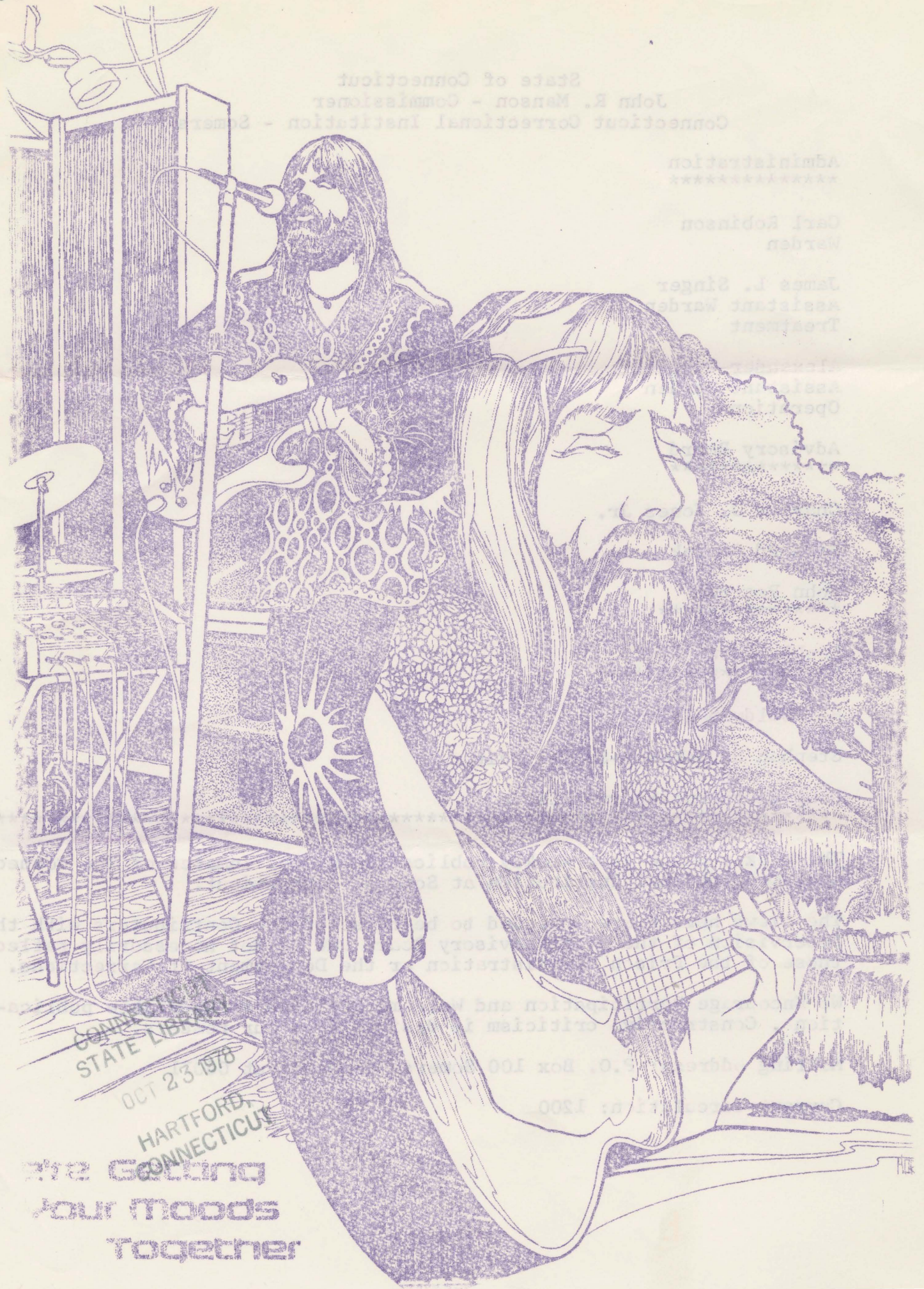


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## ARTICLE OF INTEREST

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STATE WOMEN PRISONERS HAVE PROBLEMS ALSO By: Donald Palmer

In a progressively changing society the American Woman is gaining recognition and momentum toward the threshold of equality to their male counterparts.

