

# TREACY NEWSLETTER

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## FRIEDLANDERS, KAREN WEIMER ENDURE HURRICANE ANDREW

Sisters Anita Weimer Friedlander and Karen Weimer both rode out Hurricane Andrew in their respective homes in Miami and nearby Coral Gables, Anita, along with husband Bob and children Tracy and James Patrick in their suburban house and Karen in her apartment. Anita furnishes this account: "While we weathered the storm crouched in the hallway, our 40+ year old house rewarded us by not disintegrating. It did, however suffer roof and porch damage and some weird cracks through which every known ant species wanders at will. We had planned to remodel this year anyway but Andrew has added some urgency to our plans. Now we are waiting for plumbers, contractors and roofers and redefining "patience" all the time hoping their estimates will not exceed insurance reimbursements. We live in a subdivision legally titled "Pine Tree Estates." Needless to say we no longer live in the 100 acre wood, in fact, our last pine tree will fall to the pruner in the Spring and is just a tall stick now. Every house on our street had a pine tree come crashing through the roof except ours. The tree that should have hit us, hit an oak tree instead and hung there without taking out our bedroom. We were grateful! We used bulldozers and front end loaders to clear the debris from our yards. My next door neighbor has spent \$12,000 clearing her lot of fallen and dying trees. We lost 35 trees altogether. Our power was off for 3 weeks and we had no phone for 6 weeks. We had no water for one week until we began bathing in the fire hydrant down the street and tapped into a city line on our own with a garden hose! Since the Circuit Judge down the street was also sharing the hydrant and tapping into

SEE Page 2 Hurricane

## SOLDIER IN RASCHE GRAVE PLOT REBEL NOT YANKEE

The soldier buried in the Rasche/Cullen/Rowan grave plot in the Oakland, Md., cemetery, long thought to have fought for the Union, has been recently discovered to have been a Confederate. The soldier, or more accurately veteran, is Michael Cullen, brother of Ellen Cullen, first wife of Henry Rasche. Michael was buried there after his untimely death in 1887.

It seems that Michael enlisted in a southern unit, likely from nearby Virginia, while his older brother, Matthew Cullen served with the federal forces. Michael is known to have fought at Shiloh. But, the recent information, furnished the Editor by Stephen Wolf, a descendent of Matthew Cullen states that Michael was taken prisoner by Union forces at Atlanta and was shipped to a northern prisoner-of-war camp called Camp Douglas in Chicago, Illinois. His older brother learned of his capture and whereabouts and following a visit to the Rasche home in Maryland travelled to Chicago where he was instrumental in obtaining his brother Michael's release.

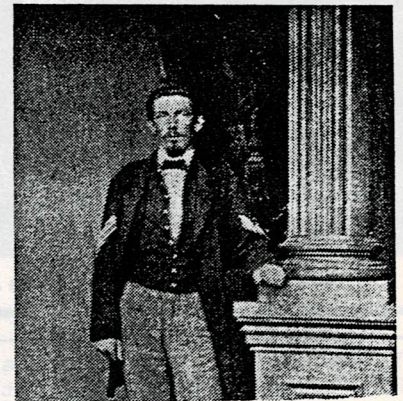
**POSSIBLE GALVANIZED REBEL**  
Although is is unconfirmed in the records furnished by Mr. Wolf, it seems likely that Michael Cullen was a "Galvanized Rebel." This was the popular name given to Confederate soldiers who were captured who took oaths never to bear arms against the Union again, and who enlisted in the federal army specifically for service in the West in the Indian uprisings. Family oral tradition has long held that Matthew served with the US Army in the West.

**MICHAEL CULLEN MURDERED**  
The Deseret News, a Salt Lake City newspaper covered the death of Michael Cullen. He was travelling in a wagon with companions named Carlton and Tibberty when in an argument Carlton pulled a piston and shot

Cullen six times. Carlton later claimed self-defense, that Cullen had choked him. The outcome of the trial is unknown.

### "SOME RELATION..."

Around 1929, Maurice Treacy then a young boy, was helping his mother tidy up the Rasche grave plot for what was then known in Oakland as "Decoration Day," May 30th. As Maurice was placing an American flag on Michael Cullen's grave a family acquaintance asked him who the veteran was who was buried there, to which he replied "He's some relation to somebody's first wife." Maurice's mother, Estelle Rasche Treacy delighted in retelling this tale.



