

## The lively needle

# Ice machines, stairs make columnist a cross stitcher

By MARY KAY DAVIS

Leaving home and spending a week at an embroidery seminar is delightful. The dog, the cat and the children cope with their own crises while Mother talks to grownups for a change.

When I heard that the Embroiderers' Guild's seminar was to be in Kalamazoo, I signed up fast. After all, five days of somebody else's cooking is not to be sneezed at.

After filling the freezer with casseroles and plastering the refrigerator with lists ("either walk the dog or mop the floor"), I drove away exhausted. One carries these moments of freedom.

The hotel was new, my roommate seemed fun, and the classes were fascinating. I was having the time of my life until one evening, about six, it was my turn to get ice for Happy Hour.

I SHOULD TELL you that machines rarely like me. True to form, the ninth floor ice maker sat there and sulked so I decided to seek a friendlier cooler. The elevator also chose that moment to show its contempt by not moving. I couldn't seem to get off the ninth floor.

A walk up the stairs seemed ideal. There was sign on the door but I'd left my glasses in the room and anyway, what could happen to me in a stairwell? Ha!

I thought to have been warned when the door snapped closed behind me. It made a very determined sound, not at all like the half hearted click of our bedroom door. But, ice bucket in hand, I pattered upstairs to the tenth floor and tried to open the door. It was locked tight as a drum.

So was the first floor, and the 12th floor, and all the floors between down to the boiler room. I don't know about that, I didn't dare go in. Things weren't going to well that evening.



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who was going to spend the rest of her life in a stairwell.

Plunging from floor to floor, dripping wet, I pounded at doors and yelled at the top of my lungs. No answer. Until finally, on the ninth floor a surprised little man must have heard something. He opened the door to what could only have been a vision!

Cool totally gone, I panted something as I staggered by, put my head down, and charged toward my bedroom and safety. As I stumbled in the door, my roommate sniffed peevishly. I'd forgotten to get the ice.

## Art day camp set by U-M

A day camp for the arts, designed for children ages 2½-5, will be offered by The University of Michigan-Dearborn's Child Development Center beginning Monday, July 10.

The children will be introduced to music, drama, art, literature, photography, crafts and nature walks, taught by certified teachers specializing in early childhood development. The two-week sessions will run from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. Monday through Friday.

It occurred to me that I'd have better luck if someone on the other side opened those doors. So I tapped, gently. Embroidery seminars are rather ladylike affairs and one doesn't want to appear uncool.

THE STAIRWELL doors obviously were better insulated than the bedroom doors. No one heard me on the second floor, or the third, or — well, you get the picture.

By this point my cool was leaving. I rattled door knobs. No answer. I pounded with one fist, gently. I pounded with both fists, hard. It was about here that my hair spray gave way. I looked like an English sheepdog

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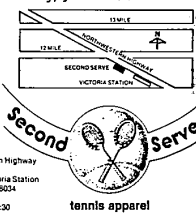
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Barbara Weisberg of Farmington Hills will serve as treasurer during the coming year. Mariene Hoffman of West Bloomfield will be financial secretary. The newly elected recording secretary and corresponding secretary are Helen Stebbins of Birmingham and Myrtle Redfish of Southfield.

Bertha Rubin of Mount Clemens is parliamentarian.

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