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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FOURTH OF JULY EVENT
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Sen. Donald Riegle, Rep. Paul Henry, ladies and gentlemen... Thank you for including Barbara and me in this wonderful celebration here in ~~Jerry~~ President Ford's hometown. You certainly have shown the whole country how to throw a welcome home party.//

The Great Lakes State is also the state of great heart -- and when it comes to hearts, believe me, I'm now an expert. //

I bet when any of us hears the words, "Fourth of July," we think of family -- our own family at reunions -- our hometown family at parades down Main Street -- and our American family, united in pride, in patriotism, the joy of living in a great and prosperous land.

Who can think of this day and not remember picnics and sparklers -- high school bands playing the National Anthem -- tables piled high with holiday food and homes decked out with the red, white and blue?

That good, old-fashioned kind of patriotism -- that's what I thought of during Desert Storm, when we rediscovered the important things about ourselves and our country. That terrific spirit was reborn all across this land. We realized that we belonged to a great and fortunate family, that we were not a bunch of groups thrown together by circumstance. Even before the troops returned home, **it was the Fourth of July in America again. Now, every one of us feels proud to say: "I am an**

American -- and I love my country". \\\

A couple of months ago I asked every town to make this Fourth of July a day of special celebration for our troops -- a holiday this country will never forget. **I'm here to help honor our troops -- and the people who supported them through long nights and tense days. I'm here to thank you all: families, neighbors, friends. Let's thank every American who wore a yellow ribbon, wrote a letter, baked cookies, said a prayer -- who linked hands and hearts in hopes of helping the men and women who defended freedom overseas**.\\\

We should not glorify war. No one should celebrate the fact that people sometimes must shed blood to defend simple decency and justice. This is not a victory celebration, but we should not feel bashful about supporting the values that bind us, or the commitment to freedom that always has made America a special land -- a land of dreams; a land revered by the rest of the world. Victory provides no comfort for the suffering war brings; but in celebrating our warriors, we may offer some solace to those whose loved ones fell in defense of principle.

We can tell them: We want to thank your sons and daughters, who fought and died for us. We will never forget our fighting men and women -- of this war -- of all our wars: World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam; those who fought in Grenada and Panama and the Gulf. //

Today, we celebrate the American character. Today we honor those who defended our values, who gave life to our ideals. Just

look into the face of any soldier who dug into the desert sands -- or any sailor who stood watch on the dark distant waters of the Gulf. Look into these faces and you'll see what makes us proud -- **you'll see the American character -- strong and bold and free**.

You'll understand: The principles upon which this nation was founded are no more abstract than a heartbeat. They form the flesh and blood, the heart and soul of our nation.

I see the American character here in Grand Rapids. You helped each other through Desert Storm. Your war experience summarized -- in personal and very moving ways -- this entire **nation's** war experience.

From the beginning, you felt the war up close. Creston High grad Lt. Steven Harper was among the first pilots in action over Iraq. The war hit home even more closely when your reservists left for the Gulf -- citizen-soldiers from groups like the 180th from Grand Rapids, and the 1073rd from Greenville.

Your reservists from the 207th Evacuation Hospital made the headlines more real for this city when they cared for the kids hurt in the Scud Missile attack. And I understand that in today's parade are families representing your other reserve unit, Company A, First Batallion, 24th Marines, which is still deployed. **Good, strong, decent men and women, all of them. They make us proud to be Americans. God bless them all.** \\\

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To walk these streets is to feel America's pulse. A couple of months ago, thousands of you rallied at Veterans Memorial Park, in a sea of red, white, and blue. And yellow. The yellow of the ribbons that joined this nation's hearts --unifying the American family. The yellow of the ribbons worn by ~~every~~ the kids from Lee High and Middle Schools. ~~were.~~ The yellow of the lapel pins your policemen made for this county's officers. **The Spirit of Grand Rapids is the Spirit of America**. \\\

So in that spirit -- the spirit of brotherhood, compassion and pride -- let's **celebrate** this Independence Day. **Let's rejoice in the gift of every day being able to live life and pursue happiness in our freedom's first and finest home**. \\\

The troops of Desert Storm not only rescued a nation abroad, they transformed a nation at home. We showed our better selves.

Now, let's use our strength of spirit and will to take on challenges here at home. We can make our schools the world's

best -- **and we will.**

We can restore order to our streets -- **and we will.**

We can build a society in which people who want to work will have opportunities, in which people who seek to build a just society will conquer the divisive forces of prejudice -- **and we will build that society.**

If we didn't know it before Desert Storm, we know now: **Nothing can stop us.**

So let's all of us -- you, me, our families -- **let's make this the best America it can be.** \\\

Listen to the American spirit, expressed in a letter to me from a Michigan teacher. Martha Williams wrote: "I try to teach my young people that freedom isn't free -- that its price is dedication to an ideal -- and sometimes its price is sacrifice. (My classroom theme is) 'Answering the call' -- in civilian life as well as military -- in everyday humble contributions as well as heroic, notable efforts."

Martha's right. The American spirit of service -- service to each other and to good and bright ideals -- made our nation great. It will **keep** our nation great. That spirit thrives right here in Grand Rapids. You can see it. You can feel it. **You can be proud of it. I am.** \\\

I'm proud to share this special day with you. Thank you. God bless you, and God Bless America.

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new book

Exporting Democracy

See review in Post

guy who did Churchill bio
Randolph ?
story abt. Church. visiting
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I see it on the faces of the people of Grand Rapids. I heard a lot about how you helped each other through Desert Storm. As I read about Grand Rapids' war story, I was amazed to discover how every theme of America's war story was represented here.

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Martha's right. The American spirit of service to the best and brightest ideals is what made this country great -- and it's what will keep us great. That spirit is alive in the heart of Grand Rapids -- and I'm proud to have been here to share this special day with you. God bless you all, and God Bless America.

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--City
--current big stories, inside jokes, names of people, local sports teams they all root for (good records? bad records?) etc.
--history of 4th of July in city
--a couple of most famous incidents from history of city
--famous stories about Ford when he was there
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GRAND RAPIDS JULY 4th ADDRESS

--We love America
--America's poet of patriotism, KLB: "O beautiful for heroes proved/In liberating strife,/ Who more than self their country loved,/And mercy more than life ... America! America! God shed His grace on thee/And crown thy good with brotherhood/From sea to shining sea."
--wherever flag go, millions recognize symbol of hope, take America and all it represents with you;
--Quang?
--5 minutes; calling upon community to make this day one in which welcome home troops -- what they've done; and **MEANING OF FOURTH**
--superb performance of all -- the young men and women, the military commanders there and in the Pentagon -- and leadership -- deomonstrated that Am. will do the right theing when duty calls -- we found something special -- go with us across this country -- Am. people out there with their flags and enthusiasm and rediscovery of who we are --
--189,000
--Patty Conrad (ADVANCE x7565) -- Leo (PRE-ADVANCE) -- all troops from WWI to Desert Storm --
--John Adams, letter to Abigail: "ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and iluminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."
--Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness
--"We mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."
--our land of liberty and laughter
--close eyes and think of 4th -- think of your hometown -- day of hometowns of America that show us what we are --
--Ike: "There is nothing wrong with America that the faith, love of freedom, intelligence and energy of her citizens cannot cure."

--place where patriotism never out of style -- when others were burning the flag, you were waving it --
--day to be thankful
--for 215 years, when around the world say "America," you hear "freedom" --
--watched them with pride and prayer
--let us honor them, comfort them, praise them, learn from them, etc.
--they missed Thanksgiving and Christmas -- their American family is making sure **this** is a holiday they never forget

--it's a dream that has taken youth from the checkerboard of America's homeland and heartlands -- links the fields of Flanders, the cliffs of Normandy, the snow-c... of Korea, the rice paddies of Vietnam,

--the red, white and blue is joined by another color -- the yellow of ribbons that joined this nation's hands and hearts -- unifying the American family.
--110 entries, 75-100,000 people; first parade; to welcome the troops; National Guard from GR and surrounding areas;

--regional pride and participation -- every helicopter, jet fighter, and transport plane -- Tomahawk Cruise Missile -- M-1 Tanks: (say -- "every time you saw a helicopter or jet fighter in the sky, every time you say tape of the precision of a Tomawahwk Cruise Missile or laser-guided bomb, or the M-1 Tank -- saw critical component or major system produced in Grand Rapids -- 175 defense contractors -- in this high-tech war -- (Grand Rapids newspaper article)

At one point in a movie called "Awakenings," a fellow who's been asleep for decades wakes up and has the whole world in front of him. When his doctor asks him what he wants to do that day, his face breaks into a huge grin and he shouts: "Everything!" That's what we need in America -- that belief in unlimited possibilities.

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There's a terrific spirit alive in the country right now -- this country that's draped in flags and decked in yellow ribbons. Maybe it's because the troops of Desert Storm not only rescued a nation abroad -- they also transformed a nation at home. That confidence, that quiet pride, that sense of duty showed us a glimpse into our better selves. We liked what we saw. We want to see more.

And we will, because the lesson of those servicemen and women who stood tall and withstood all -- was that Americans have integrity and courage and strength. Together we can do anything. For they were not only willing to die for our country: they are also willing to truly **live** for it -- every day of their lives.

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Parade committee
--Parade
--how big a parade
--how many attending
--where will it go
--how will President participate
--will he pass anything noteworthy en route?
--is this a tradition?
--if so, what are noteworthy/funny incidents from previous years
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--theme of this year's parade
all troops / frm. WWI to present

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--did newspaper print any letters, do any features on soldiers/families?

--wherever flag go, millions recognize symbol of hope, take America and all it represents with you;
--Quang?
--5 minutes; calling upon community to make this day one in which welcome home troops -- what they've done; and **MEANING OF FOURTH**
--superb performance of all -- the young men and women, the military commanders there and in the Pentagon -- and leadership -- deomonstrated that Am. will do the right theing when duty calls -- we found something special -- go with us across this country -- Am. people out there with their flag sna denthusiasm and rediscovery of who we are --

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

(Hinchliffe/Trujillo/Blymire)
July 1, 1991 1 p.m.
RAPIDS Draft Two

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FOURTH OF JULY EVENT
Grand Rapids, Michigan

President Gerald nickname?

Thank you all for including Barbara and me in this wonderful celebration here in ~~Jerry~~ Ford's hometown. Grand Rapids has sure shown the whole country the right way to throw a welcome home party. The Great Lakes State is also the state of great heart -- and when it comes to hearts, believe me, I'm now an expert.

I bet when any of us hears the words "Fourth of July," we think of family -- our own family at reunions -- our hometown family at the parades down the main street -- and, above all, our American family, united in pride, in patriotism, in the joy of living in a great and prosperous land. Who can think of this day and not remember picnics and sparklers -- high school bands playing the National Anthem -- and homes decked out with flags. (?)

That good, old-fashioned kind of patriotism -- that's what I thought of when I read about what was happening in America during Desert Storm. That terrific spirit was reborn all across this land. We were part of a family again. **It was the Fourth of July in America again. And now everyone of us should feel proud to say: "I am an American -- and I love this country".** \\\

A couple of months ago I asked every town to make this Fourth of July a day of special celebration for our troops -- a holiday this country will never forget. **That's why I'm here, to help this country honor our troops, their families, and every American who wore a yellow ribbon, wrote a letter, baked cookies,**

said a prayer -- and linked hands and hearts across this land.\\\

This is not glorifying war. War is the harshest of all human tragedies. This is not a victory celebration. Victory provides no comfort for the suffering war brings.

Rather, today is a celebration of "the American character." Today, we honor Americans who defended our values, who gave life to our ideals. Just look into the face of any soldier who dug into the harsh desert sands -- or any sailor who manned a watch on the dark distant waters of the Gulf. Look into these faces and you'll see what makes us proud -- **you'll see the American character living there strong and bold and free**. \\\

I see it on the faces of the people of Grand Rapids. I've heard a lot about how you helped each other through Desert Storm. You know, your war experience really summarized -- in personal and very moving ways -- this entire **nation**'s war experience.

From the beginning, Grand Rapids felt the war up close. Creston High grad Lt. Steven Harper was among the first pilots in action over Iraq. Then the war hit home even more closely when your reservists left for the Gulf -- citizen-soldiers from groups like the 180th from Grand Rapids, and the 1073rd from Greenville.

Your reservists from the 207th Evacuation Hospital made the headlines more real for this city when they cared for the ~~kids~~ ~~soldiers~~ Stet hurt in the Scud Missile attack. And I understand that in today's parade are families representing your other reserve unit, Company A, First Batallion, 24th Marines, which is still deployed. **Good, strong, decent men and women, all of them. They**

make us proud to be Americans. God bless them all. \\\

Even the high tech story of this war unfolded here. Every time we saw a helicopter or jet fighter or M-1 Tank -- or saw a tape of a Tomahawk Cruise Missile or laser-guided bomb -- we were looking at hardware which had a critical component or major system produced in the Grand Rapids area.

The war inflicted grief here, too. Gayle, Bennett, Spencer, and Adriane Edwards: we felt pain when we saw in every paper the photo of you receiving the flag after Jack became the first to be buried at Arlington. The entire nation poured out condolences in letters addressed just to "Gayle Edwards, Grand Rapids".

To walk these streets a couple of months ago would have been to feel the pulse of America. Thousands rallied at Veterans Memorial Park, in a sea of red, white, and blue. And yellow. The yellow of the ribbons that joined this nation's hearts -- unifying the American family. The yellow of the ribbons worn by ~~every~~ the kids from Lee High and Middle School. ~~wore.~~ The yellow of the lapel pins your policemen made for this county's officers.

The Spirit of Grand Rapids was the Spirit of America. \\\

So in that spirit -- that spirit of brotherhood, compassion and pride -- let's truly **celebrate** this Independence Day. **Let's rejoice in what we have -- the gift of every day being able to live life and pursue happiness in our land of liberty.** \\\

America rediscovered something this year. The troops of Desert Storm not only rescued a nation abroad, they also transformed a nation at home. We saw a glimpse into our better

selves. We liked what we saw. **Now we're going to use that unselfish strength and fierce idealism to conquer challenges on the homefront -- and make this the best America it can be.** \\\

This proud Independence Day spirit is expressed in a letter I received from a teacher here in Michigan. Martha Williams wrote: "I try to teach my young people that freedom isn't free -- that its price is dedication to an ideal -- and sometimes its price is sacrifice. (My classroom theme is) 'Answering the call' -- in civilian life as well as military -- in everyday humble contributions as well as heroic, notable efforts."

Martha's right. The American spirit of service -- service to each other and to good and bright ideals -- made our nation great. And it will **keep** our nation great. **That spirit is alive right here in Grand Rapids -- you can see it, you can feel it, you can be proud of it.** \\\

I'm proud to share this special day with you. Thank you. God bless you, and God Bless America.

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Robert Karl, Jr.
98 Monroe Center NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
June 25,1991

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC, 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I understand that you will be celebrating the 4th of July with our community of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and we look forward to the honor of your visit.

Last week, my nephew, Army 1st Ltd. Michael Borlet returned to Grand Rapids from duty with the rear detachment group in the Persian Gulf.His home base in the U.S. is Fort Hood, Texas. Michael served as a Tank Platoon leader in the Tiger Brigade and earned a Bronze Star for valor. His family and friends realize that this is a great honor. Michael's brother, Navy Lt. Brian Borlet also served in the Gulf War with the Marine Special Forces, and is stationed at the U.S. Naval Base at San Diego, CA. Both officers graduated from Catholic Central High School in Grand Rapids. Michael was born in Grand Rapids while his father, Robert Borlet, an Annapolis graduate, was serving in Vietnam as a Navy fighter pilot off the aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt. Following high school, Michael attended The University of Michigan, and graduated from UM in 1989.

We hope you would consider acknowledging Michael's heroic service in the Gulf during the Independence Day celebration in his home town of Grand Rapids. If this is feasable please contact Michael or a member of our family at 616 9422126 or 714 7315189.

Sincerely,

Robert Karl DDS

Robert Karl Jr.,DDS

cc: U.S. Rep. Paul Henry
Grand Rapids, Michigan

(616)456-3973

Info on Grand Rapids

- history of 4th of July in G.R.
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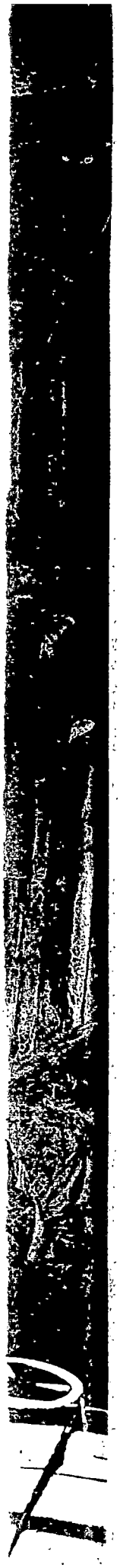
- local heroes from Operation Desert Storm

- other interesting info. of the City, people

- anything else that could be of help, interest?



