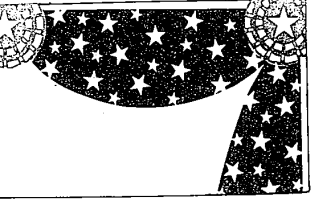


# Welcome Republicans!



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## Hotels rev up for GOP bash

By MARY GNIEWEK

Like the slogan says, "Detroit Loves a Good Party," and hotels are revving up to make sure next week's GOP bash is a positive plug for the city.

"Our main concern is to give our guests a good impression of metropolitan Detroit because many are coming with a negative attitude," said Anita Ste. Marie, sales director of the Farmington Hills Holiday Inn.

The Holiday Inn at Grand River and 10 Mile has committed 186 of its 950 rooms and all of its meeting facilities to visiting Republicans from South Dakota and Missouri.

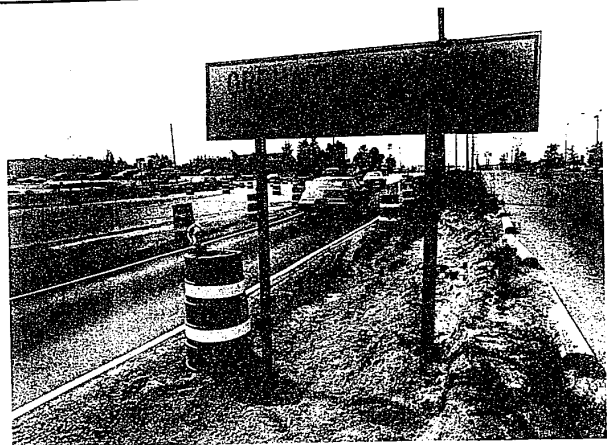
CBS-TV also has booked 25 rooms at the hotel, a 40-minute drive from convention central in downtown Detroit.

Hotel employees have received motivation-type inserts in their pay envelopes for the past several weeks reminding them that the Republicans are coming and asking them to make the visitors feel at home.

The Civic Host Committee for the convention is offering a \$500 reward to employees providing outstanding service to the visiting conventioners.

"Our primary aim is to make sure check-in and check-out run smoothly," Ste. Marie said. "If they start with a negative experience or leave with one, it will leave a bad impression."

RESERVATIONS ARE being processed this week so guests can just sign a card and receive their room key when they arrive this weekend. The majority of the delegates — 93 rooms for Missouri and 55 for South Dakota



Orchard obstacle course To find out why motorists traveling Orchard Lake temporary obstacle course, turn to Page 3-A. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

## '80 fest will be dry run

By STEVE BARNABY  
Farmingington editor

Residents attending the Farmington Founders Festival will have to quench their thirst with soft drinks this year.

The Farmington City Council has rejected a request by the Jaycees to run a beer tent in the Downtown Farmington Center the week of the Festival.

A motion by Councilman Warren Buckler to allow the beer concession died due to a lack of a second. Buckler is a member of the local Jaycee chapter.

"We are concerned not only about the local government's policing responsibilities during the Festival, but also the city's liability should a situation occur which could result in a lawsuit," said City Manager Robert Deadman at this week's council session.

The city lacks insurance coverage for operation of a liquor establishment on city-owned property, said Deadman.

The public safety department also would feel the crunch from having to police a beer tent, he said.

"The Department already is committed to policing more than 100,000 persons who will visit our community during the Festival. Allowing a beer tent would add another area of possible exposure to the Department's already over-committed responsibility," he told the city council Monday night.

## Volunteers swarm hotels to offer convention help

By KATHLEEN MORAN

It has less to do with politics than with getting involved and showing pride in the Detroit area.

"That's what many people who have volunteered to help out with the Republican convention said last week in a training session at the Northfield Hilton in Troy.

Many of those who are giving up their spare time to staff information booths at local hotels felt like Linda Miller. "I decided this opportunity wouldn't come along again for a long time," said the Birmingham resident.

"I thought it would be fun and exciting," echoed her friend Molly Reedy of Birmingham. "It will be neat to meet new people — you never know when you might make a new friend.

"Both of us wanted to make the people feel at home," added Ms. Reedy.

The fact that they aren't Republicans didn't discourage Lynn Morrison and Betsy Baker, both of Troy, from offering to lend a hand. Both decided they knew a lot about the Detroit area and could be of assistance to the incoming strangers.

"We thought it would be a way to help out a little with the convention," said Ms. Baker of Troy. "Four hours certainly isn't much to ask."

APPARENTLY HUNDREDS of others felt sacrificing a little spare time wasn't much to ask either. More than 1,600 people volunteered to help out — when only 800 volunteers were needed, said Rosalie Bryk, volunteer liaison person.