Michael Cullen in federal(?) uniform

### STEVE TREACY PRODUCES PROMISED SUPPLEMENT

Just as promised, Stephen D. Treacy, cetologist and amateur genealogist of Anchorage, furnished the supplement for newsletter #2 which is attached, the family tree of James P. Treacy and Estelle M. Rasche, down to January 29, 1993. It does not include, however, possible additions into the families of Brian & Patricia O'Connor Treacy and David & Jennifer Treacy Opalenik, who, rumor has it, may require new branches on the tree before long. Many, many thanks to Steve for this fine work!



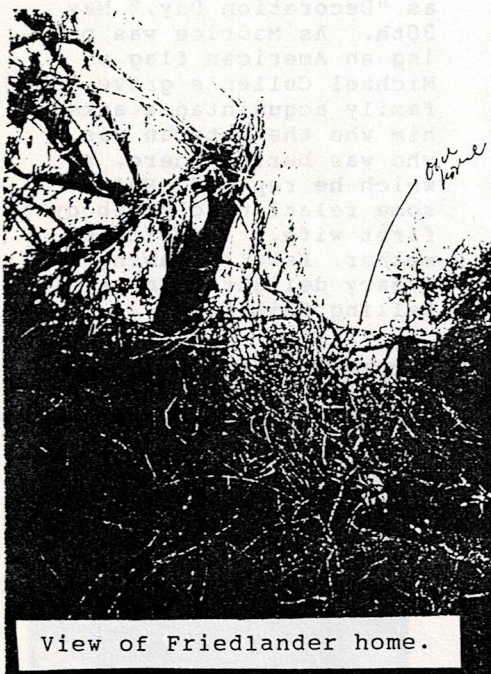
## KINSMEN EARN RECOGNITION IN NATIONAL MEDIA

## ( HURRICANE )

the water, we thought the situation justified the crime." Attorney Anita adds parenthetically: "Guess I won't ever be Attorney General!"

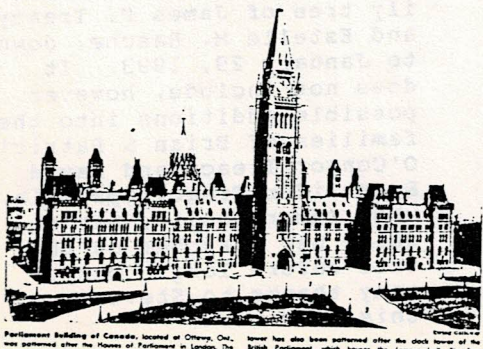
**EVACUATION ROUTES CLOGGED**

Karen, meantime meant to evacuate her Coral Gables apartment and head North. She waited too long however, until TV reports indicated that due to bumper-to-bumper traffic on the main arteries no traffic was moving onto them from the access roads. Authorities advised that it was safer in homes than stuck in unmoving traffic.



View of Friedlander home.

Thomas Rowan, father of Kate Rowan Rasche, and grandfather of Estelle Rasche Treacy was a masonry contractor in the construction of the Canadian Parliament Building in Ottawa, where Kate was born. Estelle R. Treacy always kept a picture of the parliament building in the Second Street, Oakland, Md., home of the Treacys.



Parliament Building of Canada, located at Ottawa, Ont. has also been featured after the clock tower of the British Parliament, which houses the famous Big Ben.

Two Treacys have achieved recognition in publications distributed nationally, and indeed, beyond the country's borders. Laura Treacy Bentley of Huntington, W.Va. a year ago sold her poem "Crazy Quilt" to Quilt World a nationally distributed quilting magazine published in Des Moines, Iowa. It was published in the March, 1993, edition of the magazine.

**Crazy Quilt**

I am a quilter  
of words and illusion

piecing a crazy quilt  
of colors of times

worked in silkened squares  
frayed remnants,

brocaded memories,  
and beribboned nightmares.

It grows wild and dissonant,  
mute and pleading,

a quilt of summers,  
wildflowers,  
nighthawks.

Smoothing its delicate relief  
I hold spinning comets

red velvet stars  
and a cartoon, crescent moon.

Upon soft cotton batting  
I lay my patchworked web,

bind the layers and date a corner,  
like pansies for remembrance.

It becomes more reasoned.

The fabric of my heart  
is stitched together

weaving the pattern  
of my stirrings,

into a carefully-mad collage.

