

"It's an insignificant question. You can waste your life on it. You just need to take what you can from your past and move on. A lot of the things I learned when I was walking are helpful to me now. I used to be in speech and drama. That helped me learn to write a heck of a speech."

Although Hogancamp is alert and making jokes, she realizes she has a long road of recovery ahead of her. "I'm a lot more recovered upstairs than my body is," she said. "My whole body is one big bruise."

Among her more serious injuries are a few cracked ribs and a compound fractured wrist. But because it's her left wrist, Hogancamp made light of that. "It's not my major make-up hand anyway," she said.

Hogancamp is optimistic that the wrist injury will not prevent her from using an adaptive device to write on her computer.

And she believes her injuries could even result in some benefits. "It banged up my legs pretty good, so much so that I may end up sitting straighter. It banged me around so much, I may end up with better posture. Isn't that ironic?"

Hogancamp said she remained conscious as the van tumbled out of control Tuesday night. "Bright lights, going round and round and wondering, 'When is this going to end?' I've never done drugs, but that's got to be close to what a drug experience would be."

When the van finally came to rest, Hogancamp found herself face down in the mud with her body twisted. She could see that her left wrist was severely mangled, but, being paralyzed, had no idea what her other injuries might be.

Still, she said, her faith helped her to remain calm. "I knew if God had brought me that far, it wasn't going to be the end."●

TRIBUTE TO ALEX MANOOGIAN

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, this Friday, March 3, 1995, the Armenian General Benevolent Union of Detroit is holding a tribute banquet honoring Mr. Alex Manoogian. Mr. Manoogian is one of the most inspiring people I have ever met. This Friday evening at St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield, MI, the Republic of Armenia will award him the National Hero of Armenia Award and an honorary doctorate degree from Yerevan State University.

As an appropriate tribute to Mr. Manoogian's stature, the president of the Armenian Parliament, His Excellency Babken Ararktsian will be the keynote speaker.

Alex Manoogian's life is an affirmation of the American dream. And yet the key to understanding the meaning of his vast worldly success is to know of the love, fidelity, and loyalty that Alex Manoogian has held in his heart for his family, his people, and his community.

He was born in Asia Minor in 1901, and came to America in 1920. Settling in Detroit in 1924, he founded his own company in 1928 which has grown into the multinational Masco Corp.

He was married to Marie Tatian in 1931. In over 60 years of marriage they were blessed with two loving children and six adoring grandchildren. To understand the depth of his love of family and his embrace of the Armenian community is to understand the magnanimous actions of his remarkable life.

His involvement and generosity have created or expanded hospitals, museums, libraries, universities, schools, and other important institutions throughout the world. Close to home, it is his former residence, donated to the city of Detroit, that is the official residence for the mayor of Detroit.

Mr. President, the positive impact of his life cannot be overestimated, and his legacy will live forever through the countless people around the world that have been changed by, and benefited from, the vast array of cultural, educational, humanitarian, and charitable institutions that have thrived as the result of his efforts.

His awards and honors have been many, and his international renown is well-deserved. His life has been a tribute to all that is possible and good in this great country, his adopted home. And the loyalty for and love of his heritage have been the guiding light and beneficiary of his remarkable life. It is an honor to know him, and an honor for me to pay tribute to him.●

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

● Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I stand in support of February, American Heart Month. February 1995 marks the 32d annual American Heart Month. To convey the importance that all Americans participate in the battle against cardiovascular diseases, including heart attack and stroke, in 1963 the U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution requesting that the President proclaim each February as American Heart Month. But the battle has not been won, cardiovascular diseases remain America's No. 1 killer and a major cause of disability.

During American Heart Month, the American Heart Association and its more than 3.7 million volunteers canvass neighborhoods nationwide distributing educational materials and soliciting public support for the AHA mission, the reduction of disability and death from cardiovascular diseases, including heart attack and stroke. The American Heart Month theme this year is "Life. It's What We're Fighting For," highlighting the value of biomedical research and its significance in daily life for many Americans. AHA-sponsored activities and information during this American Heart Month focus on the importance of current medical research projects in the fight against cardiovascular diseases and outline some medical miracles responsible for longer and healthier lives of millions of Americans. Through these educational efforts, the AHA hopes to enhance public support and knowledge about the critical nature of biomedical research in the battle against cardiovascular diseases.

Since 1949, the American Heart Association has invested about \$1.3 billion in medical research and hopes to reach the \$2 billion mark by the year 2000. The AHA reports that it will contrib-

ute about \$94 million in support of almost 2,900 medical research projects across this country in 1995.

American Heart Association-supported research has produced some significant results, such as CPR, life-extending drugs, bypass surgery, pacemakers and other surgical techniques to repair heart defects. In addition, four physicians who received the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine had been supported, at one time, by the AHA, including Dr. Edwin G. Krebs of the University of Washington in Seattle. Doctor Krebs and Dr. Edmond H. Fischer, also of the University of Washington in Seattle, both were awarded the 1991 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their discovery of how proteins in the body are switched on to perform functions within cells.

I can personally attest to the benefit of medical research. According to the American Heart Association, each year 1.5 million Americans suffer a heart attack—that is approximately 1 heart attack every 20 seconds. As my colleagues know, unfortunately, last November, I suffered a heart attack. But, thanks to medical research, I am living a healthy, productive life.

As a recent beneficiary of medical research, I welcome this opportunity to salute the American Heart Association for their research support and public and professional education and community service programs to advance the battle against heart attack and stroke. I am particularly proud of the contribution of the American Heart Association Washington affiliate. The AHA Washington affiliate in 1994-1995 will support about \$797,332 on research being conducted at the following research facilities in Washington: University of Washington, Washington State University, Children's Hospital in Seattle, VA Medical Center, and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

However, I am still concerned about the federal commitment to the battle against cardiovascular diseases, including heart attack and stroke. The American Heart Association estimates that about 1 in 4 Americans suffers from cardiovascular diseases that will cost this Nation approximately \$138 billion in medical expenses and lost productivity in 1995. But, the fiscal year 1993 National Institutes of Health budget for research on heart disease and stroke is only \$855 million, representing a research investment of less than 1 percent of the expenditures for these diseases.

Again, I encourage my colleagues to reaffirm our dedication to the fight against cardiovascular diseases. A significant growth in Federal resources is needed to take advantage of promising research projects in this area.

I ask that this year's Presidential proclamation be printed in the RECORD.

The proclamation follows: