Herald*, where she was promoted to assistant design director in the features department.

Withey then moved to the *Detroit Free Press*, first as its design director for features, then as design director.

She presently works as a design consultant for Knight-Ridder, Inc., which owns the *Free*

"It's interesting - the Europeans learned a lot about newspapers from us and now we're learning from them."

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Press, The Philadelphia Inquirer, the Philadelphia Daily News and many other publications.

Newspaper design involves the paper's appearance and how it's put together - the style of headlines, how photos are presented, the way features are assembled, the use of color and how the paper reflects the community in its writing style.

Withey found out last week that she has just received the SND's Silver Award for her work in redesigning a small daily newspaper in Aberdeen, SD.

"It's a challenge," she said. "You have to work even harder. You can't repeat yourself."

Although she's occasionally away from home more than at home, she loves living in Detroit, which she calls "a wonderful place."

"It's a real treasure," she said. "I can see Canada from my office window."

Withey credits her English teachers at Dallas for showing her how to read a story, think how to present it, then illustrate it, and her co-workers at *The Times-Leader* for giving her opportunities to develop professionally.

Most important is "having a career which I love - incorporating art with newspapers. It's great to be paid to do something I really love."

"I never thought that I'd come this far, but had always hoped I would," Withey said. "There's so much more to do yet."

Eye on crime

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"I can't believe that no one saw them," he said. The borough has only one police officer on duty for every shift, Boice said.

"Anyone with a scanner can find out where they are," he added.

Crimes often go unreported because people are afraid to get involved, Mrs. Sult said. They're afraid the criminal will try to get even with them.

"Retaliation against a group is tougher than retaliation against one person," said councilman Fran Kopko.

Kopko's neighbor recently yelled at him while he was walking in his own back yard.

"The guy didn't recognize me at first," Kopko said. "I'm glad he was alert."

"An active crime watch can be a good deterrent to criminals," said David Schuler.

Betty Gray, who watches several neighbors' homes, recently found a set of footprints around a cottage. When she followed them,

"Harveys Lake isn't exactly a high-crime area, but four burglaries in one month are a lot."

Denise Sult

Harveys Lake

she learned that the prints belonged to Jane Swire, another neighbor who checks homes for friends and relatives.

"One of my neighbors recently lost about \$3,000 of tools when his shed was broken into," Mrs. Gray said.

Mrs. Swire and her husband, Dan, share their neighbors' concerns and want to help out.

"I guess you could call us community-minded," she said.

Betty West, Allen Forster and Clarence Baker said a neighbor-

hood watch could also help elderly residents who often live alone.

The eight people who attended last week's meeting are from Worden Place and Sandy Beach. Boice wants to see more people from the lake's other sections.

"We could have a very successful neighborhood watch with more participants," he said. "Possibly we could then expand to other safety programs."

Although the 1990 census shows 2,860 year-round residents at Harveys Lake, the borough's summer residents outnumber them, he said. Of the borough's approximately 1,800 homes, more than half are occupied only during the summer, Boice said.

The group plans to meet as soon as possible with a Kingston police officer trained in forming neighborhood crime watch groups.

Interested residents may call Boice at the municipal authority at 639-1042.

Accidents led to new law

Boating accidents at Harveys Lake have spurred the Pennsylvania Fish Commission to pass stricter regulations statewide and a low-wake speed law after dusk designed specifically for the lake.

• 1983: A boat operated by Denis Abromavage ran over another boat, killing four passengers.

• 1985: Harveys Lake resident Kim Krasner drove her boat into a dock and was killed when her head hit the diving board.

• July 27, 1991: Luzerne resident Rich Walter was killed in a waterskiing accident when the boat which was towing him, operated by Harveys Lake resident Gregg Hanson, passed close to a dock, slamming Walter into it.

Hanson, who reportedly was attempting to splash people on the dock, was charged with homicide by watercraft, homicide by watercraft while boating under the influence and boating while intoxicated.