Laura has also been included in a textbook on writing poetry: Getting The Knack

Among the four models of Adidas sport shoes recently offered for sale in Irish sporting goods stores were John Treacy Adidas. John was an Olympic track star from Ireland a few years back.

American Surnames lists the variously spelled name of Tracy as being the 944th most common surname in the U.S. In 1969 29,085 Americans bore the name(s).

20 Lessons For Writing Poetry by Stafford and Dunning and has been included in a collection of local poets: The Guy-andotte Poets I, plus she has now sold several more of her works.

Jane Estelle Treacy, architect of Washington DC, was recently honored by the publication in The Washington Post Magazine, the Sunday supplement to the prestigious capital daily of a four page spread picturing and describing her and her business partner's, Philip Eagleburger's accomplishments in renovating, remodeling and decorating her erstwhile dated apartment. The article (unfortunately reduced and in black and white) forms page 3 of this newsletter.

**JACK FOLK'S EXPLOIT IN ASSOCIATED PRESS ARTICLE**

In November, 1992, Jack Folk, husband of Cynthia Treacy Folk, a Deputy with the Berkeley County, W. Va. Sheriffs Department was involved in a dramatic chase which resulted in the arrest of a father-son burglary team. Besides gaining wide local press attention the story was reported in the national media via The Associated Press, as follows:

**Father, son charged in store theft**

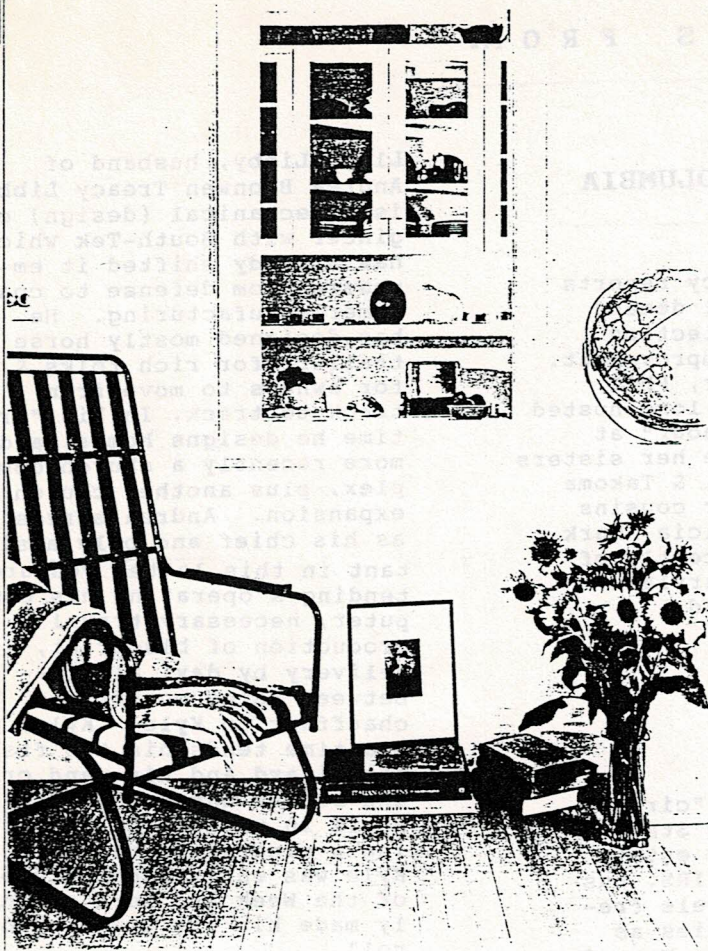
**MARTINSBURG (AP) —** A father and son were arrested after police said they broke into a convenience store and stole a safe.

Dennis W. Puffinburger, 35, and his son, Jason M. Puffinburger, 18, both of Mt. Airy, Md., were charged Friday with breaking and entering, said Lt. Curtis Keller of the Berkeley County Sheriff's Department.

Passersby heard a burglar alarm and called police, Keller said. Deputy Jack Folk chased a pickup carrying the two on Interstate 81 and arrested them without incident, Keller said.

The safe, which contained more than \$2,000, was found in the back of the truck, Sheriff Preston Gooden said. It had not been opened, he said.



