

# She's a Star — On the Home Repair Circuit

As a college home repair instructor, Lynne Witteveen is used to standing up before a crowd and showing them how to spackle a wall.

But last week Witteveen got a chance to do her specialty before a live studio audience on ABC-TV's "Hour Magazine."

The six-minute segment featuring Witteveen's demonstration on how to paint and spackle a wall will be broadcast almost a month from today, on Sept. 21. Showtimes are 9 a.m. on the ABC affiliates and 3 p.m. on KPIX. Breaking new ground is — well, nothing new for Witteveen, who as "Ms. Fix-Up," runs her own home repair and painting business in Santa Cruz.

She first became interested in doing home repair while fixing up the 100-year-old Victorian home she and her husband and daughter lived.

When she finally decided to start her business in 1978, she says she "literally laughed out of the carpenter's hall" in town when she inquired about finding work.

But she perserved, and soon

acquired steady business in doing minor home repairs, painting, and teaching these same skills in local community colleges.

The producer of "Hour Magazine" read of her exploits in an issue of Savvy magazine and invited Witteveen and family — all expenses paid.

While waiting backstage, Witteveen met Lorna Patterson, star of the CBS series "Private Benjamin."

"We were both pacing the halls back and forth, talking about how nervous we were," recalls Witteveen.

Her biggest thrill came when she met Telly Savalas, whom she describes as "really nice — he's just like Kojak, he's still bald as a billiard ball and he eats lollipops all the time."

Since there wasn't much to do at the Sheraton Universal Hotel where she was staying, Witteveen decided to play Pac-Man in the lobby.

Surprise! There was Savalas, — again. "He apparently lives in the hotel we were staying, so we ended



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up paying Pac-Man till 2:30 in the morning," she laughs.

When her husband asked where she had been, Witteveen jokingly replied "Oh, I spent the night with Telly Savalas."

Losing at Pac-Man, she adds. "He wiped me out."