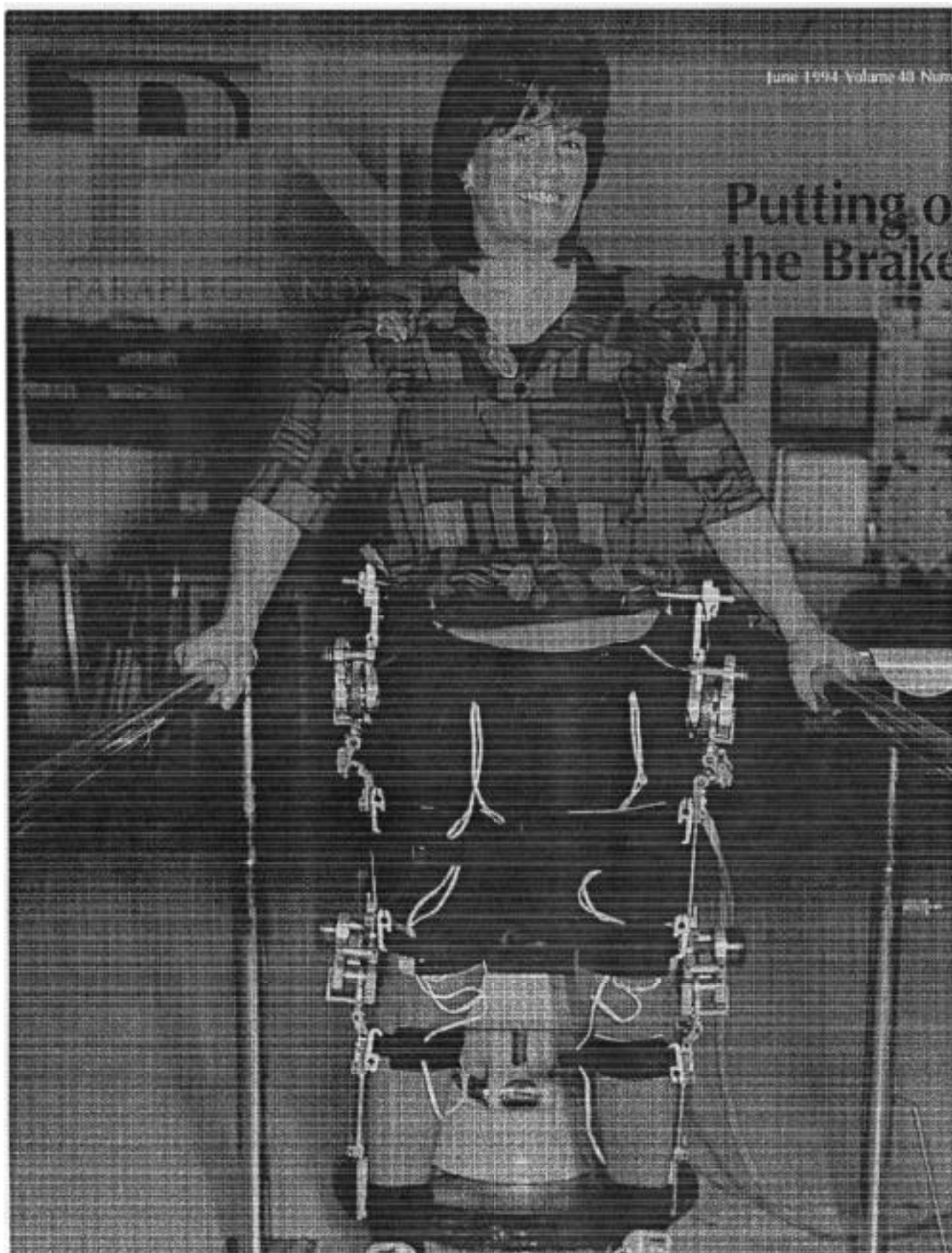


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Putting on the Brake





Lehner Lifttechnik GmbH: The battery-powered Stairmax is designed to enable wheelchair users to ride up straight stairways.

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STAY 'N SAVE MOTOR INNS

→ Stay 'n Save Motor Inns in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, feature a limited number of wheelchair-friendly rooms for people with disabilities. Amenities include large accommodations with wheelchair-accessible bathrooms and wall-mounted grab bars. Shower heads are hand-held, and complimentary transfer-benches are available for bathtubs. Specially designed door-viewers are at accessible levels. All lodging is located on ground floors for easy access. Some have connecting rooms for traveling companions.

At the Vancouver Airport Hotel, two specially equipped rooms have been expanded to offer roll-in showers and visual fire-alarm fixtures. For more information about these accommodations, contact Sue Belzer, Stay 'n Save Motor Inns Inc., Vancouver

Airport, 10551 St. Edwards Drive, Richmond, British Columbia V6X 3L8, Canada. (604) 273-3311 / 273-9522.

CUSTOM STAR SHIP

→ Custom Star Ship designs and manufactures vehicles for people who are disabled. Several models and customized features can be ordered. One design looks like most Class-A motor homes, but new engineering technology has been developed. A single structural beam through the center enables lift installation inside the vehicle's steps. With this system, only one door is needed. The vehicle also features rear engine/rear drive.

At the touch of a button, the whole coach can be raised to 12" ground clearance. A sling system can also be installed with a track in the ceiling so a disabled person can be moved throughout the vehicle. This model is 36 feet long and will track in a 26-foot circle. A joystick system allows accelerating and braking with one hand.

Another design has a mono-coque frame [the body is combined with the chassis as a single unit] and a complete roll cage. Overall height is 72" with a floor height of 11"



Custom Star Ship: Although this vehicle looks like most Class-A motor homes, it is the product of new engineering technology developed to meet the needs of people with disabilities.

from the ground. Two ways of entry are available: a power operated ramp and a lift. If used as a motor home, the vehicle's height would be greater to accommodate rear bedroom facilities. Similar custom features can be ordered for either vehicle. For more information about the coaches, contact Bob Helvie, Custom Star Ship, P.O. Box 676, Logansport, IN 46947. (317) 579-3243.

SAFKO INTERNATIONAL, INC.

→ Working on Apple* Macintosh equipment, a computer engineer from Phoenix has designed a hardware and software system that brings workplace independence to people who are severely physically and cognitively disabled.

The Safko Server* enriches the quality of life for disabled people by permitting them to control tasks fully functional people take for granted such as turning on lights and appliances, controlling heat and air conditioning, making and receiving telephone calls, and operating remotes for stereos and VCRs. Along with the Safko Server, SenSei Software allows users, even if cognitively impaired, to navi-

gate easily around the system by means of pictures.

Access to computers has given Safko's customers the opportunity to improve their quality of life and become employable. It reduces the need for continuous care by family members and other caregivers and provides cognitive stimulation that leads to quicker rehabilitation.

Safko International, incorporated in 1986, designs, manufactures, and markets a series of computer products for people with disabilities. The company has a full line of input devices including a head mouse, modified track ball and joystick, pen mouse, and voice recognition. Optional interfaces also exist for emergency call systems.

For more information about their computer equipment and programs, contact Safko International, Inc., 1438 West Broadway, Suite B240, Tempe AZ 85282. (602) 731-9805 / 731-9835 (fax).

WRITING CONTEST

Pickenpaugh Literary Agency is holding a "Remembrances" contest. Prizes will be offered. Writers need not have been published.

Poets may submit one to three entries, 30 lines or fewer, on any subject, and in any style. The maximum length for essays is 300 words.

The deadline is July 15, 1994. Send entries and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Poetry
P.O. Box 2895-PB
Vacaville, CA 95696