

The lively needle

Stitches go straighter than feet

By MARY KAY DAVIS

A sense of direction was not handed out to me at birth, or at any time subsequently. So it's understandable that geography is not my favorite subject. This became very apparent when the Embroiderers' Guild of America held its annual seminar in New York this fall. The seminar was super—the Big Apple was somewhat less so. Five hundred of us stayed at the

Biltmore and it took me back to college vacations. We used to stay at the Biltmore in those far-away days because our mothers considered it safe. Sale was translated to mean guards stationed at the elevators to insure that girls got off at the Girl's Floors, while boys stayed on the Boy's Floors. Newer, theoretically, would the twin meet. Except that there were no guards on the stairwells. Our mothers

didn't know that.

I ARRIVED on Sunday and everything went beautifully until Thursday when I had to emerge from the hotel and find the Pan American building, three blocks away. Who takes a taxi to go three blocks? "Any idiot could do it," I kept telling myself—even though a sinking voice kept whispering that this idiot couldn't. I found the building, did my errand,

and emerged. From then on it was downhill all the way. To this day I don't know where I took the wrong turn, but the Pan Am building sat beneath the horizon and the Biltmore didn't appear.

I walked and walked, and finally tried to locate myself by spotting the sun. This is sure fire over Adirondack fir trees, but not so good over New York skyscrapers. Street names that I'd never heard of began appearing and I knew that I'd done it again.

I asked a nice-looking man how to find the Biltmore. It turned out that he was a stranger here himself. After the sixth nice-looking man bombed out, I decided that either the Biltmore wasn't as well known as I'd thought, or that nice-looking men don't live in Manhattan.

THEN CAME the brainstorm. The hotel is next to Grand Central Station. All I had to do was find Grand Central and they'd help me locate the Biltmore. Any New Yorker could help me find the train station.

The fourth one did. It was eight blocks away in what I was convinced was the wrong direction.

But I wasn't doing too well by myself so I tagged the eight blocks and, suddenly, there before me loomed grubby old Grand Central. It has never looked more beautiful.

The girl at the information desk was reached after standing in line for 18 minutes. When I asked her my non-sensical question, she warbled, "I'm sorry, we're not allowed to give out that information." But the man behind me whispered, "Right over there, Sweetie, and through that door. You can't miss it."

Bless his heart, I didn't.



Decorated for charity

The 60-year-old house known as the Hoover Mansion, located at 2015 Washburn in Ann Arbor, is known this month as the Harvest House of Interior Design with 22 decorators and furniture firms cooperating to give it a new look. The Pediatric Women of Mott Children's Hospital of the University of Michigan are sponsoring the project. Proceeds from

admission, \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and \$2.50 for senior citizens, will be used to expand the hospital's intensive care unit. The house is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout November except for Thanksgiving. Formerly home to the Michigan Youth for Understanding program, the building has been purchased for an office of Domino's Pizza, Inc.

Teachers' alternatives program set

Oakland University's Continuum Center will hold its award-winning program, Alternative Career Options for Teachers, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Stouffer's Northland Inn in the Northland Shopping Center, Southfield.

The one-day program, which won creative programming awards from the National University Extension Association, will be led by businessman James Hoppin of Southfield. Both James and Judy Hoppin, trained Workshop Coordinators for the Continuum Center, will also lead an assertiveness training component of the program.

Ruth Jeffries of Southfield, who sells mini-computers for the Four-Phase Systems, Inc., in Southfield, will give the keynote address outlining her transition from the world of teaching to the world of business.

Judy Rosenthal of West Bloomfield will talk about the steps she took from education to the field of travel and to her present involvement with para-legal work. She is a para-legal student at Oakland University and works part-time in a legal office.

Alan Scott of Royal Oak, Assistant Director of Career Advising and Placement at Oakland University, will discuss teacher placement within the education industry.

The program provides tips on resume writing, interviewing and other strategies needed to find a job. Job placement is not provided. Registration is required five days in advance. The fee, including lunch, is \$25. For information contact the Continuum Center for Adult Counseling and Leadership Training at Oakland University, or call 377-3033.

Berman wins Butzel award

Mandell L. Berman of Franklin is winner of the 1978 Fred M. Butzel Memorial Award for outstanding community leadership.

The award, named for the first president of the Jewish Welfare Federation and considered to be the Jewish community's highest honor, was presented at the Federation's 52nd annual meeting at Adat Shalom Synagogue.

Berman, Federation president from 1972 through 1975 and currently chairman of its executive committee, serves on the boards of numerous Federation agencies and budget and planning committees.

His many years of service to the Jewish and general communities began in the 1940s when he worked for the junior service group campaign, serving as co-chairman in 1947. In 1947 and 1948 he chaired the group's Save Overseas Survivors effort, which collected tons of food and clothing for

European Jews. He continues to work on behalf of the Allied Jewish Campaign, and has served on the campaign cabinet since 1970.

A graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Business School, Berman has been a member of the boards of New Detroit, Inc., WDET (Channel 56) and the Detroit Metro Regional Planning Commission. He is chairman of the Michigan State Housing Authority board and a former president of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

He is active in several national Jewish organizations, including the Council of Jewish Federations, where he is a board member and former chairman of the Committee on Federation Planning for Jewish Education, and the American Association of Jewish Education, whose board he chaired from 1966 to 1977.

He heads MLB Investments, Inc., of Southfield.

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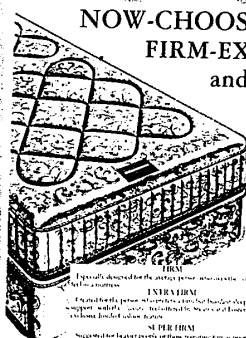
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The Madrigal singers will present Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" and will join with the Men of Orpheus, a men's singing group, in Armenian liturgical selections and traditional Christmas music.

Tickets are \$3.50, \$1.50 for students and senior citizens, and will be available at the door.