

You can go home again . . . and to a convention

By NICK SHARKEY



DONNA DOULE, FORMERLY OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

Donna Doule came home this week. And she couldn't be prouder of her "home town."
Ms. Doule is a delegate at large from Gaylord for the Republican convention.
But before moving to Gaylord eight years ago, she lived in West Bloomfield for 18 years. "I didn't know what to expect when I came back to Detroit," she said Tuesday as she was staying with the Michigan delegation at the Holiday Inn near Metro Airport.
"But now I feel like coming back. The town is just shining," she said.
Ms. Doule said she has only heard favorable comments about Detroit from her friends and other delegations.

"Everyone is talking about how nice and cooperative the people from Detroit are," she said. "Many delegates have been to other conventions in Miami Beach and Kansas City, but they say this is

the best. I'm so proud of our town."

The delegate said she's going to tell her friends in Gaylord about her new enthusiasm for Detroit. "Some people in Gaylord aren't too happy about state tax dollars being spent on improvements in Detroit," she said. "But I'm going to let them know that it is worth it."

Ms. Doule said the highlight of her trip came after Gov. Milliken's reception at the Detroit Institute of Arts on Sunday night.

"I was one of the last people out so I was sitting on the curb in a long black dress waiting for a cab," she said. "A cop came by on a motor cycle and I suddenly got the urge to take my first motorcycle ride. I asked him and he said all right. So there I was riding around downtown Detroit on the back of a motorcycle with my black dress flowing behind me."

Donna Doule is going to have a lot to tell her friends in Gaylord this weekend.



By KEVIN ROSEBOROUGH

Republican party presidential nominee Ronald Reagan appeared at a dinner for his delegates Monday night, smiling and filled with jokes about opponent Jimmy Carter.

Reagan amused his supporters with these remarks:

• Jimmy Carter is doing his best — that's the problem.

• Jimmy Carter is standing on his record — to keep us from seeing it.

• If asked by Jimmy Carter why he wanted his job, Reagan said he would reply "I don't want your job, I want to be president."

Reagan also made a crack about political philosophies. He said the difference between a conservative and a liberal is that if a conservative sees someone drowning, he'd throw him a rope that's too short and say it's good for his character to swim for it.

A liberal, said Reagan, would throw the person drowning a rope that was long enough, but then leave and look for someone else to help.

The Associated Press doesn't limit its messengers to the younger set, nor does it frown on family media connections.

Delphine Puscas, wife of Free Press sports columnist George, is running around the convention floor while hunched by its home idled by striking Teamsters.

Sporting a "Reagan for President" button the Beverly Hills resident noted, "I told George I would work for free or for pay. I'm not sure, but I think I get paid. . . . It's marvelous anyway."

Peg Molin, a Michigan delegate from Ann Arbor sporting a pro-ERA button, was seen carrying a sign which listed:

"The dumbest things I've got to do: Elect Reagan anyway."

The 1980 Republican National Con-

vention is providing the city of Detroit an unusual opportunity for international exposure. And the influx of delegates, journalists and citizens interested in the hoopla represent millions of dollars of income.

Last weekend, before it was closed off, parking on the Cobo Hall roof was \$2.25. Parking at the Renaissance Center cost one local precinct delegate \$7 for three hours.

However, not all parking lot attendants were enthusiastic about demanding top dollar for what they had to offer. Standing beneath a newly painted sign reading "44," a man sheepishly accepted the cash for a spot on Larned at First.

"Sorry," said the man, pocketing the cash.

There must be more cameras in use at the Republican National Convention than anywhere this side of Hollywood.

To care for the delicate equipment which is sometimes battered in the line of duty, several camera companies have set up repair shops in Cobo Hall. The booths provide rapid repair service, lend out special lenses and even loaner cameras to the photographers working the event.

Among those with repair and replacement stations are: Nikon, Canon, Olympus, Eastman Kodak and Minolta.

"Business is almost as big here as the last big event, the Olympics in Lake Placid," said David Metz, 32, representing Canon. He said the cold, damp weather in upstate New York made for more difficulties with equipment.

"We had a huge drying oven there," he said. "We haven't had that problem here. We've mainly done routine cleaning and adjusting."

Resting on a rickety wooden table behind Metz of Chicago was a battalion of lenses and camera bodies. One photographer passing by estimated the worth of the spare items at better than \$100,000.



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