This factor has surfaced substantially recently for the American woman who finds herself part of the ever-increasing number of women convicted for crimes and sent to prison.

Though the prison population for men runs around 14,000 with almost 6,000 male prisoners populating the three complexes at SMP, compared to 600-plus female prisoners in the state of Michigan, there exists an "unequal" parallel in conditions between the male and female state prisoner.

With the male prisoner problems of overcrowding in it's state institutions, the Department of Corrections (DOC) has established alternatives in relieving such pressures by establishing facilities to ease the burden of overcrowding.

With the female prisoner overcrowding situation, due apparently to miscalculation in planning the Huron Valley Women's Facility (HVWF) Ypsilanti, the attention in finding alternate facilities which would offer equal opportunity and rights of any other state prisoner has been dragging.

Sometime this week, a bus load of disgruntled and unhappy female state prisoners from HVWF will embark on a journey to the Kalamazoo County Jail, where DOC has rented a section of that jail to handle the overcrowding at the Huron Valley Facility.

Equal to their male counterparts in the Penal System, these women have just left a couple months of comparative comfort and privilege of Huron Valley, after spending from a few several months as County prisoners before they were sentenced by a Circuit Court Judge, to the Department of Corrections for a specified sentence of time.

A couple of months of quarantine and then a couple months of re-adjusting to the comforts of being treated like a human being once again, with family touch-visits, privacy, personal clothing and appliances, and comparative freedom of opportunity and exercise, is laid aside by their transfer to County Jail existence.

Just when they are finding satisfaction in the routine and psychologically adjusting to do their time., the women are told to pack their belongings for they are being sent to Kalamazoo County Jail for two to three months because of the overflow problem.

A non-voluntary transfer, unlike the male prisoner who is given a voluntary choice to pull his time in a county jail, in places like the Kalamazoo County Jail, the female state prisoner is "told", not asked, to move, no if's or but's.

From a relatively pleasant environmental surrounding, psychologically adapted and adjusted, the female prisoner suddenly finds herself stripped of what little dignity she has found at Huron Valley and back into a stringent, psychologically barren environment once again, which seems to exist in every single County Jail in this nation.

Gone are the comforts and privileges that other state sentenced prisoners are permitted. Packed and stored away are the electrical conveniences allowed at Huron Valley.

Gone are the visits where you can hug and kiss your loved ones, hold your children and feel contact with your family and friends.

Gone is the privacy of your own cell, and the ability to be alone to take care of mental stress and physical matters of a private nature.

Yes gentlemen, serving time here at SMP or at any male correctional facility can be taxing and boring at times, but in looking at the treatments and solutions rendered in improving the overcrowding situation at the Huron Valley Women's Facility, it makes me happy I was born a male child in the state of Michigan.

Submitted By: Hal Baldwin

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REPRINTED FROM: THE FOLSOM OBSERVER  
ENTITLED: A CONVICT'S WOMAN

A convict's woman is the rarest of jewels. She suffers just as much, if not more than the man she visits in prison. She lives for the next visit, that day when they can be together without the benefit of the gun over their heads or somebody trying to lay their moral standards on them. They live for each other.

Being a convict is not an easy life. Being a convict's woman is even harder. It is she who must make sacrifices so that her man can have the luxuries that are taken for granted on the outside. It is she who must bear the burdens of having to admit that her man is in prison. It is she who must tell the children that daddy is not home because he doesn't want to be...but because he can't be. It is she who must make more societal adjustments than her man. She is the forgotten victim, suffering from causes not of her making. She is the one ostracized by employers and landlords. By virtue of loving a convict, she is subject to carry an unwarranted aura of suspicion.

When asked how she can love a man she cannot hold each night, she replies that it is not necessary to have her man there physically and that their love is enough to withstand the trials of separation and time.