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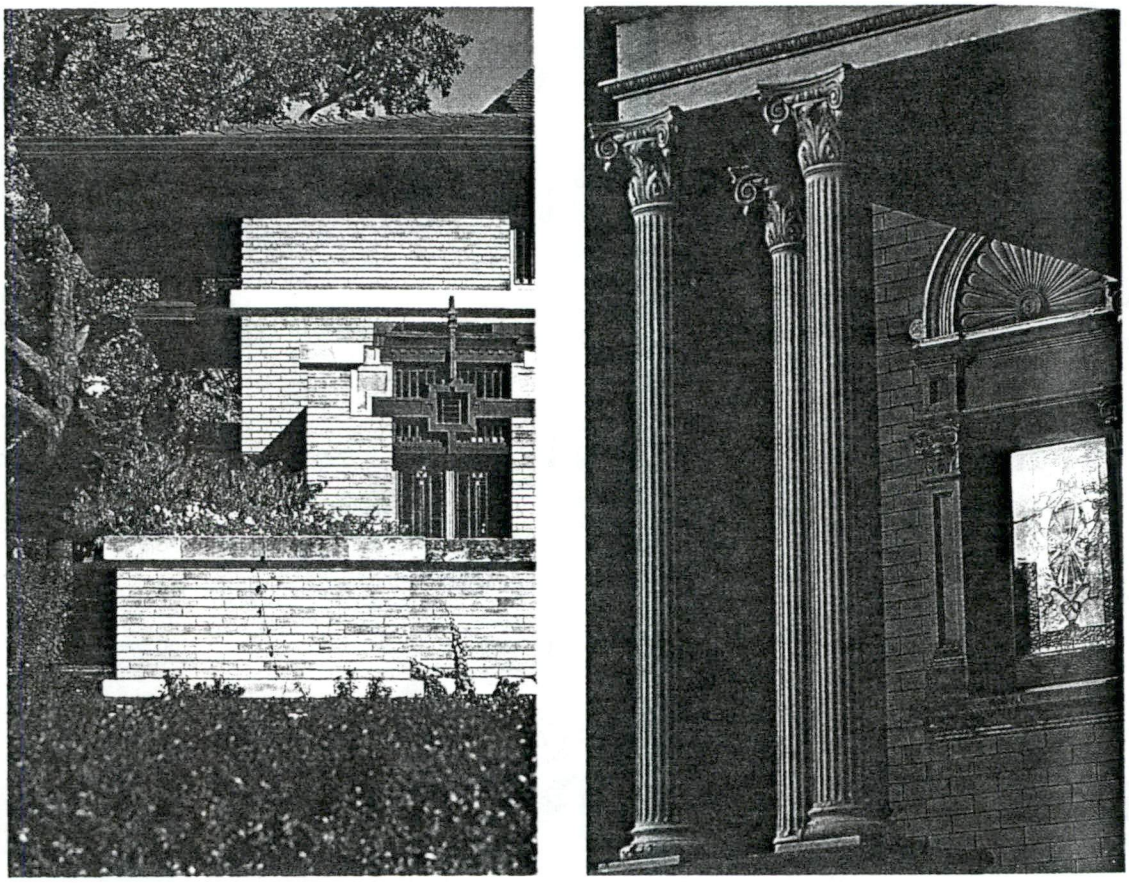
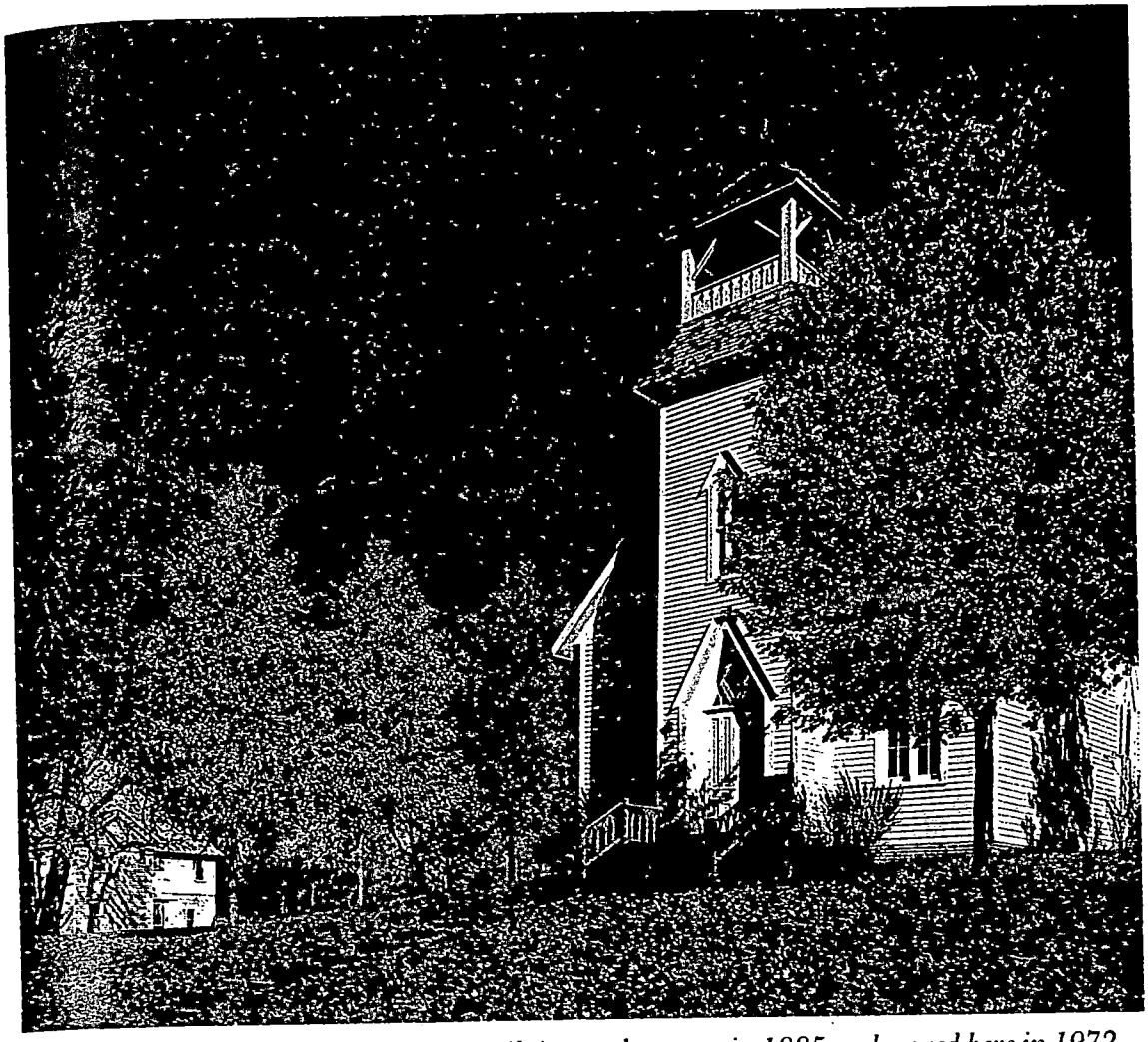
GRAND RAPIDS

The second largest city in Michigan, Grand Rapids is a manufacturing and trade center located thirty miles east of Lake Michigan on the Grand River. During the nineteenth century the west bank of the river was home to the Ottawa Indians, whose presence attracted Baptist missionaries in 1825. In 1826, Louis and Sophie Campau established a fur-trading post on the east bank of the river beside the rapids for which the town is named.

Campau foresaw that the rapids could provide power for mills and that the site would be at the head of navigation for boats plying upstream from Lake Michigan. In 1831 he bought a tract of land on the east bank that became the heart of Grand Rapids. Within ten years steamboats were making regular trips upriver from Grand Haven, and by the mid-1850s Grand Rapids was a booming sawmill town. The rapids also powered one of the early hydroelectric plants in the Midwest, which began service in 1881. With easy access to the raw materials, several Grand Rapids entrepreneurs



The diverse architecture of Grand Rapids' Heritage Hill Historic District includes, left, Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie-style Meyer-May House and, right, the Voigt House with its Corinthian



The church in Charlton Park Village, built in another town in 1885 and moved here in 1972.

turned to furniture manufacturing. In 1876 three Grand Rapids companies displayed lavish examples of their work at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition and received nationwide acclaim.

The **Heritage Hill Historic District** (Michigan and Union Avenues, Pleasant Street, and Lafayette Avenue), situated just east of downtown, was the city's most fashionable residential area by the 1890s. Preserving a range of architectural styles, the neighborhood is a mix of baronial mansions, including the 1895 **Voigt House** (115 College Avenue SE, 616–458–2422), the immense brick Victorian home of German immigrant Carl Gustav Voigt. Modeled after a French chateau, it contains carved woodwork, parquet floors, stained-glass windows, and period furnishings. Also in Heritage Hill is the **Meyer-May House** (450 Madison Avenue SE, 616–246–4821), a Frank Lloyd Wright Prairie-style structure built in 1908.

The **Gerald Ford Museum** (303 Pearl Street, 616–456–2674) traces the life and career of the former president and displays gifts from other heads of state and bicentennial gifts—including a large collection of handmade quilts—from all over the country. The museum also features a model of the White House and an exact replica of the Oval Office. The **Public Museum of Grand Rapids** (54 Jefferson Avenue SE, 616–456–3977) maintains numerous exhibits pertaining to local history and nature. Its collections include nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century American furniture, decorative arts from 1830 to the present, Indian artifacts, and prehistoric Hopewell Indian items.

The largest site of Hopewell culture in Michigan is the **Norton Indian Mounds** (Indian Mounds Drive, off Route 196), a group of twelve mounds located on the east bank of the Grand River. Built about 2,000 years ago, the mounds contain a number of burials, with artifacts from other regions of the country. Materials excavated from the site are on display at the public museum.

In **Hastings,** about midway between Battle Creek and Grand Rapids, the 300-acre **Charlton Park Village** (2545 South Charlton Park Road, 616–945–3775) is an assemblage of about twenty nineteenth-century structures from the vicinity. Among them are the **Bristol Inn,** an 1852 Federal-style stagecoach stop; the Gothic Revival 1885 **Carlton Center Church;** and the vernacular 1869 **Lee School,** a rural one-room schoolhouse. Demonstrations of nineteenth-century crafts are conducted throughout the village.

MUSKEGON

The largest city on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, Muskegon is located at the mouth of the Muskegon River. In the 1600s the French encountered marshes and dunes here, but the upper reaches of the Muskegon flowed through a narrow, densely forested valley. The river thus gave them easy access to hunting grounds, and for 100 years the French traded with the Indians in the valley. The era of white settlement began after an 1836 treaty with the Indians secured most of the land north of the Grand River, and intense lumbering of the pine forests commenced. The first sawmill on Muskegon Lake began operation in 1837, and Muskegon grew to be the largest of the lumber towns on the lake. The backbone of the industry was immigrant

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Cathy (PH) Osterman

Reserve units invited to 4th of July parade

* ATTEN: TIM SHETTLER
180TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY
1234 MICHIGAN AVE. N.E.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. 49503

* ATTEN: COMMANDER
DET #1, 207TH EVACUATION
HOSPITAL
1200 44TH STREET S.W.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. 49509

* ATTEN: RON CHAPIN
1073RD MAINTENANCE COMPANY
319 SOUTH HILLCREST STREET
GREENVILLE, MI 48838

Not participating in parade

ATTEN: COMMANDER
394 STATION HOSPITAL
1234 MICHIGAN AVE. N.E.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

* ATTEN: FIRST SGT MIKE BACHUS
A CO, 1/24 4 MARINE DIVISION
1863 MONROE AVE. N.E.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49505

ATTEN: CMC WILLIAM SHAFFER
172 TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT SQUAD
3367 W. DICKMAN ROAD
BATTLE CREEK ANGB, MI. 49015

ATTEN: COMMANDER
334 MEDICAL GROUP
1234 MICHIGAN AVE. N.E.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. 49503

ATTEN: MC BILL YOUNG
US NAVAL RESERVE
1863 MONROE N.W.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. 49505

ATTEN: COMMANDER
126 ARMY BAND
1200 44TH STREET S.W.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. 49509

ATTEN: MSGT ROBERT POST
HEADQUARTER 46TH BRIGGADE
2635 BERWYCK S.E.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. 49506

ATTEN: COMMANDER
HHD 507 ENGINEERING BTN
1200 44TH STREET SW
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. 49509

ATTEN: FIRST SGT. MIKE BACHUS
INI STAFF MARINE RESERVE
1863 MONROE N.W.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. 49505

ATTEN: COMMANDER
1423 ENGINEERING COMPANY
1200 44TH STREET S.W.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. 49509

ATTEN: MAJOR BRITTON
3RD BTN 126 INF
1200 44TH STREET S.W.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. 49509

ATTEN: MAJOR MIKE MICHAELSON
119TH FA-HQ
300 ELVIN CT.
LANSING, MI. 48913

ATTEN: CAPTAIN SQUIRE
HHD 791ST TRANSPORTATION
1234 MICHIGAN AVE. N.E.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. 49503

* - units deployed to Operation Desert storm

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A Co. 1/24th Marine Division Reserve unit

155 marines 165 Total in Unit.
10 Corpmen

This unit is a Replacement unit that Replaced active duty Marines that were sent to OPS. They are SWA's.
Only Reserve unit out of Grand Rapids that are still Replayed.

They were involved in Joint Forces Training with Japanese Forces in Northern Japan. Currently in the [redacted] Philippines Helping with evacuation of clark AFB. are [redacted] Distributing MRE's to clark Families & Dependants.

First U.S. Reserve marine unit to become special operations capable.
Currently waiting transfer back to Okinawa.

Familys of this unit will Represent the unit, in its absence, in the parade.

Commander: Kenneth Punter

A Co. 1/24th Marine Division

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United States Marine Corps - 1st Battalion 24th Marines

Fact Sheet 18 June 1991

Mount Pinatubo Clean up efforts

Reported by Lt. Col. Andrew Davis, Battalion Commanding Officer, 18 June 1991, 8:00pm, Subic Bay Naval Station

1st Battalion/24th Marines, an infantry combat battalion headquartered in Detroit, Mi., comprising five (5) companies from Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Lansing, Detroit, and Toledo, totals close to 1,000 Marines and attached Navy personnel. It is a reserve Battalion that was activated in Operation Desert Storm on 9 December 1990. It was stationed at Subic Bay Naval Base at the time of the Mount Pinatubo eruption. The Battalion is working on clean-up efforts and humanitarian support at Subic Bay and specifically have:

- removed 6" of volcanic ash from power plant to assist in restoring base power
- removed ash from one million gallon water filtration plant to try to restore water service
- cleared the roof to insure its soundness at the Naval Hospital
- distributed close to 18,000 MREs (meals ready to eat) and water to Subic Bay personnel
- cleaned up debris on USS Spica and USS Kiluea
- gave medical assistance to native Negridos
- cleared roofs, evaluated structural soundness of buildings, graded roads, provided security, repaired structures and vehicles crushed by collapsed roofs
- 3 companies are now providing security for Subic Bay Naval Base to prevent looting

These Marines have brought valuable additional skills to this operation due to their roles in civilian life as policemen, civil engineers, heavy machine operators, and medical technicians.

180th Transportation Co.

169 Total in Unit.

Primary mission in operation Desert Storm was to Haul Amunition, Supplies, Bombs, Missles, guns, etc. To the Front Lines. Attached to a ~~Tiger~~ Tiger Briggade infantry unit.

Containorized Cargo Carryers.
Based out of Deharan.

40 of the 169 were active on the Front lines with the Tiger Briggade.

Commander: Timothy Shettler.

Retorned From ODS to Grand Rapids. 5/20/

207th Det. 1 Evacuation Hospital.

60 personelt out of G.R.
350 Total in unit

207th Det 1 incorporated into 207th Evac. Hosp. out of Detroit.

Work at 2 Hospitals stationed in Daharan. King Fahd military Hosp. And King Abdul Aziz Hospital.

Provided support for Saudi Military, Saudi Civilian, U.S. military wounded & IRaqi P.O.W's. Serviced over 2,000 patients.

* During main scud attack, Treated 70 patients From this attack.

Treated 14 different, Nationalities in Their hospitals.

Commander James McMurtry
ARRived back in G.R. 5/24/91

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Dear Mr. President,

I understand that you will be celebrating the 4th of July with our community of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and we look forward to the honor of your visit.

Last week, my nephew, Army 1st Ltd. Michael Borlet returned to Grand Rapids from duty with the rear detachment group in the Persian Gulf.His home base in the U.S. is Fort Hood, Texas. Michael served as a Tank Platoon leader in the Tiger Brigade and earned a Bronze Star for valor. His family and friends realize that this is a great honor. Michael's brother, Navy Lt. Brian Borlet also served in the Gulf War with the Marine Special Forces, and is stationed at the U.S. Naval Base at San Diego, CA. Both officers graduated from Catholic Central High School in Grand Rapids. Michael was born in Grand Rapids while his father, Robert Borlet, an Annapolis graduate, was serving in Vietnam as a Navy fighter pilot off the aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt. Following high school, Michael attended The University of Michigan, and graduated from UM in 1989.

We hope you would consider acknowledging Michael's heroic service in the Gulf during the Independence Day celebration in his home town of Grand Rapids. If this is feasable please contact Michael or a member of our family at 616 9422126 or 714 7315189.

Sincerely,

Robert Karl Jr.,DDS

cc: U.S. Rep. Paul Henry
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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AP PHOTO

American soldier walks through rubble of barracks hit by Scud missile Monday.

But Bush, reading a statement in the White House at midmorning, said Saddam's statement was "an outrage" – he had not agreed to U.N. resolutions on Kuwait, had expressed no remorse, and had accepted no responsibility for "the awful consequences" of his nation's aggression.

"Saddam is not interested in peace, but only to regroup and fight another day," he

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Wyoming-based medical unit treats victims of missile attack

By Kelley Root
and Ted Roelofs
The Grand Rapids Press

Members of a Wyoming-based medical detachment had only 15 minutes to prepare for their first casualties from Monday's Scud missile attack, but were "very organized" when the buses began rolling in, the unit's commander said.

Major Michael Driscoll, speaking by telephone from a military hospital outside Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, said the 207th Evacuation Hospital was among several units that treated soldiers injured when an Iraqi-launched Scud exploded in a U.S. military barracks.

"It was a surprise," said Driscoll, 34, a Zeeland physician called up when his reserve unit was activated. "(The Scud attacks) have been pretty impotent so far . . . I think this one just kind of hit home a little more. We've been preparing for casualties, but this just kind of deepens the war a little."

Driscoll said he could not estimate how many soldiers his unit treated, but that he saw some fatalities. The U.S. Central Command Monday night said 27 people were killed and 98 wounded.

Casualties were taken to several different hospitals, mostly by bus, Driscoll said. The hospital where the 207th is stationed is relatively far from the site of the Scud attack, so less seriously injured soldiers were taken there, Driscoll said.

The 400-member unit is headquartered Detroit and includes de-

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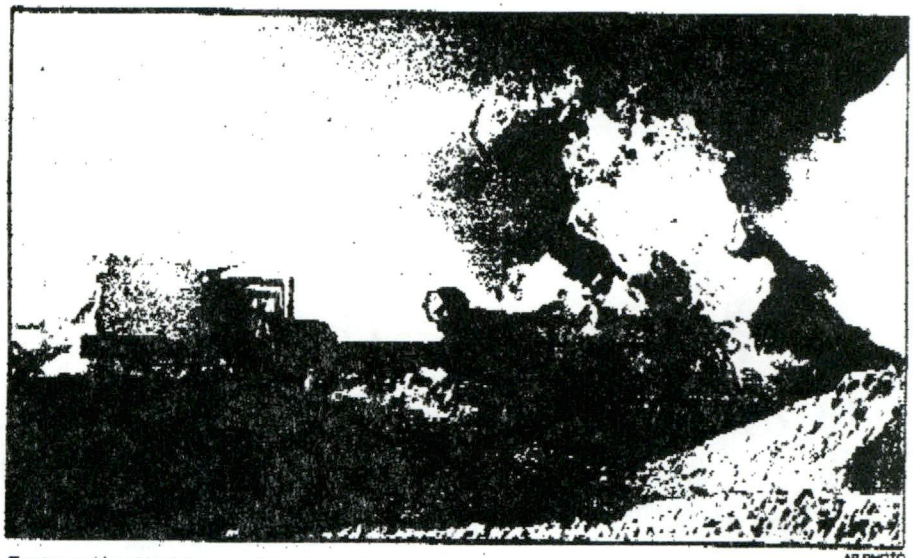

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Destroyed Iraqi tank burns while allied vehicle rolls past.

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Fremont pilot eager for Easter at home

By Doug Guthrie
The Grand Rapids Press

From his airborne seat high above Kuwait, Fremont native Capt. Dan Booker believes the war is going well enough to make plans for an Easter homecoming.

"I already told my wife I would be home by the end of March, with all my bags at the front door," Booker told a pool reporter Sunday at a Saudi Arabian airbase.

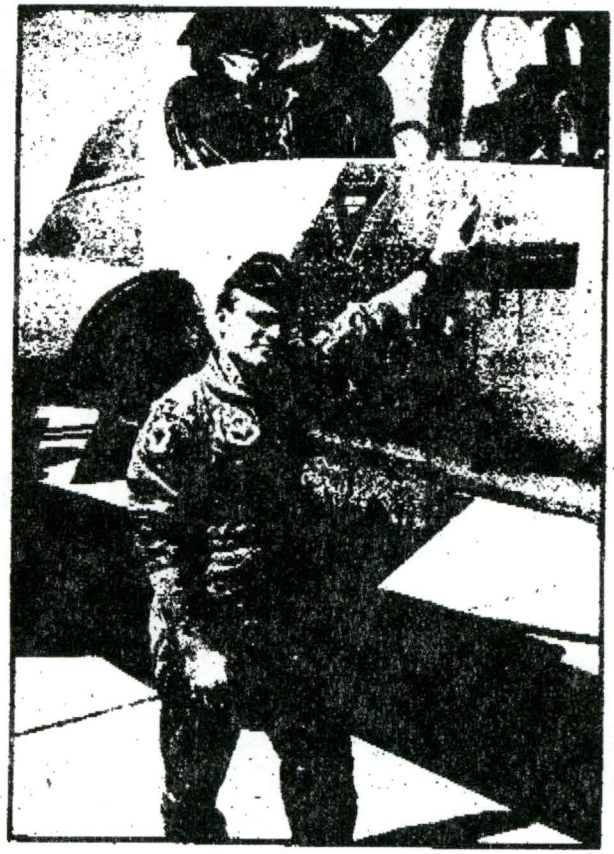
Booker, 28, pilots F-15C interceptors with the 71st Tactical Fighter Squadron, based in Eastern Saudi Arabia. His mission, since the air war started on Jan. 16, has been to protect allied bombers over Iraq and Kuwait from attack by Iraqi fighters.