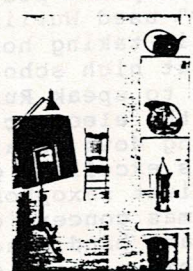


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hat architect Jane Treacy wanted was a nice open loft. What she had instead was a comfortable one-bedroom co-op apartment in a big old Harry Wardman-designed apartment house near Dupont Circle. Situated at one corner of the sprawling building, the rooms had either good south or east light; the corner living room had both. But the layout was less than gracious: The doors to the living room and bedroom stood side by side along the far wall of the foyer. What's more, the rooms were the same size—too much bedroom and too little living room to be ideal.

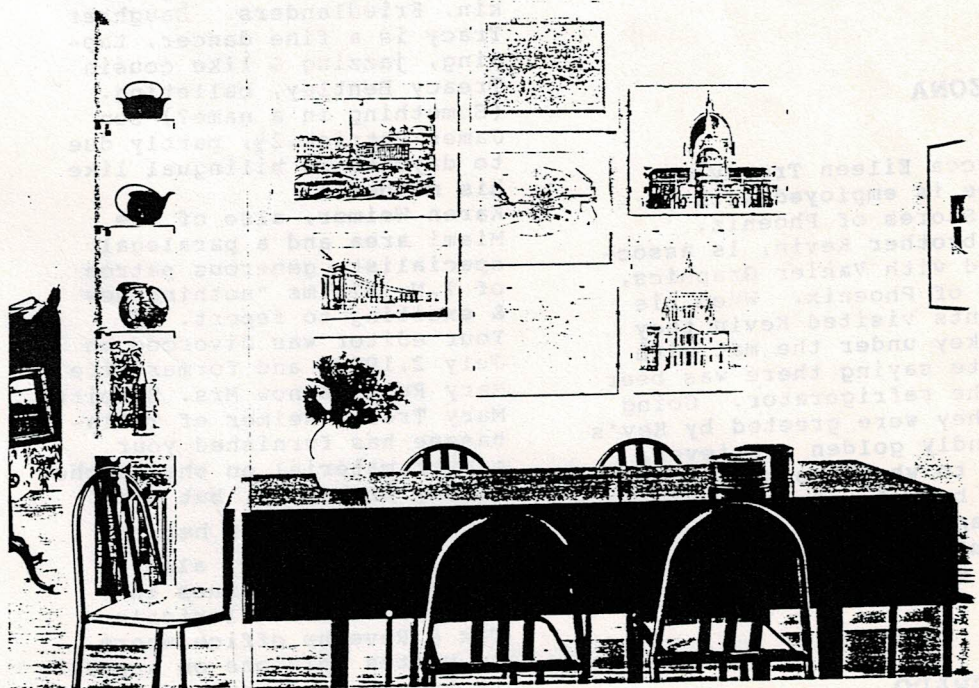
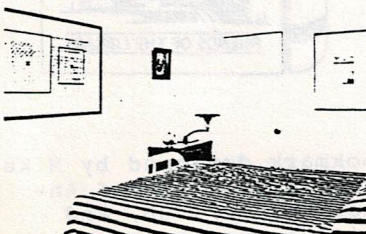
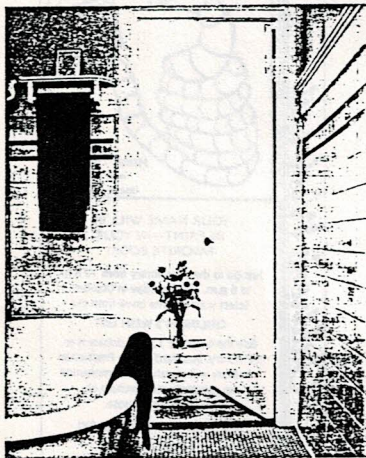
Treacy and her architecture partner for the past three years, Philip Eagleburger, did the simplest thing you could imagine: They found out how the building was constructed, and discovered that none of the interior walls were structural. So they took down the doors. Then they took down the wall between the living room and bedroom. Then they put up a new wall, several feet to the right of the original, making the bedroom smaller and leaving room for a dining area in the living room. With openings on both ends, the new wall "floats" in the space and glows in the light that surrounds it.

The tiny kitchen with the big old 36-inch free-standing range was the other challenge. "I felt I had to do things that fitted," says the Maryland-born Treacy. And she did. First there were the custom-built cabinets ("By the time the standard cabinets could be made shallower to fit, they would cost as much as custom"). Then came top-of-the-line Lilliputian appliances (an 18-inch-



OPPOSITE PAGE: A VIEW OF THE TINY, CHEERFUL KITCHEN FROM THE LIVING ROOM. THE PHOTOGRAPH AGAINST THE WALL SHOWS JANE TREACY'S GRANDFATHER IN HIS WORLD WAR I UNIFORM. RIGHT, THE BEDROOM AREA, AT REAR, IS SEPARATED FROM THE LIVING ROOM BY A WALL THAT ENDS WITH SHELVES FOR DISPLAY.

