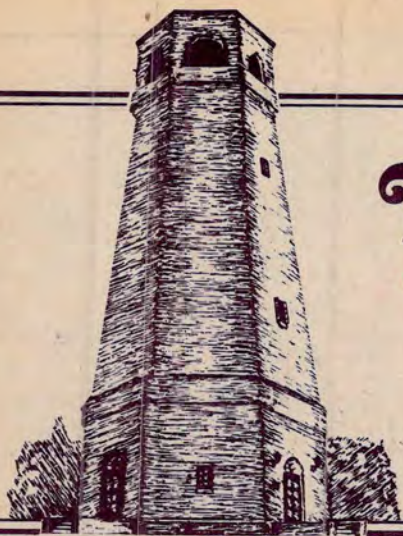




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Budget cutbacks, state restrictions put the squeeze on group homes

by T. D. Mischke

The recent struggles of Stevencroft, a local group home run by Sandra Sorenson for children with autism and autistic-like behavior, have illuminated some of the problems group homes are facing throughout the city and state.

The operators of many group homes have been complaining lately that budget cutbacks and unfair state guidelines are forcing them to consider closing the homes that have provided care for the state's developmentally disabled residents.

Sorenson recently called a press conference to discuss the predicament facing her group home, which is located at 1436 Ashland Ave. On the face of it, her situation seems

simple enough. Health problems over the past year, including four hospital stays, have made it difficult for Sorenson to continue running her group home. She would like to sell it to another provider.

The problem has not been finding someone to buy the home, but rather a state Department of Human Services (DHS) rule that prevents a group home from simply being resold at its market value. Rule 53 was created, state officials say, to prevent repeated sales of a group home for the purpose of reporting a higher mortgage rate and thereby receiving greater state subsidies, which are based on mortgage rates.

Rule 53 means that a potential buyer of the Stevencroft home would be unable

to collect any mortgage costs above the \$238 a month Sorenson now pays.

Sorenson bought the house for \$30,000 more than 10 years ago; it is now listed at \$90,000 by Merrill Lynch. According to Sorenson, she could easily sell the house for \$90,000 to a private party uninterested in maintaining it as a group home, but that would send six autistic children in search of new quarters.

Neither she nor the state wants that to happen, however. It is already difficult to find openings in group homes these days, especially for children whose mental retardation is as severe as autism. And, according to state Representative Kathleen Vel-

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John Drew reflects on public life on eve of departure from politics

by Roger Fuller

John Drew is finally learning to relax. It was a lesson that came hard, after the Ward 3 St. Paul City Council member suffered a heart attack November 9.

"I don't hold as much inside as I used to," Drew said. "Before, I didn't like to share problems. I felt I would be burdening others. Now I have learned to be more outgoing."

Drew's recovery and his new lifestyle coincide with his exit from elective office. The four-year veteran of the

state Legislature (1979-83) will end his four years on the City Council this week.

Drew expresses no regrets about his years of public service. "I was never unhappy in politics," he said. "I really liked talking to people. There was never a day when I looked in the mirror and said, 'Oh no, not another day.'"

Drew was stricken by the heart attack in his City Hall office six days after he was defeated in the bid for reelection by political newcomer Bob Long. Drew does not attribute the heart attack

to either the loss or to the pressure of politics in general. "There is stress in politics," he said, "but you have that in other types of work as well."

Drew said he felt a slight twinge in his arm several times before the day of the heart attack. Even so, he said, "When I look back on it—this sounds funny—but I remember saying before I went to work that day, 'This is the best I've felt in a long time.'"

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Bonnie, an 11-year-old cat belonging to Joe Benzick, got a bird's-eye-view from her perch in the Benzick's front yard on Beechwood Avenue. Apparently Bonnie often climbs the tree and waits for someone to come home and let her in, much to the astonishment and concern of passers-by.

Host families mind the kids while parents solve problems

by Terry Andrews

There are toys just inside the front door of Rosemarie Stromme's Macalester-Groveland home. The wooden trucks and the giant stuffed panda bear are there to greet the small children who sometimes stay with the Strommes.

"The children come in, take their coats off and look right past me at the toys," Rosemarie said with a laugh. "I tell them they can eat anything they want. They all like to eat."

Rosemarie and her husband, Ed, are volunteers for the Crisis Nurseries Project. For the

past year, ever since they heard about the program, the Strommes have been providing a temporary home-away-from-home for children whose parents are going through a crisis.

Sponsored by the Children's Home Society of Minnesota, the project was established two years ago to assist parents in Ramsey, Dakota and Washington counties who need help. Parents facing a crisis can call the Crisis Nurseries hotline and arrange for their children to spend 72 hours with a family like the Strommes. With their children safe and well cared for, the parents can then attempt to deal with their immediate problems.

Program Director Judy Burns said the impetus for the project was the success of the Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, a house that served only residents of Hennepin County. "That nursery was getting a lot of calls from St. Paul and was constantly turning those calls away," she said. In the face of such a clear need, a task force was formed to determine the extent of the need, and money was raised to fund the first two years of operation. The Children's Home Society agreed to provide space for the project.

There are now 24 families in the three counties providing temporary homes, several of them in the Macalester-Groveland and

Highland Park areas. Approximately 20 families a month call the project for help, Burns said, and "many months we have to turn families away because of lack of space to put children."

People who volunteer to provide homes are licensed by the state and agree to be on call several days a month. "They can choose a slot of time when they are available," Burns said, as long as they provide 72 hours of consecutive care. The program provides care for newborn babies through 8-year-olds. The Crisis Nurseries Project provides essentials like

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lenga, the neighborhood on Ashland "is very supportive of the home, and that's not always easy to find." Vellenga also said a sudden change in environment "is a difficult thing for autistic children to adjust to."

For these and other reasons, Vellenga is working with other state representatives to change Rule 53 by introducing legislation that would allow for exceptions in cases like Sorenson's.

"The rule was intended to prevent people who were in it for sheer profit from being able to trade up by reselling the home to up the per diem rate and then buying it back," Vellenga said.

"I think people at the state think people in the group-home business are in it to rip them off. The truth is, most of us are just trying to survive."

—Terry Forss

She said the state found cases in which houses would be resold repeatedly within the same family, thus increasing the state subsidy.

"Basically, these people were crooks, and the rule was intended to stop what they were doing," Vellenga said. "But we don't have the same thing with Stevencroft. There is no profiteering here. We have a woman who is honest and wants to make sure a new provider is found for the home. If all she cared about was the money, she'd just close up the group home and sell her property as a private home."

Sorenson may not have to wait for the legislative session for relief, however. A week after her press conference, Department of Human Services officials let her

know they would try to work out a solution to her problem. According to one DHS official, the details have yet to be worked out, but the department recognizes that Sorenson has a legitimate problem and that Rule 53 inadequately addresses her circumstances.

With the help of the DHS, it appears the Stevencroft situation may have a happy ending. A closer look at the condition of group homes across the city and state, however, shows that group homes are facing more than procedural problems, and that many of them have to deal with the possibility of closing.

Dave Keily, director of the Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota, an advocacy organization for the state's group homes, said five homes have given notice of closure in Ramsey County alone because of financial difficulties caused by cutbacks at the DHS. In addition, he said, another 35 to 40 such homes across the state are looking at closing because of growing financial struggles, which they blame on the department's failure to understand what it takes to run a group home.

"The way the state has set maintenance costs and administrative costs has put the pinch on a lot of these group homes," Keily said. "The state based its maintenance allocation on the amount each group home spent for maintenance in one year—1985. Now, if you had a lot of repair work needed at your home you were in pretty good shape because your pay for the next few years was going to be based on that year's expenses. But if you didn't have any major maintenance needs that year and instead had them the next, you had a problem."

State allocations for administrative costs have also come up short, Keily said. "One hundred and twenty-three group homes could not work within their administrative budget this year," he said.



Sandra Sorenson oversees lunch at Stevencroft, a group home for autistic adolescents that she operates on Ash-

land Avenue. Sorenson's problems with the state illustrate the struggles faced by many group-home operators.

Keily charged that the state has only recently begun to deal in good faith with ARRM and other organizations and individuals who run group homes. In some cases, he added, it may be too late to matter.

"For some of these homes, a death cycle has started, and once it gets going it's difficult to turn it around," Keily said. "I think drafting new legislation that addresses these issues can help, but it isn't like there are any easy answers. The problems are complicated."

Another problem with the state is the backlog of appeals from group-home operators who think they have a case for being granted more funds. Keily said the process is moving at a snail's pace, and since the DHS alone decides when cases are addressed, there's nothing group-home operators can do to speed it up.

Steve Jensen, who works in the mental retardation

programs division of the DHS, said the problem of appeals and other issues are being dealt with by the state, and that the department is taking steps to ensure that group homes do not have to close.

"The commissioner has instructed us to start moving on these appeals and really make it a priority, so those are now being addressed," Jensen said. As for the other issues, he said, the DHS is making certain amendments to the rules that do not require legislative approval.

"Making these rules can be a dreadfully complicated procedure," Jensen said. "You try to address one problem and you inadvertently cause others. When we look at certain solutions we can almost always see where they'll cause different problems in another area."

Nevertheless, Jensen said, the DHS is making progress. "In some cases the shortages have been nothing more than

the result of clerical errors, and those are being cleared up and people are getting their money," he said. "In other cases, reports sent into us from these group homes were done improperly and that has slowed down the process."

As for the maintenance costs, he said, amendments are already being drafted to increase those reimbursements. In any case, Jensen said, available resources are limited, and the state never has enough to do all it would like for these homes.

Gerald Glomb, who runs a group home called Community Access Inc. at 1081 Fairmount Ave., said that in his case the state does indeed seem determined to keep his operation going.

"Certain amendments being added to state guidelines are making it possible for me to get by now," he said. "But I think in my case, as well as other group homes, we're now running things about as

efficiently as we can. Five years ago, if the state made a cut in the budget I could cut back a little bit here and there and get by, but it's pretty tight these days."

Terry Forss, who runs the Aurora House at 2134 Marshall Ave., said she has also heard rumors that state aid will be forthcoming this year. Still, she said, "I'll believe it when I see it."

"We're just barely getting by here," Forss said. "It's painful and it's frustrating. It's pretty tough when you can't even keep your vehicle running because there's nothing left for repairs. If things remain at the state they're in now with the cutbacks and the belt-tightening, I can't see us staying in this business."

"I think people at the state think people in the group-home business are in it to rip them off, when the truth is, most of us are just small-home operators who are just trying to survive."

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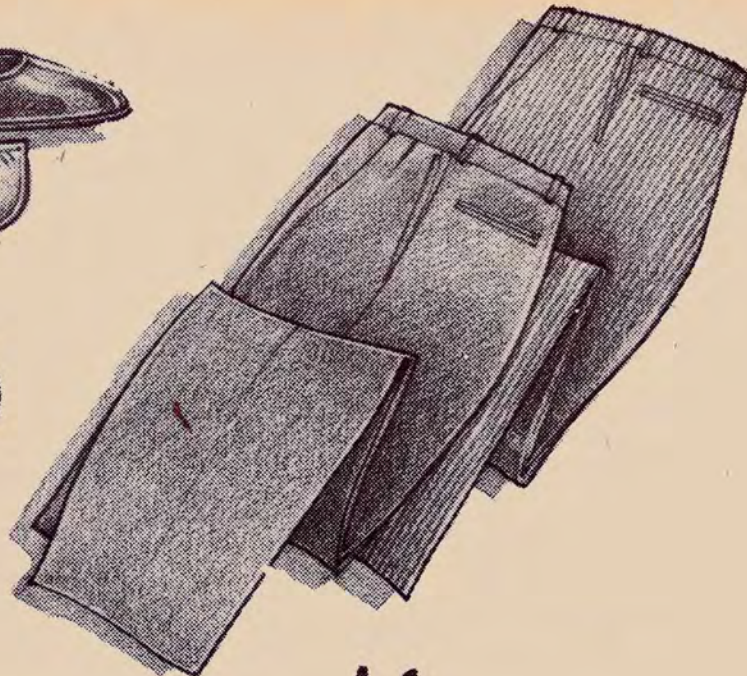
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paramedics in his council office, Drew was taken to a hospital, where he was near death three times during the first 24 hours.

Drew's introduction to politics came when he served as a local representative on the District 15 Planning Council just after it was established in the mid-1970s. He also took over the chairmanship of the Independent Republican House district organization at a time when the IR Party was looking for a candidate to challenge Dick Cohen in the 1978 election.

"I talked to a number of people about running," he said. "A lot of people told me they were interested until we started talking about the amount of time that would be involved. I wasn't having any luck finding anyone, so I decided I would run myself."

After word of his candidacy began circulating, a group of senior party leaders came to Drew's house intending to persuade him not to run, because they had their eye on another potential candidate.

"I just told them why I was running and described the type of campaign I wanted to run," Drew said. "In the end I won them over. One of them said, 'It looks like you'll be a pretty good candidate.'"

And he was, winning election to the House on his first attempt. He won again in 1980, but his re-election bid failed in 1982, the year the DFL Party recaptured the governorship. Shortly after

that loss, Drew decided to run for City Council, following the resignation of Councilman Len Levine. Like his loss in 1987 and his win in 1985, Drew's 1983 electoral victory was decided by fewer than 200 votes.

All in all, Drew said, he found his term on the City Council more rewarding than his experience at the Capitol. "In the city you can go a couple of weeks without a function to go to," he said. "In the Legislature during the ses-

One thing Drew won't miss is the new style of campaigning. He said the use of computers and direct mailing has made running for office much more impersonal.

sion there was a dinner every night that some group was giving for the legislators. It was something like a social club." That didn't really suit Drew's style.

Ron Sietoff, a former state senator who served with Drew in the Legislature, said there were other aspects about his city job that better suited Drew. "I think he enjoyed his work on the City Council more than the Legislature," Sietoff said. "He enjoyed working with people and took satisfaction when he could solve a problem for an individual or a small

group of people. He enjoyed the job."

There was still another factor involved. "In city government, party-line votes are the exception," Drew said. "In the Legislature they tend to be the rule. Sometimes a city issue like affirmative action might come down to party-line votes, but most of the time the positions taken on an issue don't have much to do with which party the council member belongs to."

Drew carried that philosophy into his own campaign last year, when he ran for the council as an independent. In his two previous council campaigns, he ran with IR endorsement. "I never thought partisanship was relevant to city government," he said.

Ward 2 Councilman Jim Scheibel, a DFLer, paid a tribute to Drew's willingness to work with everyone on the council. "John is a good friend," Scheibel said. "He brought certain values to the job which led to good policy decisions for the city. He was underrated because he was not an aggressive person, but I considered that to be a strength, because he showed he could work with people."

Kiki Sonnen, an independent Ward 3 council member, echoed those remarks. "John was an honest and hard-working councilman," she said. "He worried a lot about whether he was making the right decision."

One thing Drew won't miss is the new style of campaign-

ing. He said the use of computers and direct mailing has made running for office much more impersonal than it used to be.

"When I first ran for office, we would have a literature drop starting at 9:00 and we'd be done by noon," he said. "We would get about 150 people out for the drop and we would have hot dogs at the house in the afternoon. I think you lose something when you get away from that one-to-one contact with people."

Drew said that among his biggest contributions to the Highland area was his active support of the 1985 Highland Village Improvement Project, a more than \$4 million facelift of the streets and sidewalks in that commercial district. It remains the single largest project undertaken through the city's Neighborhood Partnership Program and it marshaled previously unseen cooperation between Highland area business people, residents and city staff. Drew also credited city planner and project coordinator Jim Zdon and the city's planning staff for the success of the improvement project.

As for his major contribution to the city as a whole, Drew pointed to his introduction of an ordinance requiring lawn-spraying firms to post warnings about the use of lawn chemicals. "This has had a very positive effect," Drew said. "It has created interest all over the country."