Problem is, says Booker, the Iraqi air force hasn't bothered to shown up.

"We laugh about it. We will be sitting up there eating candy bars over the top of Baghdad because it is pretty much not a threat to us. You still have to watch out for the ground fire and SAM and stuff," he said. "First time you get a SAM fired at you step back and say, 'Oh, they're playing for realsies here.' "

Occasionally heavy antiaircraft fire streams upward, said Booker, but Iraqi gunners don't use their radar guidance systems for fear of getting blasted by U.S. launched missiles that home-in on radar signals.

Booker was interviewed by reporter George Rodrigue of The Dallas Morning News, noon Sunday when he exited his aircraft after a mission over Kuwait. Another interview, given at the same time, was broadcast on Cable News Network.



Capt. Dan Booker pilots an F-15C interceptor over Iraq and Kuwait.

Booker's unit was among the first to arrive in Saudi Arabia in August. His roommate was Capt. Steven Tate, the pilot from the Upper Peninsula town of Watersmeet who was the first to shoot down an Iraqi jet fighter.

"Dan's been frustrated and is ready for action," his wife Colleen Booker said Monday.

A 1980 Fremont High School graduate and 1984 graduate of Michigan State University, he joined the Air Force in 1985. His wife Colleen, 29, and three sons, D.J, who turned 7 on Friday, Steven, 3, and Joey, 7 months, are back home at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

His parents, James and Lynda Booker, live just west of Newaygo. Colleen Booker's mother, Bonnie Evans, lives in Fremont and her father, John Krim, lives in Muske-

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Flood of mail helps ease grief for war widow

By C.T. Revere
The Grand Rapids Press

The letters and cards pour in daily, many with incomplete addresses, but all carrying the emotional support of a nation at war.

Often arriving in batches of 25 or 30, Gayle Edwards sorts through each of them, drawing strength from people she has never met, people touched by the death of her helicopter pilot husband in Operation Desert Storm.

"They come every day," Edwards said Monday. "I just get hundreds and hundreds of letters. I have, I'd honestly say, 250 letters and cards sitting in front of me right now – wonderful letters from people, not just cards."

Family photo at cemetery triggers worldwide response to loss suffered by Gayle Edwards and her children.

Marine Capt. Jonathan Edwards, 34, was killed Feb. 2 while flying escort for a medical evacuation helicopter south of the Saudi-Kuwaiti border near the Persian Gulf.

He and co-pilot Maj. Eugene McCarthy of Brooklyn died when their AH1 Cobra helicopter ran into bad weather and crashed in what military officials classified a non-combat accident.

Many of those writing Gayle Edwards tell of their own sons and daughters serving in the Persian Gulf, said Edwards, 38. They offer their prayers and their thoughts. Some have sent money to be placed in a fund for her three children.

Edwards said the support has helped the family keep going.

"After the first week, when the phone stops ringing and you realize you have got to get on with life, it's very helpful to get support from people," Edwards said. "Their letters mean so much."

Edwards – an investment counselor who served in the Marine Reserves – became the first casualty of the war to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, a ceremony covered by national print and broadcast media.

The mail began arriving shortly after his death but peaked after photographs of the family and burial

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3 miles from a major U.S. air base, while many of the soldiers were eating and relaxing.

A singed sign at the entrance marked it as the home of the 475th Quartermaster Group, a reserve unit from Farrell, Pa., north of Pittsburgh. But U.S. officials refused to say what unit was inside because relatives of victims had not been notified. Later, an Army official said victims were from more than one unit.

The explosion crumpled the building's girders. No Patriot missile was fired to intercept the Scud, said sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A convoy of ambulances and medical evacuation helicopters carried away the wounded amid sirens that wailed non-stop through the night. A chaplain moved among the dead to pray for them and among the living to console them. Soldiers cried and embraced each other in anguish.

An Army soldier sat weeping near the skeleton of a building that a short time ago had been her home.

Nearby, a military policeman whispered something into the ear of a female colleague as she strapped her M-16 over her shoulder. She took a deep breath and said to no one in particular, "I have to prepare myself for this."

A bleary-eyed private walked past, his desert camouflage uniform rumpled and dirty, hair matted to his head, tears running down his left cheek. "Try to take a break, man," a burly MP told him, offering a pat on the back.

Amidst the rubble, four pairs of boots poked out from under blankets. The charred floor was littered with sleeping bags, cots and military uniform belts. Near the body of one soldier was a letter addressed to a woman in Petersburg, Va. She would share his last moments of life.

AP PHOTO

Gayle Edwards holds the hands of sons Bennett, 11, left, and Spencer, 13, at Arlington National Cemetery.

ness Monday's fiery Scud attack. But for one former Grand Rapids resident who makes his home near there, it was a bit close for comfort.

Renard Kampstra worked late Monday and was just sitting down to pizza with some friends when the air raid sirens went off.

Seconds later, Kampstra heard the sonic boom from what he thought was a Patriot missile launch not far from his townhouse in Dhahran. And then, almost simultaneously, he heard another explosion less than a kilometer (about 6/10ths of a mile) away – followed by a huge secondary explosion.

"Everything came at once," said Kampstra, reached by telephone about three hours after the Scud missile attack.

Although the blast shook dust from the corners of the room, Kampstra rushed to the window. He witnessed flames shooting high into the air above a military barracks and a garage used by U.S. military personnel.

"The first explosion was bad enough, but there was a second explosion and it went up into the sky," said Kampstra, who manages a shoe factory which turns out boots for the soldiers of Operation Desert Storm.

Kampstra speculated that the missile may have struck a garage that he said was located next to the barracks and ignited gasoline stored there.

Kampstra and his friends walked down to the scene, where numerous fire trucks and rescue vehicles had converged. By this time, a sizable crowd had also gathered outside, including military personnel. "It was quite a big fire. The building had been damaged badly. There was an awful lot of equipment there, a lot of ambulances and a lot of fire trucks," Kampstra said.

The building, according to Kampstra, was formerly a warehouse that was converted for military use in the war. The the blast and subsequent fire reduced the steel-and-girder structure to rubble.

Kampstra said he remained on the scene about 45 minutes altogether, until rescue personnel began removing bodies. That was more than he cared to witness.

"That's when we left. They were going through the rubble and pulling them out on stretchers."

The attack came about 8:30 p.m. Saudi time, on a clear night not long after darkness had settled in, Kampstra said.

Kampstra's wife, Lucy, left Saudi Arabia about a month ago to escape the terror of the Scud missile attacks. The Kampstras moved to the Persian Gulf in 1982 when his employer, Wolverine World Wide Inc. of Rockford, offered him a job at a factory it had opened in Saudi Arabia. The factory was sold to the Saudis, but the Kampstras decided to stay on. Lucy left last month.

His townhouse is located near the major air base at Dhahran.

Despite Monday's attack, Renard Kampstra says he still feels relatively safe.

"I think that was just a fluke," he said. "How it got through I don't know. They have been shooting them out of the sky pretty regular."

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ceremony ran in newspapers and magazines across the country. A particularly poignant photo showed Gayle Edwards, a folded flag in her lap, gripping the hands of her grieving sons.

Among the first letters the family received was a note of support from the parents of Melissa Rathbun-Nealy, an Army specialist from Grand Rapids who is the first and only woman classified as missing in action.

In part, the letter from Joan and Leo Rathbun of Newaygo reads, "Our hearts are heavy from the news you have received. We wish we could be there to comfort you in some way.

"Please accept our long-distance hug and our sincerest prayers that you will have the strength to accept the will of God . . . We hope that in some small way we can offer some comfort, love and prayerful support in your time of need."

The words do help, Edwards said.

"They make you feel that you have support and that people care," she said.

Joe Johnson, communications manager for the Grand Rapids division of the U.S. Postal Service, said the office receives many letters destined for the Edwards family with insufficient addresses.

"We've been getting a lot of letters marked to Gayle Edwards, Grand Rapids, MI USA," Johnson said. "Instead of sending them back as undeliverable, we want to make sure she gets them."

The office has asked mail processors to keep watch for the letters and "do whatever they can to make sure Mrs. Edwards gets them," Johnson said.

Edwards said she has stacks of letters and cards strewn around her house. She is sorting the letters, along with newspaper clippings, preparing to put them into a scrapbook for her children – Spencer, 13; Bennett, 11; and Adriane, 8. She said the children also have benefited emotionally from the public concern.

"I think it lets them know there are plenty of people out there who love them," she said.

Edwards is just beginning to answer some of the letters, concentrating first on those who sent flowers or checks for the children's fund.

"I really do need a couple of personal secretaries," she joked.

The children's fund has collected about $4,000 to date, Edwards said. Anyone wishing to donate to the family can send checks to:

Capt. Edwards' Children's Fund
c/o Prime Bank
2380 44th St. SE
Kentwood, MI 49508
Account number is 11-202167-3.

Deceased chopper pilot's pal recalls his keen wit

The Grand Rapids Press

Carrying on the work of Marine Capt. Jonathan Edwards is another Cobra helicopter pilot from Grand Rapids, Capt. James Baarman, a friend who delivered the eulogy at Edwards' memorial service.

The two helicopter pilots met at flight training school at Camp Pendleton, Calif. and had become good friends.

When Edwards' helicopter went down a few weeks ago in Saudi Arabia, Baarman realized it could just as easily have been him, according to his mother, Marjorie Baarman, who now lives in Florida with her husband, Norman.

Baarman

Baarman delivered the eulogy for Edwards on Feb. 5 at Jubail Airfield in Saudi Arabia. Baarman, who grew up in Grand Rapids, is a 1977 graduate of Calvin Christian High School.

He remembered Edwards as a man with a keen wit who loved to joke around with his military buddies. But Edwards also knew, Baarman said in his eulogy, "that he may not return from this place, and he fully accepted that potentiality."

preparing for Easter — the most important holiday of the year for Christians. These services require extra preparation by pastors and parishioners alike.

RELIGION — B1

Here's the riddle:

An elderly woman in a wheelchair sneaks into Wyoming early Friday and solves the Riddler's 10th annual riddle. Who is she? And where is she? The Wyoming Riddler, alias Joe Cramer, would certainly like to know.

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Lt. Steven Harper hugs son Kyle, 2½, at airport.

GR fighter pilot was among 1st to hit Iraq

By Doug Guthrie
The Grand Rapids Press

Navy fighter pilot Lt. Steven Harper trained five years to do a deadly job, then prayed every day during the Persian Gulf War for an end to his combat missions over Iraq and Kuwait.

When the 28-year-old Creston High School graduate came home to Grand Rapids on Friday and held his 2½-year-old son for the first time in almost eight months, he said the experience of combat now seems unreal.

"It's hard to even believe I was doing that," Harper said, surrounded by friends and family at Kent County International Airport.

"In a way, I can say I miss the adrenaline rush and the excitement. We trained for that, and it's good to

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abortion ruling

Press Wire Services and local reports

Lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union said they plan on Monday to appeal a Kalamazoo judge's ruling that upheld a law requiring girls age 17 and under to get a parent's permission to have an abortion.

Kalamazoo County Circuit Judge Philip Schaefer on Friday denied a request by the ACLU, Planned Parenthood and others for a preliminary injunction to block the Parental Rights Restoration Act.

The measure, which took effect Thursday, requires girls to get a parent's consent or judge's waiver to have an abortion, unless there is a life-threatening medical emergency.

ACLU legal director Paul Denenfeld said lawyers will file for an emergency appeal with the state Court of Appeals.

"We believe Judge Schaefer did not follow the law, and we'll be asking the Court of Appeals to hear this case," Denenfeld said. "We're baffled, absolutely baffled."

He said the appeal request will argue Schaefer was wrong to find the law constitutional and that it is causing irreparable harm each day it continues in effect.

The law states a pregnant teen can get consent for an abortion if a probate judge in the county in which she lives determines she is either "sufficiently mature and well-enough informed to make the abortion decision independently of her parents or legal guardian or that the waiver would be in the minor's best interests."

A hearing must be held within 72

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U.S. targets suspects in Iraq arms sales

The Los Angeles Times

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. – A businessman suspected of supplying weapons to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has become the first target of what the U.S. government says is a sweeping effort to identify and freeze the assets of suspected Iraqi arms merchants operating worldwide.

No charges have been filed against Anees Mansour Wadi, an Iraqi national who lives in Beverly Hills, or his wife, Shamsaben al-Hayderi.

But their assets – including a $3.5 million estate here and accounts at 11 banks across the United States – have been frozen. Federal agents also have taken control of Bay Industries Inc., a company that Wadi has operated for the past year or so out of a high-rise office in the Los Angeles community of Century City.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury said that it would issue a list Monday identifying companies and individuals suspected of acting as Iraqi agents and front companies, accompanied by orders freezing their U.S. assets.

"The goal of this is to expose them. . . . they are feeding arms to Saddam Hussein," said Treasury spokeswoman Barbara Clay. She refused to say who is on the list, but sources close to the investigation said that it contains the names of 40 to 50 corporations set up by Iraq to buy arms and machinery. The majority of those companies are based in London, Geneva and other major European cities.

Dozens of additional companies and

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Santy Springer, as Jesus, leads a procession down Brown Street SE in a reenactment o

IN HIS STEPS

Followers honor Christ in Good Fri

By Chris Meehan
The Grand Rapids Press

Condemned to death by a Roman governor who wanted no more trouble from the Jews, Santy Springer took up his wooden cross on the steps of St. Francis Xavier Church at the stroke of noon.

Urged on by an angry centurion, the boy playing Jesus started on a sorrowful journey that took him and nearly 100 others through a drug-plagued, inner city Grand Rapids neighborhood on Friday.

"We're trying to make people believe that Jesus really died to cleanse our sins. We're trying to help people get more into Jesus," said Shalana Nelson, 10, as the chilly Good Friday pilgrimage began.

The roles in this street pageant were played by children in Ken Baldwin's Thursday night Bible class. Wearing robes and veils, the children – all of whom live in this Southeast Side neighborhood – stayed close to Springer during the 45-minute walk down familiar streets.

Arthur Hughes, 10, saw several of his friends during the outdoor prayer and meditation service. He said this neighborhood can be dangerous. Drug dealing and violence occur down here. One of the stops along the way was at a corner where drugs transactions are regularly made.

"I hope some people learn more about Jesus and how he loved us because of this," said Hughes.

"We believe it's important for the neighborhood here to know about Christ," said Baldwin, who played the role of a Roman centurion in the Way of the Cross walk. "It's important for all of us to walk in his steps."

On the streets of Grand Rapids and in churches across West Michigan, Good Friday – Christendom's prelude to Easter – was commemorated in a variety of ways. Hymns were sung, sermons preached, prayers uttered and reflections on the importance of the day were given.

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know we are good at it, but I intend to get my excitement other ways from now on."

Harper's ship, the USS Saratoga, docked Thursday at its home port of Mayport, Fla. His wife, Jenny, had rushed to Florida to greet him, and they flew to Grand Rapids Friday to be reunited with their son Kyle. He had stayed with his grandparents, Gary and Shirley Harper, 2310 Chelsea Road NE.

Harper joined the Navy in April 1986 after graduating with a business degree from Western Michigan University.

About 40 persons waved flags and held signs and a banner to welcome Harper at the airport Friday. Kyle ran straight to his mother, then cuddled in his father's arms while friends pressed close.

"We showed him a picture of his daddy every day," said Shirley Harper.

Tanned and fit, the flyer known by his radio call sign, "Harpo," said he intends to relax with family and get reacquainted with his son. His next assignment will be at a California airbase, as an instructor.

Harper said he tried during the war to focus on meeting the highly technical aspects of guiding bombs and missiles toward their targets. And he tried to to keep the human element out of mind.

"I was given targets, and I'm sure there were people down there. I knew that when I took this job, but you can't help but think about it," he said.

He flew 20 combat missions, and the first one he'll never forget.

His FA-18 Hornet was among the first aircraft to attack deep in Iraq when the air war started in January. Launched into the darkness from the deck of the Saratoga, his plane carried missiles intended to zero in on Iraqi radar installations near Baghdad.

Shortly after crossing into Iraqi airspace, Harper said he was with a group of B-52s carpet bombing an airfield. "When I saw all those bombs going off down there, it was a strange feeling, I thought, 'Now we're really in this,'" said Harper.

Although allied casualties were low in the war, the Saratoga's flyers were hit harder than most, losing three aircraft in the first two days. The first U.S. serviceman to die in the war was lost on Harper's first combat mission.

"Our battle group was hit pretty hard. It's shocking to go through training together, then lose people you knew. But, you didn't have time to mourn."

Lt. Cmdr. Michael S. Speicher's F-18 apparently was struck by a surface-to-air missile. Harper didn't see the fireball that other pilots reported, but he said he will never forget the sound of Speicher's wingman calling on the radio in a vain effort to locate his friend.

"He kept switching frequencies and calling, 'Spike, Spike, are you up here?' I had a very bad feeling. When you get back down to the flight deck and the crews are congratulating you and you realize what happened, there are some real conflicting emotions."

On a different mission, Lt. Jeffery Zaun, an A-6 co-pilot from the Saratoga, was shot down and captured. He was one of the allied pilots the Iraqis displayed on television. Zaun, whose face was battered, made statements in the broadcast that were critical of the attack on Iraq.

"We were just glad to see he was alive. We knew what he was saying was absolute bull----. He was being forced to say that stuff," Harper said.

It was on the return trip from his first mission that Harper said he was contacted by an AWACS early warning command plane and warned that he would soon be confronted by "an incoming bogey."

"We think it was a MiG 25, and he was doing (mach) 1.8 straight for me," Harper said. "As soon as I locked him up (on his targeting radar), he turned around and headed north. He was out of missile range just like that and I wasn't sad to see him go."

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individuals will be named in coming months, Treasury officials said.

The Department of the Treasury has the authority to freeze the U.S. assets of those companies and individuals under provisions of the trade embargo that President Bush ordered after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait last August.

Because of that embargo, between $1 billion and $1.5 billion in Iraqi assets in the United States already have been frozen.

R. Richard Newcomb, director of the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, described Wadi, his wife and Bay Industries as being "participants in Saddam Hussein's arms network." Kroll Associates, a New York-based private investigation company retained by Kuwait to find Hussein's overseas assets, has investigated Wadi at length, a senior Kroll official said.

The official, who has been cooperating with the the Treasury investigation, said Friday that Wadi used more than $4 million in Iraqi money in 1987 to help create a front company near London called TDG, or Technology and Development Group. The official said that Wadi, whose assets were frozen last Friday, denied being an agent for Hussein during interviews with Kroll investigators.

CORRECTION

Heist suspect's address unknown

William Charles Gust, arrested last Tuesday for the robbery on an Old Kent Bank branch at 805 Leonard St. NW, has no known address. A story in Thursday's Press included an incorrect address.

Protest a la catfish

Jessica Daher, left, of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committe pounds of catfish to U.S. Rep. Bob Davis during a protest outside the M Detroit. The group's message to the six-term Republican was to quit tel

Officials remove 223 cats

The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR — Humane Society officials removed 223 purebred cats, all sick and some caged for as long as 10 years, from a home near here, an investigator said Friday.

The officials chose not to prosecute the cats' 70-year-old owner because she allowed them to be removed and cooperated with the investigation, said Tim Clements, an investigator with the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

"She didn't intend to be cruel," Clements said. "But she did violate cruelty laws, and the problem needed to be reconciled one way or the other."

Clements and other investigators seized the animals Thursday night after Humane Society officials received complaints about sick cats being displayed at a recent show in Rochester. They were taken to the Humane Society shelters in Ann Arbor, Auburn Hills and Westland, he said.

All of the cats, including breeds such as Persian, Siamese, Abyssinian, Manx, Burmese and Scottish Fold, were infested with ear mites, Clements said. Many were being treated for upper respiratory infections and ring worm, and a few had toenails growing into their foot pads, he said.

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hours of the filing of a petition.

In Fargo, N.D., more than two dozen anti-abortion protesters were jailed on trespassing charges after a three-hour sit-in at the state's only abortion clinic.

