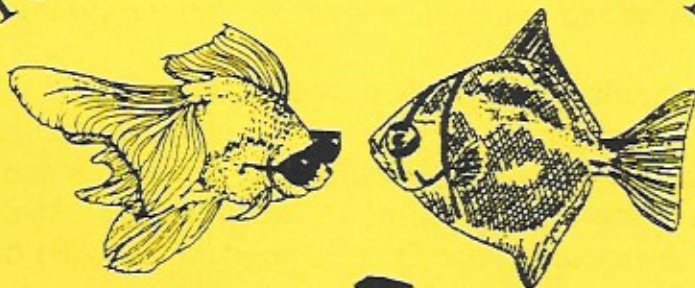


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The *Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society, Inc. (GPASI)* meets at the *Pittsburgh Civic Garden Center* generally on the last Friday of each month. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., the meeting begins at 7:15 p.m. and runs until approximately 10:30 p.m. *Visitors are always welcome and may attend two society meetings before joining.*

A popular feature of each general meeting is the fish auction, offering fish brought in for sale by members or guests. These fish are types that are usually not available in pet stores due to the limited market.

Also, members submitting fry for points in the *Breeders' Award Program (BAP)* or plants in the *Aquatic Horticulturalist Award Program (AHAP)* donate the items for the auction so the auction becomes a source for obtaining the more unusual species of fish and plants.

The society conducts one or more fish shows each year, collecting trips, field trips, a picnic, and an annual Christmas Party.

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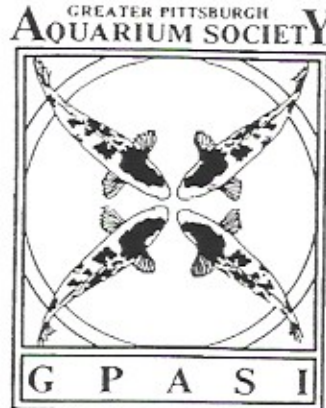
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The Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society, Inc. was founded in 1947. For almost 50 years we have thrived in Pittsburgh as a hobbyist group. Over the past few years our organization has flourished and grown even larger. We are at the pinnacle of the success of the organization. It is with great honor that we welcome the opportunity to host the 35th Annual Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs Convention along with our 14th Annual Show.

The Ramada Inn, located only about 10 minutes from the airport, has provided very reasonable room rates for the Convention. The barbecue planned for Saturday Night will be a fun time as will be the Square Dance Caller afterward. There will be prizes awarded at the dance for best outfit, dancer, etc. The Awards Banquet will be on Sunday, with what we think are some delicious choices for dinner.

The schedule of speakers is quite extensive. The individual speakers are well-known members of the fish community and will be quite a thrill to see. A boat ride on the three rivers is planned as an additional event which you can elect to attend.

The weekend looks like it surely will be a fun time for old friends and new. Why not plan to attend a weekend where the three rivers meet? We hope to see you here in May!

Randy J. Sams
GPASI President

S c h e d u l e o f E v e n t s

Thursday, May 19, 1994

Show Registration – 9:00 PM to 11:30 PM

Friday, May 20, 1994

Show Registration – Noon to 6:00 PM

Speaker: Dorothy Reimer – Aquatic Plants – 6:45 PM – 7:30 PM

Speaker: Ed Taylor – Mardel Presentation – 7:45 PM – 8:45 PM

Depart for Optional Boat Ride – 9:30 PM

Optional Boat Ride – 11:00 PM to 1:30 AM

Saturday, May 21, 1994

Show Registration – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Show room closes at 6:30 PM)

Speaker: Dr. John Gratzek – Water Quality – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Speaker: Mike Schadle – Cichlids – 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Speaker: Edward Taylor – Livebearers – 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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Speaker: Dr. Robert Goldstein – Native Fish – 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Speaker: Scott Buckel – Rainbowfish – 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

Speaker: Jim Griffiths – Collecting in Peru – 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Barbecue Dinner – 7:30 PM

Dinner Speaker – Charlie Grimes

Square Dance – 9:00 PM – ????