Drew said his only immedi-

ate plans for the future are to gradually regain his health. "I am looking at a number of things," he said. "I might consider government, the

non-profit field, or maybe a small-business opportunity. I want to do something where I'm around people because I like talking to people."

Union dispute sends Drew fund-raiser to new location

by Roger Fuller

A bipartisan fund-raiser for outgoing City Councilman John Drew has been shifted from O'Gara's Garage to the Holiday Inn Town Square after organized labor threatened to picket the event. The \$50-a-person fund-raiser is still scheduled for 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12.

Sue Vanelli, a legislative aide for the City Council's Ward 7 and a member of the committee organizing the fund-raiser, said the decision to move the bash was made after Local 17 of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union threatened to organize a picket at O'Gara's, a non-union house.

"We were all trying to do something nice for John and then all of a sudden this came up," Vanelli said. "It was a nightmare."

Mick McGibbon, Local 17's organizer, said O'Gara's, which is located at Snelling and Selby avenues, was a union house but later decertified. "There is an ongoing labor dispute there," he said. "We had the establishment picketed last summer." He said it would be inappropriate to hold the fund-raiser there because Drew was a labor-endorsed candidate and the event will be attended by numerous other public officials.

Vanelli said the union has paid for the reprinting of the invitations and helped stuff envelopes for the mailing. "Everyone is working very hard to make this a success," she said. She also said that O'Gara's was initially chosen "because Tim O'Gara offered us the place free of charge. He went to school with John and wanted to do something to help."

Andrea Albrecht, legislative aide to Drew, said the event should be regarded more as a tribute than a fund-raiser. "If someone feels they can't pay the \$50 cost, they should come anyway and give what they can," she said.

Proceeds will be used to help pay off the \$6,800 debt Drew still carries from his unsuccessful campaign for state treasurer in 1986.

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"There are other volunteer positions as well," Burns said. "Crisis care assistants help with the logistics of transporting children, or staying with children for short periods of time while we counsel their parents. We try to work really hard with the parents to find out what the problem is and how to avert it in the future."

Families who volunteer to help, Burns has found, "really have a commitment to helping the community and children."

The Strommes are a good example. They have six children of their own, ranging in age from 15 to 33, and five grandchildren, all under 5. They combine their own child-raising experience with flexibility, warmth, and a philosophy of "you can do anything for a while."

Parents who request care for their young children are given the phone number and first names of the family providing care, so they can call to check on their children. "Most have called," Rosemarie Stromme said, "and I admire them for it. It's got to be a difficult situation for them. I wonder if I would have been big enough to ask for help had I ever been in a similar situation."

She explains her own involvement in the program in simple terms. "Life is harsh," she said. "We have to help each other. That's how I feel."

She remembers one young child who arrived with a bad diaper rash. "I have a few secrets and the rash started to heal, so the mother wanted to talk to me," she said. "A lot of these parents are single mothers. They evidently have no one to turn to. They're ostracized or they've moved here and don't know anyone."

Highland Park residents Cynthia and John O'Halloran also became involved in the project a year ago. "Anytime you hear about children that are needy it's an opportunity to get involved," Cynthia said. "Raising children is the hardest job in the world. We all need a support system and many people don't have one." The O'Hallorans have three school-aged children, all of whom help out when visiting children arrive about once a month. "Most have been toddlers," Cynthia said. "We just welcome them like we would anyone."

"They get all the fun and action central when they're here," John added. Six-year-old Michael volunteered his own observations: "Joey was kind of like a mouse," he recalled about one child. "When we had dinner he wanted cheese. And he liked playing with trucks."

Cynthia, a former teacher, said the experience "just makes life richer. They're darling children. And we're all going to need help some day."

"I consider it an adventure," Cynthia said. "Sometimes when you're downtown you'd like to walk up to people and help but you just can't. With this you can. The reward for me is getting to meet neat people. And we've always been really fond of children, so it's a natural for us."

Douglas and Angela Smith, who live in Macalester-Groveland, were licensed as volunteers last March. Angela was home with their son, Doug, who is now 18 months old, and read a story about the project. She talked it over with her husband.

"I said, you know, I'm home and I feel strongly about this. I did volunteer work for Lutheran Social Services before and I know solving the problem of abuse is very difficult. You can't just cut it out like a cancer. It's cyclical. Abused children tend to become abusive adults. Somehow you need intervention. The level offered by the Children's Home Society seemed like a good way to start. It gives



John and Cynthia O'Halloran

the parents a break and the children a break. And it gives the children an opportunity to see a different family setting."

Her husband added: "The story we read said the project had trouble finding homes. We have a large home and a spare bedroom, so why not?"

The Smiths are licensed for four children (siblings) and usually have two or three stay each time. One little girl they provided care for wanted to remain with them. "She told the neighbors we were her father and mother," Angela said. "She was real active."

"She was one of those kids who's always saying 'What's this?' and 'Where's this?'" her husband added. "When I came home from work I had her help me wash the car. We washed it for two hours. Every time she thought we were done I said, 'Oh, you missed a spot,' just to keep her busy. That was a long 72 hours."

"It's hard to see kids in these situations," Angela noted. "Sometimes they'll say, 'If I do this will you hit me?' We'll say no, then they'll say 'What will you do?'"

"They're testing the boundaries," Douglas said. "We try to keep giving them positive attention, to keep them busy with constructive activities. They mainly want to have somebody spend time with them."

The Smiths said it's often hard to part with the children who stay with them. "By the third day, it's hard to see them go," Angela said. "We wonder all the time how they're doing." They also commended the project staff for their help. "They're great," Angela said. "They're all organized and they figure out how to do everything."

Ed Stromme, affectionately known to visiting children as Grandpa, likes to play with them when he gets home from work. And his 15-year-old daughter, Becky, is often recruited by little girls to fix their hair. "The children we've had have been good," Rosemarie Stromme said. "They're all dear children. Sometimes I get a little lump in my throat when they go because I hope they fare well."

"We think it's okay to spoil them for three days," Ed said.

"Yes, I spoil them," his wife conceded. "This has got to be hard on them."

For the Strommes, the rewards come from having helped. "I didn't have one child who didn't hug me," she said. "Some even said thank you. Basically, these children belong to all of us. And I volunteer to do this because hopefully it will make life a little better for them. We've given the parents a breather. It's only a little one, but I hope it helps."

(The Crisis Nurseries hotline, answered 24 hours a day, is 641-1300. The administrative number for those interested in volunteering is 646-6393.)

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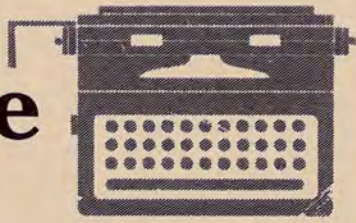
Viewpoint

Well, here we are, smack dab into the year that some people have been waiting for, restively—at least those people who are more than a little bit politically oriented. The presidential primaries that seemed so far away are now poised to begin in earnest. The Iowa caucuses are coming up within five weeks, the New Hampshire primary vote in just six weeks, Minnesota's caucuses and presidential beauty contest in seven weeks, and the big super Tuesday primaries, covering some 20 states, a mere nine weeks away. Do you suppose by then we'll know a lot more about who our two eventual major party candidates will be than we do today?

Not that 1987 was all that dull in the political realm, mind you. There was that in-and-out-and-in-again presidential candidate Gary Hart; Joe Biden, who didn't want to be kicked around anymore and dropped out to stay; the political trial of Robert Bork; Iran-Contra, which was played for all its political worth; and the budget deficit donnybrook which finally resulted in a tepid solution on the level of the Gramm-Rudman cuts it was calculated to avoid. Finally, the summit conference with Reagan and Gorbachev signing the INF treaty, which closed out the year on something of a high note.

The long New Year's weekend provided for some interesting TV viewing in addition to the usual glut of gridiron bowl games. At Hofstra University in New York state, there was a three-day conference on the Nixon administration in perspective, with many of the principals on the scene, along with others who had much to contribute. Even more novel I thought, was the Second Thoughts Conference, sponsored by the National Forum Foundation, which brought together many of the anti-Vietnam activists and protesters of the '60s and early '70s. It was interesting to see and hear these people get up to speak on how wrong they had been in assessing the North Vietnamese. (No, Jane Fonda was not there to recant the comments she made in Hanoi.) I heard one-time peace activists like the former counsel to presidential candidate Walter Mondale say how he now favors a strong defense and support for the contras. Still a Democrat, he's doing all he can now to convince Senator Sam Nunn to get into the presidential race, because Nunn is the one person on the Democratic side who best represents his current views on our defense posture and foreign relations. Another speaker said that although he had altered his views considerably since his protests of the '60s, he was still a Democrat. He just hadn't voted that way for a long time.

The Village Post



Stopping a bad habit

To the editor:

Apparently at the urging of the district councils, the city installed "basketweave" stop signs on many of the side streets. If you will notice, there are very few drivers who make legal stops at these signs. Apparently after adopting the habit of making "rolling stops" on the side streets, more and more drivers are observed not making legal stops on the main drags such as Snelling and Grand.

If the "basketweave" stop signs are not being enforced, they may be doing more harm than good and maybe should be taken down.

David C. Burgeson
1449 Goodrich Ave.

History amended

Dear editor:

I thought the article on the current disagreement over the use of Ayd Mill Road (Short Line) quite informative, but I found the history of that thoroughfare filled with error (*Highland Villager*, December 16).

Kittsondale was not a settlement, but only a developer's plat. Norman Kittson was not a big land developer in the early days of St. Paul; the big developers were James Stinson, Edmund and Henry Rice, Alexander Ramsey and a few others.

John Ayd came to St. Paul from Hamilton County, Illinois; it was his brother, Theodore, who lived near Como Park. John's wife was named Clementina, not Maria. The capacity of the grist mill was listed in the Federal Census at 22 stacks of corn per day; it is most unlikely that was also its

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Misch-Masch

by Maurice Mischke

If, as they say, confession is good for the soul, the Second Thoughts Conference offered a healthy opportunity to square accounts. Can't you just see chances galore for future second thoughts? Would President Reagan, some years hence, appreciate a conference like that to admit what a mistake in judgment it was to try to do business with Iran, mostly because of the pressure to get the hostages released? Would he admit he wouldn't have allowed us to get so deeply into deficits if he hadn't thought he could force the Democrats into a lot lower spending level? Would President Carter admit to a latter-day audience that it was foolhardy to charge the American public with "malaise," when most of it really emanated from the White House and the way he handled his administration?

How about a Minnesota Second Thoughts Conference? Would Mayor George Latimer, given the opportunity, second-guess himself and tell the public he would not have tried to compete against Rudy Perpich in the 1986 DFL gubernatorial primary? Would Perpich suggest that it was indeed a mistake to duck the World Trade Center opening?

One fellow who doesn't need a Second Thoughts Conference is Yankee owner George Steinbrenner. He has second thoughts all the time and he acts on them. In fact, George has been known to have third and fourth thoughts when it comes to hiring field managers for his Yanks.

Jan and I are one of four couples who have been getting together every New Year's Eve since the early 1950s. The four fellows all went to school together at St. John's University nearly fort—well, let's just say several years ago. It's come to be a valued tradition, enhanced a bit each year with a series of predictions for the coming year—winner takes the whole pot. We include college and professional football

and professional baseball forecasts, political predictions, personal hunches and best guesstimates of total annual snowfall, hot and cold weather temperature extremes, etc.

The toughest call this year was trying to predict not only the next president, but who the two major candidates would be. For a long time I thought George Bush would prevail on the Republican side, but now I feel Bob Dole—if he takes Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota—could well make a run for it. Dole's best base is the Midwest. Concede most of the East to Bush and then it depends on who does better in the South, including Texas, and in California and the southwestern states. I've got no particular feel for that at the present time.

And I doubt that anyone has a good handle on what's going to happen on the Democratic side. If the candidate is one of the seven now running, either Bush or Dole will probably beat him. It's going to be Sam Nunn, he'd have to get into it before Super Tuesday, March 8, but I don't think he wants to. Much more likely is a later entry into the fray by Mario Cuomo. I think he'd like the nomination—if it were handed to him on a platter. By the time Cuomo got in, he wouldn't have to answer so many questions.

I think most observers agree that the present process for candidate selection used by the Democrats is doomed to failure. Party activists tend to be left-leaning, while the majority of Democratic voters tend to be closer to the center. To win support at the state caucus and primary level, the candidates are thus forced into adopting "liberal" stands by the activists—positions that are certain to cost them in the general election. That's why Cuomo is smart to stay above the battle, and why Sam Nunn feels he didn't stand a chance trying to clear the primary process. Anybody disagree?

Meantime, back in St. Paul, it should be an interesting year of City-Council watching, based on early comments I've heard and read by the newcomers. And are we finally going to see the completion of the Ford Mall? Let's hope all the hurdles have finally been cleared.

I'll leave you now with this truism: Most good new ideas are merely improvements on good old ideas. *Arrivederci.*

daily production until Ayd's death.

John Ayd subdivided his property in 1864 and returned to Wright County where he died in 1867. His son, Rudolf, who was given the mill site, sold it to Charles Karmerath and his wife, Maria, in 1866. It was Karmerath who added 300 salmon trout to the mill pond and tried to make it a resort.

The old mill was described as a picturesque ruin in 1889; it was not demolished until several years later.

For the sources of this information, and a great deal more about Ayd's mill, I can recommend, modestly, my article in "Ramsey County History," Fall 1974.

Donald Empson
233 Banfil St.

Editors note: The Villager stands corrected and apologizes for errors that resulted from incomplete and, in some cases, inaccurate information obtained in telephone interviews.

Thanks from a Scout

To the editor:

I would like to extend my thanks to the people of the Highland Park area for being so supportive of my Eagle Scout project. We collected many bags of food and clothing, which should help a lot of people enjoy a healthier, warmer winter.

Christopher Simmons
Troop 74
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

The voters' choice

To the editor:

In a December 2, 1987, letter to the editor a writer complained that the new city councilman for St. Paul's Ward 3 was the beneficiary of voter apathy and won due to the turnout of Macalester College students. As a volunteer for our winning candidate, Bob Long, and as a long-time Ward 3 resident and homeowner, I feel compelled to correct such misstatements. Although we welcome the support of college students, Bob Long has broad support throughout the ward, including our many senior citizens. No one group was responsible for his election. It was the majority of the voters in our ward—voters from all walks of life. Bob won the majority

of the precincts in the ward.

Low voter turnout and voter apathy work in favor of an incumbent. The fact that Bob could win as a new challenger, in spite of the low turnout, says something for the enthusiasm and confidence created in those residents who have met Bob. Ward 3 will be well served by the voters' choice.

Michael W. Unger
2158 Berkeley Ave.

The advantages of 911

To the editor:

On the fifth anniversary of the 911 system, it seems appropriate to reflect about our progress in creating a three-digit number that summons police, fire or medical help.

The Twin Cities metropolitan area represents the largest 911 system in the country. It is governed by a board made up of representatives from the seven metropolitan counties. I serve as a Ramsey County representative on the 911 telephone board.

Most people think 911 is only for life-threatening emergencies, but the system handles all fire, most police calls and non-life-threatening as well as emergency medical calls. It is actually faster to dial 911 than to call directly via a seven-digit number to police, fire or medical facilities. Contrary to popular belief, 911 calls are not answered by a central operator, which would slow them down, but by local police and fire operators. Not dialing 911 first can slow response time down because the person who is called will still have to phone 911. 911 is even more accessible now because it is possible to call from a pay phone without depositing money.

Two other services increase accessibility to residents. The system is equipped to handle calls from the hearing impaired, and non-English speakers can call 911 and a translator will assist them.

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Ruby Hunt
Ramsey County Commissioner

Care to vent your views? We welcome all opinions, but reserve the right to edit for length. Send your signed letters with your address to the Highland Villager, 757 S. Snelling Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116.