Jane Bovard, administrator of the Fargo Women's Health Organization, said 26 protesters "stormed the back door," shackled themselves together at the neck, and each clutched a picture of a fetus as they prayed and sang hymns.

"They will not stop one single abortion," Bovard pledged as locksmiths worked with drills and hammers to break the steel bicycle locks.

The sit-in came as Gov. George Sinner decides whether to veto the nation's most restrictive abortion legislation, which would make the procedure legal in North Dakota only in the cases of rape, incest and endangerment of the woman's life.

The executive director of ACLU's Michigan chapter said the judge's decision was cowardly. "I think it was a political ruling. It was a ruling that demonstrated his hostility to abortion," said Howard Simon.

Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan and the ACLU had argued the law violated minors' constitutional rights to abortion and those of doctors who perform abortions.

During four days of hearings, also what the people said when they initiated the law — family is important and parents should be involved in minors' abortion decision," she said.

"I think that just reinforces that this law is good public policy."

Schaefer said his refusal to grant a preliminary injunction was consistent with previous state court decisions against abortion rights.

"Michigan has a long tradition of opposition to abortion; of intensely defending state statutes in light of federal interpretations and of hallowing the relationship between parents and children," he said.

Pro-choice groups will have a hard time proving that the state constitution gives minors broader abortion rights than the U.S. Constitution, despite a recent court decision upholding abortion rights, Schaefer said.

"While recent trends in California and Florida may demonstrate that states are willing to expand rights beyond the federal constitution through interpretations of state constitutions, it is equally clear that opponents of legislation of this type have an uphill battle no matter how interesting or how challenging their claims may be," he wrote.

On Thursday, the day the consent law went into effect, a girl got permission from a probate judge in Michigan to have an abortion over her parents' objections.

Margy Long, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan, declined to identify the on the first day the parental consent law took effect.

"The fact that they are willing to publicize what is a personal and private affair indicates they may be willing to exploit the situation, rather than looking after the best interests of the minor," said Right to Life lobbyist Ed Rivet.

Long said she was sickened by those comments. "If anyone is making decisions that are exploiting teen-agers, it's Right to Life that wants to force their opinions on the teen-agers of Michigan," she said.

In Grand Rapids, Lisa Russo, manager of the Heritage Clinic, 320 East Fulton St., said one minor contacted the clinic Thursday and indicated she may seek judicial approval for an abortion.

"She's very frightened about being pregnant and right now she has reason to believe that she cannot tell her parents," Russo said.

Russo said some parents who accompanied their daughters to the clinic on Thursday were "taken aback and were rather angry" about the law's requirement that they identify themselves as the minor's parents. The clinic requires parents to provide a picture identification and birth certificate, Russo said.

"The documentation is rather cumbersome. It is something that takes away from the focus that should be on that woman," Russo said.

In addition, Russo said, some clients have reacted against the provi-

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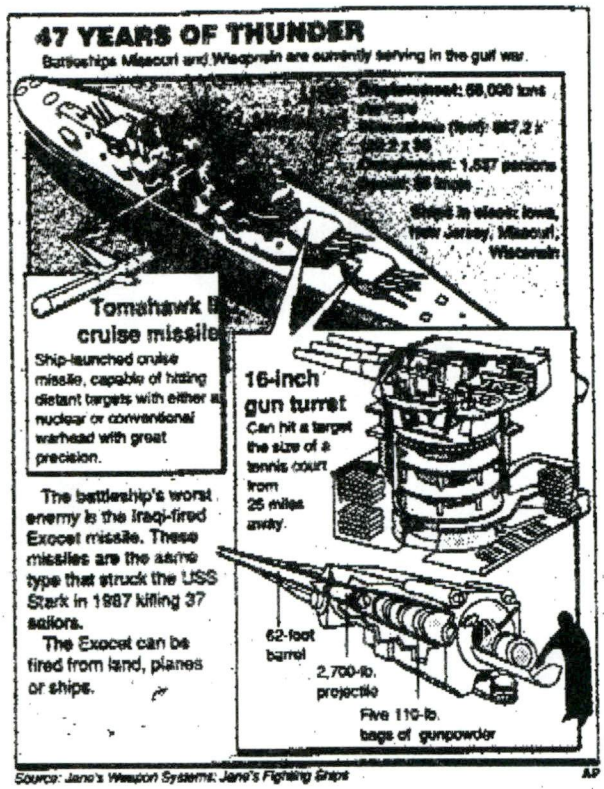

U.S. wreaks havoc on enemy targets; battleship joins in

The Associated Press

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia – U.S. warplanes today struck deep inside Iraq, hunting down missile launchers and hammering Saddam Hussein's crack troops. Iraq vowed vengeance, calling for terror attacks on allied targets worldwide.

The USS Missouri's 16-inch guns boomed again overnight, silencing a troublesome Iraqi artillery battery in Kuwait with six 2,000-pound shells, the U.S. military said. On Sunday, the battleship's big guns were used in combat for the first time since the Korean War.

On the ground, 25 Iraqi tanks were reported damaged or destroyed and front-line U.S. Marines traded fire with Iraqis across the Saudi-Kuwaiti border.

The tanks were hit by four AV-8 Harriers – vertical takeoff "jump jets" flown by Marine pilots who struck with Rockeye antitank bombs. The pilots had spotted between 25 and 30 Iraqi tanks moving on the Kuwaiti side of the border before they attacked.

Marine officers also reported that two of their Hornet fighter-bombers destroyed an Iraqi rocket site that had fired on allied positions.

In one cross-border exchange, a battalion-size Marine task force opened up with 155-millimeter artillery on Iraqi ground radar and infantry positions near the Umm Gudair oil field in southwestern Kuwait.

No U.S. casualties were reported.

Baghdad was rocked during the night by another allied bombardment, AP correspondent Salah Nasrawi reported from the Iraqi capital. He said fire reached high into the sky and terrified residents fled to bomb shelters.

Nasrawi quoted travelers as saying Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, 90 miles north of Baghdad, had also been under intense attack.

Baghdad radio reported 373 more air raids during the night, and said residential areas were among those hit. It declared that the allies must pay for the destruction they have rained on Iraq.

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'We're a military family,' Marine widow explains

By C.T. Revere and Ken Kolker
The Grand Rapids Press

Two U.S. Marines in dress uniform stood before 13-year-old Spencer Edwards at his front door Sunday. The boy's mother was away skiing, and the Marines were not inclined to give the reason for their visit.

They didn't have to – the Grand Rapids boy surmised they had come to report the death of his father, Marine Capt. Jonathan A. Edwards.

"He knew," Gayle Edwards said Monday of her eldest son. "He knew."

Jonathan "Jack" Edwards, 34, a reservist who lived in Grand Rapids with his wife and three children for the past three years, died Saturday when his AH1 Cobra helicopter crashed in bad weather over the Saudi Arabian desert.

A Marine pilot for 10 years, Edwards was flying escort for a medical evacuation helicopter south of the Saudi-Kuwaiti border near the Persian Gulf at the time of the crash, his widow said.

"He was taking injured out of a battle area when he ran into bad weather," Gayle Edwards said in a telephone interview Monday.

"Jack died doing what he felt was a very proud obligation – Semper Fi," she added, referring to the Marine Corps motto, *Semper Fidelis*, meaning "Always Faithful."

Edwards

Another Marine, Maj. Eugene McCarthy of New York City, also was reported as killed in the crash, classified by military officials as a non-combat accident.

Gayle Edwards, 38, said Marine messengers found her later Sunday at a ski resort in Cool, Mich., where she was cross-country skiing with her two youngest children – Bennett, 11, and Adriane, 8. It was there she was informed her husband of 15 years died while serving in Operation Desert Storm.

That was the news the family had feared since Edwards joined the Marines.

"We always considered this (possibility) every time he'd go up, whether it was combat or non-combat," she said.

Jonathan Edwards is the first West Michigan resident confirmed by the military to have died in the 20-day-old Persian Gulf War. Grand Rapids native Melissa Rathbun-Nealy, 20, has been missing since Thursday when the two-truck convoy she was traveling with came under small-arms fire near the Kuwaiti border.

While his mother, brother and sister were skiing Sunday, Spencer Edwards stayed at the family home in southeast Grand Rapids.

After the visit from the Marines, Spencer telephoned an aunt in Ohio and told her he feared his father was dead. The aunt, Suanne Luhn, called family

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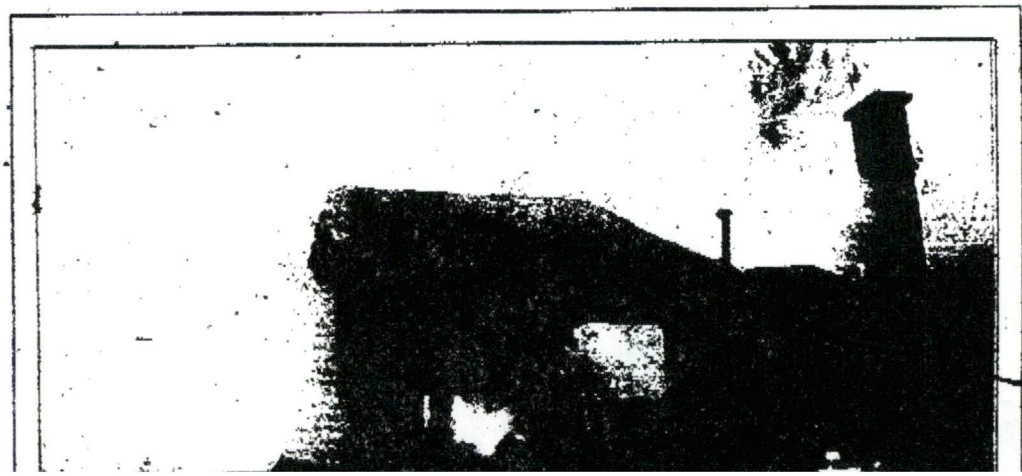


Muskegon cocaine baby case thrown out; appeal due

Grand Rapids Press Staff Writer

MUSKEGON – A state circuit court judge has thrown out a charge against a Muskegon mother accused of delivering a controlled substance to her new-born daughter. The Muskegon County

15 reservists of GR hospital sent to Texas

The Grand Rapids Press

Fifteen members of the Grand Rapids-based 394th Station Hospital have left for Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where they will learn whether they'll serve in the Persian Gulf War.

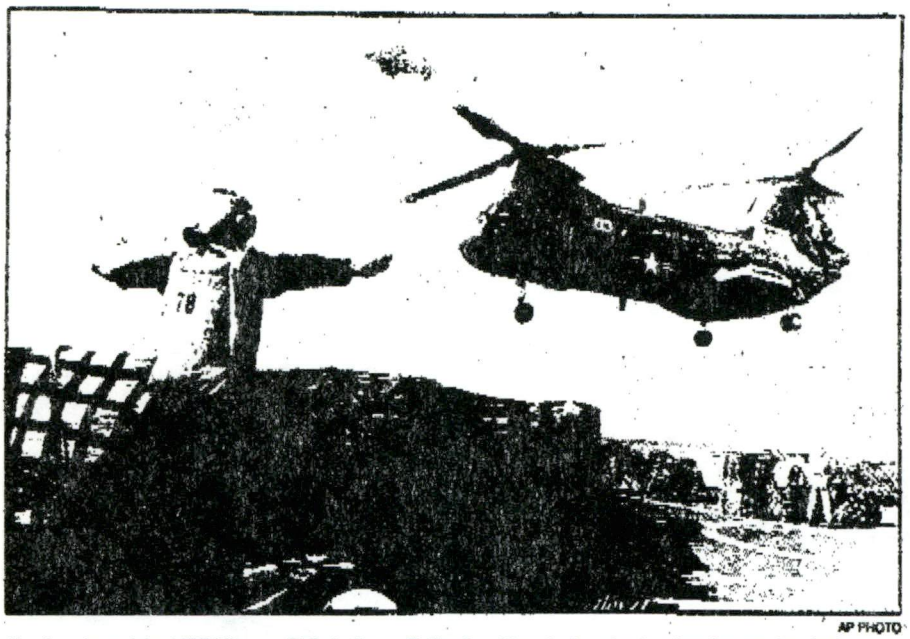
The rest of the 300-member unit, part of the U.S. Army Reserves, have not heard whether they will be activated, said Capt. Bob Rowe.

The 15 members, including laboratory specialists and licensed practical nurses from West Michigan, left for San Antonio Monday.

"How long they're going to be there we don't know," Rowe said. "We don't know if they're going to stay there or go on."

The 394th is based at the U.S. Army Reserve Center, 1234 Michigan St. NE.

Four West Michigan reserve and National Guard units, with more than 600 reservists, are serving in Saudi Arabia.



AP PHOTO

A sailor aboard the USS Niagara Falls in the gulf directs a Navy helicopter to a landing on the deck.

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countries taking part in the aggression against your brethren," an announcer said. "Fight them with all your force, in all their dens, wherever they are."

The radio broadcast a series of cryptic messages that sounded like coded instructions for terror attacks by agents abroad. It was impossible to tell if they were genuine.

Saudi Arabia indicated today that it would deal harshly under Islamic law with anyone using the kingdom as a staging ground for terror attacks. The interior minister, Prince Nayef, said anyone undermining Saudi security would have a hand and a leg cut off or be executed, the Saudi news agency said.

The warning came after a sniper shooting Sunday in the port city of Jiddah that shattered glass on a bus carrying U.S. military personnel. Two Americans were injured by flying glass and the gunman escaped.

The allied air war thundered into its 20th day today. Before dawn, F-15 Strike Eagles equipped with night-fighting radar rode tails of white flame into dark skies.

U.S. warplanes were taking aim again today at tanks, armored vehicles, bunkers and entrenched positions of Iraq's elite Republican Guard, said Air Force Col. Hal Hornburg, the top officer at the largest U.S. airbase in Saudi Arabia.

France said its Jaguar and Mirage jets also hit Guard positions in Iraq.

The Guards, considered Saddam's best soldiers, have found themselves frequently in allied bomb sights. Allied strategists want to try to cripple them before any decision is made to send ground forces into Kuwait.

"I wouldn't want to be in the Republican Guards these days," U.S. commander Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf told reporters.

B-52 bombers have also been used in recent days to blast Guard fortifications. The first of the hulking bombers to be based in Britain for missions in the gulf arrived today at Fairford, a former NATO air base 70 miles northwest of London, an Air Force spokesman said.

In addition to targeting Guard positions, bomb-laden U.S. warplanes flew deeper missions into Iraq today, Hornburg said, seeking launchers Iraq has used to hurl Scud rockets at Israel and Saudi Arabia.

The allies are flying combat and support sorties at the rate of more than one a minute, Marine Maj. Gen. Robert Johnston told reporters on Monday. Since the war began, the air forces of nine nations have flown more than 44,000 missions, he said.

When the allied assault might shift from an air blitz to a ground war is still an open question, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said Monday.

"There is no drop-dead date out there by which we feel we have to act," Cheney told a news conference in Washington. "No one knows today the precise date on which we might begin a ground campaign."

The United States has insisted since the start of the air war that military and strategic targets in Iraq and Kuwait are carefully pinpointed. But Iraq has repeatedly insisted that civilian areas are being indiscriminately blasted.

"Take revenge for every drop of blood spilled by an Iraqi child, for every hair that fell off the head of a little girl and for every grieving mother crying over her child ... searching for her children beneath the rubble," Baghdad radio said today.

Schwarzkopf, however, charged that Iraq is deliberately using civilians to shield its military forces. He said Monday that senior Iraqi military officers are shifting their headquarters into schools because "they know we're not going to attack civilian targets."

A U.S. military source in Saudi Arabia acknowledged today that U.S. warplanes are attacking fuel trucks on highways in western Iraq on the assumption that even civilian vehicles may be carrying military cargoes.

The source said it was impossible to distinguish between military and civilian vehicles, especially at night.

U.S. officials defended the air strikes, saying the trucks were traveling through a war zone "and specifically through an area that has been the source of Scud attacks against neighboring states."

Refugees crossing into Jordan on Monday told of destruction in the strategic southern city of Basra, Iraq's military headquarters for the Kuwait theatre.

"Basra is a very miserable place," said Nawal Issa, a Jordanian woman who passed through the border post at Ruweishid on Monday. "I saw people collecting rainwater from puddles to drink."

Drinking water is pressing worry in Saudi Arabia, where workers are deploying an array of booms, skimmers, deflectors and filters to try to prevent a huge oil spill from fouling the desalination plant at the coastal city of Jubail.

Book by P in Iran-Co tells of CIA

The New York Times

A book by a former Iran-Contra prosecutor accuses the Central Intelligence Agency of bribing officials in Costa Rica to allow the construction of an airstrip to resupply the Nicaraguan rebels.

The book, by Jeffrey R. Toobin, also says the CIA hampered the subsequent criminal investigation into the payments to Costa Rican officials.

The CIA operation in Costa Rica, which would have violated federal law against aiding the rebels in Nicaragua, is one of several previously undisclosed incidents described in the book, "Opening Arguments," the first inside account of the Iran-Contra investigation.

The affair centered on efforts to provide military aid to rebels in part using profits of secret arms sales to Iran from 1984 to late 1986.

The book provides the strongest evidence yet that the United States used its money and influence in Central America to persuade governments there to assist the Contras.

President Bush has denied that any such "quid pro quo" agreements existed.

CIA officials, who have read prepublication copies of the book, declined Monday to comment on the account of the payment.

The book has been at the center of a long prepublication legal battle. The book was filed under seal in court as part of the case, and on Friday, U.S. District Judge John F. Keenan in Manhattan ruled that Penguin USA was free to publish it over the objections of Lawrence E. Walsh, the Iran-Contra independent prosecutor.

Walsh had argued that the book would disclose grand jury secrets, compromise prosecution strategy and disclose classified information that would hamper the investigation. Walsh's office has said he would appeal Keenan's decision.

In one chapter, Toobin, now a federal prosecutor in New York, wrote that Elliott Abrams, who was assistant secretary of state for Latin America during Ronald Reagan's administration, escaped indictment only after prosecutors agonized, and decided they could not persuade a jury that he had lied to

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friend Cynthia Jensen, who lives near the Edwards family and asked her to stay with Spencer until his mother returned.

Jensen said the youth showed her the business card the Marines left on a table in the living room. For the next three hours, Spencer and Jensen's son, Andrew, played together.

"Spencer is very bright. He knew exactly what was happening," said Jensen.

She took Spencer and Andrew to an arcade to play video games. The boys have known each other since the sixth grade.

"It's difficult to realize something so horrible could happen on such a nice day," Jensen said. "I told him to enjoy the sunshine and try not to think about it until his mom came home."

Jensen took Spencer home when his mother got back. "He called later," Jensen said. "He was sobbing then, but he said he was going to be OK.

"His mom – I certainly know this – has a very positive outlook on life," Jensen said. "... She does things on her own, and she has been very positive with her children. I don't think you'd ever see a negative thought come out of their household."

Gayle Edwards said she and her children are coping with the loss.

"I think they (the children) are dealing with this as well as can be expected. We're a military family," she said.

Jonathan Edwards was a native of Brecksville, Ohio, a Cleveland suburb. He served as a Marine for eight years at Camp Pendleton, Calif., before the family moved to Grand Rapids about three years ago, she said. Gayle Edwards has family in Belding and said she wished to be closer.

In 1989, he joined the 3rd Marine Air Wing reserve unit in Glenview, Ill., where there is a Navy air base. The unit was called to active duty in late November.

Edwards worked as a stock broker at K. A. Knapp & Co. Inc. in Grand Rapids until the firm closed in November 1987. From there, he moved to Chicago to work as an over-the-counter stock trader for Rodman & Renshaw Inc. He returned to Grand Rapids about a year later and traded bonds for a period before leaving the brokerage business.

"He was just a doll," said Althea McCutheon, assistant vice president of human resources at Rodman & Renshaw. "He was a terrific guy. He carried with him an aura of respect."