Sunday, May 22, 1994

Auction Registration – 7:30 AM – Noon

(Late Registrants' fish will be auctioned only if time permits)

CAOAC Annual Meeting – 8:00 AM

Auction – 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Awards Banquet – 7:30 PM

(Award presentation will begin at about 8:15)

(Any entrant needing to leave early my collect their awards at 6:00 PM)

Monday, May 23, 1994

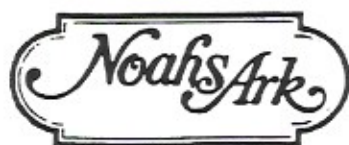
CAOAC Judges Meeting – 10:00 AM

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About Our Speakers

Dr. John Gratzek

Dr. Gratzek is a native of Minnesota. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine with a doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin where he specialized in the study of infectious diseases. After a six year period of teaching and research at Iowa State University he was appointed Department Head of the Department of Medical Microbiology in the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia – a position which he held for 27 years. In the past 18 years Dr. Gratzek has devoted his professional efforts towards questions of problems associated with the production and culture of fish. His publications include articles on water quality management, central systems, diseases of fish, fish immunology and virology. Dr. Gratzek is a past president of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists and the International Association of Aquatic Animal Medicine. As of September 1, 1993, he retired from his administrative post and was appointed Emeritus Professor. He now teaches Fish Health Management in the College and will continue to offer the Annual Fish Health Management short course which is offered in August. Dr. Gratzek continues to consult on problems associated with tropical fish.

Ed Taylor

Ed Taylor is a lifelong aquarium hobbyist who has been keeping and breeding fish for over 28 years. He has a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Duke University and a master's degree in biological sciences from Old Dominion University. His graduate work was concentrated in the fields of fish systematics and animal behavior. Ed owned and operated his own fish hatchery in Virginia for over 15 years before moving to Florida. In Florida, he worked for two of the largest fish farms as a hatchery manager and livestock salesman. As a hobbyist and professional breeder, Ed has spawned and raised over 450 species of tropical fish. For a period of almost 3 years, Ed worked for TFH Publications as the editor or assistant editor of Tropical Fish Hobbyist magazine. He also has experience as a petshop retailer, fish importer, and industry journalist and photographer. Over 100 articles have appeared in aquarium hobby and industry trade magazines written by Ed. At present, he is a participating member of an aquarium service company in Orlando, Florida. Ed has been a member of numerous hobby organizations. He was first elected chairman of the American Cichlid Association in 1969, and served as the Federation of American Aquarium Society's first president in 1971. He is well-known as a workshop speaker and fish show judge. In June of 1993, Ed was selected by Thomas's Europe (the manufacturer of AQUARIAN fish foods) to be the head of the US AQUARIAN Advisory Service (USAAS). This entity has been established by Thomas's to aid the aquarist in their fishkeeping. Recently, Ed has completed a book which will be published by TFH Publications. Its title is yet to be selected but the subject matter is well-known to most hobbyists – livebearers. The tentative title of the work is Florida Ornamental Livebearers. It illustrates and discusses in detail virtually every variety of swordtail, platy, variatus, and molly raised on Florida fish farms. The book also contains chapters on the fish farming industry in general, and livebearer farming in particular. This is the first treatment of this subject in hobby literature and it will be of great interest both to the hobby and the trade. Ed's talk will cover selected points of interest from the book.

**** Special thanks to Mardel Laboratories, Inc. for sponsoring Ed Taylor.**

Scott Buckel

Many GPASI members know Scott Buckel for he was a very active member in our society. When he moved away he still maintained his membership and has been a strong supporter of our society. He has been the editor of the Rainbowfish Study's Groups publication The Rainbow Times for a number of years. He helped put together the Rainbowfish book and even helped to edited it. Although Scott enjoys a diverse selection of fish, his favorites are rainbows and killies. He has traveled to Australia for a Rainbowfish Conference and is one of the most knowledgeable people in the US on this topic. His talks are always quite enjoyable as any GPASI member can attest. We have invited him to speak to the members of CAOAC. You will not be disappointed! Scott's talk will center on Australia and Rainbowfish.

