

Miss USA

She's gracious and glamorous and hopes to motivate the young

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THIS WEEK IS homecoming for Miss USA and first runner-up in the Miss Universe Pageant, Detroit

born and bred Carole Ann-Marie Gist, who has followed a whirlwind schedule of appearances, visits, and stops for radio and television interviews during her short stay in Michigan. Midway in that schedule was a

stop to talk to residents in the Sarah Fisher complex and say, "Look to God and follow your dreams because with a little hard work it is possible to produce those illusions into reality." During her one year career as

Miss USA and all the traveling that involves, Gist will take every opportunity she can, she said, to talk to and motivate young people. Gracious, charming and glamorous, Gist got rapt attention from an audience consisting of students and

young mothers with infants as she shared her rocky beginnings. She spoke blatantly about a step-father she feared, having low-level reading skills, dashed dreams of being a prima ballerina, problems with boys and teachers, handling some of those problems by showing how tough she was, and feeling self-conscious about being too tall.

Her audience responded with a plethora of questions, and left with her message "to hang on to the goals, no matter what the obstacles."

GIST'S OWN GOAL is to own a hotel and a rental car agency which will bring her the ultimate goal of establishing a fine arts institute for underprivileged children — the children who dream of being a prima ballerina but are stifled because of lack of money.

She's pursuing that goal with study of hotel and restaurant management at Northwood Institute, where a good portion of the town of Midland took part in her homecoming celebration Tuesday.

"A career in the hospitality industry requires a 16 hour day and I'm prepared for it," Gist said. "When I was in (Cass Technical) high school I belonged to five clubs at one time, was on the track, cross country and volleyball teams."

"It kept me from hanging out," she told her audience.

The pace continued in college. She worked as a cocktail waitress, with hospitality chores on campus, worked up a clientele for manicures, and baby sat. Getting to bed at 3 a.m. was not unusual.

Her schedule in Michigan will wind up back in Farmington Hills with a visit to Tamara's Institute of

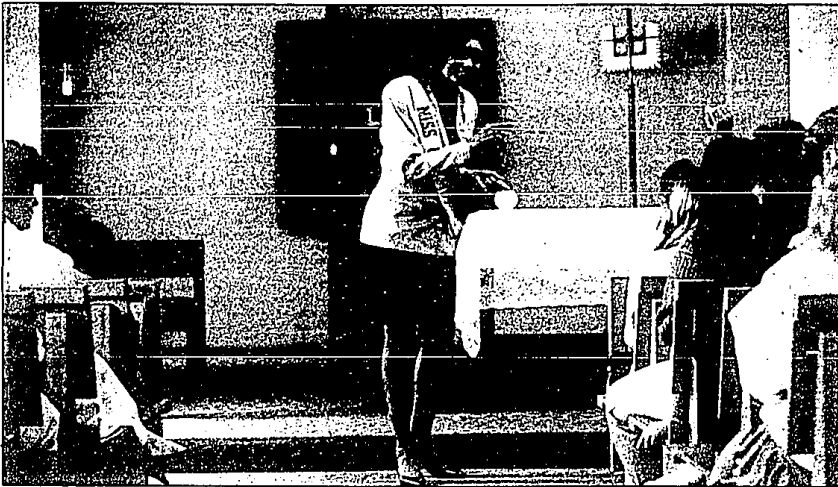


Miss USA brought a gift to each person in her audience... then wrote a special message: with her autograph on memento cards.

Health and Beauty. Tamara has been involved in the Miss Michigan USA Pageant as a judge and sponsor of the state level pageant.

Her schedule through the year will include a month in Mexico, she's learning Spanish now, a month on a USO tour, and responding to requests for personal appearances, notably from her two major sponsors, J. C. Penny and Procter and Gamble.

According to the arrangements she's made with the Miss Universe Pageant officials, it will be her travel manager's responsibility to put her in touch with the young people she wants to talk to, in every state she visits, at every possible opportunity.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Carole Gist told her audience about her own shaky beginnings growing up in Detroit and how she refused to let obstacles stop her from achieving her goals.