For about the past two years, the Marine reserves were his only occupation, his widow said.

Greg Montgomery, a broker who worked with Edwards for several months in late 1988 and early 1989, said Edwards talked often about flying with the reserves.

"You could tell it was his love. He really enjoyed the flying and being with the other helicopter pilots," he said.

Ray Shepard, former pastor at First Baptist Church in Belding, said the Edwards family came "pretty frequently" to church. Gayle Edwards' father, Jim Crawford, was pastor at the church for nine years until about three years ago, Shepard said.

"He (Edwards) impressed me as the typical Marine type – very strait-laced, a nice person," Shepard said. "I always got the feeling he was pretty strict."

A memorial service is scheduled for Edwards at the First Baptist Church in Belding at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Burial arrangements are pending.

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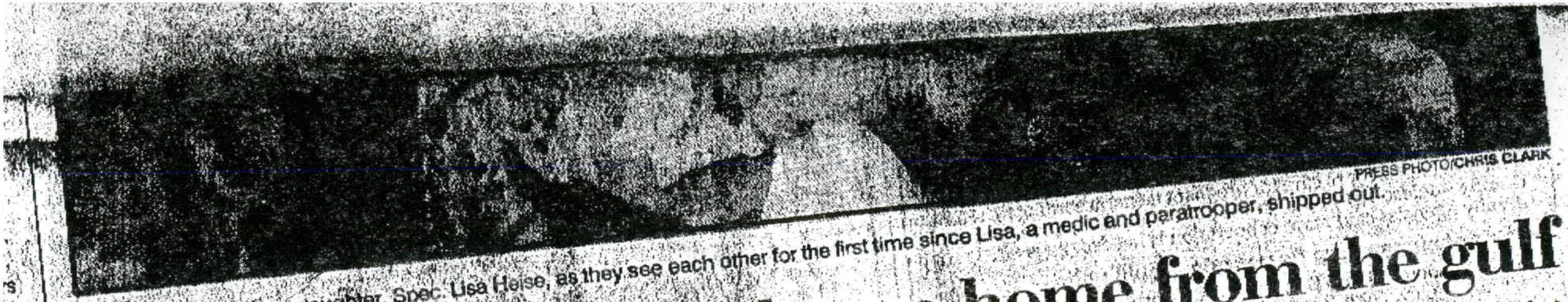
can who borrows or saves.

Longstanding laws barring commercial and industrial companies from owning banks would crumble, as would the division of banking from the insurance and securities industries. And, for the first time since the establishment of federal deposit insurance in 1934, government guarantees to bank customers would shrink rather than expand.

The administration also would lift restrictions on interstate banking dating to the 1920s, allowing giants like Citicorp and Bank of America to establish branches to compete with local institutions.

Today's study focuses on long-term changes. Specific proposals for curing banking's most pressing short-term problem, the weakness of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., have been postponed.

The fund has been depleted by more than 800 failures over the past four years, and banking trade groups are discussing ways to replenish it without turning to the



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Phoebe Heise hugs her daughter, Spec. Lisa Heise, as they see each other for the first time since Lisa, a medic and paratrooper, shipped out.

207th gets a warm welcome home from the gulf

WYOMING

By Doug Guthrie
The Grand Rapids Press

Stepping off a chartered bus on Wednesday, members of the 207th Evacuation Hospital unit of the Michigan National Guard ended their part in the Persian Gulf War.

Amid waving American flags, band music and banners proclaiming them heros, the soldiers heard a prayer of thanks for their safe return, and a prayer for the healing of the Iraqi people.

The 35 civilians-turned-soldiers began to reverse the process — to become normal again — regardless of what they had seen and done.

"They will all have to refocus. They've had nothing but their jobs to do for the last four months," said unit commander Maj. Michael Driscoll. "Now, they must take over families again, face financial decisions and deal with life."

Members of the medical service unit returned to their base at the Grand Valley Armory in Wyoming from Fort McCoy, Wis. were they arrived in separate groups on Friday and Saturday.

Police cars and fire trucks led the way to a homecoming crowd of nearly 500 people.

Kendrick Traylor stood at ease in the front row, an American flag hanging from his left breast pocket. He will return to Grand Valley State University to study business administration.

It wasn't regulation, but Capt. Laura Cleveland stood in her desert camouflaged fatigues among the rest of the unit, holding her 18-month-old daughter, Katelyn, on her hip.

"It's going to be hard getting us apart," she said. "That was the hardest thing, the separation from home. That, and the first Scud attack. I never said so many Our Fathers so fast in my life."

Cleveland is a registered nurse at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center. Her husband, Howard Cleveland, a former guardsman, stayed home to care for Katelyn.

"I missed a lot of things while I was gone. Katelyn had just started to walk. She didn't have any teeth. She didn't talk at all," Laura Cleveland said.

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Tulip festival retains its lure after 30 years

HOLLAND

By Melissa Birks
The Grand Rapids Press

The shiny black car that wheeled Al Eisenhauer and his wife, Shirley, into Holland for the start of Tulip Time was a black Lincoln Continental.

That's quite a change from 30 years

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...d tulips are examined by festival visitors, from left, Charles Miller, ... Al Eisenhauer.

Smirnov family adds a twist to vodka war

The Associated Press

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"Now, she's so smart. My jaw dropped when she started singing row, row, row your boat."

After dismissing his unit, Driscoll's thoughts turned to rebuilding the family medicine practice he was forced to abandon in Zeeland.

"We have had to shut it down completely. I've been taking the calls and explaining he'll be back," said Paula Driscoll, who brought the couple's three daughters to greet her husband. "I don't think we've lost many patients, but it's hard convincing him of that."

Lisa Heise, 23, will return to her home in Montague, then continue her business management studies at Northern Michigan University. She will try to forget what she saw in Saudi Arabia.

"She cries a lot for a tough guy," her mother, Phoebe Heise, said Wednesday after greeting the medic and paratrooper.

Although she'd worked far from the front lines, the horrors of the Persian Gulf War came to Lisa Heise and other members of the 207th who worked in hospitals near Dhahran.

Heise worked in a burn ward that treated mainly victims of the American war machine — Iraqi prisoners of war.

"I saw things I never thought I'd see, things I never want to see again," said Heise, who paused to fight back the tears.

"It made me appreciate life. It had always seemed like nothing could happen to me. Even through airborne school, I was indestructible. But, when you lay there at night with the threat of gas and Scud attacks and after seeing the horrible things we saw everyday, you realized how fragile life can be. You realize it can be over in an instant."

Driscoll explained that the majority of allied soldiers he treated received their injuries in vehicle accidents. But he also will never forget the night a Scud missile destroyed a U.S. barracks about two miles from the hospital where he worked. Medical teams worked through the night on the dead and injured.

"It was most profound, I think, seeing women injured. Pronouncing two women dead from combat wounds shook up a lot of docs," Driscoll said.

When the 207th shipped out, husband and wife Douglas and Lavonne Barnes of Allegan went together — but they left daughter

PRESS PHOTO/CHRIS CLARK

Maj. Michael Driscoll embraces daughters Emily, 3, and Megan, 7.

ber. There are a dozen assistance centers in the state.

"Certainly they're all facing some financial hardships. Some are facing real problems," Gerke said Wednesday while handing out pocket-sized American flags.

Overdue telephone bills alone exceed $1,000 for some and probably average $300 for soldier's families, Gerke said.

"Remember, this was the first war in history where the troops could call home from the combat zone. Money wasn't an object when they called. I think some figured Santa Claus would pay. The phone company has tried to space out the payments for these people."

Spec. David Unseld, 20, had come to the armory on Wednesday to preview his own future.

Unseld logged about 15,000 miles in Saudi Arabia driving trucks with West Michigan's U.S. Army Reserve 180th Transportation Co. Although the unit is still in Saudi Arabia, Unseld had come home to Wyoming on emergency leave Wednesday to attend his grandfather's funeral.

When the 180th ships home, Unseld must rejoin them at Fort McCoy in Wisconsin before the group is released for a homecoming at their new headquarters in Muskegon. The unit was formerly based in Grand Rapids.

"I'll know how this sort of thing

talion 24th Marine Regiment in Grand Rapids must wait until early August for the return of their loved ones from the Philippines.

Marine Capt. Richard Venola said the 150-person battalion was activated Dec. 9, then shipped out to U.S. bases in Japan to fill in for active units serving in the Persian Gulf.

On April 22, they were sent to guard bases and other installations in the Philippines, where civil unrest has sparked several coup attempts against President Corazon Aquino. "When you analyze it, they're doing the same job as many of the folks in the Gulf" who didn't see combat duty, Venola said.

The group, he said, has been beating others units in physical fitness, firearms and other training, he said. "They're really kind of riding the crest of the wave over there."

The unit is comprised of reservists from throughout West Michigan.

Press reporter Roland Wilkerson contributed to this story

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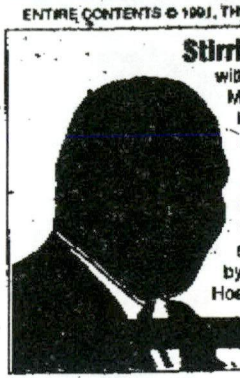

Stirring the world

with his dreams, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lives on in the hearts and minds of many. Six of those people will be profiled, and scholarship funds will be raised through the sale of a King portrait by Press artist Fris Hoendervanger.

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Super Bowl teams

will be selected today as semi-finalists Los Angeles Raiders take on the Buffalo Bills and the New York Giants will try to beat the San Francisco 49ers. The Super Bowl will be played next Sunday in Tampa Bay.

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2,000 rally to 'support the guys over there'

By John Sinkevics
and Michael J. Bologna
The Grand Rapids Press

The rally was supposed to be over, but still they lingered — waving American flags, giving impromptu speeches, holding hand-lettered signs in support of U.S. troops, singing patriotic songs with tear-filled eyes.

"We need more of this. With all the anti-war protesters, I think what's important is to support the guys over there," said Heather Geistel, 21, of Whitehall, who traveled more than 50 miles to attend Saturday's rally in Grand Rapids, and champion her husband, Greg, and others stationed in the Middle East.

About 2,000 people — including members of local veterans groups and families of military personnel overseas — gathered at Veterans Memorial Park for the hour-long rally to show backing for the U.S. role in the Persian Gulf war.

Amid a sea of red, white and blue flags, posters and ribbons, event organizers and speakers urged participants to rally behind troops in Operation Desert Storm and pray for a quick end to the conflict.

"Grant us the will to finish what must be done," said the Rev. James Blain, of St. James Lutheran Church, who denounced "the atrocities of the enemy" and Iraq's missile attacks on Israeli civilians.

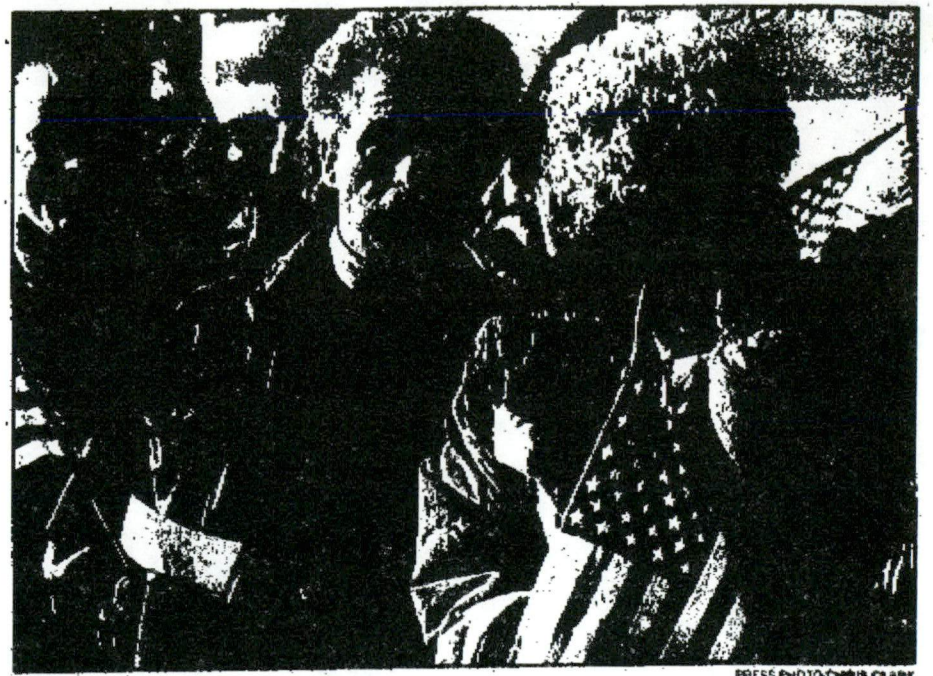
Many also expressed disdain for anti-war protesters who held demonstrations in Grand Rapids earlier in the week, and accused them of hurting the morale of U.S. troops.

Although some participants said they expected local anti-war demonstrators might show up at Saturday's rally, none was seen.

"You bet we wanted to send a message to the (anti-war) demonstrators," said Bill Brinkman, first vice commander of the Carl A. Johnson American Legion Post, which organized the event with help from other veterans groups. Brinkman has two sons serving in the military in Saudi Arabia.

"This is just the beginning," he added, vowing that more rallies would be held. "Believe me, they (U.S. troops) want to hear this . . . This shows Saddam Hussein that we're backing our troops."

Rally participant Mike Williamson, of Cutlerville, criticized recent anti-war marchers as "professional demonstrators. If there's an opportunity to rag on America, they're there."



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Charles Symington, left, whose son Michael is serving in the gulf, and tearful Crickett Sweet, attend rally.

The rally included prayers, speeches, readings of letters from servicemen in Saudi Arabia and patriotic songs, including an original tune written and performed by Grand Rapids musician Bobby Lee Ryke and vocalist Cheryl Fischer.

Ryke said later that he planned to donate tapes containing the "Desert Storm Hymn" — which was given its title on the spot by rally organizers — to the Carl A. Johnson post to distribute among those who request it.

"You see these guys over there and you want to do something for them," he said.

Many participants shared that view, especially yet

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GI pleased to return to the desert with message of support at home

By John Sinkevics
The Grand Rapids Press

For Brian Anderson — Spec. 4, 19th Signal Company, 11th Signal Brigade, U.S. Army — the past year has brought a storm of shattering tragedies. There were the deaths of his father, grandfather and uncle.

Now, after a two-week leave to attend his father's funeral in Traverse City, the 21-year-old Cedar Springs man is on his way back to eastern Saudi Arabia today to rejoin Operation Desert Storm.

In spite of his emotional turmoil, Anderson says he's "glad to be going back" because he can deliver an uplifting message to his communications unit: Thousands of West Michigan residents are behind them all the way.

"It makes it a lot easier to be over there knowing you're being supported," he said Saturday, after addressing an enthusiastic crowd at a Grand Rapids rally in support of U.S. troops. "Before, it seemed like nobody cared."

Except, of course, for friends and relatives like Brian's mother, Kathy, who has worked for months with other local families of American military personnel to get that message across.

"It (the rally) made me really proud to be an American and to have a son who's participating in helping to keep our country free," said Kathy Anderson, 42, of Cedar Springs, an inspector for Keeler Brass Co.

"Brian needs to focus on what he has to do. He has a job to do and he's ready to do it, and I have to be his strength at home."

Anderson, a 1987 graduate of Cedar Springs High School, and his communications unit were first sent to Saudi Arabia last October.

He returned to Michigan on Jan. 6 to attend the funeral of his father, Donald, 43, who was killed in a car-train accident in Georgia.

Though divorced from Donald, Kathy Anderson noted the sudden death of her former husband has been especially difficult on the family because her father died of cancer last August and her brother committed suicide in December.

"I pray a lot," she said. "But it really does help

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Mother Kathy hugs Spec. 4 Brian Anderson.

Call-up may be doubled, tours could be extended

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush has approved a reserve call-up that could double the number of reservists on active duty and extend their period of service, the Pentagon said Saturday.

Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams said the approval could increase the number of reservists on active duty from 161,867 at present to a maximum of 360,000.

In legal terms, Bush upgraded the authorized level of reserve call-ups from 200,000 for a 180-day period to 1 million for a period up to two years.

However, Williams said the military "has no intention of calling up 1 million people for two years."

Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney has, for the present, set ceilings of 360,000 and one year of consecutive service, Williams said.

Cheney authorized the Army to call up 220,000 reservists, compared with 115,000 previously. The Navy was authorized to call up 44,000, up from 30,000; the Marine Corps 44,000, up from 23,000, and the Air Force 52,000, up from 20,000.

Bush invoked the National Emergencies Act authorizing the reserve call-up last August to support Operation Desert Shield in the Persian Gulf.

The Defense Department sought added authority because the number called up is approaching the 200,000 limit and some vital personnel, including doctors, engineers and maintenance people, are near the end of their 180-day tours.

Those already on active duty will serve no more than one year, including the time they have already spent in service.

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WAR IN THE GULF

Backing of allies generally firm for U.S. forces, policies

By Maureen Johnson
The Associated Press

LONDON – In Britain, the Persian Gulf war is seen from Downing Street to the man in the street as a U.S.-British operation.

Prime Minister John Major returned from a pre-war visit to some of the 35,000 British troops with a T-shirt bearing the U.S. and British flags.

"That's what is always comes down to, doesn't it?" commented cab driver Dick Worton. "Just us and the Yanks."

A National Opinion Poll for the British Broadcasting Corp. and The Independent newspaper showed two-thirds of Britons believed the allies were right to fight. The margin of error was not given.

And a record 20,000-plus people donated blood after a public appeal.

On Friday, London Weekend Television appealed for Londoners to house families who may come to the capital to visit wounded soldiers returning from combat. There were more than 10,000 responses that night.

Anti-war protesters continued their rallies, but their numbers paled in comparison with the ban-the-bomb marches of the Cold War era.

"Go get 'em, boys," shouted the 1-million circulation Daily Star on Saturday, in black type superimposed over the Union Jack. The 4-million circulation Sun now carries a logo, "The Paper That Backs Our Boys."

French President Francois Mitterrand, who hours before the start of the Persian Gulf war implored the nation to rally around the French fighting forces, can feel reassured. Somewhat.

Polls published Saturday suggest that 72 percent of the French people approve Mitterrand's handling of the gulf crisis and 67 percent approve of the military action undertaken by the multinational force.

The war – seen here as a predominantly American effort – has spurred aggressive American-style media coverage by the more sedate French press.

One of the main television networks kept up 24-hour coverage in the first day of the war, while other channels interrupted programs with updates. Networks carry extensive footage from Cable News Network and freely cite other U.S. networks.

At least two newspapers, Le Figaro and Le Quotidien de Paris, were publishing special editions Sunday, when few papers normally appear.

The ubiquitous Gallic pride has been kept in check, however, in favor of the American role in the war.