Dr. Robert Goldstein

Bob Goldstein is a member of the Raleigh Aquarium Society of North Carolina. His columns have appeared regularly in all of the national hobby publications and most recently in Aquarium Fish magazine. Bob is the author of many books about fish and fish keeping techniques. His book, Fish Diseases, is regarded as one of the standard reference books in any fish hobbyist's library. Bob is an expert in the field of native American fish, darters, killifish, cichlids, anabantids, and marine fish. Currently, Bob is working on his new book, American Aquarium Fishes. Bob is also a strong supporter of all aquarium societies. He has been on many collecting expeditions, and has introduced many species into the fish hobby. His is also a gourmet cook. His favorite food is Chinese – the hotter the better!!



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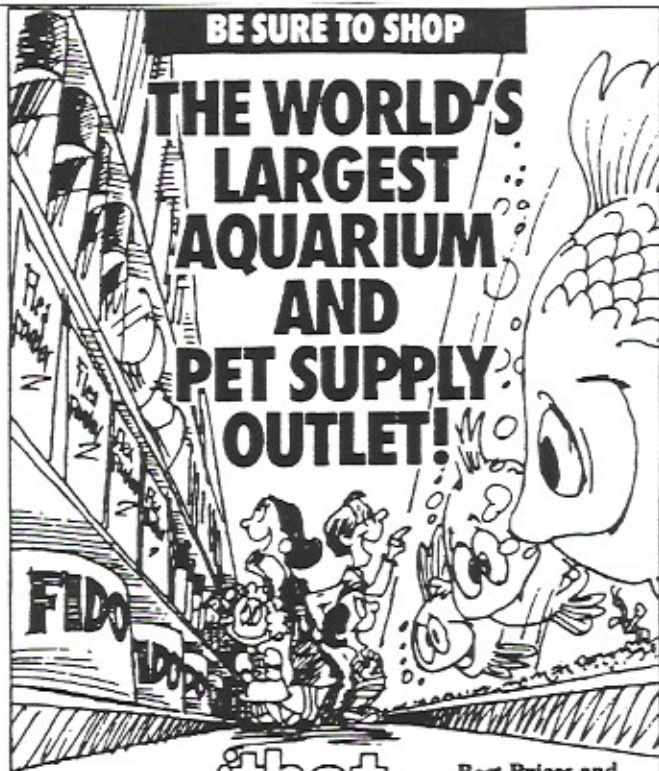
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About Our Speakers

Mike Schadle

Mike has been a fishkeeper since he was a youngster, and has been in the organized hobby for about 13 years. He is a member of local aquarium societies and has served in many capacities within these societies. His primary interests are Livebearers and Cichlids of the Americas. Mike served on the Board of Trustees of the American Cichlid Association and was the editor of the American Livebearer Association's publication for 9 years. He currently maintains about 40 tanks of which half are devoted to cichlids and the other half to livebearers. He has bred many fish and still holds about 4 brood records on the American Livebearers Association's Brood Record List. In 1992 Mike had the rare opportunity of traveling to Central Mexico for a fish collecting expedition. He collected some very unique livebearers which he introduced to many hobbyists. Mike is also known for his fine auctioning techniques.

**** Special thanks to Tetra for sponsoring Mike Schadle.**

Jim Griffiths

Jim comes to our gathering from an interesting locale in Canada. He lives in Flin Flon in Northern Manitoba. Originally, Jim was from England but has made Canada his home for many years. He was the first President of the Flin Flon Aquarium Society and held that position for eleven years. He has contributed in various capacities to CAOAC, currently serving as chair of the Open Show Committee. Jim has been a recipient of the CAOAC Hobbyist and the CAOAC Service Awards. He, with his wife, Judie, have been recipients of the CAOAC Champion of Champions Award for outstanding showpersons of the year. Recently, Jim made an expedition to Peru, the adventures of which he will share with us at the convention. Let's welcome him to Pittsburgh.