Campership given to asthmatic youth

Children with asthma do not have to spend all of their summer vacation indoors any longer. The American Lung Association of Southeast Michigan (ALASEM) is now accepting campership applications for its free week-long summer camp, Camp Sun Deer.

Unlike "normal" children who spend their summer time outdoors, the child with asthma usually spends the season indoors — restricted to a controlled, allergen-free atmosphere. ALASEM hopes to change that for some 70 lucky youngsters this summer.

Children chosen to attend Camp Sun Deer will be treated to the same experiences as youngsters who attend traditional camps. With the support of trained medical professionals who closely monitor both the health of each camper and the wide variety of activities offered, campers will be able to broaden their experiences and enjoy a summer full of exciting activities and adventures.

Activities like swimming, fishing, boating, archery, hiking and arts and

crafts await the Camp Sun Deer camper.

Not only will campers get to experience "normal" summer activities but, more importantly, they will be able to make friends with other asthmatic kids that understand and share the same feelings and experiences associated with their illness. This community experience offers mutual support and education among all of the campers.

Available to all Michigan children with severe asthma who are between ages 9 and 12, Camp Sun Deer camperships are not awarded on the basis of financial need but rather on the basis of medical history.

Camp Sun Deer is open June 24-30 in Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center (Clear Lake Camp), Dowling.

For information about applying for a free campership, call ALASEM at 559-5100, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Applications must be completed by parents (or legal guardians) and family physician and returned to ALASEM by Monday, May 14.

Nutrition is topic for senior's lecture

"Nutrition and Your Health" is the featured topic at St. Mary Hospital's "Let's Talk" CareLink lecture series. Designed for senior citizens, the free lecture begins at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 24, in the auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Seniors will have a chance to talk with a registered dietitian about

good eating habits, including tips to lower cholesterol and control calorie intake.

Refreshments will be served. CareLink is a senior citizen discount program offered through St. Mary Hospital.

For more information or to register, call 464-4800, Ext. 2297.

Decorator earns honors

Decorating Den Systems, Inc., North America's first and largest franchised interior decorating service, presented Ann Mariatti of Farmington Hills with its Ruby Van Award, the two-year membership pin in the company's exclusive Century Society, for achieving retail sales of \$100,000 or more for the second straight year.

Decorating Den President Jim Bugg presented the award at the company's 20th Annual Market Conference in New Orleans.

Mariatti and other Century Society members were also honored with a black tie dinner. Century Society

membership is Decorating Den's top honor for sales performance.

There are more than 1,000 Decorating Den franchise owners and decorators throughout the U.S. and Canada; 88 percent are women. Professionally trained by the company, they drive "ColorVans" equipped with 5,000 samples of window products, wall coverings, carpets, furniture and accessories to their customers' homes or offices where they offer affordable custom service.

Founded in 1970, Decorating Den's corporate headquarters and training facilities are in Bethesda, Md.

Volunteers are called

Volunteers from Oakland County are urgently needed by the American Cancer Society to transport cancer patients short distances for treatment at area hospitals.

Volunteers are needed Mondays through Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Betty Alex, American Cancer Society, 557-5353 for more information.

YOU'RE UNFORGETTABLE. BUT IF WE FORGOT YOU...

We recently sent invitations to our friends to join us for the celebration of our 79th Anniversary, a very happy time for us and the year's biggest savings event for our customers.

As thorough as we tried to be with our mailing, we know there's the possibility that we missed some people who would like to come by for a delicious hors d'oeuvre, or a tasty piece of jewelry, or a visit with old friends. If we missed you, please let us know.

Call us, fax us, drive up to our door and rush right in. We'll see to it that you get your very own Randall Anniversary Certificate. It's worth \$79 toward the purchase of jewelry already sale-priced at \$150.00 or more, plus an additional \$79 savings for each \$1,000.00 of your purchase.

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Special Sale Hours: first week, (days of wine, cheese and hors d'oeuvres), Tuesday-Friday, 9:30-9; Saturday to 6; then Monday-Saturday, 9:30-6, plus Fridays to 9.
Ask for details about our weekly drawings for a \$790.00 Krandall Gift Certificate (no purchase necessary, you need not be present to win).