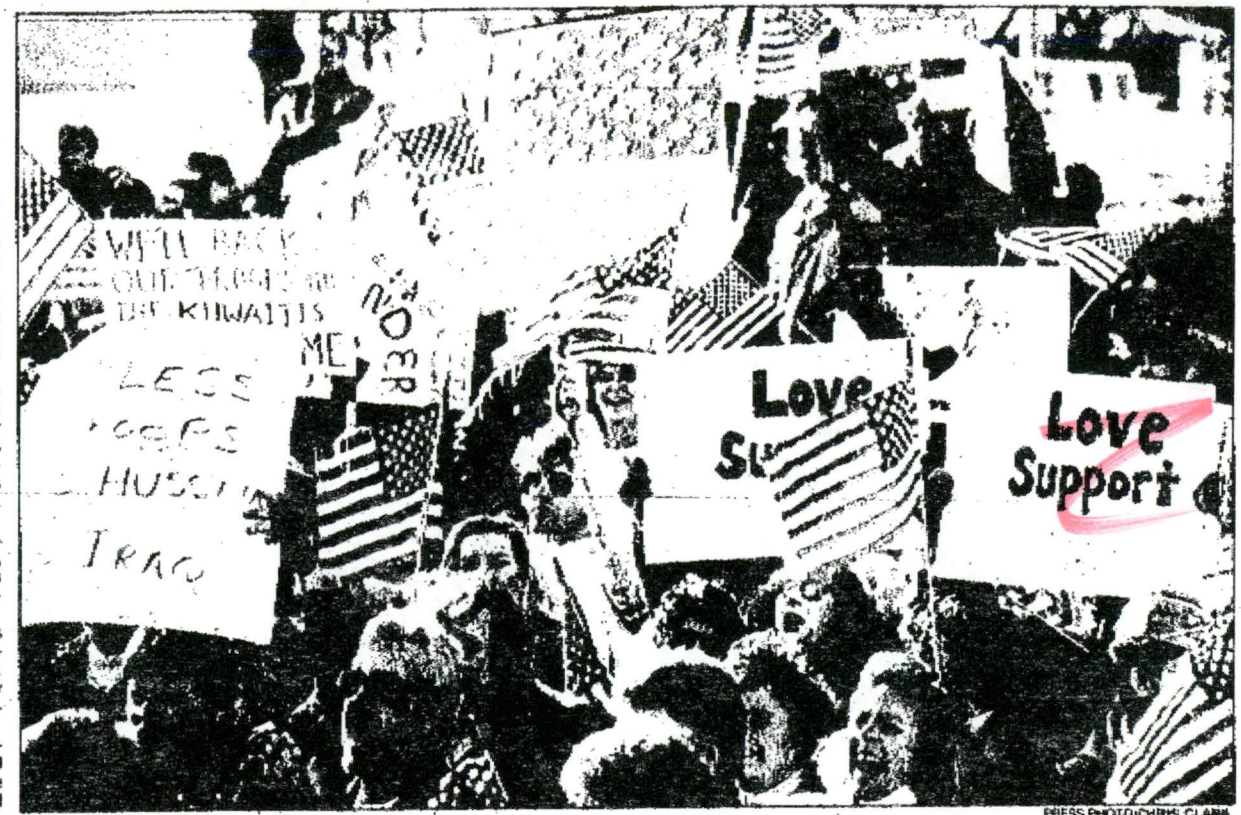
"They liberated us," an elderly woman, overheard in a cafe, reminded her companion.

U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia outnumber the French by about 4,000 to one, and French fighter jets have carried out few missions compared to the hundreds flown by Americans and other countries of the multinational force.

A poll issued Saturday by the Liberation newspaper indicated 72 percent of French people supported Mitterrand's gulf policy, while a survey published in Le Figaro suggested 67 percent of the nation approves.

Italy's military involvement in the gulf, the country's first combat role since World War II, is causing considerable debate, fear and national anxiety.

The mood was especially somber after an Italian Tornado warplane was lost on a bombing run Friday and the two pilots listed as missing in action.



PRESS PHOTO/CHRIS CLARK

Some of the 2,000 who took part in the rally at Veterans Memorial Park in Grand Rapids wave flags in support of servicemen in the gulf.

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erans.

"Those of us who were spared death on the battlefield are bound with the duty to support our troops," said George Sietsema, of Grand Rapids, who served as a technical sergeant in the U.S. Army 90th Infantry Division in Europe during World War II. "It's our duty to those who suffered."

Joe Gibbons, of Grand Rapids, said he felt an overwhelming need to attend the rally after receiving a phone call from his sister that morning. Theresa Pace told Gibbons her husband, Sgt. David Pace, had just been moved from his post in Germany to Saudi Arabia.

"I really wasn't sure what my feelings were until this happened," said Gibbons, 22. "But people who took the day off and didn't come here are stupid. If you've got a loved one, you have to support them."

Anne Riihimaa of Wayland said she came to support her husband, Sgt. Barton Riihimaa, who is serving with the 1073rd National Guard unit from Greenville.

Riihimaa, who talked to her husband on the phone early Saturday morning, said the unit arrived in Saudi Arabia Wednesday. The unit will soon be dispatched to a secret desert air base, she said.

"He said everyone is fine. He said, 'I'll be safe.' He said he is moving to the safest place in Saudi," she said.

Veterans Memorial Park often looked like a swirling storm of American flags and red, white and blue placards supporting Operation Desert Storm.

Signs touted slogans such as, "Support our troops," "Saddam must be stopped before he becomes dangerous," "Defeat Hitler No. 2," and "Face It Hussein – Give Up!"

The rally was not without humor. One sign stated, "Saddam won the coin toss and elected to receive."

"That's the joke going around the war room these days; I guess you have to have a sense of humor even in war," said Robert Beam, of Holland, a Vietnam War veteran whose son, Richard Beam, is currently serving in the Marine Corps in Saudi Arabia.

Throughout the rally, the crowd spontaneously broke into chants of "U.S.A.! U.S.A!" and the event was marked by numerous impromptu speeches, songs, poetry readings and patriotic tributes.

"We'll stay as long as they want us to," said Walter McVeigh, commander of the Carl A. Johnson American Legion Post and head of the United Veterans Council of Kent County. "We've got to show these kids (U.S. troops) we're behind them 100 percent."

Support groups to meet tonight

The Grand Rapids Press

Two newly formed support groups for Lakeshore families with relatives serving in Operation Desert Storm will hold their first meetings tonight.

The Holland-area support group will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room of Christ Memorial church. Konynenbelt said participants at Sunday's meeting will discuss how often and when the group should meet. She was unsure of how many people are expected.

"They may decide they want to meet once or twice a week initially with the crisis going on," she said. "I see it as becoming a place for them to talk to each other."

War foes and supporters take to streets across U.S.

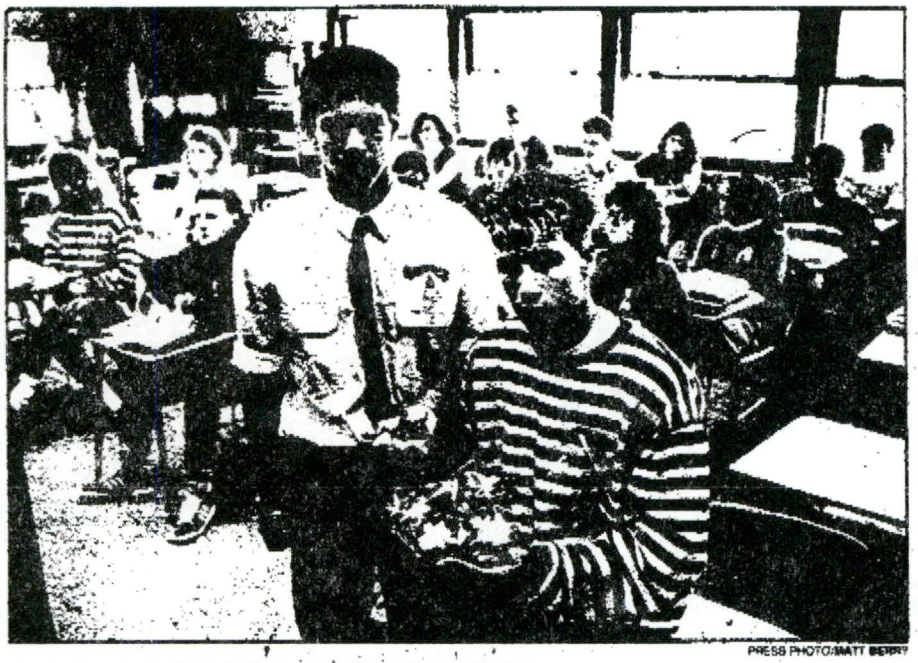
The Associated Press

Anti-war protesters evoked images of the '60s in rallies from Washington to San Francisco on Saturday as supporters of the U.S. military effort held their own demonstrations.

In Washington, the atmosphere was reminiscent of the '60s as Beatles music played through loudspeakers at the White House, where more than 200 people were arrested in the first mass protest in the United States since war broke out, including more than 200 Friday.

Rouge, La., on Saturday said they supported the troops at the same time they opposed the war.

"It is with a heavy heart that we do this because we don't want to demoralize our troops," said Sister Jane Aucoin of the Sisters of St. Joseph's, a Roman Catholic order.



PRESS PHOTO/MATT BERRY

Bill Doughty, left, and Chad Werkema show ribbons they distributed.

Students' yellow ribbon campaign shows support for U.S. troops in Persian Gulf

GODFREY-LEE

By Matt Berry
The Grand Rapids Press

About 450 students from Lee High and Middle schools learned a lesson in boosting morale last week.

In a campaign designed to show support for America's troops in the Persian Gulf, 30 student council members from the high school handed out yellow ribbons during first hour to students at both schools, at 1335 Lee St. SW.

The ribbons were purchased by the council and tied with red, white and blue ribbons into a bow by school staff and students.

Student council member Bill Doughty, 17, was especially enthusiastic about the campaign. His sister, Chris, 20, is serving in Jedda, Saudi Arabia, in an Air Force supply troop.

"My sister wrote us a letter a while ago and said the morale is real low," said Doughty, a senior. "So I wrote her a letter, I faxed it to her, and told her that we're getting a yellow ribbon thing going at school.

"She faxed one back and said that things like that really help them; it helps their morale."

At least five recent Lee graduates are stationed in the gulf, according to Howard Jansen, principal at the high school.

Marching from class to class, Doughty and his assistant, council member Chad Werkema, were quick to point out to that the yellow ribbons neither condone nor condemn President Bush's policies.

"This only means that you support the troops," said Werkema, 17, a senior. "So they know that you know they're going through a tough time over there."

"This is not in support of the war, it's in support of the troops. That should be underlined," said Doughty.

Council members had prepared for the ribbon campaign under the supervision of student council adviser Ted Hollern.

"The sign of the support they (the entire student body) have for the troops has been excellent," said Hollern. "The one thing they have as a common denominator is the support for the troops . . . whether or not they support the war."

After the ribbons were handed out, about 150 students and staff assembled on the front lawn. Following a short speech by Jansen and a moment of silence, the high school band played the national anthem while the American flag was raised. Two representatives from each class then tied ribbons on trees.

"Those are some of our friends over there, our close relatives," said John Karnes, 16, a junior.

"And we have to show support. If Saddam Hussein doesn't see any support backing this country, then he's going to continue doing what he's doing."

Doughty said the student council also plans to initiate a letter-writing campaign for students who want to send letters to troops.

Township shows allegiance to soldiers

ALLENDALE

By W.D. Westenberg
The Grand Rapids Press

Allendale Township officials are looking for names of local men and women serving in the Persian Gulf war.

The Allendale High School Student Congress is planning to honor them with a school-wide ceremony at 6:30 a.m. Feb. 12. Students then will be sent back to classrooms to write letters either to troops or Congress members.

Names may be submitted to township receptionist Tinnea Henderson by calling 895-6295.

The township board also voted Monday to fly the 22 4-by-6-foot American flags it owns along M-45 between 64th and 68th streets.

"We will leave them up for who knows how long," said Supervisor Roger Rycenga.

The board asked Rycenga to request that Christian and public school children tie yellow ribbons around poles and trees along Lake Michigan Drive.

Township board members considered buying more flags for M-45, but Rycenga said he had discovered flags and poles are unavailable before mid-February.

Sheriff's road patrol needs more officers, officials say

ALLENDALE

By Jon Brandt
The Grand Rapids Press

Some Ottawa County township officials said they're hopeful that county commissioners will approve the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department's latest plan to add road patrol officers.

"One thing is for certain: We need more people," Allendale Township Supervisor Roger Rycenga said. "We certainly have paid our fair share and hopefully the county commissioners will be willing to help us out."

Added Tallmadge Township Supervisor Robert Rinck: "It's about time we got some more sheriff's patrol. We've got less now than we did 10 years ago and we've got more people in the county."

Earlier this month, Undersheriff Philip Alderink presented a plan to the County Board of Commissioners' Criminal Justice Committee which called for four additional full-time road officers and seven new part-time deputies.

Alderink has proposed that the county pay for two of the full-time officers and all the part-timers, with the townships picking up the cost for the other two full-time deputies.

"To keep a minimal level of service, we need four deputies," said Alderink, who added that the number of county road patrol deputies has shrunk over the past 10 years.

Alderink said he has not discussed the proposal with township officials yet, deciding to attempt to gain approval from county commissioners first.

Last year, Alderink proposed a similar plan which township officials agreed to partially fund, but commissioners shot down the proposal.

"I've got to get the county to commit themselves before I go ahead with anything, because I did all that work last year for nothing," Alderink said.

Alderink estimated that hiring two deputies would cost the county and the townships between $60,000 and $65,000 per year each, while hiring seven part-time deputies would cost about $63,000 in the first year.

Rycenga said the time has come for more road patrols.

"With a response time of about 30 minutes in Allendale Township, we would certainly be for that," Rycenga said. "I know they need the patrol officers. . . . We were disappointed it was turned down (last year)."

Rycenga indicated that townships were willing to pay for some of the cost of additional officers last year, but added that several officials hoped that the more than $400,000 savings the county realized by the soon-to-be-implemented E911/Central Dispatch system would have been put toward more road patrol. It was not.

THE LAW AND YOU

by John Hess & Dan Hess, P.C.

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WYOMING MICHIGAN
CITY OF VISION AND PROGRESS

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED WYOMING CITY ORDINANCE

At a meeting held on January 21, 1991 the following was considered for its first reading and considered as read

ORDINANCE NO. 7-91

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 11.101 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WYOMING

THE CITY OF WYOMING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 11.101 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11.101 ADOPTION OF BOCA BASIC NATIONAL BUILDING CODE. The City adopts by reference the BOCA Basic National Building Code, 11th Edition, 1990. Three or more copies of said Code have been and are on file with the City Clerk. The Code is subject, however to the following subsections:

(1) Wherever the words "terms of jurisdiction" appear, the word "City" shall be considered inserted.

(2) The amount of fee for service required by Section 114.3 shall be paid as required by Section 80.23 of the City Code.

(3) All other fees, as required, shall be according to Section 80.23 of the City Code.

(4) The amounts of bond and/or insurance coverage, listed in Section 2906.1, shall be as established in Section 80.23.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to abide with the BOCA Basic National Building Code.

A complete copy of the BOCA Basic National Building Code is available at the office of the City Clerk.

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Volunteers finish job on house

GRANDVILLE

By Wendy Gager
The Grand Rapids Press

For several teachers and administrators at Grandville High School, Christmas vacation was anything but.

Instead of relaxing, about half the staff donated money, materials and muscle to finish off the first floor of the home of an elderly Kent City woman whose husband was unable to complete the job.

The project was launched after Assistant Principal Roger Kropf read a Thanksgiving Wish letter in The Press about the woman's plight. Because Kropf had experience laying carpet, he figured he'd donate his services.

But after seeing Jennie Reid's home, at 17523 Peach Ridge Avenue NW, he realized he didn't have all the expertise needed to finish off the job.

"When I went there, the upstairs was not done, it was barely a shell and had no electric. I walked into a room with bare, studded walls," he said.

So, Kropf returned to school and circulated a memo to the staff asking for more help. The response was overwhelming.

"I knew I had 60 talented teachers, but I learned a lot of other things about the high school staff," said Kropf.

By the time the task was finished, the staff had donated about $10,000 in materials, $1,500 in cash and three days of volunteer work over Christmas vacation, he said.

For Reid, 76, the newly refurbished first floor means she now only goes into the basement for chores like fueling the wood stove.

Reid had been living in her cement-floor basement for 33 years. Her husband, who had a stroke and now resides at a nursing home, was unable to finish off the home.

"It's so nice and comfortable up here," she said. "I really enjoy it. It's a lot warmer on my feet with the carpet. All I had before was a cement floor."

Reid conceded that Kropf's offer to help "completely floored" her.

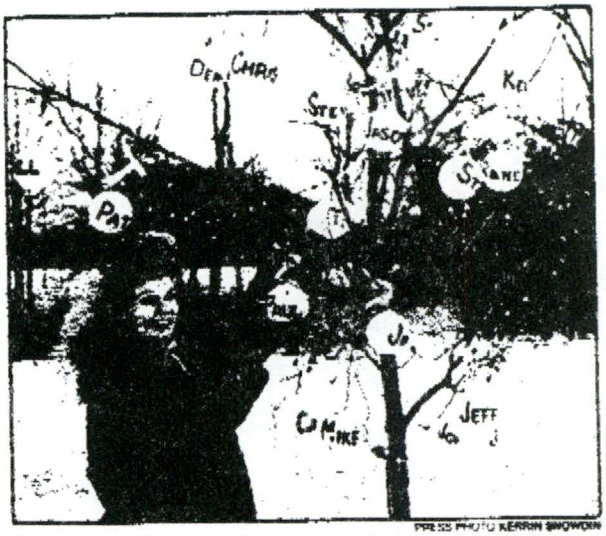
Kropf said the work made an impression on him, too. "In three days, we literally changed this woman's life," he said.

Other teachers said the project added a new dimension to Christmas.

Athletic Director Jim Glazier said he volunteered because he used to be a painter.

"The amount of work we did in a small amount of time and (with) the difference it made, I'd do it again. It gave a new meaning to Christmas," Glazier said.

"We had a lot of handy guys. Those who had limited skills would do the sanding or the staining, not sitting around. Everyone fit into a niche and used the elbow grease, and away we went," Kropf commented.



PRESS PHOTO KERRIN SNOWDEN

Tammi Peck honors with a decorated tree the 21 military personnel from the area who are in the Middle East.

Her effort to honor troops in gulf is kind of tree of life

COOPERSVILLE

By Kerrin Snowdin
The Grand Rapids Press

Tammi Peck wants the world to know that Coopersville residents serving in the Middle East won't be forgotten – and a tree in her front yard along the road leading into town has proven to be a highly visible reminder.

Peck, 20, a college student who lives with her family at 15774 48th Ave., just north of Int. 96, has decorated and illuminated a tree with yellow foam balls bearing the names of the two women and 19 men from the area who are serving in the Persian Gulf.

Shortly after news of the U.S. involvement in Operation Desert Storm, she said, she realized how great was the emotional impact on families of those in the service.

So Peck, a second-year art student at Grand Valley State University, decided she would decorate the tree.

"I guess this is just something I wanted – something I needed to do to show my support," she explained.

A 1989 Coopersville High School graduate, Peck knows 19 of the people whose names hang from her tree, having attended high school with most of them. One, Paul Unger, is a second cousin.

"I think of them all the time," she said. The tree will stay decorated and lighted "until all of them come home."

Competing bidders reduce sewer, water project cost and special assessments

WALKER

By Charley Moore
The Grand Rapids Press

Competition among companies bidding on fewer projects resulted in bids on Walker's water main and sanitary sewer project coming in far below estimates and making reductions possible in special assessments.

City Engineer Gary Voogt told Walker city commissioners Jan. 22 that the low bid on the Walker-Walkent project was $141,801 by Dykema Excavators Inc. That is more than $60,000 lower than the estimate of $206,673.

In all, 18 bids were received, ranging up to one for $235,109. The commission awarded the work to Dykema.

"Based on the very competitive bidding, it appears a reduction is possible in the special assessments previously confirmed for this project," Voogt said. "We can report any assessment reductions back to the City Commission at a later date."

He reported the city has a good reputation among contractors because, among other things, they are paid shortly after completion of the work.

Voogt said the mains would be parallel to Int. 96 between Walker Avenue NW and the north end of Walkent Drive, and would service three major properties.

City officials said that the sewer line will be one-quarter mile long and the water line will be a half-mile long.

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By C.T. Revere
The Grand Rapids Press

Anton Fedorov sat wedged in a booth in a McDonald's restaurant with three teammates from his Soviet junior hockey team, waiting for lunch.

A Detroit Red Wings cap rested on his head and a Detroit Tigers pin decorated his sweatshirt. He sported another pin bearing the words, "McDonald's 160 Broadway."

That pin, picked up at a restaurant in New York City, was a memento of the youth's first immersion into American fast-food culture.

As he waited for his hamburger, fries and soft drink to arrive, Fedorov – a veteran now of three McDonald's visits – praised the virtues of the restaurant chain.