"People really want to do things," she said. "We wanted to get as many people involved as possible so we came up with 1,399 positions. The hardest part has been to let the other 400 know they won't be needed."

Nearly 300 persons showed up for the training session June 30 for workers at the Troy Hilton Inn, Northfield Hilton, Somerset Inn and Holiday Inn as well as the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills — that was almost 100 more than had been expected.

After scurrying to find extra chairs to seat the eager workers regional chairman Joyce Rockefeller said she was delighted at the turnout. "You're our best group yet," she said.

"You are our most important ambassadors of the city of Detroit," she told the group. "You are our MIPs, most important people. You'll be on the front lines meeting the delegates."

At the session, the men and women were encouraged to be pleasant, helpful and to dress attractively. Try to get answers for every question, even if it means getting in touch with the dele-

gate later — and always follow up when promised, they were told. "Who knows, you could be assisting a future cabinet member," said Mrs. Rockefeller.

Information booklets prepared by the Civic Host Committee will be kept in the booths to help volunteers help the guests. But a tight budget prevented giving the volunteers copies of the booklet to take home and bone up on the details — much to the disappointment of the workers.

"This is good to see all these people getting involved," commented volunteer Roy Pelletier of Detroit.

Although they had worked on George Bush's campaign in the Michigan primary, Pelletier and Ruth Scott of Southfield weren't discouraged from volunteering by Gov. Ronald Reagan's pending nomination.

"It takes a lot of people to put on something like this, so we volunteered," said Ms. Scott. "It's an interesting thing to get involved in."

"Of course, we'd like to see Bush get the vice presidential nomination," she added.

Pelletier said they go downtown "every chance we get" and he's anxious to share his enthusiasm for the city with the delegates. "There's so much to do down there. We wanted to get involved in selling people on Detroit."

DEADMAN CITED an incident in (Continued on Page 2A)

## FBI probes racist act

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is compiling a preliminary report to forward to the U.S. Department of Justice, civil rights unit, to set grounds for prosecution of five suspects in last week's cross burning in front of the home of a black Farmington Hills family.

An FBI spokesman said the incident, a misdemeanor punishable by a \$1,000 fine and a year in prison, is a violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 which prohibits a direct threat by any person involving housing.

FBI agents will complete their investigation into July 3 incident in a month to 45 days.

Prosecution will be determined by the Justice Department.

Farmington Hills police were called to the home shortly after midnight July 3 and apprehended one suspect in the area who was carrying a gas can.

According to police, the 8 foot by 4 foot wood cross was covered with cloth soaked in gasoline and set afire in front of the home on St. Francis, in the southeast section of the city.

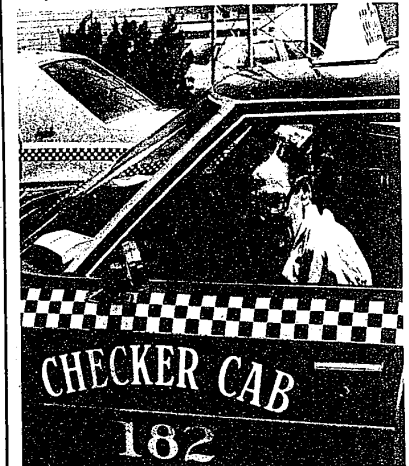
There were no injuries. The only property damage reported was a singed fence.

## Cabbie doubts business boon

By MAURIE WALKER

The Republican national convention opening in Detroit Monday will be a boon to some Detroit and suburban businesses, but a local taxi owner doubts it will help them.

That is the feeling of Vernon Foster, owner of Northwest Transport Inc. Foster, who has cabs in Livonia, Garden City, Redford, Westland, Plym-



Vernon Foster, owner of Northwest Transport Inc., Livonia, with taxi cabs in six suburbs, isn't excited about the GOP convention coming to De-

## City contract ratified

The Farmington City Council has ratified a three-year/\$45,000 work agreement with 12 hourly workers in the Department of Public Services.

The workers, members of Local 25 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), do road repair, park and sewer work and read meters.

Provisions of the contract, retroactive to July 1, include double time pay for working holidays, an average 3 percent pay increase the first year, 7.5 percent the second year, and 7.2 percent the third year.

A provision calling for four hours of straight time pay for snow call will apply for 16 weeks each year. The employee would only be compensated under this provision if he were not called to return to work during a weekly standby period.

The city will assume the cost of health insurance for retired employees beginning the third year of the contract. The city will assume 60 percent of the health insurance cost for em-

The new work agreement will expire June 30, 1983.

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Watch for Monday's edition of the Observer & Eccentric for plenty of stories and photos previewing next week's National GOP Convention. We'll be working throughout the convention to give you the best we have to offer.