She is a treasure beyond description. No value can be placed on a good woman. She is strong...she has to be. She makes her man feel vital, alive. She knows that she is needed and that when that "day" comes, all those sacrifices will have been worth the price she had to pay. The last lines of a poem about this sort of love reads,... "a convict's love is from his heart, given with his soul"...which might explain why these women feel as they do.

A convict's woman is the epitomy of womanhood...of all things that are loyal...lasting...loving.

WAIT A WHILE: SCIENCE HAS GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

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NEW YORK (AP) — Take a drug and you'll be smarter, live longer, even change the sex of your unborn child.

Those are just a few of the changes anticipated by participants in the latest McGraw Hill survey of 200 industrial firms in 12 major fields. The survey of experts in fields ranging from medicine to transportation to manufacturing is conducted every three years.

The big news this year is that the futuristic, sci-fi life isn't so far off.

If you've ever quibbled with the basic equipment you were born with, it won't be long before you'll be able to do something about it, medical experts say. They predict drugs that can permanently raise your IQ will be widespread use in 15 years.

Around that time they say scientific breakthroughs will enable you to shed unwanted pounds effortlessly and even control the sex of your unborn child.

Then, too, they predict that by the turn of the century, life expectancy will reach 100 years, that there will be a cure for cancer and a drug which, taken over a long period of time, prevents it.

The medical experts also foresee artificial eyesight for the blind, artificial growth of new limbs and even an artificial form of primitive life. But you needn't wait that long for other startling advances.

In the 1980's, they say, ultrasonics will enable the control of pain and detect brain tumors; electronic impulses will heal bone fractures, and there will even be a substitute for blood.

The clothes of the future won't be the same either.

Seven years from now, textile experts say, one-piece molded garments will be the rage and fabrics will respond to temperature changes. By the turn of the century, they predict, you'll be able to select a dress or suit that will change color. Not that you'll have to worry about the elements.

In the 1980's, say scientists, plastic domes will protect cities on land and in the sea from pollution and the weather; scientists will be predicting earthquakes and, maybe most remarkable of all weathermen will present accurate 30 day weather forecasts.

Traffic jams will be a thing of the past, the transportation experts say.

By 1995, they say, you'll be able to get into your electric car, contact your office by portable telephone and breeze down an automated highway. By the turn of the century, your car will even be service-free and accident proof.

Before long—maybe even this year—you won't even have to walk. You'll just step on a moving sidewalk outside your door.

Welcome to life in the not-so-distant future.

Submitted By: Hal Baldwin.

WAIT A WHILE! GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

CHES NEWS

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An event being called the "Ice Breaker's Match," was held here at Somers, on Tuesday evening, the 10th of October. Nick Stevens, president of the Hartford Chess Club, brought four of Hartford's high rated chess players to Somers to challenge some of our own.

The whole setting was new to the people from here and those from the outside, and emotions and anxiety flowed as strategy was pushed to its limit. To beat the clock was the name of the game as our men faced some really good players.

It was the first time that such an event has been held here at Somers and hopefully it is a sign of things to come.

Wood and Plastic pushers from the inside were Henry (Pop) McClain, Tom Dennie, Don J. Slater, and Paul DeWitt. Due to the short period of time allotted for playing, we were unable to get the official results on the games. However, though the Hartford club had the game strength in their favor it wasn't a total runaway. All in all, it was an experience of competition that won't be forgotten by the participants for some time to come.

The Hartford Chess Club also donated five (5) chess books along with five (5) chess sets to our chess club. Also, we now have a local contact for those of us who wish to purchase books on the game of chess, along with chess equipment at a fair and reasonable price. Thanks for the books and the games goes to the whole Hartford Club, from the chess players in here.

Thanks also goes to Mr. Dave Musco for his help in scheduling the match, and to Mr. C.J. Jones, for giving an area to hold the match in.