"It's really fast food," Fedorov said through interpreter Alevtina Chernoroukova. "And it's really nutritious."

The lunch stop was part of a day that gave the 25 members of the touring Soviet Red Army Junior Hockey Club glimpses of American culture. The day started with a shopping spree at Woodland Mall and included a private screening of the movie "Home Alone" at Studio 28 theaters.

The entourage also visited the Gerald R. Ford Museum before preparing to play hockey against East Kentwood High School's defending Class A state champion Falcons.

At Woodland Mall, the 16- to 18-year-old student-athletes were astounded by the number of stores and variety of products available.

"It's very impressive," said 16-year-old Maxim Sushinsky. "But it's very difficult to make a choice. The choice of goods is very wide, and we don't have enough money to buy."

Nonetheless, the Soviet players managed to find souvenirs to take home from their three-day visit in West Michigan.

Maxim Sushinsky orders food through translator Alevtina Chernoroukova.

defending Class A state high school champion East Kentwood 8-0 Friday night at Kentwood Ice Arena.

"Shoes," said translator Anatoly Babinscev, pointing to his own new pair of black running shoes. "A lot of shoes."

Many of the players came away with shirts or baseball caps plugging American sports teams. Like most Americans, the Soviet shoppers were dumbfounded by the different prices asked for the same products.

When it came time to leave, escorts found the players scattered throughout the mall, said Kentwood athletic director Ron Fales.

"Anatoly was on the loudspeaker calling them all back in Russian – that was a first," he said.

Sushinski said he has been most impressed by the hospitality of the American people, but he also enjoys fast food. "You can come any time and have something to eat. In our country the situation is completely different," he said.

Members of the team live in the Leningrad area and, as far as their interpreters knew, had never been to the McDonald's that opened recently in Moscow – the only McDonald's in the Soviet Union.

Chernoroukova, 24, said she prefers a salad to a Big Mac. "I'm afraid McDonald's food is not for me," she said.

Back home in Leningrad, Fedorov said his favorite food is borscht – a soup made with beets and topped with sour cream. As far as Fedorov is aware, there is no fast-food version of that Russian favorite.

"I prefer to eat it at home," he said. "Besides, it's even dangerous to eat in Soviet restaurants."

hearings around the state, including Saginaw, Jackson, Waterford, Sterling Heights and Traverse City, in addition to Grand Rapids, to air public reaction to the GOP tax reform plan. Smith's panel included

tentatively proposed an alternative plan calling for exempting the first $30,000 of a home's value from school operating taxes, up to a 50

see TAX PLAN, A4

Gas prices are lowest since invasion of Kuwait

The Grand Rapids Press

Louis LaBelle got the word about 2 p.m. Friday – change the signs outside his Standale service station to 98.9 cents per gallon, the lowest price since before Iraq invaded Kuwait.

Other stations in the area also dropped their prices Friday, giving the Grand Rapids area the best price in the state for self-serve, unleaded regular, according to AAA of Michigan.

"I can't even remember when they were this low," said LaBelle, assistant manager at the United Oil, 364 Wilson Ave. NW. "It's been a very busy day."

A survey by AAA completed on Thursday showed the average price of self-serve unleaded regular gasoline in the outstate area was $1.11. The average price was $1.05 in Detroit. The motor club surveys 300 service stations to obtain its outstate figures and 100 stations within Detroit.

"The lowest price we found in our survey was 99.9," said Haldane.

The average statewide price was 99.9 the week before and after Saddam Hussein ordered his troops into Kuwait, according to AAA of Michigan.

Discounting a 5-cent per gallon federal tax imposed in December, the AAA average would be about half a cent higher now than at the beginning of the war, said Haldane.

Gas prices have mirrored the falling price of crude oil. Crude is expected to fall to $16 per barrel after setting a record of $41.15 per barrel this past fall on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Fears of war damage in the Middle East oil fields forced prices up. Confidence in the ability of allied troops to protect the massive Saudi oil fields reversed the price trend.

The exchange's lowest price for next-month delivery of crude oil was $9.75 per barrel, on April 1, 1986.

Police attach flags to small ribbons to show support on the home front

By John Hogan
The Grand Rapids Press

With his only son stationed on the Kuwaiti border and ready for the beginning of a possible ground battle, Kent County Sheriff's Deputy Richard Skelonc looks for diversions to keep his mind from the perils of war.

So Skelonc found a desk in the department's detective bureau Friday and began pinning tiny American flags to quarter-size yellow ribbons.

The methodical work, done on his own time, is part of a campaign to provide lapel pins for officers at every police agency in Kent County.

"It really makes you feel good when you see something like this, and it's being sponsored by people that don't have immediate family over there," said Skelonc, a 20-year veteran of the sheriff's department. "All you can do is say thanks."

Police throughout Kent County began wearing the pins this week to show support for American troops in Operation Desert Storm, said Larry Orlowski, president of the Kent County Deputy Sheriff's Association, which is sponsoring the program.

Officers in Grand Rapids and East Grand Rapids will be allowed to wear the lapel flags but not the yellow ribbon, because it may be perceived as an endorsement of the war, according to the chiefs in both those cities.

"The display of the flag is designed to support the country and the troops during the efforts in the Persian Gulf," said Grand Rapids Police Chief William Hegarty.

But the ribbon was deleted "because of the need of law enforcement to remain impartial at all times," Hegarty said.

"We must give an appearance of neutrality," added Peter Gallagher, director of the East Grand Rapids Department of Public Safety.

The flag-and-ribbon campaign was the brainchild of Orlowski and Kent County Detective Robert Peters, who said they wanted to show support for officers like Richard Skelonc whose loved ones are in the Persian Gulf.

The deputy's union approved funding for the pins about two weeks ago and provided the design to a Kent County manufacturing company for production.

A thousand pins were distributed this week, and an additional thousand have been ordered for agencies rang-

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PRESS PHOTO/LANCE WYM

Larry Orlowski, Richard Skelonc and Robert Peters, from left, pin flags on small yellow ribbons.

HIGH-TECH HOME

Components for tanks, planes and missiles made by local firms

By Michael J. Bologna
The Grand Rapids Press

Robert Hayes, manager of military marketing at Jet Electronics & Technology Inc., knew he was going to have to answer some questions the minute the first F-15 jets went into action in the Middle East.

As a manufacturer of high-tech aircraft instruments, JET had produced some of the equipment on the F-15 and a dozen other military aircraft. JET's 480 employees, Hayes reasoned, were obviously going to be curious how their efforts were serving the pilots daredeviling through the skies above Iraq and Kuwait.

So the day after the bombing started, Hayes assembled photos of the military aircraft and JET instruments such as stand-by attitude indicators, which monitor a plane's pitch and roll. He created a display, matching the jets with their JET instruments, in the employee lunchroom.

"When our nation's might is being used to its greatest potential, your ability to produce quality equipment helps ensure a successful completion and return from each mission," the display stated.

With the Persian Gulf War now over, many West Michigan companies are expressing pride for the role their technology played in helping allied forces win. Though Grand Rapids is a minor contractor compared to hotbeds of military high-technology such as St. Louis or Seattle, components crucial to weapons systems such as Tomahawk Cruise Missiles, M-1 Tanks and almost every aircraft in the sky were produced in Grand Rapids.

"You'd be hard-pressed to find an aircraft over there that didn't have a critical component or a major system produced in Grand Rapids either from Jet Electronics, or Vickers (Electromech Inc.) or Smiths (Industries)," says Bruce Chubb, former president of the Research and Technology Institute of West Michigan and a 29-year veteran of Smiths Industries.

The Defense Contract Management Area Office in Grand Rapids reports there are 175 defense contractors in West Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. They provide the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps with about $2 billion in products and services each year including military hardware and non-defense items such as food products and medical supplies.

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■ Bruce Chubb, Smiths Industries.

The build-up of U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia following Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait, accelerated defense procurement from Michigan firms. Thirty-four state firms received $30.3 million for goods and services for the military operation, says Beverly James of the Chicago regional office for Defense Contract Management.

Jonathan White, a military historian and director of the School of Criminal Justice at Grand Valley State University, says never before in the history of war have human beings, high-technology weapons and computers teamed up better than in Operation Desert Storm.

While White says most military systems worked flawlessly during the operation, he points to three crucial areas of technology which won the war:

- The Tomahawk Cruise Missile took out key Iraqi communication and defense management installations during the first minutes of the war, disconnecting field troops from their chain of command. The Tomahawk also took out Iraqi anti-aircraft strongholds, paving the way for the air campaign.
- The so-called laser-guided bombs (LGBs) dispatched from military aircraft provided tremendous precision during the air campaign. Thousands of bombing missions using these weapons effectively destroyed logistical support networks such as bridges, roads, defense plants and field command centers. LGBs were also effective at killing Iraqi ground troops.
- And the tank-killing capability of the allied troops brought a swift and effective end to the ground war. That capability, White says, was seen primarily in the A-10 Warthog attack aircraft and the M-1 tank. Superior navigational technology used in the M-1 allowed the tank to move at 35 miles per hour and fire at the same time while Iraq's T-72 tanks had to stop and focus before firing.

All those tanks, missiles and aircraft carry components made in West Michigan.

The largest and most sophisticated defense contractor in the area is Smiths Industries, 4141 Eastern Ave. SE. Employing nearly 2,000, the company primarily produces avionic instruments used in military and civilian aircraft including flight data recorders, auto pilots and flight management systems.

Chubb, who was vice president of research and development at Smiths before retiring three years ago, says Smiths had at least one piece of equipment on every helicopter, jet fighter and transport plane in the Gulf. The company also designed and built the guidance systems on the Tomahawk Cruise Missile.

Two years ago Smiths began producing a tank navigation device called position navigational systems. Though the devices were not used in the war, they are ideal for desert war conditions and will be placed on the M1A2 Abrams Tank being built by General Dynamics Land Systems division in Warren.

Current Smiths officials would not comment on sales of its military equipment, citing fears of retribution from terrorists and peace activists.

DMS Contract Awards, a computer data base which monitors military contracts, however, indicates Smiths received $38.8 million in direct military contracts during the first three quarters of the U.S. government's fiscal 1990.

Vickers Electromech Grand Rapids, 3675 Patterson Ave. SE, also produced components for the Tomahawk.

Ron Modreski, general manager of the local Vickers plant, says the company produces the fins and mechanical systems which control the Tomahawk's fins. The firm also makes electro-mechanical devices for fighter planes that assist in the lowering of landing gear and opening hatches.

"It's not glamorous stuff, but you have to have them to operate the plane," Modreski says.

JET, 5353 52nd St. SE, has made its name in avionics producing several lines of standby attitude indicators for civilian and military markets. The indicators represent roughly 60 percent of the company's $38.5 million

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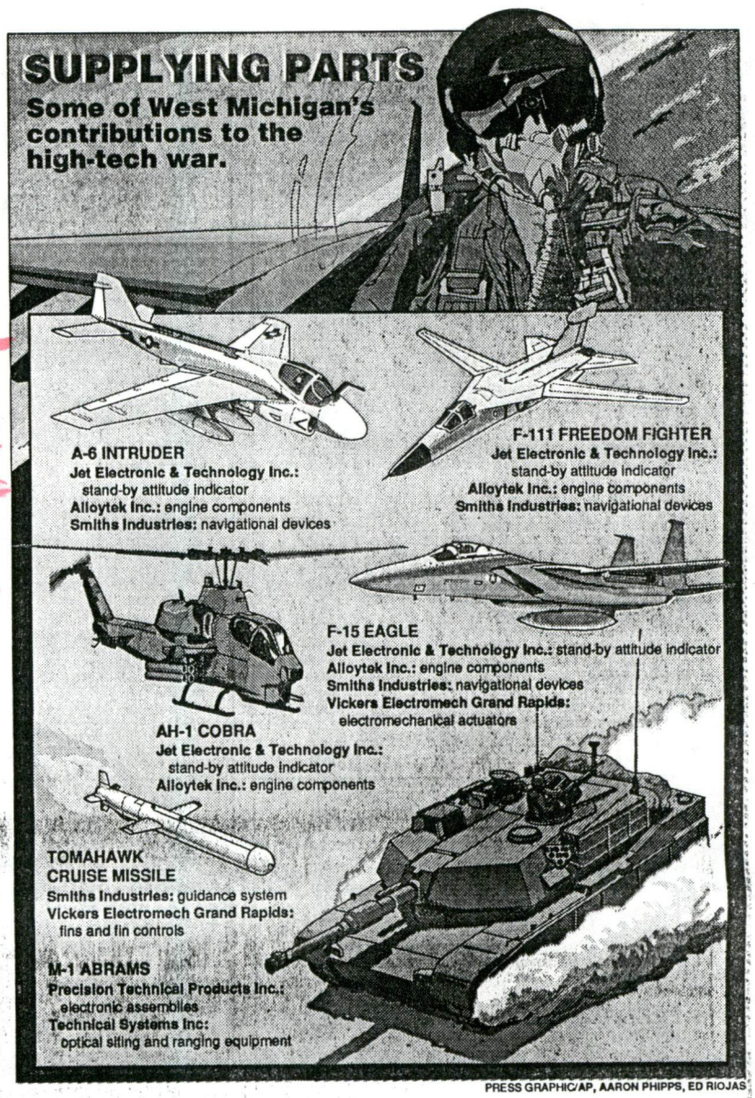

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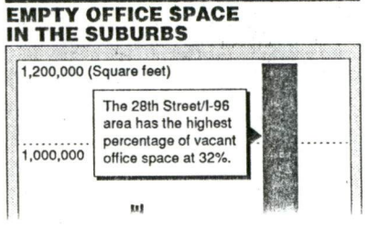

State farms get break on oil prices, but still are in for rough year

By Rick Haglund
Grand Rapids Press News Service

went through in the early 1980s," said Jake Ferris, a Michigan State University agricultural economist

HI-TECH

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in annual sales, Hayes says.

"We supply, I would guess, to all the fighters in Desert Shield and Desert Storm," says Al Worden, JET's general manager.

Other Grand Rapids companies providing components to the Desert Storm effort included:

- Alloytek Inc., 2900 Wilson Ave. SW, produces parts from special alloys for jet and helicopter engines. The company captured $13 million in direct military contracts during fiscal 1989 and the first three quarters of fiscal 1990, according to DMS Awards.

"Almost every bird that was in the sky over there, or helicopter, had an Alloytek product on it," says Ed Tiscornia, vice president of marketing.

- Precision Technical Products, 1600 Marshall St. SE, manufactures wiring harnesses and electronic assemblies for tanks and other armored support vehicles, says Robert LaSarge, company vice president.

DMS Contract Awards indicates the 10-person company has captured roughly $1.2 million in contracts during fiscal 1989 and the first half of fiscal 1990.

- Encore Industries Inc., 1330 Burton St. SW, specializes in electro-mechanical assemblies on tanks and fire control equipment on the large guns. DMS Contract Awards reports that Encore had direct military sales of nearly $7 million during fiscal 1989 and the first three quarters of fiscal 1990.

The company also has received 17 Gulf-related contracts since the Kuwaiti invasion "and more coming," says Jayma Kamerling, contracts administrator.

- Technical Systems Inc., 4511 E. Paris Ave. SE, makes power conversion equipment for heavy artillery and the M-1 tank. DMS Contract Awards reports Technical Systems received nearly $20 million in direct military contracts during fiscal 1989 and the first three quarters of fiscal 1990.

Technical Systems expects to boost its 180-person work force by 10 percent in the next six months due, in part, to new military contracts, says Don Chapman, director of contracts and marketing.

GVSU's White says that while high-tech weapons were fundamental in helping the allies win the war, he fears technology will arise as the tool of choice when international skirmishes develop.

PRESS PHOTO/JON M. BROUWER

Robert T. Hayes: He set up display to remind employees of their contribution.

Technology, White says, not only has its limits, but as Desert Storm proved, it exacts a great toll on human beings.

"At this point we're beating our chests about this war, but the technology has made us deadlier than ever. One of my biggest fears is that people will say the technology will solve our problems."

John Foren of the Newhouse News Service in Washington contributed to this report.

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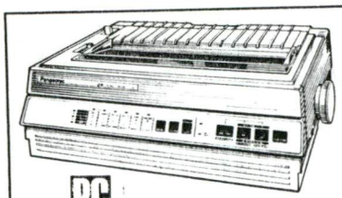

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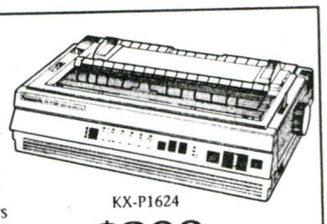

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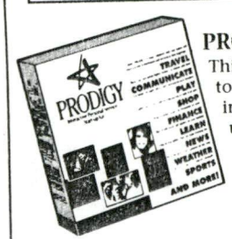

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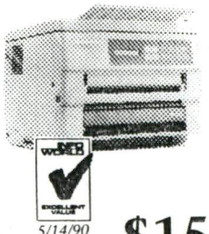

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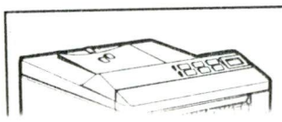

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June 9, 1991

Dear President Bush:

I was busy being a grandma yesterday: babysitting my 14 month old grandson, then later taking his older brother to a league baseball game. So I missed watching the parade, having forgotten to set the VCR. However, Sunday morning while having coffee, I read the highlights of your comments. Lincoln's Gettysburg address came to mind as I felt chills of pride in the men and women who served in the Persian Gulf conflict, as well as those who served in all the wars.

In my American History class I try to teach my young people that freedom isn't free, that its price is dedication to an illusive ideal,

and sometimes, its price is sacrifice of life and limb.

The theme for my 1991-92 year will be "Answering the Call: Goals in Civilian life as well as military's in every day humble contributions as well as heroic, notable efforts made newsworthy by their magnitudes.

I am constantly and continually proud of the decision I made in 1980 to support you for President; glad that I joined Connie Benefield in campaigning in New Hampshire. We continue to walk and talk in support of your leadership.

Our prayer is that God will continue to bless you and our beloved Barbara!