**** Special thanks to the Mississauga Breeders Association for sponsoring Jim Griffiths.**

Charlie Grimes

Charlie is known as the humorous hobbyist. He can tell tales that will make your head spin and your belly shake with laughter. He has been in the hobby for over 35 years and has obtained a very extensive repertoire during that time. His favorite fish are tetras and barbs, but he really enjoys all fish. This is evidenced by the fact that he is a member of most of the national and international hobby organizations. He is currently serving as the Board Chair of the International Aquarium Society. He has gone on many fish expeditions to the Far East and Brazil. He currently maintains 100 aquariums. He is very knowledgeable on the topic of live fish foods, and recently wrote the Live Foods chapter of the book Enjoying Your Cichlids. Charlie does have a special vice – consuming as many White Castle hamburgers and onion chips as possible. This is his all time favorite restaurant!!

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Dorothy Reimer

Dorothy has been in the organized fish hobby for over 50 years. She is fondly known to her friends and acquaintances as the "Plant Lady". She has been able to grow many plants that most hobbyists only dream of having in their tanks. Many articles have been written about her and her wet green thumb. Dorothy is a past president of CAOAC and is also a CAOAC Certified Judge. She has served CAOAC in many other capacities as well. Dorothy has been honored by CAOAC with both the Hobbyist of the Year and the Service Awards. She is a member of the London Aquarium Society, the Erie Aquarium Society to name a few. She is quite interested in livebearers as evidenced by her commitment to the American Livebearers Association. She is a founding member of the Aquatic Gardener's Association and currently serves as their Membership Secretary. She has attended every CAOAC Convention over the past 28 years. Let's welcome the "Grand Dame" to Pittsburgh and her 29th convention!

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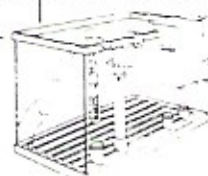
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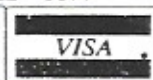
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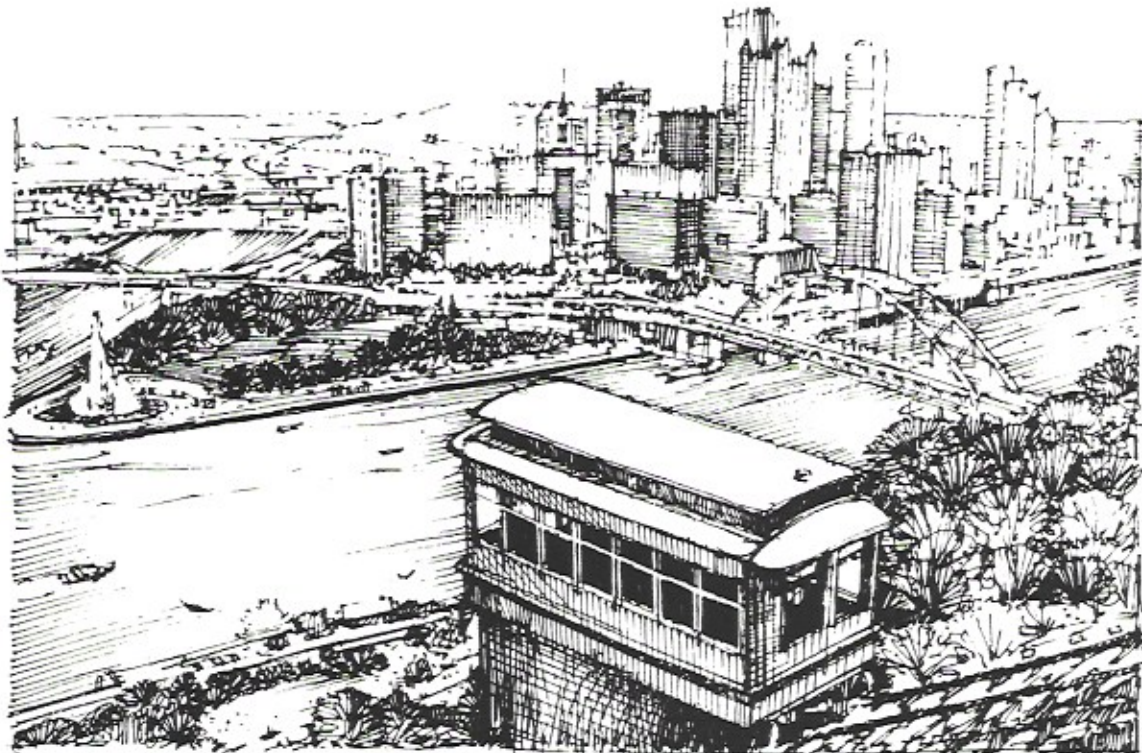
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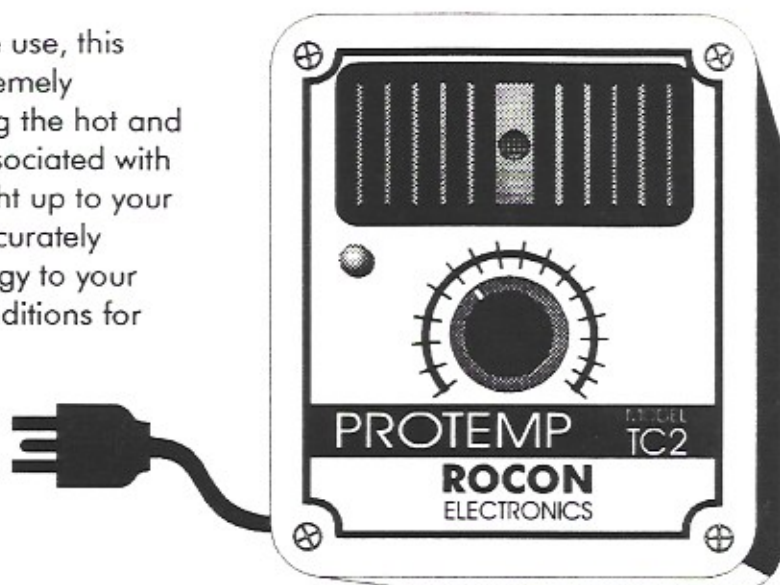
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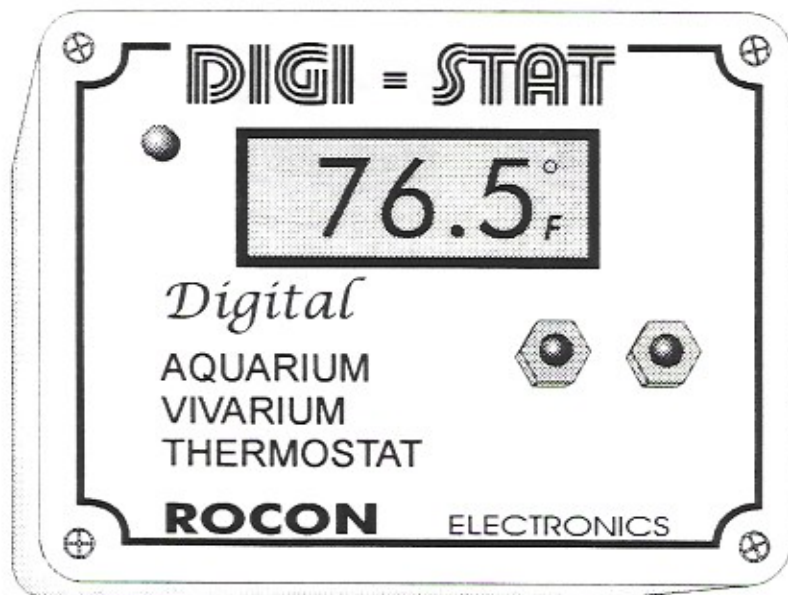
