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**Introduction**

Approximately 5 cubic feet

The papers of Patricia Corrigan consist of scrapbooks containing newspaper articles Corrigan wrote as a reporter for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (1982-2002). Also included in the collection are books Corrigan wrote on St. Louis's culture and history, including *Eating St. Louis: The Gateway City’s Unique Food Culture* and *Wild Things: Untold Tales from the First Century of the St. Louis Zoo*.

Patricia Corrigan began her career in journalism while a student at Webster Groves High School in the mid-1960s, writing articles on school events for the now-defunct *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*. In addition, she wrote occasional pieces for national teen magazines, such as *Ingénue*, and submitted feature articles to numerous St. Louis area publications, beginning with twenty-three pieces for the *Webster Advertiser* in 1965-1966. Following graduation from Webster Groves, Corrigan enrolled in the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia but left when she got married. While her husband was in the Army and stationed near Lawton, Oklahoma, she wrote for the local paper, the *Lawton Constitution*.

When she and her family returned to St. Louis she took jobs in public relations and advertising and earned a B.S. degree in health education. At the same time, Corrigan pursued the challenging role of a freelance writer. During the next fifteen years, she wrote feature stories for the *Webster Groves/Kirkwood Times, The St. Louisan, Profile St. Louis, The Citizen* (a West County Publication), *St. Louis Mirror*, and most significantly for *The Globe-Democrat* and the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Occasional pieces by Corrigan also appeared in magazines published in St. Louis.

In 1982, she took a permanent job with the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, working as a general assignment reporter but increasingly focused on feature stories. From 1986 onward, she was assigned permanently to the features desk. Corrigan covered a variety of subjects. As she notes, during her 23 years at the *Post-Dispatch*, she worked “as a news reporter, food writer, restaurant critic, theater critic, night city editor, feature columnist, travel writer, health and fitness writer, and fashion writer.” Her work appeared in the *Post’s* life/style section, the Everyday section, and the Business section. In the early 1990s, until she left the newspaper, Corrigan wrote a weekly column for the Saturday edition, covering a multitude of subjects. (She published a collection of these columns in *Convertible Dreams: Saturday Morning Musings on Life, Lunch, and Matters of the Heart* in 2001.)

In 2005, Corrigan took a retirement buyout from the *Post-Dispatch*. However, she has not “retired” and continues to work as a freelance writer and editor and to write feature articles for a variety of publications. (For a current source of Corrigan’s activities, see)

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Donor Information
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Box 1
Scrapbook of Newspaper clippings, 1965-1966 (while a student at Webster Groves High School, and then at the University of Missouri)
Patricia Corrigan Krauska (nee Corrigan), columns and features in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, December 16, 1976-April 16, 1978; St. Louis Post-Dispatch, April 16, 1978
Patricia Corrigan Krauska, “Pediatric Rehabilitation: A New, Successful Service,” Outlook Magazine, Washington University School of Medicine (Summer 1979), Vol. XVI, No. 2, 18-23
Weekly columns in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, January 18, 1992-August 25, 2001 (6 folders)
Feature articles in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, March 2, 2000-October 8, 2007 (10 folders)
Occasional feature articles in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, February 10-November 16, 2008; January 11, 2009

Box 2
Scrapbook, writing as Patricia Krauska, feature stories written in The Citizen, 1972-1976
Scrapbook of Feature Articles in St. Louis Globe-Democrat, January 15, 1976-November 27, 1977; St. Louis Mirror, December 4, 1980; Profile St. Louis, June 8, 1978
Scrapbooks of feature articles, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, December 15, 1970-December 31, 1984 (5 folders)

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Box 5
Scrapbook of feature articles, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, January 5, 1998-May 8, 2000 (7 folders)
Notebooks for Corrigan’s book on the St. Louis Zoo (2 folders)
Draft of autobiography, George P. Vierheller, former director of the *St. Louis Zoo*, no date