Long takes a look at city property taxes

by Bob Long

Property taxes are always a hot topic of conversation. They are complex. They are aggravating. And they always seem to be going up.

This commentary is intended to provide you with a clearer picture of 1) where your property tax dollar goes, 2) financial trends affecting your tax dollar, 3) how the city of St. Paul spends its portion of the property tax dollar, and 4) how the city can help hold down taxes.

Where the property tax dollar goes

Contrary to popular belief, the city of St. Paul will receive only about 28.5 cents of each resident's property tax dollar in 1988. The remaining 71.5 cents goes to other local governmental bodies as follows: 41.5 cents to the St. Paul School District, 25.5 cents to Ramsey County, and 4.5 cents to a combination of five smaller governmental units, including the St. Paul Port Authority, the St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority, the Metropolitan Council, the Metropolitan Transit Commission and the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District.

In 1988, St. Paul taxpayers will pay approximately \$240,334,176 in property taxes to all of the above-mentioned units of government combined. Of that amount, St. Paul will receive only \$68,452,905.

Financial trends and your tax dollar

Several trends at the national, state and local levels of government have had, and will continue to have, an effect on property taxes.

- In 1980, St. Paul received 6.5 percent of its general operating funds, or about \$4.7 million, from federal revenue sharing dollars. The federal government completely eliminated this revenue sharing to cities in 1987.
- State governmental aid to St. Paul accounted for 36 percent of the city's budget in 1980. State aid to St. Paul has been reduced in 1988 to \$37,931,188—down from \$37,979,000 in 1987—and now accounts for only 33.5 percent of the city's budget.
- The NSP franchise fee paid to St. Paul amounted to 17.2 percent of the city's budget in 1980. That percentage dropped to 12.6 percent in 1987, due primarily to lower natural gas profits carried by NSP, a percentage of which is paid to the city.

The loss of federal, state and franchise fee revenues has forced St. Paul to rely more heavily on property taxes to finance city services. In 1980, for example, property tax revenues covered only 25 percent of St. Paul's general fund budget. In 1987, almost 40 percent of the city's budget was paid for by property taxes.

Two other important factors must be considered when analyzing property taxes in St. Paul. First, because St. Paul's housing stock is older and lower priced than housing in almost all other metropolitan area communities, the mill rate (or percentage tax rate) in St. Paul must be higher to raise the same amount of revenue that a lower tax rate would raise in a neighboring city. For example, in 1986, the average-priced home in St. Paul was about \$65,000. In Roseville or Eagan, the average-priced home was about \$85,000. Thus, a property tax rate of 1 percent would raise an average of \$850 per household in Roseville or Eagan but only about \$650 per home in St. Paul.

Second, most other municipalities in the metro area pay for capital improvements, such as road construction or building recreation centers, by levying special assessments. In those cities, property taxes alone do not reflect the true cost

of government. St. Paul has chosen, whether it be right or wrong, to pay for most capital improvements from property taxes.

How St. Paul spends the tax dollar

While St. Paul must always strive to cut costs, the city has been fiscally responsible over the past several years in comparison with other cities, such as Minneapolis:

- St. Paul's total spending from 1977 to 1985 increased at a rate lower than that of inflation. St. Paul's spending increased 67.4 percent during that period (keeping up with inflation alone would have resulted in a 83.7 percent increase), while spending in Minneapolis increased by 120.9 percent.
- In 1985, St. Paul's per capita spending was \$910. By comparison, Minneapolis spent \$1,383 per capita.
- St. Paul's long-term debt cost per capita in 1987 was \$556. Minneapolis' long-term debt cost per capita was \$1,101 in 1987, ranking it among the top five cities nationally in highest per capita debt cost.

Holding down your taxes

There are two ways to reduce property taxes in St. Paul: 1) cut city, county and school board spending, or 2) find alternative sources of revenue. Obviously, we should first look to those areas where we can cut spending within the city, county and school district without affecting the quality of services. After making all spending cuts possible, we must seek additional revenue from the state Legislature to address the social and economic issues unique to St. Paul and Ramsey County, including the highest per capita Hmong population in the state and our ever-increasing school integration costs.

Editor's note: Bob Long is the newly seated City Council member from St. Paul's Ward 3.

Hadassah Israel education services begin January 18

January is traditionally the month that the St. Paul Chapter of Hadassah and Aviva hold their Hadassah Israel Education Services, a project committed to education in Israel.

The services begin at noon on Monday, January 18, at the 740 Dining Room with lunch, cards and Mah Jong. For reservations, call Jean Harris at 698-8996 or Ruth Tilsner at 699-7810.

At 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, at the Temple of Aaron, there will be a catered dinner and panel discussion featuring several women who have distinguished themselves in law, politics, medicine, religion and social issues. For reservations, call Bonnie Abrahamson at 698-7487, Vicki Dim Williams at 699-5262 or Ilene Cohen at 452-2244.

At noon on Wednesday, January 20, at the Lilydale Racquet Club there will be light lunch and tennis. For reservations, call Recie Holland at 454-3446. Also on that day at 2:00 p.m. at the Sholom Home there will be high tea and entertainment. For reservations, call Tammy Birnberg at 699-2617.

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Made in spirit of hope, New Year's resolutions reflect good intentions

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

It has come once again, the philosophical great-granddaddy of all Monday mornings, all first days of the month, all new beginnings—the first day of the new year. It's time to start over, to believe that now things will be different, that improvement and change are possible.

So, sensing that we are not yet perfect, many of us make New Year's resolutions—which are broken faster than new Christmas toys, cause more guilt than eating two pounds of your mother's divinity all by yourself, and in the next 12 months will serve mainly as a measure of how we didn't measure up.

As a youngster I went whole hog (where do you think that crack about the divinity came from?) for the process. Fifteen resolutions was an easy number to remember, and I figured improving myself that much would certainly earn me, if not a place in heaven, at least a date to the prom. I never did subscribe to the idea that goodness was its own reward.

Standard items on my yearly resolution lists were to practice my music lesson without being asked, not to fight with my brother unless he started it, eat M&M's only on Friday, keep my half of the room neat unless I had too much homework, quit reading library books during choir practice, and budget my time (our English teacher always urged that one). Every year I resolved not to smoke, which was easy because I didn't. It was much harder to give one-tenth of my allowance to church offering, but I usually managed until April, when most of my friends had birthdays and I needed new spring clothes.

I also resolved to write my Christmas thank you letters before New Year's Day next year (it never hurt to have some long-term goals), diet successfully (this was before the days of aerobics classes, regular exercise and "eating right"), wash my face with Noxema twice a day, and read "intelligent books."

One year, struggling to reach the magic 15, I discovered the technique of breaking one resolution into manageable goals. I resolved to get to know boys by 1) saying hello to any boy who was at least in my class at school, 2) making a list of witty things to say to boys if an occasion should present itself, 3) learning about football, 4) always asking a boy to skate during "ladies' choice," and 5) wearing make-up. It worked. In keeping resolution No. 1, I said hi to Mike Mucilage, the class litch. Even though he was two years older and had flunked two grades, I couldn't see breaking my first resolution on day two of the new year. As a result, he asked me to skate at the next skating party and my reputation was ruined for the rest of 6th grade. So much for learning about football.

In general, once youngsters understand the concept of New Year's resolutions, they are more than ready to jump on the self-improvement bandwagon. Four- and 5-year-olds are not too young to begin the process. At this stage they are highly open to suggestion, and parents should assist in formulating resolutions to develop socially desirable traits in their offspring. Such resolutions as "brush teeth every day," "pick up toys," "empty trash," "learn to tie shoes," and "stop picking nose" are appropriate resolutions for beginners.

With a little guidance, one 5-year-old I know resolved to chew with her mouth closed, to stop fighting with her family, and to stop calling people names. Her sister, a precocious 3-year-old, decided she wouldn't wiggle in church. Their brother, age 7, said that in the new year he would make his bed, clean up his room, and pick up his toys. He also resolved "to kick some butts in hockey" and not use a certain hand gesture at anybody anymore "because dad says it's just like swearing."

By school age, youngsters are still inclined to make resolutions but are less open to

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State's Fare Share food program has become largest in country

by Roger Fuller

In less than two years, Minnesota's Fare Share food program has become the largest one in the country. That accomplishment will be celebrated in a meeting of Fare Share organizers from all over the state on January 19.

Carl Shelton, who founded the original Fare Share program in San Diego in 1983, will be the guest speaker at the meeting, set for 10:30 a.m. at the Viking Village, 501 N. Snelling Ave.

Fare Share is a volunteer-run program in which participants pay \$12 and perform two hours of volunteer service in exchange for a food package valued at \$25 to \$30. Fare Share received some grants and gifts from

foundations, corporations and individuals in its early days, but it never has received any federal subsidies.

When Fare Share Minnesota began in March 1986, Executive Director Mimi Sands predicted that the program would reach the break-even point when 10,000 participants were enrolled on a regular basis. The growth of the organization turned out to be much more rapid than expected.

There were 2,000 people taking part in Fare Share Minnesota in March 1986; by December 1987, that number had ballooned to 18,000. The number of host sites increased from an original 22 to 165, and over the past few months Minnesota has sold more shares than the flagship operation in San Diego.

That rapid success caused a problem that no one anticipated when Fare Share first opened in a warehouse in an industrial park just across the river from downtown St. Paul.

"It had to move," said Dr. Sandra Meicher, executive director of Ramsey Action Programs, which oversees Fare Share. "It had to find a larger building because there were not enough loading docks to take care of the food."

Accordingly, Fare Share moved into the former Hancock Nelson warehouse at 807 Hampden Ave. in the Midway area. Fare Share now has about 50,000 square feet of space, three times more than at the original

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There hasn't been all that much snow for sledders this season, but there are still plenty of thrills to be had, as Matt Sundberg, 10 (left), and Tom Fleming, 11, found out on a recent visit to the Highland Park golf course.

Resolutions *(cont'd from previous page)*

counsel. With tact, however, a parent or teacher can plant hints on appropriate resolutions, and with luck these self-improvement goals will appear on the resolution list. Children of this age are likely to resolve to get better grades, stop biting their fingernails, help with chores and avoid conflict with siblings. A certain 8-year-old resolved not to be a litterbug, to load the dishwasher and to join hockey. Another pre-teen promised in the new year to "stop picking at these stupid braces."

Cleanliness, with its corollaries of tidiness and organization, first appears on the resolution lists of pre-adolescents. One youngster told me she resolved to "put stuff in a scrapbook," and another resolved to "put math papers in a math folder and ski wax in the drawer." Once a serious resolution-maker has formulated a tidiness resolution, it will invariably appear, in one form or another, year after year. One young mother I know resolves every year to clean out the junk drawers. This year she went for the big time and resolved to clean out the junk closets as well. Middle-aged women who came to grips with store-bought cookies and fast food for Sunday dinner years ago are still making resolutions about "putting photos in album" and "filling in baby books."

Through the teen-age years, adolescents still tend to make multiple resolutions, though by this stage they are developing some sophistication. One student resolved to be more assertive and "more dedicated to the activities I'm involved in." Another said he would go to school more often, keep up with his homework and quit smoking.

Nearly every female over the age of 13 lists DIET as her number 1 resolution. With "always the best intentions" one woman says, she has had DIET on her list of resolutions for "as long as I can ever remember." And a senior citizen, who made only one resolution this year, says that once again she is going to diet.

Later, adolescents begin to add time concerns to their resolutions. Such items as "start term paper early," "hand in lab reports on time" and "plan study schedule" begin to appear. These resolutions occasionally lead to the development of grown-ups who know how to meet deadlines and budget their time. Sometimes they lead merely to grown-ups who know how to make time-dated resolutions. For example, one middle-aged woman has as her second resolution, "Get Christmas cards out before Christmas, or have good reason why not."

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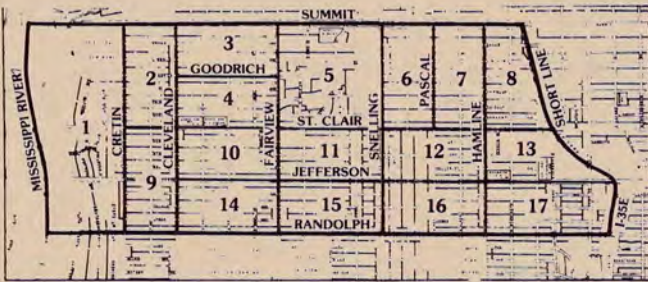
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NELSON TO REPRESENT GRID 5

Gaius Nelson of 206 S. Wheeler St. was elected last month to represent Grid 5 on the District 14 Community Council's Board of Directors. Nelson, also chairman of the council's Housing and Land Use Committee, will serve on the board for the remainder of an unexpired term.



District 14

PLUMS' PATIO SERVICE CONSIDERED

The St. Paul City Council will decide on January 6 whether to allow liquor service on the outdoor patio of Plum's bar and restaurant at Randolph and Snelling avenues. Last month, neighbors of Plums submitted a petition to the District 14 Community Council opposing this extension of Plums' service. The petition, signed by 32 Brimhall Street residents, cited concerns about noise and parking.

Plums has tried to extend liquor service to its patio for several years, but until last summer had failed to obtain the required consent of 90 percent of the owners and tenants of residential property within 200 feet of the establishment. Last summer, 63 of the 70 neighbors and property owners consented to having liquor service on the patio until 10:00 p.m. provided there are no loudspeakers and no music on the patio.

The District 14 board of directors, after considerable discussion, decided to recommend to the City Council that it

allow Plums to serve liquor on the patio as long as provisions are added to the license prohibiting music and loudspeakers on the patio, prohibiting patio service after 10:00 p.m., and requiring Plums to obtain a new consent petition should it ever want to extend the patio's hours.

Board members said they didn't think noise would be a problem as long as the patio is cleared by 10:00 p.m. Several board members said they sympathized with the problems residents were having with on-street parking in their neighborhood, but doubted the parking situation would worsen if alcoholic drinks were served with meals that are already available on the patio. Both the city's license inspector and zoning administrator have ruled that additional parking is not required for the extension of liquor service to a patio.

SHORT LINE/I-35E LINK CONSIDERED

Issues surrounding the possible connection of the old Short Line Road (now called Ayd Mill Road) to the I-35E Parkway will be addressed by area residents attending a meeting of the District 14 Community Council's Housing and Land Use Committee at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 11, at Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St.

The connection is seen by residents living south of the Short Line Road as a way to ease traffic congestion along Randolph Avenue and South Lexington Parkway. Traffic in the area has increased greatly since the I-35E roadway was completed as far north as Randolph Avenue. People living at the northern end of the Short Line, however, fear that if I-35E were connected to Short Line Road, their neighborhood would be facing the great increase in traffic.

Points raised at the meeting January 11 will be presented at an intra-neighborhood meeting on the Short Line/I-35E issue later this month. For more information, attend the meeting or call the District 14 office at 698-7973.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETS

The District 14 Environment Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 13, to continue its discussion of an organized trash collection system for the district. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. The discussion will focus on the effectiveness of such a system, the money it will save, possible problems, and ways to set it up.

The committee will also address health dangers associated with radon—a natural, radioactive gas that can collect in houses and other buildings—and will discuss whether District 14 should pursue a group contract for determining the

levels of radon present in District 14 homes. The levels of this odorless and colorless gas can vary considerably depending on local geology, the structure of a building, and the habits of its occupants. There are detectors on the market that can tell residents whether radon is a problem in their homes. For more information on this issue, call committee chair Carol Andrews at 698-4158.

STATE DECIDING FATE OF ST. CLAIR

Among the capital-improvement projects the District 14 Community Council recommended for funding last spring was the reconstruction of St. Clair Avenue between Cretin Avenue and Lexington Parkway, in conjunction with the city's sewer-separation project along St. Clair. The council voted to support the reconstruction project but only if it could be done without widening the street.