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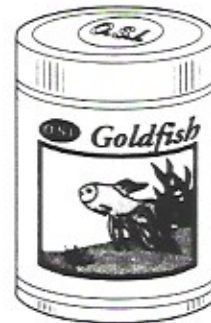
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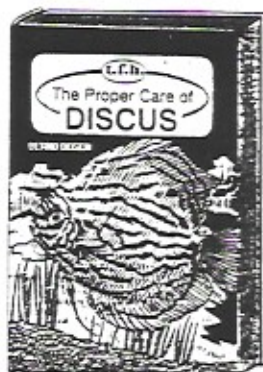
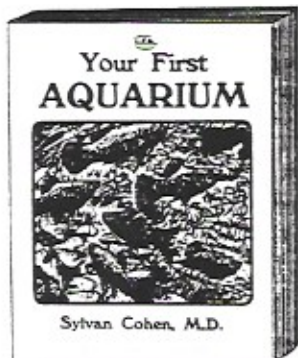
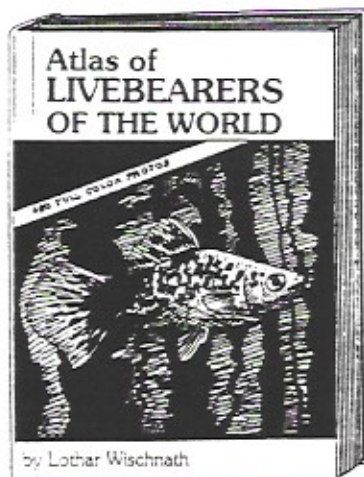
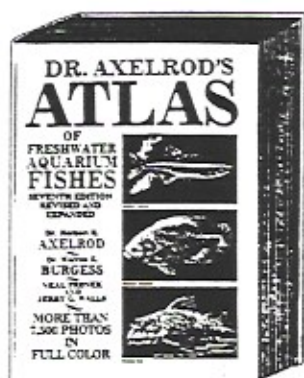
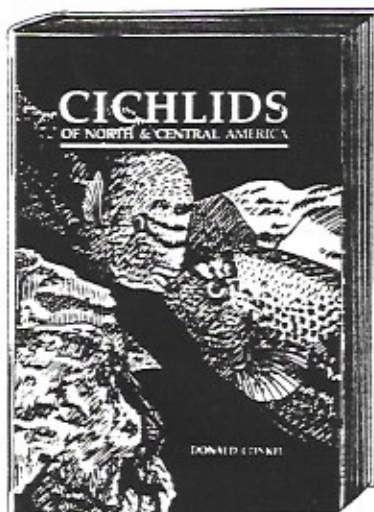
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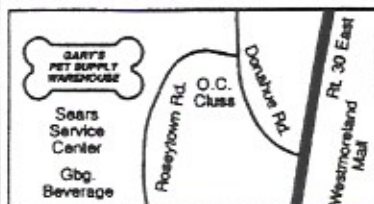
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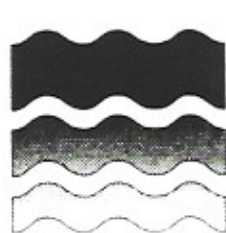


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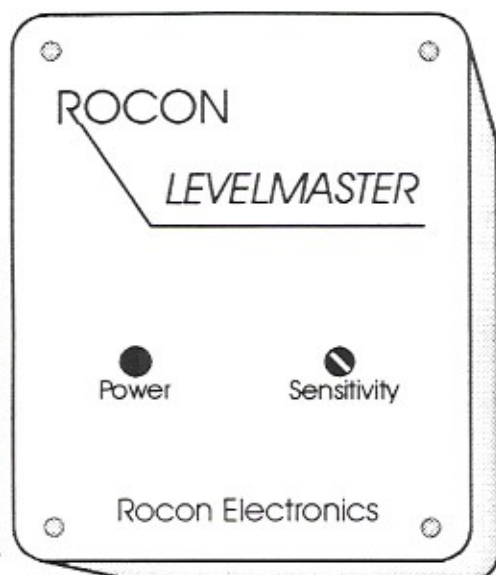
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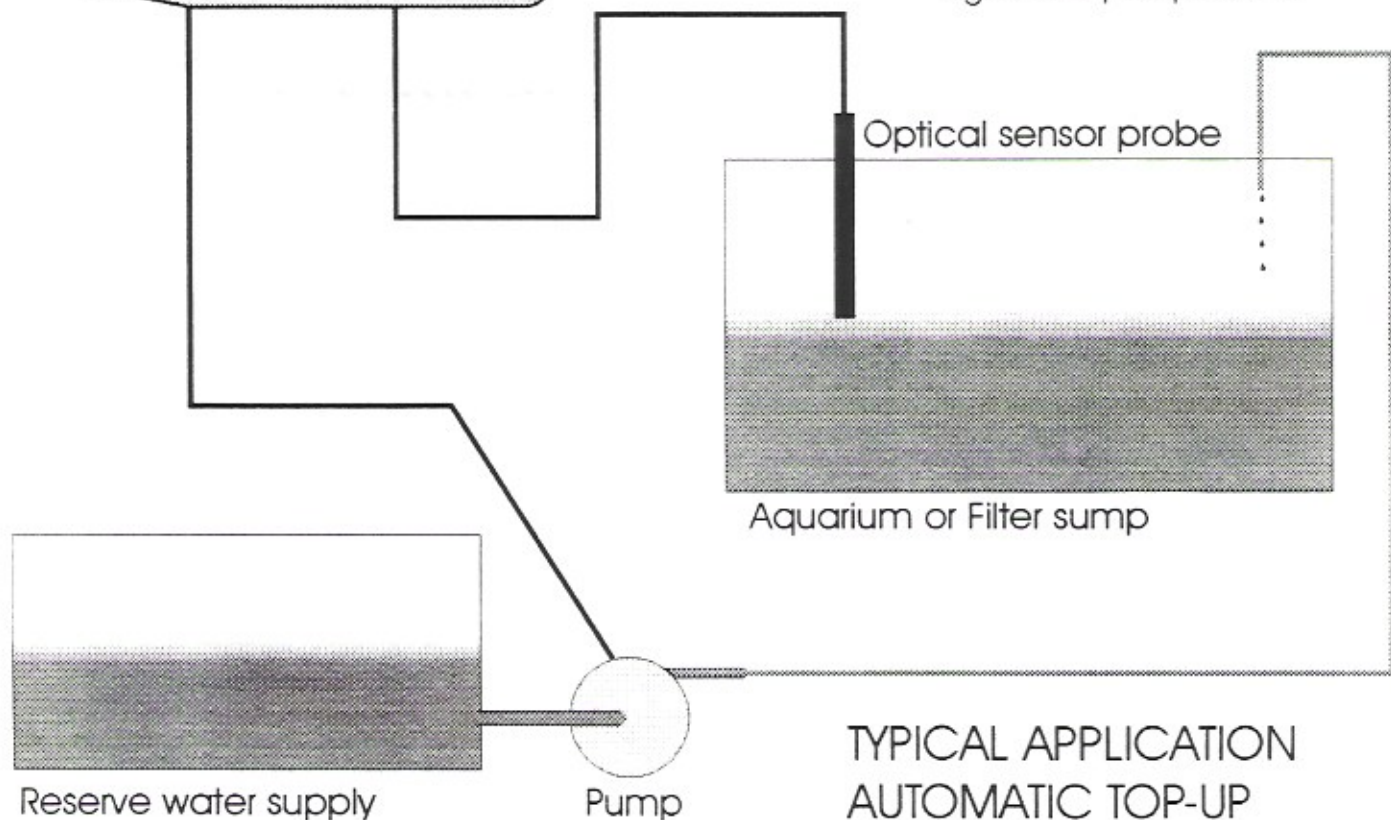
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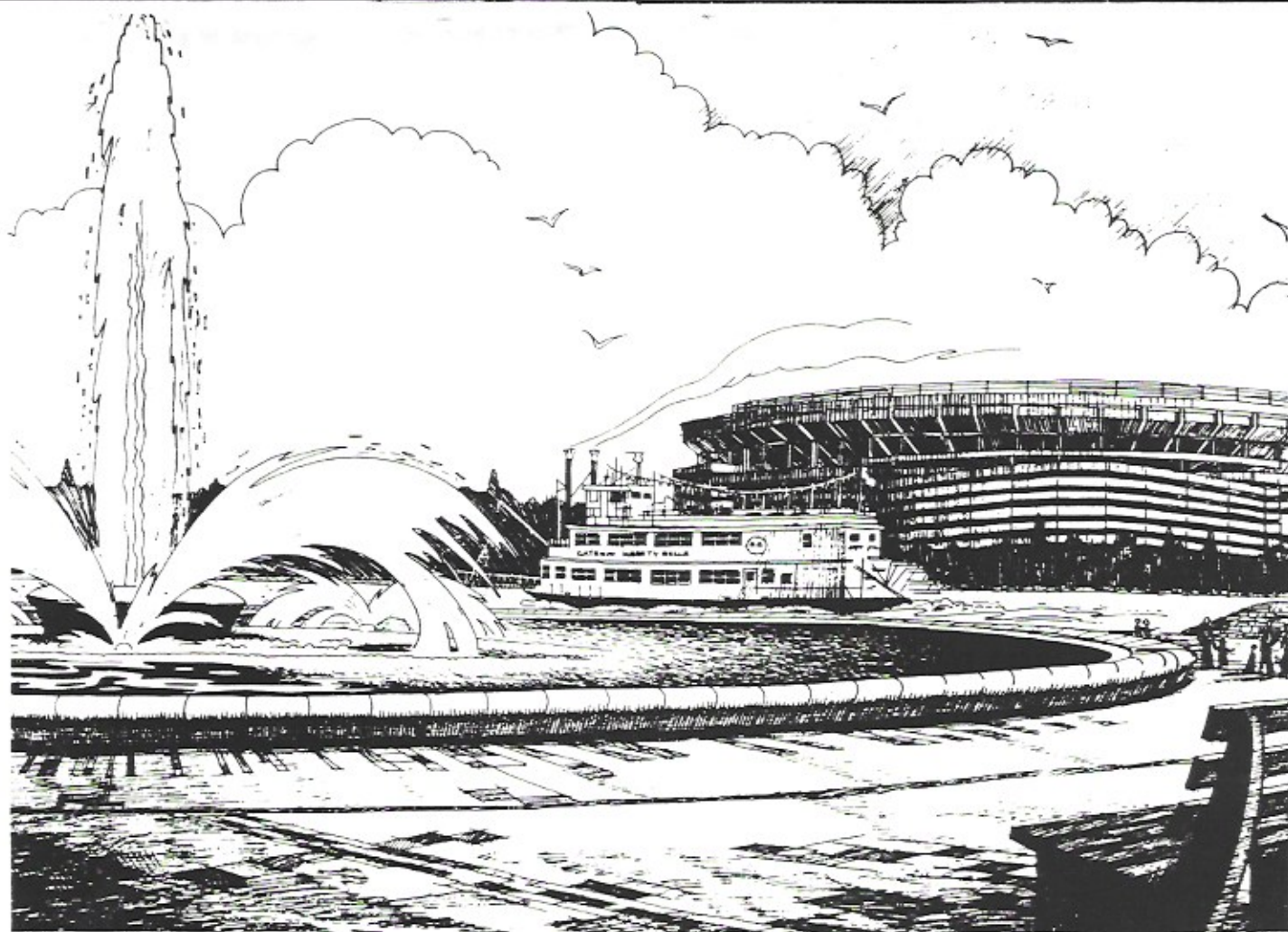
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