Sincerely yours,

Charles Williams

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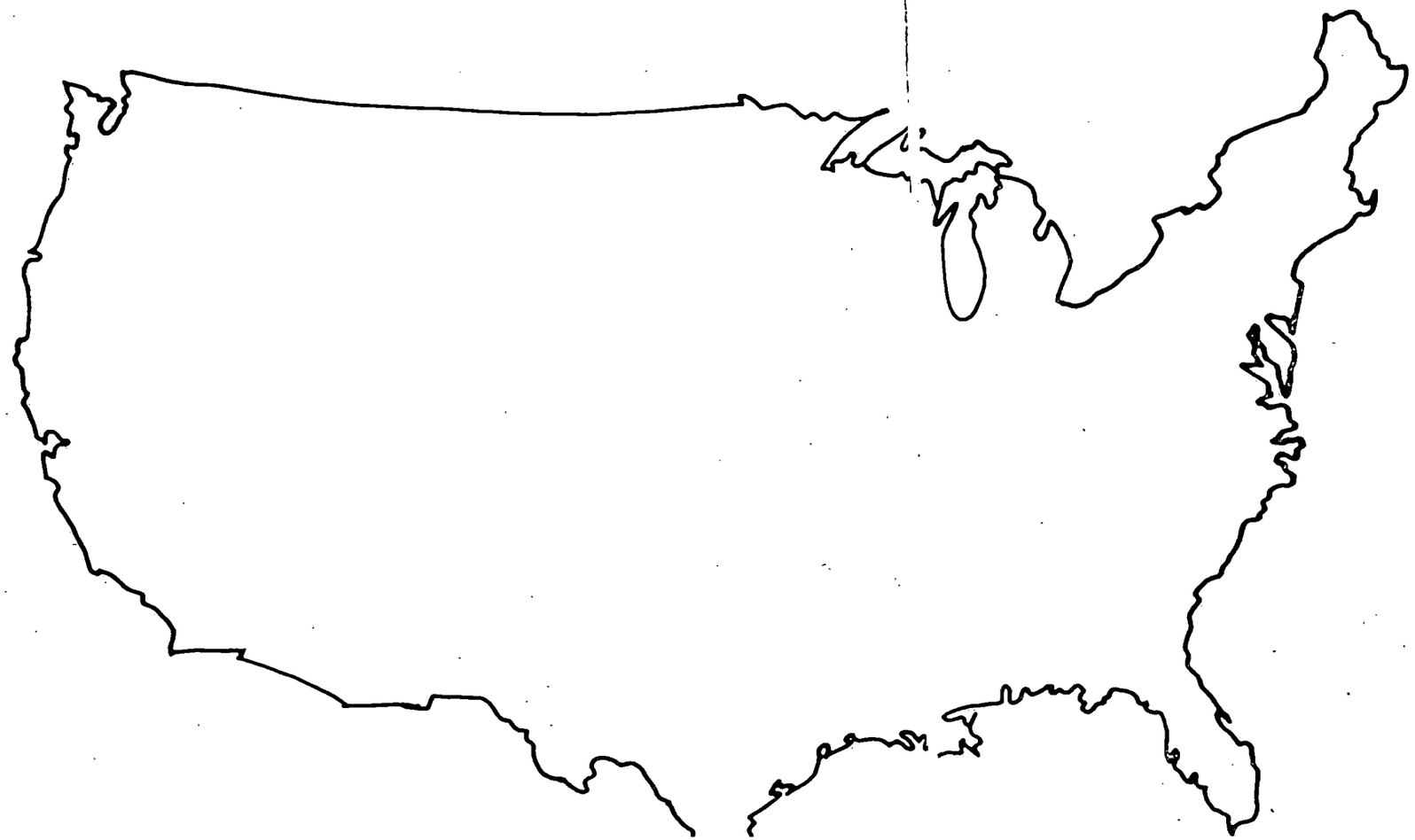

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Quincy:

"Quincy had always been right, for Quincy represented a moral principle—the principle of resistance to Boston."

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The Education of Henry Adams
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"Yet he [Adams] felt also that Quincy was in a way inferior to Boston, and that socially Boston looked down on Quincy. The reason was clear enough even to a five-year-old child. Quincy had no Boston style."

Henry Adams
The Education of Henry Adams
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Stockbridge:

"I want to tell you about the town of Stockbridge, Massachusetts; they got three stop signs, two police officers and one police car."

Arlo Guthrie
"Alice's Restaurant"
1966

Worcester:

"All the buildings [of Worcester] looked as if they had been built and painted that morning, and could be taken down on Monday morning with very little trouble. . . . The clean cardboard colonnades had no more perspective than a Chinese bridge on a teacup, and appeared equally well calculated for use."

Charles Dickens
American Notes
1842

MICHIGAN

Capital: Lansing
Became a territory: Jan. 11, 1805
Entered the union (with rank): Jan. 26, 1837 (26)
State motto: *Si quaeris peninsulam amoenam circumspice* (If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look around you)
State flower: Apple blossom
State bird: Robin
State song: "Michigan, My Michigan"
State tree: White pine
Nicknames: Great Lake State, Wolverine State
Origin of state name: From two Indian words meaning "great lake"

Michigan is the heart of the Great Lakes region; four of the five lakes touch it. It also stands among the nation's foremost industrial centers: Detroit, the motor city, remains America's automotive center despite recent declines in that industry's vigor. Michigan ranks second in American copper and iron mining. Technology even affects the state's geography: The finger-like upper peninsula is connected to the rest of Michigan only by the spectacular Mackinac Bridge, at five miles one of the longest suspension spans in the world; farther north, Michigan's Sault Ste. Marie Canals link Lakes Superior and Huron.

With most of its industry concentrated in the southern third, Michigan remains surprisingly rural, for all its commercial clout. More than 11,000 inland lakes dot the state's countryside; there are more than 36,000 miles of streams. As a result, tourism is very important in Michigan, especially fishing.

Michigan has been heavily influenced by the French. The area was first explored by Frenchman Etienne Brulé in 1618. Marquette, Jolliet, La Salle and other French adventurers followed, and the first permanent settlement was established at Sault Ste. Marie in 1668.

It was not until 1763 that Great Britain took over the Michigan peninsula, only to give it up to the United States after the Revolution. British and American troops and various Indian allies battled over the state, however, right through the War of 1812.

THE STATE

"When all is said and done with Michigan, the whole may be something less than the sum of the parts. . . . With its wealth and opportunities, Michigan should never have let [the] Detroit [riot of 1967] 'happen,' or for that matter let Lansing or Flint happen quite the way they did. In race, housing, regional government, Michigan is a disappointment. For too long, men of much wealth but little breeding or culture

held the ultimate power in Michigan, and even today one senses a lack of strong forces challenging the power system. . . . Why aren't Michiganders fighting and dreaming and thinking more about their future? They are certainly more awake than they were a decade ago—events saw to that. But are they awake enough?"

Neal R. Peirce
The Megastates of America
1972

THE LANDSCAPE

"First there was the ice; two miles high, hundreds of miles wide, and many centuries deep. It came down from the darkness at the top of the world, and it hung down over the eaves, and our Michigan country lay along the line of the overhang."

Bruce Catton
American Heritage
February, 1972

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"One of the interesting things to see up here is the canal at Sault Ste. Marie, whose big locks connect Lake Superior with the lower lakes. The Soo, as everybody calls it, is a lively little city during the eight months of the navigation season; it boasts that its canal handles more traffic than Panama and Suez combined. All day and all night the ships—enormous things, 500 and 600 feet in length—come majestically in from the upper lake, floating high above your head, sinking slowly as the water burbles out of the locks, and then gliding off for the great industrial region hundreds of miles to the south. In an average day, 80 or 90 of them will go through."

Bruce Catton
American Panorama
1947

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"The boats came up from Lake Erie ports, Cleveland and Buffalo and Sandusky, and they gave a theatrical touch to the whole business. Lake Erie is beautiful and shallow and treacherous, with a capacity for whipping up unexpected storms that would bother any mariner who ever lived, although mostly it is pleasant enough; and the old side-wheelers came paddling down its length, usually in the middle of the night—it was nice sleeping, in a snug stateroom on one of those boats, with an air-conditioned wind coming in at the open porthole, and the wash of the paddle wheels beating a quiet rhythm in the darkness—and in the morning that boat came up the Detroit River, and the factories and pumping stations on the bank suddenly made you realize that man had taken over nature and was trying to make something out of it. Then, a little after breakfast time, the boat docked along the Detroit waterfront, and no city in America offered a more thrilling or exciting entrance."

Bruce Catton
American Panorama
1947

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"The only state in the Union boasting a spare part."

Leonard Lanson Cline
These United States
1924

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"Standing on the water bastion of Detroit, a pleasant landscape spread before the eye. The river, about half a mile wide, almost washed the foot of the stockade; and either bank was lined with the white Canadian cottages. The joyous sparkling of the bright blue water; the green luxuriance of the woods; the white dwellings, looking out from the foliage; and, in the distance, the Indian wigwams curling their smoke against the sky,—all were mingled in one broad scene of wild and rural beauty."

Francis Parkman
The Conspiracy of Pontiac
1851

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"The lake country of Michigan handsome as a well-made woman, and dressed and jeweled."

John Steinbeck
Travels with Charley
1962

HISTORY AND POLITICS

"Here, perhaps more clearly than in most places, can be seen the enormous increase in the speed of society's movement, the pressures that come when a society adjusted to one era is suddenly compelled to shape itself to an entirely new one, the torment of modern man torn by the astounding discovery that the things he makes have taken charge of his life. Living in memory of an interesting past and imagining himself to be relaxing in the warmth of a long afternoon, man finds himself facing a terrifying dawn—and it seems to be a little too much for him. Without intending anything of the kind, he discovers that he is involved in an enormous revolution, simply because the power in his hands is so vast that its mere

existence turns the world upside down. Michigan certainly did not cause this to happen, but it shows a good deal about *how* it happened. Here is the slice of modern life, ready to go to the lab for biopsy."

Bruce Catton
Michigan
1976

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"The deep-wood lumber trade kept the frontier alive in Michigan right into the industrial age, which created exactly the condition in which this new industry could find birth and vigorous growth. Basically, the auto industry was a frontier venture. That it grew up in Michigan was wholly natural . . . the important thing was the frame of mind: the readiness to take a chance, coupled with the belief that the sky is the limit, and an intangible something born of the reliance on resources that are believed to be inexhaustible."

Bruce Catton
Michigan
1976

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"By the middle of the 19th century, Michigan's development was carrying the state to contradictory extremes. It was becoming the home of an individualism so intense that each man seemed to be pitted against all other men, and the land-looker's desperate race to the land office might stand for every man's condition. Yet, at the same time, these individualists who pursued unlimited opportunity with unlimited desires knew that they owed their very existence to a profound unity with other men whom they never saw but whom they could not possibly ignore. . . . This state had never been a colony; it had been created by the central government, it was the central government that financed the life-giving canals and railroads, and it was the rising demand of the people of a constantly growing nation that brought profit to mines, sawmills, and wheat fields."

Bruce Catton
Michigan
1976

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"And then, all of a sudden, it [the lumbering era] was all over. The lumber was gone, the mills were dismantled, the booming cities and towns lapsed into drowsiness, store-fronts were boarded up—and the razor which had done all of this shaving had left a stubble of stumps like a frowsy three-day beard across thousands of square miles."

Bruce Catton
American Panorama
1947

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"Some day some convention of salesmen will agree to a much more appropriate coat-of-arms for the new Michigan. It will picture the lean cheeks and the death's-head smile of Henry Ford, in the halo of a spare tire, flanked by chimneys and flivvers on a ground of soot."

Leonard Lanson Cline
These United States
1924

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"The nearest thing to the sublime in Michigan is the Ford factory. See it at dusk some October afternoon from a distance away, a vast squat looming monster, glinting a shrill blue light from its windows into the shadows, gibbering, ominous."

Leonard Lanson Cline
These United States.
1924

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"The Michiganders were a people without identity, without community of purpose or past, without tradition. Then Ford."

Leonard Lanson Cline
These United States
1924

CITIES, TOWNS AND REGIONS

Detroit

"Making the big money in Detroit is a fine thing. You bet it is—if the layoffs don't hit you. But if you have to live locked up in some kind of a slum where the pushers are pushing dope and whores and hot radios and TVs at you at your front door all the time, it takes the soul out of you and you'd soon not have much left of your real self to be worth living for."

Resident
Quoted by Erskine Caldwell
Afternoons in Mid-America
1976

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"Detroit today is an unsettling mixture of deep despair and incredible promise. . . . Its name is virtually synonymous with the collapse of the urban dream in America. It is not, however, a totally unlovely place. It is a city of trees and residential blocks. . . . Viewed from a height it looks like a garden town, with mile after mile of tree-lined neighborhoods stretching off to the horizon on the Michigan plain. Seen from across the river it presents one of the country's most powerful skylines. By night it is a spectacle of magic, especially when the lake freighters roll past on the Detroit River."

George Cantor
The Great Lakes Guidebook
1978

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"Detroit is the essence of the 20th century. And yet, if a reflective person sits down to ponder about it, he is likely to find himself meditating about the deserted cities of the ancient Mayas, far down in Mexico. . . . The Mayas at least had something in mind, even though we do not know what it was, when they built their cities. Today's cities, in the very heart of automobile land, were built while men were thinking about something else."

Bruce Catton
Michigan
1976

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"Eddie Guest [popular poet], the great intellectual product of the new Michigan! . . . Detroit loves him not only for his sentimentalism but for his success and the way he can turn out four or five stanzas every day of his life."

Leonard Lanson Cline
These United States
1924

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"In the 1890s, Detroit was a 'quiet, tree-shaded city, unobtrusively going about its business of brewing beer and making carriages and stoves.' Two decades later many a Georgian mansion either had been converted into a boardinghouse or demolished for road-widening. The city abandoned the slogan 'Detroit the Beautiful' for 'Detroit the Dynamic.' "

Alan Clive
State of War
1979

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"Detroit [in mid-20th century] was a one-story-bungalow city, built horizontally rather than vertically. The long streets with no bends whatsoever gave a driver an unending vista of wires, lights, cars, and neon signs merging. There were no interesting street scenes, few landmarks. The only visual boundary was the southern one, the Detroit River. In all other directions the view was open, limitless, giving the impression that Detroit never ended. There was a ghetto here, a pocket of prosperity there, ethnic neighborhoods of miserable poverty, places of seedy entertainment—an untidy amalgamation resulting from decades of wild growth."

Carol Gelderman
Henry Ford
1981

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"The coming of the railroads in the mid-19th century, however, stunted what had been a healthy growth. Not only Detroit, but St. Louis, Cincinnati, and New Orleans lost the strategic advantage their river locations had conferred on them when cargo began to be handled by rail rather than by ship. America's principal rail lines ran south of Detroit, bringing growth to cities like Chicago. Between 1840 and 1870 Chicago leaped from 51st to fifth largest city in the United States, while Detroit dropped out of the population race. And then came Ford."

Carol Gelderman
Henry Ford
1981

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"The city [circa 1922] had burgeoned fivefold since the birth of the automobile; by 1918 it was the fourth largest city in the nation, making half the automobiles in the world. Downtown consisted of a cluster of new skyscrapers rising out of a welter of nondescript old buildings. Streets teeming with crowded trolley cars radiated outward through a vast waste of soot-blackened wooden houses, mile after dreary mile, until at the outskirts they reached the steel-and-glass factories that sucked in and disgorged hundreds of thousands of workers every day. To accommodate the proliferation of automobiles, Detroit's principal thoroughfares were widened by cutting down century-old trees. The gracious avenues that had given Detroit an elegance it would never recapture were now lined with slapped-together buildings."

Carol Gelderman
Henry Ford
1981

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"Detroit has built a million automobiles out of rubber trees and phantoms. . . . "

Allen Ginsberg
"Death to Van Gogh's Ear!"
1958

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"For all of its latter-day improvements, the present Detroit, which Detroiters always call 'this town,' remains barely more than an apparition of a city, old high-rise office buildings jutting up between parking lots, boarded-up stores, and stretches of lunar landscape."

Walter Guzzardi, Jr.
Fortune
April 21, 1980

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"The Cadillac has been called, appropriately enough, the essence of all that is avaricious and

trivial in our middle-class life style. And so it is a tenet of Detroit's faith that the highest good is served when the industry makes every car an imitation Cadillac."

John Jerome
The Death of the Automobile
1972

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"Detroit's last definable moment was in 1701, when it was founded as a French fort. It grew haphazardly until the coming of the automobile, when it lost all semblance of reality, so that now when 'Detroit' is mentioned it can mean: Lansing, Pontiac, Flint, Dearborn, Muncie, Milpitas, Kenosha, St. Louis, Cleveland, and a few dozen other cities."

Leon Mandel
Driven
1977

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"If ever there was an era in which Detroit could properly have been called the Imperial City—with imperial aspirations and imperial dreams—it was in post World War II [when the auto was king in American life]."

Leon Mandel
Driven
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"The capital of the new planet—the one, I mean, which will kill itself off—is of course Detroit."

Henry Miller
The Air-Conditioned Nightmare
1945

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". . . the endless stream of automobiles pouring out of Detroit and its satellite factories for the past two-thirds of a century has had an impact on Americans' everyday life second to no other modern invention save electricity. The dividends in mobility and convenience are simply stupendous, and the industry has given birth to others which themselves are giants of the modern American economy: petroleum, tires, road and superhighway construction. Without the automobile, we might well have remained an essentially rural nation."

Neal R. Peirce and John Keefe
The Great Lakes States of America
1980

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"On the dreary yellow Michigan waste with its gray stains of frozen water, the cars wait like horses at a pond."

Edmund Wilson
"Detroit Motors"
1930

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"Detroit is a simple homogenous organism which has expanded to huge size."

Edmund Wilson
"Detroit Motors"
1930

Other Cities and Places

Grosse Point:

"Detroit, in the minds of the Grosse Pointe people, exists as a gray area where some men have to go for business, and from which they escape at night."

Stephen Birmingham
The Golden Dream
1978

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Grosse Pointe has also been accused of representing nothing but automobile money, as tasteless and chrome-plated as most annual models."

Stephen Birmingham
The Golden Dream
1978

The Upper Peninsula Region:

"The Upper Peninsula of Michigan is a year-round parkland. The spring days are cool and the nights cold, but the fresh green of the new growth on the white birch forests and the early bloom of the first wildflowers, pushing their way through the moss-laden ground, holds a beauty we would hate to miss. . . . The cool winds of autumn blow a spectacular range of color into the quiet woodlands along the miles and miles of lakeshore."

Joanne and Charles Jordan
Travel
May, 1976

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"Not many years ago the shore bordering the head of Lake Michigan, the northern curve of that silver sea, was a wilderness unexplored. It is a wilderness still, showing even now on the school-maps nothing save an empty waste of colored paper, generally a pale, cold yellow suitable to the climate, all the way from Point St. Ignace to the iron ports on the Little Bay de Noquet, or Badderknock in lake phraseology, 100 miles of nothing, according to the mapmakers, who, knowing nothing of the region, set it down accordingly, withholding even those long-legged letters, "Chip-pe-was," "Rich-ca-rees," that stretch accommodatingly across so much townless territory farther west."

Constance Fenimore Woolson
Castle Nowhere
1875

THE MIDWEST AND THE GREAT PLAINS

The Midwest and Great Plains, by their unmatched economic output, have fueled the American experiment. The vast quantities of food and raw materials produced in this swatch of fertile land, running southward from the Canadian border to the Rio Grande and stretching from the Ohio Valley to the Rocky Mountains, have made America an economic powerhouse. Socially, the area is conservative, the heart of homey American virtues. No trend that begins on the coasts can become officially "American" until it is accepted by the pragmatic folks of the Middle West, until it "plays in Peoria." When the world thinks of America, the rich fields of the Great Plains and the hardworking people of the Midwest are what comes to mind.

THE REGION

"It is in that great cosmopolitan country known as the Middle West that we may hope to see the hard molds of American provincialism broken up; that we may hope to find young talent which will challenge the pale proprieties, the insincere, conventional optimism of our art and thought."

Willa Cather
These United States
1924

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"I sometimes think that a European deploring the horror of Pittsburgh, Detroit, St. Louis, and 'your Midwest cities' is not really criticizing the Midwest or American cities but the 19th century city anywhere."

Alistair Cooke
Talk About America
1968

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[A businessman of the West]: "If the West had been settled first, the East would be a wilderness today, for the reason that the fertile soil, the vast cities, the ease of communication of the midland, would have made it the home of all ease, refinement, culture, and art. The East would have been only a fringe of seaport towns, with fine shooting and fishing lands as a background."

Hamlin Garland
Crumbling Idols
1894

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"This Midwest. A dissonance of parts and people, we are a consonance of towns. Like a man grown fat in everything but heart, we over-labor; our outlook never really urban, never rural either, we enlarge and linger at the same time, as Alice both changed and remained in her story."

William Gass
In the Heart of the Heart of the Country
1968

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"[Socialist leader] Eugene Debs came to magnify the midwestern virtues and to minimize the midwestern faults, but even the faults he shared with others became a source of strength. . . . He was able to understand [the] common mind because it was, in many ways, so exactly his mind. His generosity sometimes became mawkishness. His literary sense found satisfaction in both Goethe and ordinary doggerel. His delight in humor did not scruple at repeated Negro dialect jokes. He drank hard liquor because his fellows drank hard liquor. In his entire life, he never made an important decision on the basis of theoretical study."

Ray Giner
Eugene V. Debs
1949

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"Those who have lived pent up in our large cities know but little of the broad, unembarrassed freedom of the Great Western Prairies."

Josiah Gregg
Commerce on the Prairies
1844

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"Define the Middle West again. It is where industry and agriculture both reach their highest American development and coalesce."

John Gunther
Inside USA
1947

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