St. Clair is a Municipal State Aid route, which means its reconstruction is eligible for state funding. The state, however, has standards for the width of MSA routes, and will not pay for work on roadways that do not meet the state MSA width requirement. To meet the requirement, St. Clair would have to be widened 8 feet in some parts and 16 feet in others, and this would result in the loss of shade trees and the shrinking of boulevards.

The city of St. Paul has asked the state to grant a variance to this standard so that St. Clair can be reconstructed with state funding without widening the street or banning parking along it. Recently, a Minnesota Department of Transportation committee recommended that Transportation Commissioner Len Levine grant the variance, but only for that portion of St. Clair between Cretin and Snelling avenues. The committee is recommending that Levine deny the variance for that stretch of St. Clair between Snelling and Lexington, where traffic is heavier. Traffic counts between Fairview and Snelling run 5,500 cars a day, while there are 7,000 cars a day traveling between Snelling and Hamline avenues. The District 14 council is now waiting for word from the state on whether St. Clair will be granted a variance.

The St. Paul City Council has been reluctant in the past to assess property owners for roadway improvements along busier collector streets like St. Clair, believing that property owners on collector streets are already subjected to the disadvantages of heavier traffic, and it seems unreasonable to ask residents to pay for all the non-local traffic using their street. An on-street parking ban along St. Clair is one way the city could meet the state requirement without widening the street, but that seems unreasonable given the shortage

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Local retailers beaming about green Christmas in year of Black Monday

by T. D. Mischke

After record losses on the stock market last October, economists warned retail business owners to brace themselves for a slow holiday shopping season. But a sampling last week of area retailers indicates that Black Monday's effect on consumer spending may have been exaggerated.

Most local retail businesses experienced a typically prosperous holiday season, and some enjoyed an unusually prosperous one.

Donaldsons, Highland's largest retail store, reported a slow start after Thanksgiving Day, but sales there soared as Christmas drew near.

"We ended up exceeding our sales goals," said Donaldsons' Manager June Jaeger. "The business came late but it came strong. I think that's typical when the economy is in the state it's in. People took kind of a wait-and-see attitude to see what the economy was going to do."

Donaldson's wasn't alone in experiencing a late surge. Sales at the Creative Kidstuff store in Highland also started slowly and rallied late. But store owner Cynthia Gerdes cited different reasons.

"With our building partially under construction," Gerdes said, "we were losing a lot of business. Customers coming in were saying, 'Oh, I didn't know you were still open.' We heard enough of that to get scared and we ran ads saying, 'Help, we need you.' Well, after that, people in the community rallied and business took off running. Highland Village really treated us well."

Brenda Gerrard, manager of the Albrechts store in Highland, said the bleak economic picture painted by analysts missed the mark completely. "We didn't feel anything," Gerrard said, "Things went great, sales

were up. More furs went this year than last year."

Gerrard said the holiday season might have been different if the market had bottomed out and stayed there. But, she said, its fluctuations convinced people that it would bounce back.

Juster's Executive Vice President Allen Smith said the actual economic impact of the crash may not have been as bad as people predicted, but the "psychological impact" was enough to do some damage. Smith was one of the few retailers in this sampling to draw a direct connection between the stock market losses of mid-October and their stores' sales during the holiday shopping season.

"We didn't come out too terribly bad," Smith said. "On the last two days before Christmas, sales were good enough to get us over breaking even, but we definitely felt the impact of Black Monday."

Smith called Juster's low sales "a hard thing to figure. We asked our customers if they were buying less clothes because of the crash and they said no, so I'm not sure what to make of it. I know part of it was the bad weather we had after Thanksgiving. The icy weather put us behind the eight ball early, and the economy probably prevented us from coming back as strong as we would have liked."

Smith said Juster's may also have been hurt by the "gigantic markdowns" the larger department stores were offering. Buoyed by good sales figures last spring, many stores were gearing up for a successful fall, Smith said. "After the crash, a lot of these stores panicked and started these markdowns real early. We resisted that," he said.

The Intimate Fashions

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This house, which until the week before Christmas was located at 727 Grand Ave., was moved just across the alley to a lot owned by Nancy White, who lives next door at 726 Summit Ave. Nancy and her husband Doni bought the house from Inco Properties, which removed the house to make way for the planned expansion of the Pier 1 store.

Orenstein to seek second term

State Representative Howard Orenstein has announced that he will seek re-election to a second term this year. Orenstein, a member of the Democratic Farmer Labor Party who represents District 64B in the state House, was first elected in 1986.

Orenstein said his 1988 campaign will be led by Ray Faricy, a former state representative; Sidney Abramson, a former Ramsey County district judge; Marlene Kayser, a community activist; and Carl Nelson, a former legislative candidate who is active in education matters.

"I am delighted that we enter the 1988 election year with such a strong base of support from so many different parts of our community,"

Orenstein said in a news release. Orenstein, a 32-year-old lawyer, and his wife, Barbara Frey, live at 1284 Watson Ave.

Meanwhile, Orenstein's Independent Republican challenger in 1986, Bill Batcher, has announced that he will not be a candidate for the District 64B seat this year.

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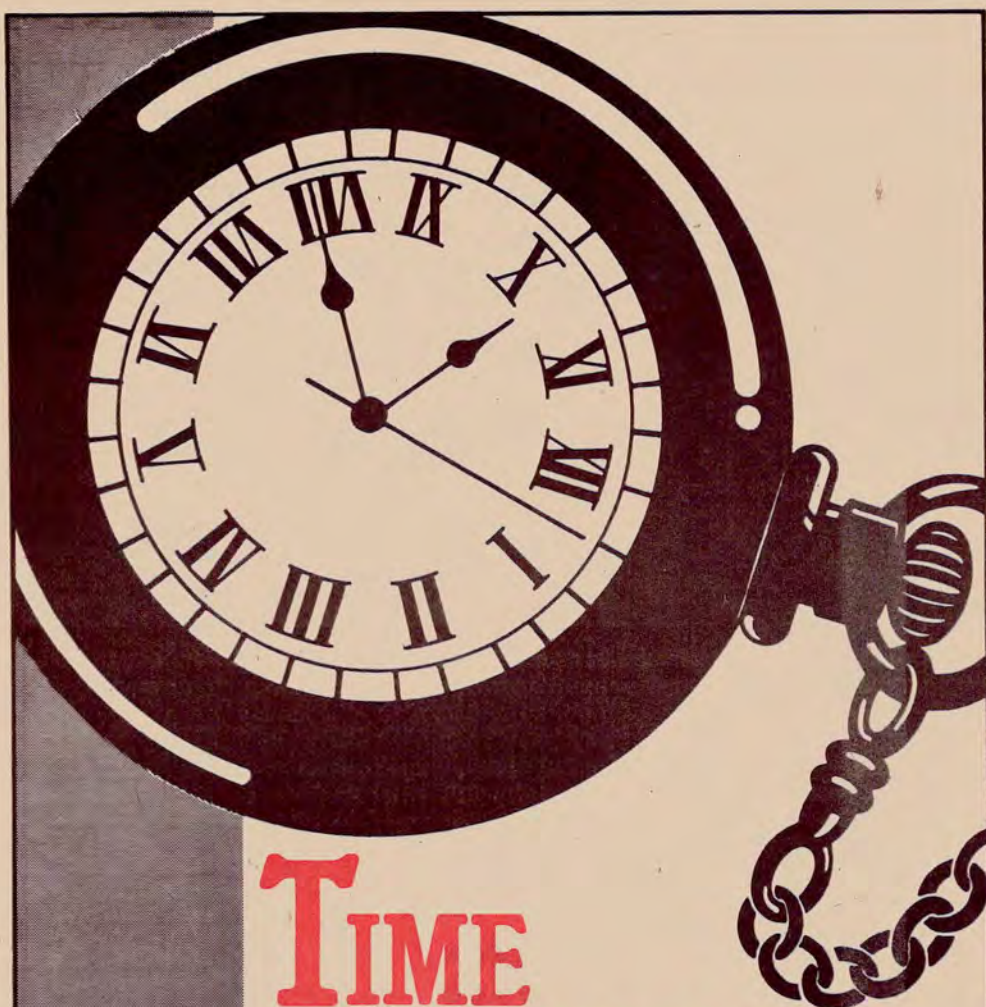
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Fred Wysoki (left), Jim Erickson and Karen Kormann discuss some of the projects undertaken by their non-profit organization, Isis Productions. The three St. Paul residents are dedicated to preserving ideas.

St. Paul organization devotes itself to preservation of precious culture

by Ed Kemmick

Fred Wysoki, Jim Erickson and Karen Kormann are in the preservation business, and what they are trying to preserve is nothing less than wisdom, experience and culture.

The three St. Paul residents have formed a non-profit organization, Isis Productions, named for the Egyptian goddess Isis, a symbol of resurrection and rebirth. When they got started two years ago, they didn't know exactly how they would proceed, but they knew what needed to be done. They saw that certain individuals and groups of people possessed vitally important ideas, ideas that would be lost to the future if no one made a conscious effort to save them.

One of the projects they've worked on so far, preserving the work of University of Minnesota psychologist John Brantner, illustrates how right they were. Brantner, an eccentric, brilliant educator whose lectures on a vast range of subjects deeply affected the lives of thousands of people, committed very little of his work to writing, and in February 1986 he committed suicide in his Minneapolis home.

But during the last 18 months of his life, Kormann, Erickson and Wysoki tape-recorded his public lectures, interviewed his friends and documented as much as they could of Brantner's life and works. They had planned simply to hang onto these audio and visual records and to make them available to anybody who wanted to use them, but the demand for tapes of Brantner's lectures proved so great that they began selling them. In just a matter of weeks they have sold several hundred of them, with orders for more coming in daily. (In keeping with their non-profit status, a portion of the proceeds is going to a charity designated by the Brantner family.)

The basis of Isis Productions was laid in 1984, when Wysoki, a Scheffer Avenue resident, was teaching a video class at Univision St. Paul, a Unitarian-sponsored video production house located in the Unity-Unitarian Church on Holly Avenue. One of his students was Kormann, who lives in the Midway area. In January 1985, she called Wysoki and asked him if he wanted to work on an independent project with her.

What she had in mind was creating an audio-visual record of the works of Gerard Rancourt Tsonakwa, an American Indian poet, artist, storyteller and spiritual leader from Philadelphia who was going to be spending some time in Minnesota. One of the places they filmed Tsonakwa was at the Science Museum of Minnesota, where he had gone at the invitation of Erickson, who was working at the museum as an anthropologist and teacher.

Thanks to his own fascination with Tsonakwa, and a familiarity with film and video production, Erickson, also a Midway resident, was soon working alongside Kormann and Wysoki on the project.

It was during their work on the Tsonakwa project that it dawned on them. "We realized that this was pretty deep, and that people like this probably weren't being documented very much," Wysoki said. Thus was Isis Productions born, and the trio began making plans for future projects.

Their next subject was Alvaro Cardona-Hine, a St. Paul artist originally from Costa Rica. They were so impressed with the work of the self-taught painter, composer and writer that they decided to create a full-scale multi-media presentation about him. That project was going along smoothly when Cardona-Hine moved out of state. But no matter; midway through that project, Wysoki, Kormann and Erickson had already decided to zero in on Brantner.

The three of them are now making plans to gather more material on Tsonakwa and Cardona-Hine, and they are contemplating writing a book about Brantner. They have dozens of other projects they would like to do eventually, but so much work goes into each one that they are hesitant to make any final decisions for now. "We don't dare tempt ourselves," is how Kormann put it.

It's easy to see how wrapped up the three partners have become in their subjects, whom they speak of in reverential tones.

"We've observed how these kinds of people can reach something in all of us... a transcendent quality," Erickson said.

"They all help raise our consciousness a little bit," Wysoki said. "And these people don't get recognition a lot of times."

Kormann described Brantner, Tsonakwa and Cardona-Hine as "bridges," people who carry culture from one generation to another. "They seem to embody a kind of old wisdom," she said, "and they are able to transmit it to others."

Their reverence for their subjects is also apparent in their quiet certainty that what they're doing will eventually bear fruit. Their job, as they see it, is simply to gather information; other people will have to decide how to make the best use of it.

"Maybe I'm being naive about all this," Wysoki said, "but maybe our rewards will come later."

Over the past two years, all the countless hours of work they've devoted to Isis Productions have been put in during whatever time they could spare from their regular jobs, and they've paid for everything themselves. "We haven't had time to apply for funding," Kormann said.

Now, however, with the success of the Brantner project and their growing experience, they are prepared to begin seeking financial backing from foundations and funding agencies. They have even begun thinking of someday making Isis Productions a full-time enterprise.

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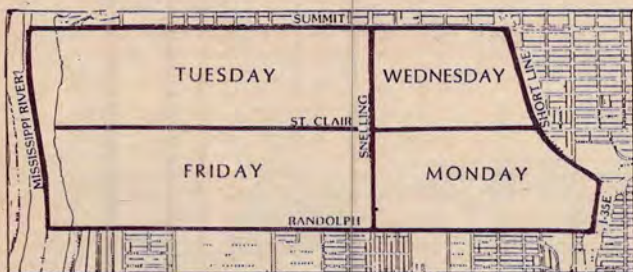
If the state won't grant the variance, the only other alternative would seem to be dropping the reconstruction project and just patching the street when the sewer work is completed, or having the city pay for the reconstruction work out of the local operating budget.

RECYCLING SERVICE MADE WEEKLY

Recycling service is now available weekly in the Macalester-Groveland and Randolph Heights neighborhoods of District 14. Eagle Sanitation will be picking up recyclable materials on four different days in four areas of District 14 (see map), and has extended the service to include batteries, motor oil that has been placed in a container with a tight-fitting lid, and metal up to 3 feet long (but no motors).

These materials and other recyclables should be left not at curbside, but by 6:30 a.m. on collection day in the alley or wherever a home's garbage is picked up. Other recyclable materials are newspaper and other non-glossy paper, cardboard in pieces no longer than 3 feet, cardboard cartons that are grey or brown on the inside, rinsed glass and metal food and beverage containers, and aluminum foil and trays. Recyclables should be tied in bundles or placed in paper bags (no plastic bags or plastic handles), cardboard boxes, or reusable containers that are clearly marked for recycling. Glass must be unbroken, free of metal rings, and sorted by color. Metal and aluminum items may be in the same bag.

Missed pickups should be reported to Eagle Sanitation (459-3029) by 10:00 a.m. on the following day. Residents whose garbage is picked up in dead-end or hard-to-find alleys or somewhere besides the alley should call either Eagle Sanitation or the District 14 office (698-7973). For more information, call the District 14 office.



District 14 recycling days

PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR ELDERLY

A recreational program and a series of informational programs will be offered in the coming weeks by the District 14 Living at Home Project, a three-year project aimed at helping elderly area residents secure the services they need to enjoy living independently in their homes. Setting the policies for this project is the District 14 Community Council's Living at Home Planning Committee, which meets four times a year, the next time at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 26, at Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St.

The planning committee has several sub-committees, however, that meet more often to develop programs and services for the elderly. One of these is the Education/Recreation Subcommittee, which will be meeting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 12, at Edgumbe. This committee has planned the following programs for local elders and for people concerned about elders:

- 55 Alive, a two-day course for elderly drivers who'd like to brush up on their driving skills, will be offered twice, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. January 21-22 and February 18-19 at Edgumbe Recreation Center. The course covers basic rules of driving, ways of preventing accidents, local driving hazards, the effects of aging and medication on driving, and requirements for re-licensing older drivers. Completing the course entitles drivers over 55 years of age to a 10 percent reduction in auto insurance premiums. To register, send a check for \$7.00, payable to AARP, to the District 14 Community Council, 320 S. Griggs St., St. Paul, MN 55105.

- Indoor walking will be available free of charge to senior citizens from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Monday and Wednesday beginning January 11 at Edgumbe Recreation Center. Coffee will also be available. For more information, call 698-7973.