RIGHT, THE FLOATING WALL DIVIDES THE LIVING DINING AREA FROM THE BEDROOM, ALLOWING PRIVACY BUT NOT CUTTING OUT LIGHT. BELOW, TREACY AND HER ARCHITECTURE PARTNER, PHILIP EAGLEBURGER, STRENGTHENED THE SIMPLICITY OF THE BATHROOM WITH A STRIPE OF CERAMIC TILES. BOTTOM, THE SIMPLE BEDROOM AREA GIVES PRIDE OF PLACE TO THE WORKING DRAWINGS FOR A LITHOGRAPH AND A PHOTOGRAPH OF TREACY'S PIPE-SMOKING WEST VIRGINIA GREAT-GRANDMOTHER.



wide Kenmore dishwasher, a 24-inch-wide Gaggenau convection oven with a cook top). And then a diagonal slice of counter, wider near the door, narrower where the refrigerator door has to open. The main improvement, though, is the opening into the living room. "It's nice not to be cut off when you're cooking," says Treacy. And, adds the Missouri-

bred Eagleburger, "when there's a party, we can set up a bar in the pass-through." The apartment does have its loft-like qualities. It's an envelope of glowing white, the light streaming in, softened in some places by the pleated rice paper-like shades that cover the bottom halves of the big, old-fashioned windows. The sense of airy lightness is helped by book-

cases that run along the living room walls up to window-ledge height, keeping the colorful jumble of books and magazines below eye level. For color, Treacy relies on her collection of Fiesta dinnerware and vintage striped and polka-dotted glasses. But most of all, she and Eagleburger rely on their architect's appreciation of orderly, well-lit space. ■

## OPENING Move



## ALASKA

Stephen D. Treacy reports: "I am writing a sixth annual bowhead whale report. This fall we surveyed more than enough miles to circumnavigate the globe, and saw more polar bears than usual on the ubiquitous ice floes, including 30 in the vicinity of a bowhead whale carcass. Ann is merchandising Max Factor cosmetics at half a dozen Alaska stores and resuming her piano playing on our "new" used Wurlitzer. Michael is taking honors classes at high school, learning to speak Russian, playing the electric bass, and skiing down local slopes. David has excellent grades, played first saxophone in a Christmas concert of his sixth-grade band, and is playing his new set of plastic recorders. He recently brought down a ptarmigan with a pellet gun." Keep up the sax, David, and maybe you'll be President one day.

## ARIZONA

Rebecca Eileen Treacy of Tempe is employed with Target Stores of Phoenix. Her brother Kevin, is associated with Vanier Graphics, also of Phoenix. When his parents visited Kevin they the key under the mat with a note saying there was beer in the refrigerator. Going in they were greeted by Kev's friendly golden retriever, Amy, to whom Leo said: "Get me a beer Amy." Amy trotted off and returned to Leo with a stuffed bear. Don't slur your words, Leo.

## COLORADO

Matthew Owen Treacy of Lakewood graduated from New Mexico Univ. since the last issue of T.N. He is employed with SR Uniform Co. of Englewood, CO.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Jane Estelle Treacy reports that architectural demand slowed with the election & hopes now for improvement. Jane & her partner, Phil Eagleburger, have long hosted a regular "happy hour" at their studio where her sisters from nearby Laurel & Takoma Park, Md., and her cousins Brian & wife Patricia, Mark & wife Carole, recently of nearby suburban Maryland, were able to attend

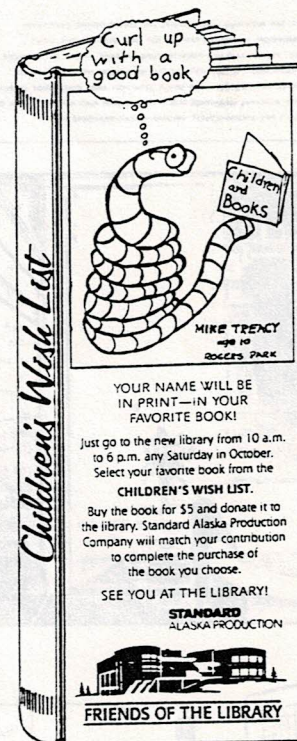
## FLORIDA

Anita Weimer does "circuit riding" around the State, hearing & deciding estate tax cases for the IRS. Husband Bob also travels frequently in his duties as District Collection Mgr. for Sterling, Inc., parent company of Kay Jewelers, Gordon Jewelers, and, although no kin, Friedlanders. Daughter Tracy is a fine dancer, tapping, jazzing & like cousin Treacy Bentley, balleting. (Something in a name?) Son James Patrick, 2½, partly due to daycare is bilingual like his mother.

Karen Weimer, also of the Miami area and a paralegal specialist, generous patron of T.N. claims "nothing new & exciting" to report. Your editor was divorced on July 2, 1992, and former wife, Mary Ruth is now Mrs. Babbitt. Mary Treacy Weimer of Tallahassee has furnished your editor material on the Rasche Family Orchestra, but too late for inclusion herein.

Patrick R. Treacy, also of Tallahassee continues in his position at Florida's Tax & Revenue office where he writes opinions on appeals in tax cases. Your editor consulted with Patrick, a CPA when questioned by one kinsman about the recent T.N. increase from \$1 to \$2. Patrick, in his professional capacity reasoned that a total of \$3 for a whole 2 years subscription quite reasonable.

Lloyd Libby, husband of Andrea Bronwen Treacy Libby is a mechanical (design) engineer with South-Tek which has already shifted it emphasis from defense to consumer manufacturing. He has designed mostly horse trailers for rich folks & for owners to move from track to track. In his "free" time he designs homes, and, more recently a church complex, plus another church expansion. Andrea serves as his chief and only assistant in this latter venture, tending & operating his computer, necessary travel & production of blueprint, & delivery by day, all in-between being mother and chauffeur to Kyle. Kyle, meantime tends his two fish, his lizard and his sand crab, the latter named "Sandy." He is in process of acquiring a minature rabbit. Kyle was early named Student of the Week and more recently made his 1st grade honor roll.



Bookmark designed by Mike Treacy, then 10, of Anchorage, in 1986, and still in use by the city library system.



## GEORGIA

Peter Weimer arrived to Paul & Marcy Weimer of Clarkston between issues of T.N.

## GUATEMALA

After nearly a year of Brian Treacy working in El Salvador and wife Patricia O'Connor working in Guatemala, and only spending week-ends as a family, they now have firm plans for both to live and work in the latter country. They visited the O'Connors last Christmas in Connecticut and will visit Florida kin this Easter. Patricia is an epidemiologist with USAID & Brian an attorney for the UN High Commission for Refugees. Daughter Caitlin, 3, like her cousin Tracy in Miami is bi-lingual.

## MARYLAND

Lisa Treacy Lamberth of Laurel advises that husband, Terry, now a 9 year veteran as an air traffic controller and located at Washington's National Airport, craves the simpler life (although he must have enjoyed the respite dictated by the airport's closure in the "Storm of 93." Lisa, a registered nurse, is winding up her ICU duties at Leland Memorial, near the U. of M. campus, as that hospital is closing. She is exploring home care as a change of pace. Daughter Meghan, a first grader, was recently designated "Student of the Month." Congratulations Meghan! She is seven and provides loving care for her pet guinea pig, Freddy. Nicholas, nearly 5 and a preschooler is hooked on his friends' Nintendos, but, so far his mom and dad have stood firm on a purchase.

Susanne Treacy Woodside of Takoma Park has recently been nominated a Regional Manager in Washington-based Woodward & Lothrop stores. Her responsibility is the stores' textiles, tabletops, housewares & furniture.

Maurice F. (Casey) Treacy took his piccolo and flute to the Capital Centre at Largo, Md., at the invitation of Georgetown University Band Association, made up of anyone who ever played in the GU band. There he played with the present band members at the GU-Connecticut basketball game on March 7, 1993. Inspired by this loyalty, the Hoyas won 70 - 56!

