Lawn is gallery for this versatile artist

satile artist. In work ranges from stark realism to impressionism. And he doesn't restrict himself to paint-ing, he works as well with paper sculpture. But with brush in hand, his favorite medium is oils, though he has never settled on a favorite

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THIBODEAU Is an extremely ver-



Farmington artist Michael Thibodeau displays some of his paintings which represent various styles. He sold paints from

Father's reaction frustrates family

Q. My mother has all the symptoms of Athelmer's disease. She is also bearing impaired. She has a hearing aid but refuses to wear it, which compounds her problem. My father deales that anything is wrong with her, which causes extreme frustration for our family members. How can I make my father understand that in order for us to cope with my mother's dementia, she has to acknowledge that something is wrong and quit expecting everyone to behave as if her behavior is acceptable? It has a stretiosclerosis and is not well either.

A. What you and your family are esperiencing with your father is not unusual. According to Margie Fuller, program coordinator and education and training specialist at the Al-shelmer's Association of Metropolitan Detroit, your father's rescion to your mother's illness is typical. Most spouses have a very difficult time admitting and accepting that their wife or husband has a problem. There is also fear involved, and if it is Alzheimer's. Fuller states that spouses take a very long time to admitt that it is Alzheimer's.

You have written that your



mother has symptoms of Alzheimer's, but you do not say if there
has been a medical diagnosis. I
would recommend that she receive a
complete neurological examination
and psychological evaluation to rule
out the possibility that she may be
suffering from any other disorders
that resemble dementia.

ONCE THE diagnosis of probable Alzheimer's Is made, the Alzheimer's Association is there Alzheimer's Association is there and other jamily own father and mother and other family members to cope with the disease.

Fuller suggests that you and your family call the Alzheimer's Association. People there can provide you with all types of literature concerned with the disease and the problems that the sufferer and their family must face. Many support

groups are offered, including an orientation support group that meets at the association's Southfield office. The Alzheimer's Association will work with your father and your family to help make the situation better for all of you.

Call the Alzheimer's Association at 557-8277 weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a recording machine that will answer after 5 p.m. and on weekends. Calls will be returned the

Q. My doctor tells me I should no longer drive. I don't want to be stuck in my bouse or dependent on others. Is there any public transportation I can easily use? Cabs are so expen-sive.



driver's license because driving cer-nainty gives one assense of independ-ence and freedom. There are several areas you may wish to explore. For information on public trans-portation, call the Detroit Depar-ment of Transportation, 933-1300, or the Detroit Suburban Mobility Au-tority for Regional Transportation (SMART) at 256-8600 during normal usiness hours. You may also wish to check with your local senior center or local community agencies. Many of them offer free or reduced-rate transpor-tation to older adults. tation to older adults.
Often your driver's license is also an excellent form of identification. If you turn in your license at any Secretary of State branch office, you will receive, free of charge to anyone older than 55, an identification card that can be used in place of your driver's license for identification.

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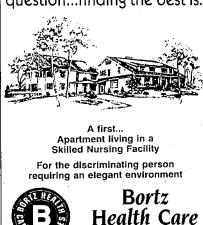
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