- A series of one-hour informational programs on topics of interest to senior citizens will be offered at 1:00 p.m. on upcoming Sundays in Fellowship Hall of Cleveland Avenue United Methodist Church, Sargent and Cleveland avenues.

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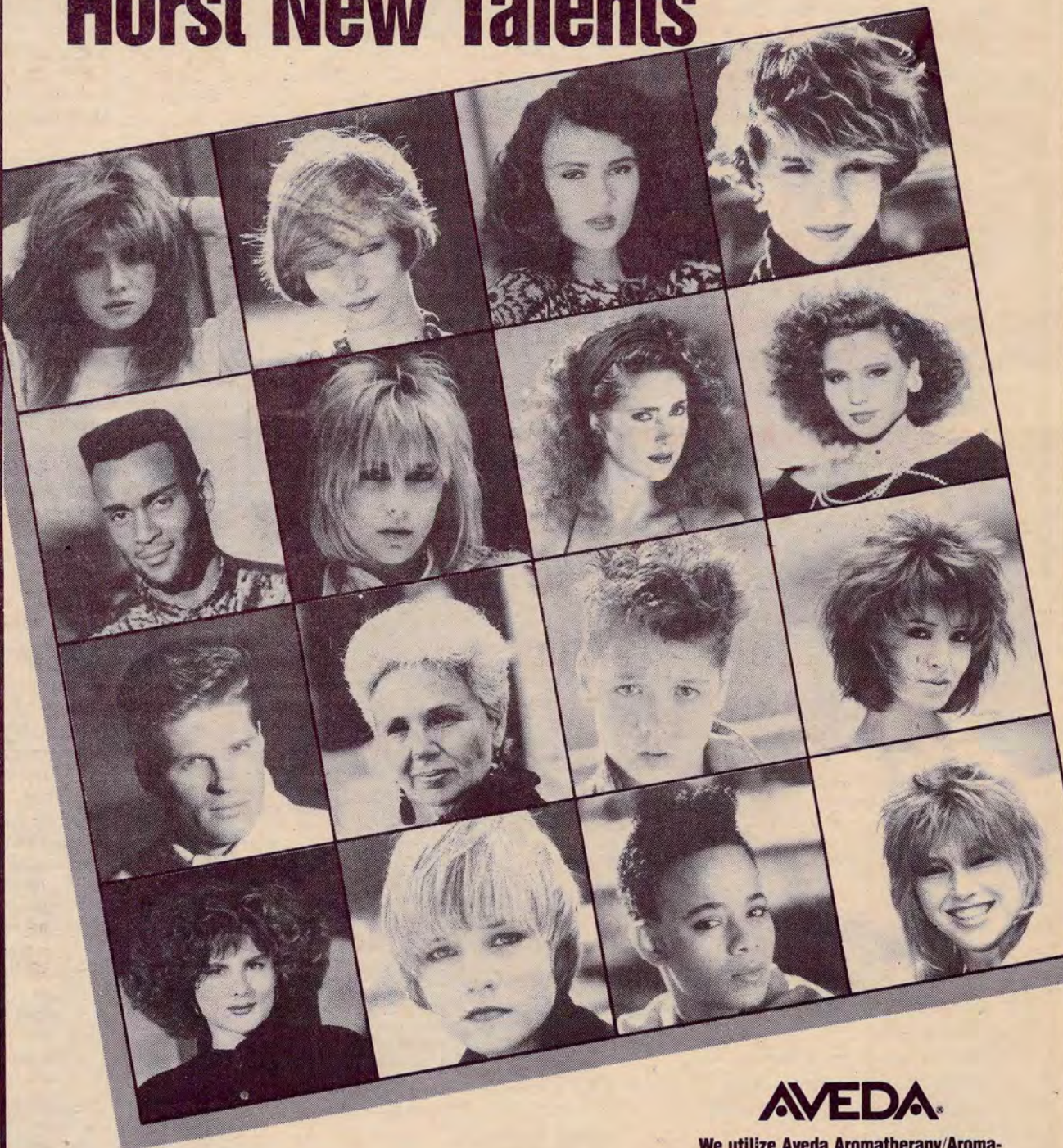
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Master woodcarver Konstantinos Papadakis works on part of an ornate iconostasis, or altar screen, that was shipped December 29 to a Greek Orthodox church outside of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. After being commissioned to create the 15-by-34-foot screen, Papadakis worked on the project for six weeks with cabinetmakers from Old House-New House Restorations and Remodeling at 169 N. Victoria St. Steven Madole, president of the remodeling firm, said they had to put in long hours to get the screen done on time. "We've been like a bunch of elves working down there until at least midnight for the last week and a half," he said.

Holiday shopping (cont'd from page 11)

store in Highland was also hurt by department-store markdowns. Owner Lois Hodgins said it was tough for a small specialty store like hers to compete with the big sales offered by the larger department stores. "We were hurt more by that than by the fall of the stock market," Hodgins said.

Over on Grand Avenue, it was difficult to find a retailer who wasn't reporting a banner holiday season.

Pier 1 Imports, whose sales have been rising every year since it opened on Grand, reported sales up across

the board this holiday season. Manager Mark Stevenson said store executives weren't expecting to be as busy this year and didn't gear up for the same horde of holiday shoppers they faced last year. But the shoppers came anyway, and Pier 1's 1987 holiday sales exceeded last year's, Stevenson said.

The story was much the same at Old Mexico, where co-owner Billie Young said sales exceeded the store's goal, and at Odegard Books in Victoria Crossing, where owner Michelle Poire also

reported a surprisingly successful holiday season.

"I got a little nervous after the 19th of October," Poire said, "but I'm an incurable optimist and I still thought the season would be a good one."

The season was, in fact, even better than previous year's and Poire chalked it up to both the strong commitment the area has to Grand Avenue and the nature of her merchandise, which isn't terribly expensive but can make a unique gift.

Isis Productions (cont'd from page 12)

Part of the problem with seeking funding might be the very novelty of what they are doing. Their projects are a little like oral histories and somewhat resemble documentaries, but neither description really fits. What they are attempting are full-scale audio-visual reconstructions of important people.

They have even bigger plans for the future. One possible project would be to do a production on the Twin Cities' Southeast Asian population. Kormann, Erickson and Wysoki also share an abiding interest in American Indians, and they would love to do projects involving the Mayans of Central America or

the Incas of Peru.

The stated mission of Isis Productions, "to document aspects of the lives of groups, individuals, or events of interest for historical or cultural purposes," is sufficiently broad to assure them no end of projects.

But if their mission is ultimately to benefit the world at large by preserving what ought to be preserved, there is no question that the three partners themselves have been the main beneficiaries thus far.

"We're getting a lot out of this," Erickson said. "Getting to know these people and interacting with them—it's wonderful."



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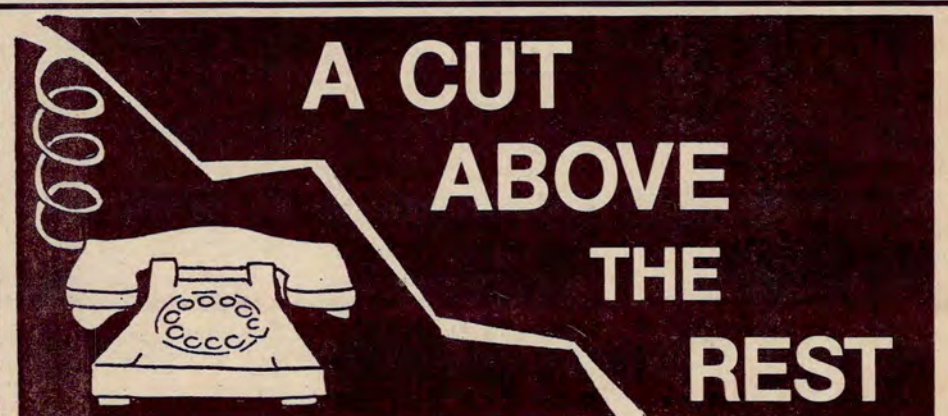
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A wrecking crew made short work of a landmark structure on the St. Paul Seminary campus last month. The old administration building, designed by St. Paul ar-



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chitect Cass Gilbert and built in 1894, was cleared to make way for a new office and residential complex. At right, workers affix a wrecking ball to a cable.

Push for nuclear-free St. Paul gains momentum

by T. D. Mischke

St. Paul voters may have the chance to decide next November whether the city should designate a nuclear-free zone.

The movement to put a referendum on the ballot is being led by Ramsey Hill resident and psychologist Marilyn Mason. Local peace and

"If we waited for the local government to make a move on this," Mason said, "I think we'd be waiting a long time. We want the people to make the effort."

justice groups have been meeting regularly since last fall to draft a proposal that no more nuclear weapons or components be manufactured or designed by St. Paul companies.

Mason said the inspiration for making St. Paul nuclear free came from a similar proposal passed in Chicago. "I used to live in Illinois

and I knew what politics was like in Chicago," Mason said. "When I heard that they planned a total phasing out of the nuclear industry there, and had even opened an economic conversion office, I thought, 'Hey, with how corrupt politics is there, if they can pass it, we sure can pass it.'"

Nikki LaSorella, director of Women Against Military Madness, said the proposal will not ask for a moratorium on all nuclear weapon-related contracts, but will call for a ban on any future contracts. "We know there are jobs involved and we're not here to jeopardize those," LaSorella said.

In addition to a referendum, which backers of the proposal hope to see on the November ballot, the groups also want to see an economic conversion office created by the city. Such an office, LaSorella said, would help redirect the money and jobs now invested in the nuclear industry and assist in weaning St. Paul companies from their dependence on defense contracts.

"It was pointed out to us how many St. Paul companies would be affected by something like this," Mason said. "You're talking about

Sperry (Unisys), 3M and Control Data. We didn't want to go about this irresponsibly. We aren't naive idealists. We aren't trying to cause anyone to lose their job."

Mason said 3,500 signatures are needed to put the referendum on the November ballot. The city would have to verify that each person who signs such a petition is a legal resident of St. Paul. Mason said she is not discouraged by what may seem like a lengthy process. "People have to make a conscious choice on the matter," she said. "They need to become aware of the issues and decide for themselves whether or not they want this."

Mason is a member of a national task force studying the effects of the nuclear

threat on families. She said part of what fuels her drive to push for a nuclear-free proposal is the research she has found indicating that great numbers of young people in the country "feel they have little to look forward to in the future because of the nuclear threat or who simply feel that in their lifetime they will be forced to face a nuclear war."

"If we waited for the local government to make a move on this," Mason said, "I think we'd be waiting a long time. We want the people to make the effort."

A meeting to work on the wording of the nuclear-free proposal will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, at the Merriam Park Library, 1835 Marshall Ave.

Winter classes for adults offered

More than 60 classes for adults will be offered during Highland Park Community Education's winter session this year. The Monday evening program will begin on January 25 and will feature instruction in ballroom dancing, cooking, aerobics, calligraphy, bridge, crocheting, German, typing and more. Several new classes will be

offered on Thursday evenings beginning January 21, including "Soup Cooking," "Bone Outlining Massage," "Buying a Used Car" and instruction in French, Spanish and banjo-playing.

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January 7

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A SELF-WORTH SUPPORT GROUP for women will meet Thursday evenings beginning tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Family Tree Clinic, 1619 Dayton Ave. Sponsored by Chrysalis, A Center for Women, the group will help participants develop a sense of self-worth, take power over their lives and work through their problems. For more information, or to register, call 871-2603.

BLOOD-PRESSURE SCREENING for senior citizens will be conducted today from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The service is free and open to all senior citizens in the community. Call 698-0751 for more information.

January 8

THE C.M. PLAYERS will present an original production titled *The Bus* at 7:00 tonight in the Children's Museum at Bandana Square. It will be performed near the first-floor bus exhibit. The presentation is free with regular museum admission.

January 10

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE from the Third Precinct will hold an open house today to honor Captain Al Pufahl. Local residents are invited to stop in at the Third Precinct Headquarters, 3000 Minnehaha Ave., between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

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Hillel Foundation, 1521 S.E. University Ave., Minneapolis. After his talk, Gulko will compete simultaneously against 30 or more opponents in chess. Admission to the talk and chess exhibition is free. For information on signing up to compete against Gulko, call 379-4026.

January 11

TRYOUTS FOR "BOUNCING GIRL" of the 1988 St. Paul Winter Carnival will be held tonight at 6:00 in the gymnasium of the St. Paul Athletic Club, 340 Cedar St. Candidates should weigh less than 110 pounds, be 16 or older and athletically inclined. The winner will join two veterans on the club's bouncing team and will serve for three years. The bouncing-blanket unit takes part in the annual Winter Carnival Grande Parade and Torchlight Parade, as well as numerous other festivals during the year.

January 12

MACALESTER COLLEGE geography professor David Lanegran will discuss "Neighborhoods Along the River" during a "Have Lunch With a Historian" lecture today at 12:05 p.m. in Room 317 of Landmark Center. Lanegran will discuss early settlement along the river in St. Paul, including Swede Hollow, the West Side and the Upper Landing. The lecture is free and open to the public, and visitors are encouraged to bring a bag lunch.

PERSPECTIVES ON DIVORCE—legal, personal and parental perspectives—will be discussed from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on three Tuesdays starting today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For more information and to register, call 222-0311.

January 13

A WORKSHOP FOR THE PARENTS of teenage smokers will be held tonight from 7:30 to 9:00 at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Sue Olmstead, director of smoking and health education programs for the American Lung Association of Ramsey County, will lead the workshop. Among the topics will be why teen-agers smoke, what effects smoking has on them and what programs are available to help them stop. The workshop is free to JCC members, \$2.50 for non-members. To register by January 8, call 698-0751.

THE HIGHLAND PARK CHAPTER of Business and Professional Women USA will meet today at the Lost Spur Country Club in Eagan. A social hour will begin at 5:45 p.m., with dinner at 6:00. The cost is \$9.00. Vicki Lyons Truesdell will speak on pay equity and comparable worth. For reservations, due by noon on January 11, call 224-7407. All guests are welcome.

January 14

THE ST. PAUL SEMINARY School of Divinity of the College of St. Thomas will have an

informational meeting tonight beginning at 5:45 for men interested in learning more about the priesthood. The meeting will give men who are considering graduate-level theological studies and preparation for priesthood an opportunity to join in an evening of dinner, prayer and reflection on priesthood and seminary life. The school is at 2260 Summit Ave. To register, call Pete Wareham at 647-5715.

AN OPEN HOUSE for boys in grades 6-11 and their parents will begin tonight at 7:00 at St. Thomas Academy, 949 Mendota Heights Road. Tours will be given and information on curricula, student activities, transportation and financial aid will be available. For more information, call Frank Blankley, admissions director, at 454-4570.

NUCLEAR-FREE ST. PAUL will meet tonight from 7:00 to 8:30 in the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave.

January 16

CHILDREN IN CHEMICALLY DEPENDENT families will learn about chemical dependency through lectures, discussions, art, music and movement in a class that meets on eight Saturdays starting today. The "Children Are People" class for kids ages 5-12 will meet at 10:30 a.m. at Family Service, 333 Sibley St. For more information, call 222-0311.

January 17

A CHILDREN'S FLEA MARKET will be held from noon to 3:00 p.m. today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave.

January 19

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS units will meet at two area locations today: 1181 Edgumbe Road, at 9:15 a.m., and 947 Portland Ave. at 7:30 p.m. The discussion topic will be "How to Take Effective Action," and legislative interviews will also be done. All men and women are invited to attend.

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The board of directors of the Highland Area Community Council will next meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy. Committee reports will be made on traffic problems at Randolph Avenue and Lexington Parkway, stop signs at Mississippi River Boulevard and Prior Avenue, and the Chore Service project. The board also hopes to fill the Grid 7 vacancy on the board.

The office of the community council has moved and is now located at 790 S. Cleveland Ave., Suite 208B. The telephone number remains the same: 690-0866.

The next recycling pickup dates for the Highland area will be January 11 and 25. For more information on recycling, call the HACC office at 690-0866 or the Neighborhood Energy Consortium at 644-5436. In the event of a major snow storm, any changes in the pickup schedule will be announced on WCCO and KSJN radio by 7:00 a.m.

Fare Share (cont'd from page 8)

location.

Fare Share is self-supporting because it makes use of volunteer help and is able to buy food in large quantities. Participants may be asked to spend two hours working at the warehouse sorting food or to assist at the host site on the day of distribution.

Fare Share host sites in this area include the following:

• In the Highland area—Edgumbe Presbyterian Church, 2149 Edgumbe Rd., and the Riverside Learning Center, 900 Albion Ave.

• In the Macalester-Groveland area—Cleveland Avenue United Methodist Church, 225 S. Cleveland Ave.

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The making of a musician

Late-blooming Linden finds fame playing folk with a Jewish twist

by Terry Andrews

Meyer Linden was a 20-year-old guide in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area when he first heard a rendition of "Blowin' in the Wind." He was guiding a group of Texans through the splendor of the Minnesota wilderness when they began to sing the Bob Dylan hit that begins, "How many roads must a man walk down...?"

For Linden, the song would change the course of his life and make the road he walked a musical one. It was 1974, and Linden still remembers that summer clearly. "I asked them whose songs they were singing and they told me," he said. When he returned to the Twin Cities, Linden bought an album of Dylan's greatest hits and a guitar. "I got a chord book and learned a few chords. 'A' is one of the easy ones, and 'E.' And I started to write songs. They were probably lousy, but I wrote hundreds of songs."

He also taught himself Dylan's songs. "Dylan's music started me off," he said simply during an interview in his parents' Highland Park home. His favorite song, in fact, which he first heard in the Boundary Waters, is "Hey, Mr. Tambourine Man."

Linden is now an established folk guitarist and singer, and he recently returned to St. Paul after an East Coast

tour to give his first Twin Cities concert, held at the Minneapolis Jewish Community Center last month. Linden, a prolific songwriter, performed original compositions like "Mitzvah Glue" and "You're My Rebbe."

"Rebbe," he said, "means teacher." Linden, 33, was trained as a teacher and spent several years working in special education. When he explains something now, it is the teacher, patient and understanding, who emerges.

Songwriting, he explained, "comes easy. I just write about what I'm going through." He composes the words and the music all at once, sitting down with his guitar and experimenting until he finds a combination of chords and lyrics that he likes. He doesn't record the music or write down the words, however, until the next day. "If it's good, I figure I'll

When Linden was young, singing was not one of his strong points. Now his voice, tempered with age and experience, is rich and melodic.

remember it," he said. "If it's not, I'll forget."

How long does it take him to write a song? He shrugged. "I don't know. It could take five hours but seem like one." He sat with his guitar cradled in his arms and began to sing "Mr. Bojangles."

When Linden was young, singing was not one of his strong points. "On a few of my report cards, it says I was loud," he acknowledged. Now his voice, tempered with age and experience, is rich and melodic.

Many of Linden's boyhood friends know him as Hank. "Henry is my English name," he explained. But he now prefers to go by Meyer. The fact that it is pronounced like "Mayor" prompted him to tell an anecdote about life in New York, where he settled several years ago



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Meyer "Hank" Linden, a Highland Park native and a folksinger whose work has been compared to that of Bob Dylan and Woody Guthrie, returned to the Twin Cities last month to perform at the Jewish Community Center of Minneapolis.

and now lives with his wife and three children. "I called a friend," he said. "His mother answered the phone. When I told her my name she thought I said Mayor Lindsay. She really got excited."

Linden, a 1972 graduate of Highland Park High School, has a degree in special education from St. Cloud State University. "I taught in the junior high in New Prague for two years. I used to play the guitar a lot there. Then I spent a year in Israel. I learned Hebrew while I was there."

When he returned to St. Paul he taught special education in the public school system. After his job fell victim to budget cuts, Linden moved to Far Rockaway, New York, his current home.

He started performing less than a year ago, and he performs primarily in the East: Toronto, New York, New Jersey, and in the summer, the Catskills. He gives a concert, on the average, once a week, though he recently did three in one day.

Linden now supports himself with his music. He has made two cassette tapes, "Walking Home" (in 1986) and "The Road Home" (in 1987). He has been compared to both Bob Dylan and Woody Guthrie because of his songs and style of singing, but he is modest about the comparison.

"I just like to do it," he said. "I like getting across a message. I hope I am describing my experiences in Judaism in a way that people can relate to, to encourage Jewish growth."

In the last several years, he said, he has become increasingly involved in Judaism. "I wasn't raised with a yarmulke (skullcap)," he explained. "But I have become more and more interested because I have lived in places where I was literally the only Jew in town. That made me feel very Jewish."

He uses a lot of humor in his songs. "I

think people have a view of Orthodox Judaism that's been shaped by things they've heard. People have a lot of misconceptions about it. They look at Orthodox Jews as something hard and unnatural and completely foreign to them. In fact, that's how I used to look at it."

"There's more to Judaism than a lot of Jewish people have been exposed to," Linden said. "I like to use music to show that."

"Only by beginning to get involved in it did I find that part that had always been missing. A lot of Jewish people," he continued, "might be able to relate to that. There's more to Judaism than they've been exposed to. I like to use music to show that."

The self-taught Linden is now occasionally approached by others wanting to learn to play the guitar. "I basically teach them how I learned, by showing them a few chords, and then I let them figure out how to make the chord changes. Sometime," he mused, "I'd like to learn how to play the guitar. I'm being honest. I learned how to play a very simple way, by learning chords. I still like to sit and experiment. I'll pick out chords and I won't know what they are."



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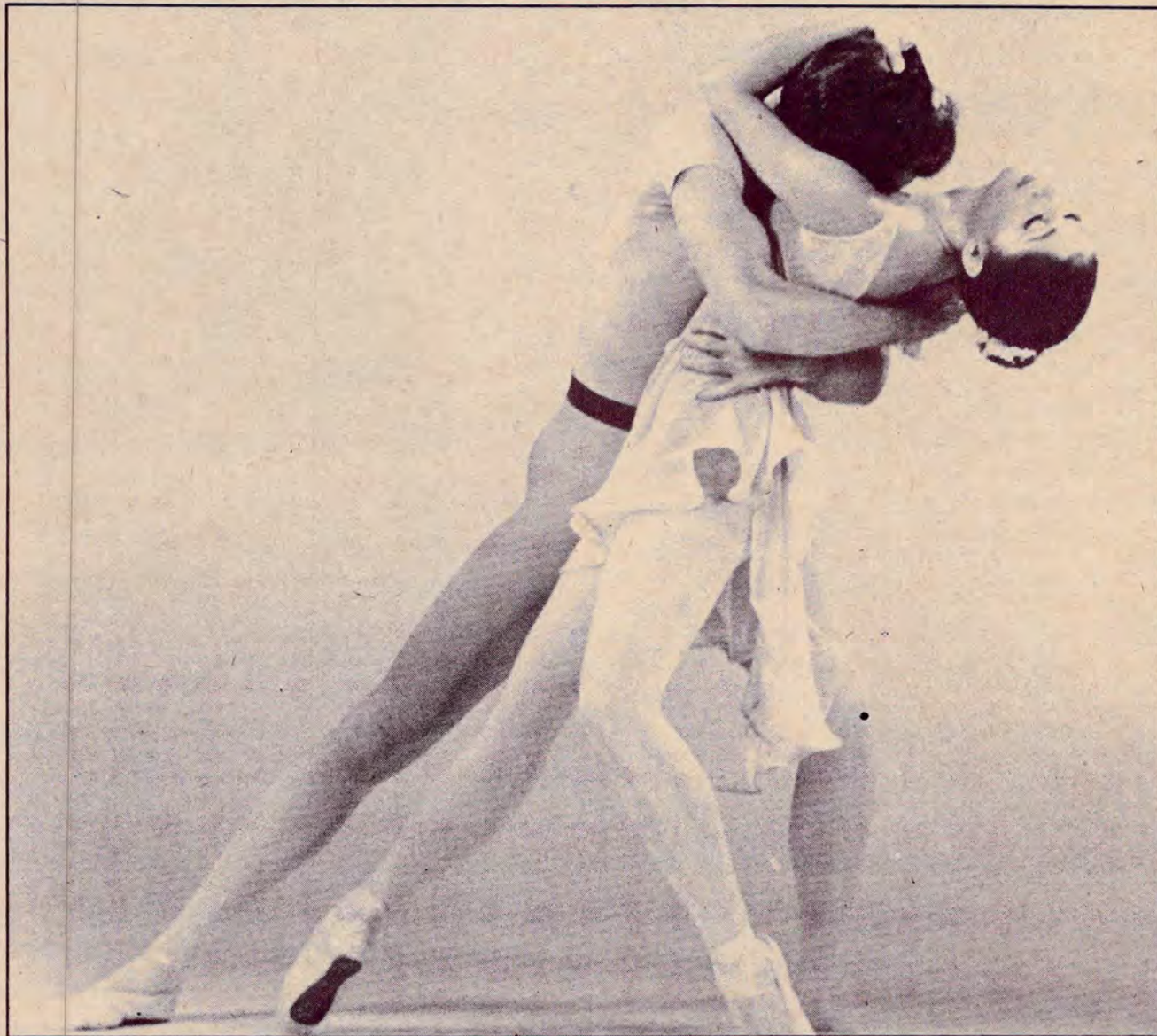
Concerts

A series of free concerts featuring jazz, classical, folk and Dixieland music will be presented at 5:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays throughout January at St. Paul Center. Upcoming concerts include the South Minneapolis Bassoon Quartet on January 7 in Town Square; classical guitarist Paul Storms on January 11 in Town Court; the Mississippi Valley Chamber Orchestra on January 14 in Town Square; and pianist Gary McKiver on January 18 in Town Court. For more information, call 291-8900 or 291-1715.

Renowned soprano Benita Valente will be featured in a pair of St. Paul Chamber Orchestra concerts at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, January 8 and 9, at the Ordway Music Theatre. Works on the program include Berlioz's "Les Nuits d'Ete," Op. 7, Mozart's "Exsultate jubilate," K. 158a, the complete ballet "Ma Mere l'oye" by Ravel, and Bartok's "Divergence for Strings." For tickets, priced from \$8.50 to \$22, call Dayton's or the Ordway (224-4222).

Guitarist Bill Frisell and his quartet will return to the Walker Art Center at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 9. Admired for his work with Paul Bley, John Zorn, Marianne Faithfull and others, Frisell has developed into one of the most original guitarists of recent years. He has been described as "modern in the best sense of the word, straddling the electronic ambience and distortion of contemporary work and the nuances of touch and harmonic sophistication usually associated with jazz." Tickets are \$9.00 for non-members. For reservations, call 375-7622.

The Minnesota Orchestral Association and Walker Art Center will present a program of chamber music performed by members of the Minnesota Or-



Kim Abkemeier and Paul Ghiselin perform in Laura Dean's "Patterns of Change," one of four works to be presented

chestra at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 10, in the auditorium of the Walker. Violinist Taichi Chen, violist Eiji Ikeda and cellist Sachiyu Isomura will perform Beethoven's String Trio in C minor, Op. 9, No. 3. Marcia Peck, cello, David Kamminga, horn, and guest pianist Christine Dahl will present the world premiere of "Hadley's Triptych" by Milton Phibbs. Com-

pleting the concert will be a piano trio by Arno Babadjanian, performed by violinist Henry Gregorian, cellist Robert Jamieson and guest pianist Richard Zgodava. For general admission tickets priced at \$7.00, call Orchestra Hall (371-5656), the Walker or Dayton's.

Four of the top keyboard artists in the Twin Cities will be fea-

tured in a jazz piano concert from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 10, at the Emporium of Jazz, 1351 Sibley Memorial Highway, Mendota. The concert will feature Butch Thompson, a master of ragtime and the Jelly Roll Morton-style stride; boogie-woogie specialist Ken Green; jazz traditionalist Jeanne Arland Peterson; and Bill Barber, who has

described his style as "light and swinging." Tickets are \$3.00; free to those who join the Twin Cities Jazz Society at the concert. Call the Emporium of Jazz at 452-1830 for more information.

Legendary flamenco guitarist Carlos Montoya will bring the fiery music of the Spanish Gypsy to Orchestra Hall at 2:00

p.m. on Sunday, January 17. Montoya's own Gypsy heritage shines through in his arrangements and original compositions—music that in his words "comes from the heart." For tickets, priced from \$9.00 to \$14.50, call Orchestra Hall at 371-5656.

Flutist Bettine Clemen and guitarist Richard Patterson, joined by violinist Richard Lawrence, will present the second concert of the 1987-88 Music in the Park Series at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. The concert will draw on a repertoire that ranges from Telemann to Chick Corea and includes works by Carulli, Paganini, Villa-Lobos and jazz guitarist Ralph Towner. Tickets, priced at \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students, are available at the Bibelot Shop (646-5651), Micawber's Bookstore (646-5506), or at the door. The same trio will present children's rug concerts at 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 16, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave. Tickets for those concerts, \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children, may be obtained at the same locations. For more information, call 644-4234.

Film

The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter, a 1980 documentary that tells the story of five women during World War II who enter a working world previously dominated by men, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, in the West Bank Auditorium. The auditorium is located in Willey Hall on the University of Minnesota campus. Admission is \$3.00.

Jean de Florette, the award-winning film by Claude Berri, an epic tale of betrayal and revenge set in Provence, France, will be shown at 7:30 p.m.

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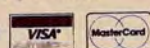
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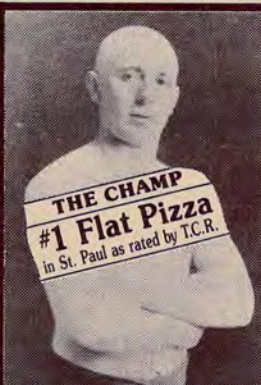
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A month-long film retrospective reprising the acting and directing career of Dennis Hopper will run January 6-29 at the Walker Art Center. The retrospective will feature 16 films and will include appearances by *Village Voice* critic Jim Hoberman and film directors Curtis Harrington, Henry Jaglom and David Lynch. Hopper himself will introduce a screening of *Easy Rider* at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 8. Upcoming films in the series include *Out of the Blue* on January 6; *The Last Movie* and *The American Dreamer* on January 7; *Easy Rider* and *Some Kind of Genius* on January 8; *Rebel Without a Cause* and *The American Friend* on January 13; *Key Witness* and *The Trip* on January 14; *Night Tide* on January 15; and *Giant* and *High Air* on January 20. For more information on the rest of the series, or on show times and prices, call the Walker at 375-7622.

True Stories will be screened at 7:30 and 9:15 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, January 8 and 9, in the Coffman Union Theatre on the University of Minnesota campus. In *True Stories*, David Byrne of The Talking Heads leads a tour of the fictitious town of Virgil, Texas. The movie features John Goodman, Swoosie Kurtz and Spalding Gray. Admission is \$3.00.

The Aristocats, the last movie approved for production by Walt Disney, will be shown at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, January 8 and 9, and at a 1:30 matinee on Friday, in the West Bank Union Auditorium on the U of M campus. *The Aristocats*, a classic Disney film set against the animated backdrop of Paris, combines the vernacular style of *101 Dalmatians* with voice characterizations used in *Jungle Book*. Admission is \$3.00.

Lavender Images, a lesbian and gay film series sponsored by Coffman Union Films and the University Film Society, will open with a screening of *Vera*, a prize-winning tale of isolation and self-invention from Brazil. It will be shown at 7:30 and 9:15 p.m. January 7-14 at the U Film Society's Bell Auditorium, 17th and S.E. University avenues in Minneapolis. There are also bargain matinees at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday



Byron Jennings stars as the delightful villain Richard and Gina Franz as Lady Anne in the Guthrie Theater production of Shakespeare's *Richard III*, opening on Friday, January 15. For details, see listing.

and Sunday. The movie tells the story of an alienated young lesbian's futile attempts to reshape herself into a man—alternating between Vera's formative years in a tough Sao Paulo reform school-orphanage and her later attempts to fit into polite Brazilian society. For more information, call 627-4430. On January 14 at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. in the Coffman Union Theatre on the U of M campus, *What Can I Do With a Male Nude?* and *Behind the Glass* will be shown. The first is a short comedy on the taboo of the male nude. The second movie deals with issues of class, education, money and sex that arise in a gay relationship between two people of very different social and cultural backgrounds. Admission is \$3.00.

Stacking, the first feature by independent filmmaker Martin Rosen, producer of *Waterhip Down*, *Women in Love* and *Plague Dogs*, will be shown at 7:30 nightly, January 8-14, at Film in the Cities' Jerome Hill Theater, located in First Trust Center at 5th and Jackson streets. Additional shows are scheduled at 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday. The film is about a Montana farm family in the midst of a crisis that is threatening their ranch. At the center of the story is 14-year-old Anna

May Morgan, who believes against all evidence to the contrary that her new hay-stacking machine will save the ranch. Admission is \$4.00.

Beyond the Walls, an Israeli film that explores the relationship between Jews and Arabs in a maximum-security prison, will be shown at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, January 10, at Film in the Cities' Jerome Hill Theater, located in First Trust Center at 5th and Jackson streets. During the reception that follows, Screenwriter Eran Preis will discuss the controversy caused by the film, whose thesis is that human dignity and freedom could result from the friendship between Arabs and Jews. Admission is \$4.00.

The Maltese Falcon, the classic film based on Dashiell Hammett's novel and starring Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 13, in the West Bank Union Auditorium of Willey Hall at the University of Minnesota. John Huston directed the film, which also features Peter Lorre and Sidney Greenstreet. Admission is \$3.00; \$1.50 for students.

The Birth of a Nation, the silent film of 1915 directed by D. W. Griffith, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 14, in the West Bank Union Auditorium of Willey Hall at the University of Minnesota. The land-

mark film, with its detail, innovative directorial techniques and immense budget, is credited with elevating cinema to an art form. Admission is \$3.00; \$1.50 for students.

Padre Nuestro (Our Father), a Spanish comedy that blithely satirizes religion, social class and nationalism with cool, yet Bunuelian humor, will run January 15-28 at the University Film Society's Bell Museum Auditorium, 17th and S.E. University avenues, Minneapolis. The movie concerns a dying cardinal who leaves the Vatican and returns to his home village in Spain after a 30-year absence. Things are not quite the same, however, and before long he finds his less-than-priestly past catching up with him. Show times are nightly at 7:30 and 9:30, with additional 5:30 bargain matinees on Saturdays and Sundays.

Yellow Submarine, the animated 1968 film featuring the music of the Beatles, will be shown at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, January 15 and 16, in the West Bank Union Auditorium of Willey Hall at the University of Minnesota. It follows the quest of Old Fred, who seeks to bring the four Beatles back to rescue his native Pepperland. On the way they encounter kinky boot beasts, Nowhere Man, blue meemies and the Sea of Holes. Admission is \$3.00; \$1.50 for students.

Amazon Women on the Moon, an irreverent assault on contemporary life and the mass media, will be shown at 7:30 nightly, January 15-21, at Film in the Cities' Jerome Hill Theater, located in First Trust Center at 5th and Jackson streets. The comedy brings together the directorial talents of Joe Dante (*Gremlins*), Carl Gottlieb (*Jaws* and *The Jerk*), Peter Horton (*One Too Many*), John Landis (*Animal House*, *Kentucky Fried Movie*, and *Trading Places*) and Robert Weiss (*The Blues Brothers*, *Dragnet* and *Kentucky Fried Movie*). Additional shows are scheduled at 9:15 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$4.00.

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Guitarist Richard Patterson and flutist Bettine Clemen Ware, joined by violinist Richard Lawrence, will perform on Sunday, January 17, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. For details, see listing.

Minnesota St. Paul campus student center is exhibiting the work of artist and naturalist Francis Lee Jaques now through January 29. Included in the exhibition are paintings, drawings and scratchboard works, each expressing Jaques' interpretation of the beauty and harmony of nature. A pioneer wildlife artist, Jaques was one of the first artist/naturalists to truly paint his animals in their environments. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

The Minnesota Center for Book Arts, located at 24 N. 3rd St. in Minneapolis, will exhibit the works of four artists January 6 through February 21. An opening reception for all four artists will be held at the center from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 16. The artists are Ann Borman, who produces beautiful letterpress printed books and broadsides; Scott Holmes, who has earned an international reputation with his work in mail art and visual poetry; Michael Tarachow, the founder of Pentagram Press; and Karen Wirth, a sculptor who uses books and book concepts in her work.

Photographic works by Lynn Klein and Jerry Burchfield will be displayed from January 8 through February 7 at Film in the Cities Gallery, 2388 University Ave. Both artists' works incorporate photograms, which are images created not with a camera but through the interaction of light and subject directly on blank, light-sensitive paper. Klein combines photograms on fabric with painting and figure drawings derived from projected photographic images. Burchfield's images are composed of a photogram and camera image made simultaneously and later combined. The exhibit will open with a reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, January 8. Gallery hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

"Victims and Survivors," an exhibition of paintings by Jane Thompson and photographs by Stormi Greener, will be on display January 15 through February 13 at the Women's Art Registry of Minnesota, 414 N. 1st Ave. in Minneapolis. Thompson, a member of the WARM Collective, and Greener,

an award-winning photojournalist, both attempt to increase awareness of the tragedy and suffering around us, depicting victims mainly from the Third World. An opening reception will be held from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 16.

Theater

The Minnesota Composers Forum will present four evenings of opera, video and electronic drama at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, January 7-10, at the Southern Theater in Minneapolis. On January 7 and 8, Act One will feature Matthew Harris' *As You Choose*, in which the prose of Charles Baudelaire is set to music in a work dealing with one person's struggle to choose between



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The Children's Theatre Company will present *Young Jane Eyre* at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 8, at the theater, 2400 S. 3rd Ave., Minneapolis. The play was adapted from Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre* by local playwright Marisha Chamberlain. Ultimately a story of triumph and friendship, *Young Jane* follows 10-year-old Jane from the chilly splendor of Gateshead to the Spartan surroundings of Lowood School for Girls. It is here where, after enduring loss, rejections and abuse, Jane meets schoolmate Helen and Miss Temple, the headmistress. With their love, and through the joy she finds in learning, Jane is able to face some of life's most difficult questions and to find her own way in the world. For tickets, priced from \$7.50 to \$16.50, call 874-0400.

The Guthrie Theater will open a production of *Richard III* at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 15. The corrupt and chaotic world of 15th-century England reels out of control as political leaders scramble to gain ascendancy. Through it all, Richard smiles and watches. Shakespeare's *Richard III* is a consummate actor, a genius at playing the victim and the aggressor. He is a delightful villain who outwits, outthinks, outlives and outthinks everyone in his artful pursuit of England's crown. The production will continue through February 14. For tickets, call 377-2224.

The Mixed Blood Theatre Company will present its acclaimed one-man show about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., *Dr. King's Dream*, at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, in St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 700 Wesley

Lane, Mendota Heights. *Dr. King's Dream* features Warren C. Bowles in a stirring solo performance depicting the life and career of the famed civil rights leader. Members of the community are invited to attend the performance. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale *The Ugly Duckling* will be retold through music, dance and drama by CLIMB Theatre at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 9, at the Walker Art Center. CLIMB is a Twin Cities-based theater company dedicated to creating works for disabled persons.

A tribute to Frederick Manfred, a Minnesota author with an international reputation, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 9, at the Loft, 2301 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. The schedule for the event, which will coincide with Manfred's 76th birthday celebration, will include reminiscences and tributes by visiting writers at 7:30, a reading by Manfred at 8:30, a birthday party at 9:30, and the showing of "American Grizzly," a video about Manfred, at 9:45 and 10:15. Manfred, a resident of Luverne, is the author of 21 novels, two volumes of short stories, one reminiscence and a book of poetry. In his fiction he has created a mythical Midwest, "Siouxland," with a historical accuracy, sense of place and depth of character that is matched only by such authors as William Faulkner and Wright Morris. Admission to the event is \$3.00.

A Cajun Dance to music by the five-piece Bone Tones band will be held at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, January 10, at Half Time Rec, 1013 Front Ave. All dances will be taught. Admission is \$3.25; \$1.50 for senior citizens and children. For more information, call 341-3138.

The Minnesota Opera Association will present a public preview of highlights from its upcoming production of Giuseppe Verdi's *Rigoletto* at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, at the Town and Country Club, 2279 Marshall Ave. The show will open on February 5 at the Ordway Music Theatre. Admission to the preview is free to members of the Minnesota Opera Association and Minnesota Opera subscribers, and \$2.00 for the general public. Call 221-0122 for more information.

A talent show featuring pre-teen and teen-age musicians, singers, dancers, actors, magicians and clairvoyants will be presented on Saturday, January 16, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The children will take to the stage from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., followed by a reception and then the teen-age talent show at 8:30.

Dance

Ohio Ballet, the brightly stylish company from America's heartland, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, January 10, at Northrop Auditorium. The appeal of this 22-member troupe lies in its clean, clear dancing, which is just as dexterous with classical as with contemporary movement. The program for the Northrop show will include George Balanchine's elegant masterpiece, "Concerto Barocco," set to the music of J.S. Bach, and Laura Dean's "Patterns of Change," with music by Philip Glass. The troupe will also present Heinz Poll's "Summer Night," a romantic ballet set to a lush Chopin concerto, and Poll's new work, "Games," set to music by Mozart. Ticket prices range from \$10.50 to \$17.50, with \$2.00 discounts for students, senior citizens and groups of 15 or more. For reservations or more information, call Northrop at 624-2345 or any Dayton's outlet.

Et cetera

The West Coast Swing Dance Club will hold a dance on Friday, January 8, at the B-Dale Club, 2100 N. Dale St. All dancers are invited. Free lessons will be offered beginning at 7:30 p.m., with dancing to recorded music to follow from 8:30 to 12:30. Admission is \$5.00. For more information, call 774-5516.

Auditions will be held between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 9, for the Kids Make Magic Moves Dance Troupe, a group of 15 boys and girls ages 8 to 16 who perform throughout the Twin Cities and study modern dance and creative movement at the Green River Dance Center, 2708 E. Lake St., Minneapolis. For further information, call the artistic director, Suzanne River, at 729-5860.

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Sports

Outcome of cross-river basketball rivalry all too familiar for Central

by Tom Cody

Central High School has pretty much dominated prep basketball in St. Paul for the past decade or so. And Minneapolis North High School has done the same thing across the river. When these two teams meet, the result is predictable.

A Central-North contest invariably means a fast-paced, end-to-end battle between some of the best athletes in the Twin Cities area. And while the score may be close, you can bet North will win—at least the Polars have won all but four of the 18 games played between the two schools in the last nine years, including the two games they have played so far this year.

"We're snake-bit in this rivalry," said Central coach Dan Brink after his team's hard-fought 73-64 loss last week to North in the finals of the Steichen's-Hamline Holiday Classic tournament.

The Minutemen led midway through the second quarter, but then North's superior physical strength began to show. At halftime, it was 39-35 North, and midway through the third period, the Polars had extended their lead to 12 points.

Mark Riley, North's 6-foot-4 senior power forward, was the difference inside as he scored 29 points. Running the show from the point was Polar guard Derek Reuben,

a 6-foot-3 senior. Both are considered to be prospects for Division I college basketball.

"Reuben's control of the game's tempo killed us," Brink said. "Reuben can dictate the flow of the entire game. He can do what he wants out there; he's that good. And Riley boarded whenever he wanted to. They took us out of our offense. That was the difference in this one."

Also competing in holiday tournaments were the boys' basketball teams from Highland Park, St. Thomas Academy and Cretin-Derham Hall.

Juriad Hughes, Central's 6-foot-1 junior guard, led the Minutemen with 20 points. Senior Andra Thompson, his 6-foot-2 teammate, kept the game close inside until the second half. But Riley just wouldn't be denied.

Central reached the championship game with a first-round victory over St. Agnes, 68-56, and a semi-final win over Richfield, 75-60.

"The St. Agnes game was probably the sloppiest game in the entire tournament," Brink said. "Turnover after

turnover after turnover—both ways. It seemed that neither team wanted to win this one, then we seemed to want it a little more at the very end. I'll bet for this one we're in the *Guinness Book of World Records* for most turnovers."

The strategy for both Central and St. Agnes, as Brink saw it, was to keep the other team from running its offense.

"We put in Christian Hayes (a 6-foot-2 junior) to defend against (St. Agnes' star) Parnell Charles in the second half, and he did a great job against him," Brink said. "Hayes just went in and worked his butt off. I think Hayes intimidated Charles a little bit physically."

Hughes and Thompson had 18 points each for Central, and Dave Hollman and Mike Shypulski each contributed nine.

The key to the Minutemen's victory over Richfield was the half-court trap defense they set up midway through the third quarter, when Central was trailing by eight points.

"Turnovers plagued us early," Brink explained. "We shot about 25 percent in the first three quarters. When we went to the trap, Richfield kept throwing the ball right to us, and we kept on scoring on lay-ups."

Hollman led Central's at-

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Central High School's Christian Hayes (43) and an unidentified teammate haul down a rebound during the Steichen's-Hamline Holiday Classic. Central defeated Richfield 75-60 in that game, but fell to rival Minneapolis North the next night.

Sirek leading Tommies' hockey surge

by T. D. Mischke

Two weeks ago, the College of St. Thomas received notice that its hockey team had been rated third in the nation among NCAA Division III teams. But that's nothing to get excited about, at least in the view of first-year coach Terry Skrypek. He said he doesn't put much stock in such rankings.

The only ranking he's concerned about, and in fact quite happy with, is the first-place hold the Tommies have on the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, and the nine-game winning

streak that's keeping them there.

Granted, it's still early in the season. The Tommies have played only six of 16 conference games and 11 of 25 overall. But the team is showing definite signs that it's going to be hard to beat.

The Tommies have already defeated defending champion Concordia College during a Thanksgiving Day tournament, and Concordia has nearly all the players it had last year. Furthermore, the Tommies are playing very well together, "jelling," as Skrypek put it, and they're getting improved perform-

ances out of some returning players.

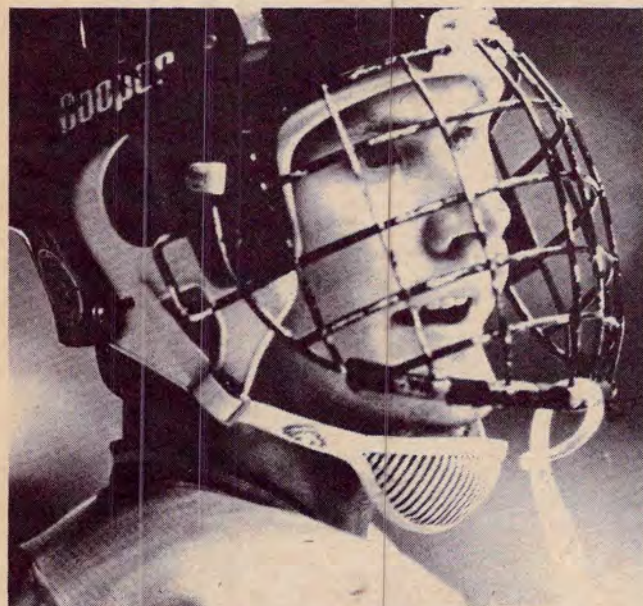
One player who has been standing out a bit above the rest this year is senior right wing Jeff Sirek, a Mendota Heights resident and St. Thomas Academy graduate. Going into last weekend, Sirek was on a six-game scoring streak and he was leading the team with 12 goals and four assists. In the first conference game of the season, Sirek did a hat trick one better in a game against St. Olaf, scoring the first three goals of the evening and then adding one more before the buzzer.