Written By: Don J. Slater  
Stephan H. Johnson

NOTE: In the near future we hope to have a weekly chess page with chess book reviews, chess problems, a quiz or two, and short stories. If you are a chess buff with some ideas of what might be an interesting subject for a weekly chess page, we hope you will send them to the Weekly Scene c/o Stephan H. Johnson. You could drop them in the mailbox by the radio station. The box is there for all persons to use and all types of articles for publication in the paper are welcome.

Stephan H. Johnson

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Proposed Changes At CCI Somers

1. Install central TV antenna system, with terminals in each cell. This would eliminate all of the problems with poor reception.
2. Sell either battery-powered or 110-volt electric fans, for use in cells during hot weather.
3. Reduce the prices charged in the commissary by the means of more efficient purchasing, such as switching to less expensive brand of merchandise.
4. Reduce the cost to inmates of radios and TV sets by purchasing them in larger lots, directly from the manufacturer, instead of going through a warehouse or etail outlet.
5. Sell magazines by the copy in the commissary. Many inmates may want to buy certain magazines, but don't have the money to buy a whole subscription, as all subscriptions must be pre-paid.
6. Issue each inmate a wastebasket for his cell, to eliminate the need to use paper bags for trash disposal. If this is too expensive, then offer some sort of wastebasket for sale in the commissary.

Submitted by: Dennis B.  
Vennard

POETRY

"OUTTA' SIGHT"

As I dream of you every night, I see your eyes, all shining and bright,  
They sparkle with love, an trinkle with light, I wish I was with you babe,  
this very night, For if I where, everthing would be alright. Because my  
love, you are outta' sight.

When I come home my pet, It'll be like when we first met. The day we went  
to the beach you and I, I knew you were more beautiful than the sky. I  
could not say anything then, as you were living with a friend.....

I picked those flowers for you, so you wouldn't be so blue, as you know  
I truely care for you. I'll be true to you untill the end..  
For you're so much more than a friend, My love for you will never end....

John Hudson

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POETRY PAGE

Be careful friends not to think too  
highly of yourselves nor to imagine  
that you are above another man.

The same sun that shines on you,  
shines even on dogs and other lower  
life beings. Don't they breathe the  
same air?

Does the Captain say to the Lieutenant,  
kneel down and kiss my boots, because  
I have two bars and you have only  
one?

Man being the highest form of life,  
how do you suppose that a small thing  
such as a piece of tin would make  
one man more than another?

If one man lives in a \$10,000 house and  
another in a \$50,000 house, both houses  
serve as shelter and the only difference  
is that the one with the \$50,000 house  
may be disillusioned into believing that  
he is better but just as man is born  
and began by crawling on his belly  
upon the ground, so must he return to  
the ground. A flower cannot grow unless  
the seed is first started into the soil.

Submitted by: Hal Baldwin

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The days are just like nights,  
in a cell with no one to hold  
No one to love, but me.

Submitted by: Freddie Bradley

This is a hurting thing,  
but that's how it goes.

So time to cry myself to sleep,  
Because it feels better when I'm asleep.

When I'm awake all I can see is bars,  
it hurts so bad knowing that I'm not free.  
The only freedom I can have is when I'm asleep.

So please leave me alone so I can sleep.

The nights are cold just like the day,  
with no one to hold but me, no one to show my love  
how can that be, because I'm here doing time.

Once I was happy,  
but now there is no room for happiness  
because the days are just like the nights,  
so please leave me alone so I can get  
some freedom in my sleep.



MOVIES

OCTOBER 14, 1978

Convoy

Sorry, we have no information on this movie.

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OCTOBER 15, 1978

Coming Home

Sorry, we have no information on this movie.

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LOTTERY WINNERS THIS WEEK ARE:

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| Michael Tracy    | 13142 | D-4    |
| Leonard Blanks   | 26218 | C-57   |
| Dale W. Dibbens  | 59932 | B-3    |
| Adalberto Guerra | 63698 | Q-4-46 |

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ANY RADIO OR TELEVISION SET WHICH HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH WILL NOT BE REPAIRED, THIS INCLUDES MISSING SCREWS, ETC.

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THOSE VETERANS WHO RECEIVED DISCHARGES OTHER THAN HONORABLE AND WOULD LIKE TO TRY FOR UPGRADING SHOULD CONTACT J. DeLOACH, VOCATIONAL COUNSELOR. WE ARE PRESENTLY WORKING WITH THE RED CROSS ASSOCIATION IN AN EFFORT TO GET CERTAIN MILITARY DISCHARGES UPGRADED. SEND A REQUEST FORM STATING CLEARLY WHAT TYPE OF DISCHARGE YOU HAVE AT THE PRESENT TIME AND AN INTERVIEW CAN BE SET UP WITH THE RED CROSS.

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Week of 10/8/78

\* Indicates Pork or Pork Product

|       | Breakfast   | Dinner   | Supper   |
|-------|---|--|--|
| Sun.  | Pineapple Juice<br>Waffle Cakes<br>w/Syrup<br>Dry Cereal<br>Hot Coffee_milk | Roast Beef<br>w.Brown Gravy<br>Whipped Potatoes<br>Fresh Frozen Spinach<br>Ice Cream-Beverage                            | Pizza w/Cheddarella<br>American Chop Suey<br>Grated Parmesan Chesse<br>Tossed Lettuce Salad<br>Bread Pudding - Beverage            |
| Mon.  | Tomato Juice<br>French Toast<br>w/Syrup<br>Dry Cereal<br>Hot Coffee-Milk    | Corn Beef Hash<br>w/Fried Eggs-Catsup<br>Lima Beans or Succotash<br>* Pastry: Beverage                                   | Cheesewhopper w/Dun<br>French Fried Potatoes<br>Lettuce & Tomato Salad<br>Sliced Dill Pickles -Catsup<br>Fruit Cocktail - Beverage |
| Tues. | Blended Juice<br>Breakfast Pastry<br>Hot Cereal<br>Coffee<br>milk           | *Baked Stuffed Pork Chops<br>w/Pepper & Onion Gravy<br>Fried Rice<br>Sweet Peas-Applesauce<br>Chocolate Pudding-Beverage | Barbecued Chicken<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>w/Brown Gravy<br>Yellow Wax Beans<br>Pastry: Beverage                                      |
| Wed.  | Fresh Fruit<br>Griddle Cakes<br>w/Syrup<br>Dry Cereal<br>Hot Coffee-milk    | Veal Parmesan<br>Shells w/Tomato Sauce<br>Lettuce & Tomato Salad<br>Grated Paemesan Cheese<br>Pastry-Beverage            | Cheese Omelette<br>Fried Potatoes<br>Cut Green Beans<br>Catsup<br>Ice Cream-Beverage   |
| Thur. | Grapefruit Sections<br>Breakfast Pastry<br>Hot Cereal<br>Coffee<br>milk     | *Grilled Frankfurters<br>Baked Beans - Catsup<br>Sauerkraut - Mustard<br>Pastry: Beverage                                | Stuffed Bell Peppers<br>w/ Tangy Creole Sauce<br>Noodles Romanoff<br>Buttered Fresh Carrots<br>Peach Betty - Beverage              |
| Fri.  | Orange Juice<br>Scrambled Eggs<br>w/Toast<br>Dry Cereal<br>Hot Coffee-Milk  | Deep Fried Fish<br>w/Tartar Sauce<br>Hash Brown Potatoes<br>Cole Slaw<br>Ice Cream-Beverage                              | Turkey Salad Grinder<br>Potato Salad<br>Lettuce & Tomato Salad<br>Chilled Apricot Halves<br>Beverage                               |
| Sat.  | Fresh Fruit<br>Breakfast Pastry<br>Hot Cereal<br>Coffee<br>milk             | *Baked Polish Kielbasa<br>Boiled Potatoes<br>Boiled Cabbage - Mustard<br>Pastry: Beverage                                | Grilled Cube Steak<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>w/Brown Gravy<br>Mixed Vegetables<br>Cherry Jello - Beverage                              |

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