• August 3, 1991: Lynnwood resident Marie Riss was arrested for boating while intoxicated and towing a waterski without having a look-out in the boat. Police said that her blood alcohol level was twice the legal limit.

• September 1, 1991: Six people were treated at nearby hospitals after a speedboat operated by Dallas resident Daniel Cochran rammed the rear of a slower boat operated by William Sickler, ran over top of it and left the scene.

Three passengers in Cochran's boat and three passengers in Sickler's boat were treated at area hospitals.

Cochran was charged with two counts of reckless and negligent operation of a watercraft, violating the no-wake zone within 100 feet of a dock, failing to stop at a boating accident to identify himself or offer aid and fleeing police pursuit in the accident, which occurred at 11:30 p.m.

Crime watch can be simple or complex

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

A neighborhood crime watch can be as simple as someone picking up a telephone and reporting any suspicious persons or activities to police.

According to information provided to Harveys Lake by the Kingston police department, in more organized crime watch groups, neighbors exchange phone numbers and daily schedules and are alert for any unusual activity or suspicious persons while they're at home or out for a walk.

People who know one another's schedules are in a better position to report suspicious persons, such as burglars who sometimes mas-

querade as movers. They'll bring in a rented van and literally clean out someone's home while they're at work or on vacation.

Other burglars like to hang out in the neighborhood and observe someone's movements before they rob them.

Several people who are regularly home during the day can share responsibility for coordinating a neighborhood crime watch group's activities.

Some groups form block clubs which meet regularly to discuss community issues and security techniques.

Some police departments have issued confidential identifying numbers to neighborhood watch participants, who may then report suspicious activities without

fear of reprisal.

Other watch groups use police band radio monitors to keep tabs on crimes or other emergencies. Other more enterprising groups have formed small networks using citizen's band (CB) radios - and have helped police with crimes, boating accidents and other emergencies.

More active neighborhood watch participants have formed posses to patrol their blocks on foot, bicycle and even golf cart.

The important thing is to become organized and active, a certain deterrent to criminals, according to Harveys Lake mayor Rick Boice.

"We can have a very successful program if people become involved," he said.

Park rules

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Violators will be fined up to \$300 or spend up to 30 days in jail.

The council reported that engineering drawings for a drainage project on Red Ledge Drive and West Center Hill Road will be presented at the March meeting.

Depending on the cost of the drainage work, sections of the following roads will be paved this summer: Luzerne Ave., Burndale Road, Lincoln Ave., Red Ledge Drive, East Hickory Street and Wyoming Ave. The cost of the paving, as estimated

by Yatsko Paving, is \$21,000 for materials and \$8,400 for equipment and labor, according to councilman William Roberts.

In other business, the council voted to:

- Accept the resignation of part-time patrolman Ronald Orkwis.
- Purchase a 10-year life insurance policy for the borough's five full-time police officers and two full-time road department workers from Primerica for \$1,310.50.
- Pass a resolution in support of keeping Tobyhanna Army Depot open.

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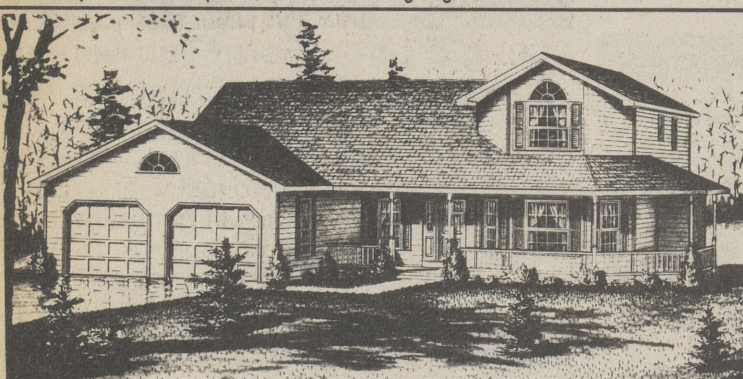
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