## NEW MEXICO

The Robert Treacys moved from Virginia to Socorro, NM, last June, visiting Leo & Pat Treacy at Carlsbad on the way. Daughters Jennifer & Amanda remain Virginians by nativity, Amanda having arrived just before Christmas, 1991. Robert works with National Radio & Astronomy in maintenance of computer systems which serve the agency's formidable radio telescopes there. Karen has just completed a novel which she hopes to get published. Good luck, Karen! Both Karen & Robert attend classes at NM Tech. Your editor was an October 1992 guest at Leo & Pat Treacys in Carlsbad where the three joined to play the local course. Both Leo & Pat have, at different times held the Carlsbad Gold Club championships for their respective sexes. Leo, incidentally twice fell on the course in 1991 and stepped into a gopher hole in 1992, suffering only minor injuries. He claims sobriety; that the grass was wet on a hilly slope.

## NORTH CAROLINA

Laura Ellen Moore Treacy is presently living in Mars Hill doing a new play. She had a major role in "Social Security" which enjoyed a very successful run in Richmond. There she lived in son Dennis & Donna Treacy's guesthouse and was able to visit with them and grandchildren Matthew & Sarah. Mary Treacy Weimer was able to attend one of Laura's stageplays recently & came away most impressed.

Elizabeth Treacy Schlachter's husband, Capt. Bob of the USAF accomplished duty in Saudi Arabia in late 1991 & early 1992, where he reported that camels walk freely on the air base and the nearest real to be had was in Bahrain. The Schlachters are bracing for defense manpower reductions. Meantime Liz has taken the Goldsboro tennis championship in women's singles. Congratulations Liz!

## PAKISTAN

Mark & Carole Hanlein Treacy report living in their primitive bungalow heated by woodstove with hot water also via woodburner. Its about a minute's walk from Mark's office in Mingora. They will return to summer headquarters in Kalam next month. Carole's mother, Mary Jane visited them in Kalam some time back and was not too thrilled with the grander dwelling there, especially having to go out onto the porch to move from room to room. Son Gaelan describes their present situation more graphically: "Sometimes we take wood in our wagon to Daddy's office. I have a wagon in my shipment, and then my Mommy took it out of the box and put it together. I load it up with wood and my Daddy has a fire in. Sometimes I load my wag-

## FAMOUS KINSMEN

Chester Gould, creator of Dick Tracy, originally called him "Plainclothes Tracy."



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Dick Tracy

He chose the surname "Tracy" because it suggested tracing, an attribute of detectives. He renamed him "Dick" in the early 1930s because it seemed a less cumbersome opprobrium for a detective.



on up with trash, and take it and burn it. Sometimes in my wagon I put the bunny in, and I pull him around places, and when Boobi is in Pia's house - he is a dog and could eat the bunny - we can let the bunny out..."

## PENNSYLVANIA

Helen Chisholm Treacy continues to do well after a series of medical ills & major surgery. She has recovered sufficiently so as to visit the Robert Treacy family in New Mexico, accompanied by her children, Jacqueline Owens and John Treacy.

Jeanette Owens Day and husband John Day suffered the loss of their son, John Joseph Day, Jr. John Jr. had suffered severe disabilities from his birth in 1992.

Jennifer Treacy and David Opelani were married in August, 1991 on a river boat where the reception was likewise held. Jessica Lauren was born to them in 1992.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice Weimer Nashatker of Aiken reports: "We are a county certified dull & boring group with no news to share. No one's pregnant (thank God!), no one's sick or recently promoted or demoted, or much of anything at all. We just get up, eat, go to work, come home, shower & go to bed. Things are so dull as a matter of fact, that sometimes we shower in the morning just for a change of pace." She does however, allow as how Steve is in his 19th year with Westinghouse, Karen is in middle school & Katie is in the 4th. Janice still teaches high school: "Someone's got to be sure we don't slip too far behind the Japanese, and I'm on the job."

ERRATA: Already an error! Leo Treacy of New Mexico called the T.N. editor's attention to the fact that contrary to that reported in T.N. #1, Pancho Villa invaded New Mexico, not Texas.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Ralph, husband of Laura Treacy Bentley, has taken up a second career in real estate after an early retirement from AT&T due to cutbacks, and loves it. Treacy Heather Bentley is pursuing courses toward becoming a cytotechnologist (all about cells), including courses in genetics and parasitology. She works part-time in a Huntington bank. Her mother says her steady, Marc, is "a wonderful boy." Right on Treacy! Her brother Ryan, a sophomore at HHS is a competitive swimmer in UCATS at the local "Y" and shows real talent in art. Joel enjoys swimming at the "Y" as well, where dad Ralph spends time with both boys in pool activities. Joelin addition, is working with adapted computers at HHS.

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