"Yeah, I guess I'm putting it in the net pretty well lately," Sirek said with a touch of understatement. Last year, Sirek earned all-conference recognition and scored a personal high of 16 goals. He's well on his way to shattering that mark this season.

"I'm not any stronger or faster than I was last year," Sirek said, trying to account for his fast start this year. "But I think I am doing a better job taking advantage of the opportunities that come my way."

Sirek also said his confi-

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Jeff Sirek watches the action from the bench.

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CST junior ties school basketball record

To the other women's basketball teams in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, College of St. Thomas guard Jenny Phillips is Public Enemy No. 1. The charge is grand theft larceny, and Phillips has the evidence stacked against her: 166 pieces of evidence, to be exact.

On Saturday, December 12, against Bethel, Phillips recorded four steals to bring her career total to 166. That ties St. Thomas' all-time mark, and the 5-foot-8 junior from Benilde-St. Margaret's High School in St. Louis Park has done it despite having



Jenny Phillips

almost two full seasons to go in her career.

The current co-holder of the record, Ruth Opatz-Sinn, is now the head girls' basketball coach at Hill Murray High School.

Phillips' 166 thefts have come in only 58 games, an average of nearly three per game. She is also adept at converting those steals to baskets—she leads the Tommies in scoring this year with an average of 11.5 points per game—and is one of the primary reasons that coach Ted Rivero's Tommies, as of January 3, were undefeated in the MIAC at 3-0, and were 4-2 overall.

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tack with 21 points, 11 of those coming in the fourth quarter. Hughes chipped in with 19 points. Brink also praised the efforts of Ron Taylor, a 6-foot-1 junior forward.

"Taylor came in when Thompson had foul trouble," Brink said. "He scored four baskets and a free throw in the fourth quarter and did a magnificent job for us that night."

Also competing in holiday tournaments were the boys' basketball teams from Highland Park, St. Thomas Academy and Cretin-Derham Hall.

Ron Causton's Scotsmen lost out to a powerful Wayzata team in the first round of the Faribault Tournament, but came back to take the consolation title. Courtney Brown, Highland's senior center, led his team with 62 points in the three tournament games, while senior forward Jeff Thigpen tossed in 56 points. Senior forward Tony Blakey hit a big three-pointer to beat Edina (60-58) in the consolation final.

St. Thomas Academy finished second behind the Academy of the Holy Angels in the College of St. Thomas'

holiday tournament. The Cadets' 6-foot-9 center, senior John Riley, scored 19 points in the championship tilt, but that wasn't enough as St. Thomas lost 61-51 to the Co-Stars. The Cadets had beaten Benilde and Buffalo to reach the finals.

Cretin-Derham Hall captured the third-place trophy in that tournament, after losing to Holy Angels on a last-second basket the night before. Jeff Rosga, Cretin's junior forward, scored 31 points in his team's 73-36 thrashing of Buffalo in the contest for third place.



Wildlife artist James Meger and North Stars coach Herb Brooks have again teamed up to raise money for local hockey clubs. This year, the Highland and Central area hockey associations will benefit from local sales of a signed, limited-edition print of a Meger painting that shows five Canada geese gliding over an outdoor hockey rink. Each print is signed by both Meger and Brooks. Meger has won several major stamp competitions and recently placed second in the federal duck stamp competition. Since the start of this unique program, more than \$100,000 has been raised for participating hockey programs in Minnesota and bordering states. This is the second year of the "Two Winners for Youth Hockey" program. When completed, participants will have a collection of five matched numbered prints in the series. The prints are \$40 apiece. For more information, call Nancy Stoffel at 690-2664.

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WINTER CLASS REGISTRATION OPENS

All area recreation centers are now accepting registration for winter session. A complete listing of programs is available at all centers.

Aerobics Plus will continue at Groveland from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Participants may register at any time and buy eight sessions for the price of six.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Boys and girls ages 8-14 may participate in beginning speedskating races to be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 9, at Edgumbe and Hillcrest recreation centers. Awards will be given to the first five finishers in each age group and participation ribbons will be given to all competitors. All participants are then invited to compete in the St. Paul City Championships at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, at Lake Como. Both events are free.

Groveland and Edgumbe are planning an outing to Diamond T. Ranch for an old-fashioned sleigh ride at 12:45 on Friday, January 15. Call either rec center to register.

Merriam Park will host a downhill ski trip to Afton Alps on Friday, January 15. Participants must register by January 11. Bus pickup from Merriam Park will be at 9:30 a.m.

The Area C Advisory Committee will next meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, at Hillcrest.

Swim classes cater to children, adults

Winter-session swimming classes for both youngsters and adults will be offered by the Highland Park Community Education Program at the Highland Park Senior High School Pool.

Adults will be able to enroll in water exercise or water movement classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings, or beginning-intermediate swimming on Thursdays. Open and lap swim times are available to the general public on Tuesday evenings.

The Saturday Red Cross swim lesson program will begin on Saturday, January 16, for tiny tots, waders, beginners, advanced beginners, intermediates and swimmers. Parents with youngsters in the 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. classes are encouraged to sign up for a toning and stretching class that meets at the same time as the Red Cross lessons.

To register for any of these classes, call 293-8874 before January 14.

St. Thomas sports make cable television

Six winter sporting events at the College of St. Thomas, beginning with the St. Thomas-St. John's men's basketball game on January 6, will be broadcast on Continental Cablevision in St. Paul. Mike Rogan, a member of the St. Thomas television production staff within the college's Instructional Support Services Department, will serve as director of the project.

Two men's basketball, two women's basketball and two hockey games are currently scheduled to be broadcast this season. They are: January 6—men's basketball vs. St. John's, January 23—men's basketball vs. Hamline, February 4—hockey vs. St. John's, February 8—women's basketball vs. Gustavus Adolphus, February 15—women's basketball vs. St. Benedict, and February

19—hockey vs. Augsburg.

"The St. John's basketball game will be tape-delayed for rebroadcast the following evening (Thursday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m.) and then again the next Sunday (January 10 at 9:30 p.m.)," Rogan said. "We're hoping that we'll be able to do live broadcasts as the season

progresses.

"We're also hoping to do a couple of baseball games in the spring," he said. "If things are successful, we could have a full schedule by the time next year's fall season rolls around."

The games will be broadcast on Continental Cablevision's Channel 10.

Volunteer volleyball coaches recruited

Volleyball coaches are being sought by the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation to serve at recreation centers throughout the city. Volunteer coaches are needed to lead teams of kids 12 years old and younger, 13 and 14, and 15 and 16.

The volunteers must be able to hold practices for two or three hours a week and to

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The Midway YMCA will have its last race of the season on Saturday, January 9. Registration for the "Bandana Blitz" will be from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. at Bandana Square.

The race will begin at 9:00 a.m. on the Lake Como running path, a short distance from Bandana Square. The winners will be those runners closest to their pre-race predicted times in each of the 1.7-, 3.4- and 5.1-mile distances.

At about 10:00 a.m., there will be award presentations, a drawing and the serving of hot refreshments back at Bandana Square. Pre-registration is \$7.00, or \$10 the day of the race. Call Dave Kimball at the Midway Y (646-4557) for more information.

St. Thomas kickers named all-America

Jane Sandvik and Laure Schingen, members of the College of St. Thomas women's soccer team, were named last month to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-America Team.

Sandvik, a junior, was named to the first team of 11 players and Schingen, a sophomore, to the second team. Both players were also named to all-conference, all-region, and NCAA Final Four all-tournament teams.



It was too cold to water-ski on New Year's Day, so Donald "Dutch" Kosek didn't have much else to do but field questions from the swarms of journalists on hand for his annual aquatic derring-do at Hidden Falls Park. Kosek, a Shoreview resident, first skied on the Mississippi River on New Year's Day 29 years ago and has been forced to cancel his traditional outing only four other times. This year the ice was just too thick for Kosek and his fellow skiers from the Bald Eagle Water Ski Club to break through.

Nordic ski clinic conducted

Two cross-country ski clinics will be held this month at the Dodge Nature Center in West St. Paul. The clinics will begin with indoor sessions from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, January 11 and 12, covering such topics as equipment, clothing and waxing techniques.

Then, on Saturday, January 16, either from 10:00 a.m. to noon or 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., participants will view some movies and then learn a few

basic techniques outdoors. During the final session, held at the same hours on Saturday, January 23, the skiers will put all their knowledge together and tour the nature center's trails.

The clinic will cost \$15 and reservations are required. Participants must provide their own equipment for the outdoor sessions. For reservations or more information, call the Dodge Nature Center at 455-4531.

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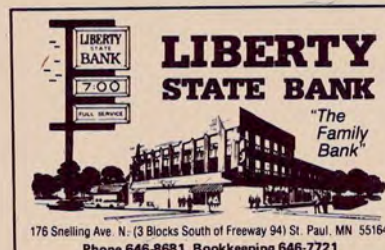
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College of St. Thomas right wing Jeff Sirek (right) got tangled up with a Mankato state defender in the Tommies' 2-0 victory on December 30.

St. Thomas hockey (cont'd from page 23)

dence level is higher than it has been in the past, a factor that makes a big difference on the ice. That confidence showed when Sirek talked about his four-goal performance against St. Olaf. "I think I could have scored more goals in that game, actually," he said. "I missed a couple of other good chances."

Coach Skrypek, who came to St. Thomas from high school powerhouse Hill-Murray, said that while Sirek is definitely the one with "the hot hand" these days, he has been even more impressed with the intensity Sirek has shown this season.

"He comes to practice ready to play," Skrypek said. "And he comes to games ready to play. He works hard and demands a lot of himself. He's helped us a lot killing penalties and he's been real good on power plays. I'm impressed with him as a player and as a person. He doesn't take anything second-rate from himself or from other players."

Sirek credits the other players on his line for much of his improvement, saying they read each other well and have been comfortable playing together. He said there is also a strong sense of unity on this year's team, a quality that will be crucial as the

pressure builds later in the season.

As for working under a new coach, Sirek said the players didn't need to make much of an adjustment after five-year coach Terry Abram departed and Skrypek came aboard.

"Their styles are really similar," he said. "They're both excellent coaches. Abram helped build a strong winning tradition at St. Thomas and Skrypek is carrying it on. The thing about Skrypek is that he's real efficient. He gets a lot done during practice time. I think, though, that his strongest asset is that he's real good with the players."

For Skrypek, the change from high school coaching to college meant upgrading his techniques. "In high school you could get by teaching the fundamentals," he said. "You could have a winning team by just having them cover the basics well. The maturity level is different in college. The pace of the game is faster. A more sophisticated approach is necessary."

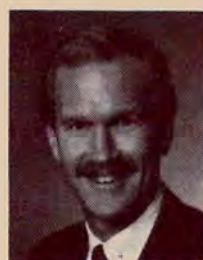
The Tommies have been doing extremely well over the past five years, prompting talk about moving St. Thomas to Division I, which

would put the school in a league with the likes of the University of Minnesota and UMD.

Skrypek said there would be advantages and drawbacks to such a move. "A Division I standing would undoubtedly increase interest in the program, both for players and the community," he said. "But Division I also means big business. You have to go out and offer scholarships. Right now I think our hockey program reflects more the true essence of the sport. It isn't a money game. No one is being paid to play here."

Sirek also sees the good and bad points of moving to Division I. "You look at how many great hockey players come out of this state, and yet until St. Cloud changed its program we had only two Division I schools," he said. "I think Michigan has around eight Division I colleges." But Sirek also recognizes that the leap from Division III to I is a big one, and that the competition would be very tough for a school the size of St. Thomas.

For now, the Tommies are content to compete in Division III, and to build up its reputation as one of the best hockey programs in the state.



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THE OLD YEAR IN REVIEW

The year 1987 is dead and gone, and old calendars can be found in trash cans all across the town.

No, the coming of the new year just doesn't mean all that it meant to me when I was younger. But one thing the new year is still good for is the opportunity it gives me to look back at the last 12 months and recognize those achievements, both sporting and otherwise, that made the old year worth remembering. Chances are you haven't forgotten all of these great moments, but just in case:

Outstanding moment of the year—Tim Laudner picks Darrel Evans off third base in Game 4 of the American League Championship Series, and that play sends the Twins on their way to the World Series. I'll never forget Gary Gaetti's tag.

First runner-up—The Twins' triumphant return to the Dome after defeating Detroit for the American League pennant. While technically not a sporting event, it was truly memorable. The show of Kleenex among the teary-eyed thousands in the stands rivaled the rippling white sea of Homer Hankies in the ensuing World Series.

Second runner-up—Dan Gladden's grand slam in Game 1 of the World Series. The resounding cheers that I remember make it a clean sweep for the Twins.

Honorable mentions—Former Cretin High School quarterback Steve Walsh guides the University of Miami football team through an undefeated season and on to a national championship with a 20-14 win over Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl; Keith Smart's last-second basket to win the NCAA title for Bobby Knight's Indiana Hoosiers; Larry Mize's miraculous chip-in on the 74th hole to win the Masters; any of Jerry Rice's 23 touchdown receptions (in only 12 games) for the San Francisco '49ers this fall; Kent Hrbek's home run in Game 6 of the World Series; and, finally, the view (mine and my kids') from atop Beartooth Pass in the Montana Rockies this past summer. Not as big as any of the Twins' postseason victories, but breathtaking nonetheless.

High school highlights—St. Paul Academy wins its second straight boys' state soccer title with a 2-1 overtime win over Wayzata; Highland Park's boys' basketball team goes all the way to the regional finals; Central wins the conference football crown before bowing to Hill Murray in the playoffs; Cretin-Derham Hall's Margaret Nowlin is named to three different preseason high school all-American basketball teams; any one of the several St. Paul Central-Minneapolis North boys' basketball games.

Best movie of the year—*Hoosiers*. Also the best sports movie of all time. *Broadcast News* is a close second. Albert Brooks cracks me up.

Worst movie of the year—*Throw Momma from the Train*. The two most excruciating hours I've spent since I last got my teeth cleaned.

Best Cody I-told-you-so's—"The Cleveland Indians are still located in Cleveland. Fifth place." (Written last April, my prediction was slightly off. The Indians did even worse, after being heralded by some experts as contenders for the pennant in '87.) And "I've got a feeling... that San Francisco's gonna win it all." (Written last September, this NFL forecast is about to come true.)

Worst Cody I-told-you-so's—"The Twins will never win a divisional title with Nieto, Laudner and Salas behind the plate." (Okay, so I was wrong on that one from last March.) "You won't see New Orleans or Indianapolis in the NFL playoffs." (I guess I goofed on that September prediction, too.)

Best pizza of the year—What's the difference? I never had a bad one.

Best sports book—*Season on the Brink* about Bobby Knight, coach of the Indiana University basketball team.

Worst Twins fan—Jaime Sherwood, a local resident who claims he doesn't own a single Twins souvenir.

Biggest steps forward—Viking Chris Doleman's emergence as an All-Pro defensive end; Central and Highland Park merge their prep hockey teams (a great move, long overdue); Greg Gagne becomes a full-fledged major-league shortstop; Kirstie Alley replaces Shelly Long on "Cheers."

Most over-rated events—No contest here: The local TV stations' self-serving, live-from-a-St. Paul-tavern coverage of

the Twins and their fans. A distant second: a tie between Herb Brooks' hiring by the North Stars and Clem Haskins' hyping of the Gophers' lousy non-conference opponents.

WAS IT LIVE, OR WAS IT...

I attended the Vikings' regular-season finale versus the Washington Redskins at the Dome for two reasons. First, the ticket was free and it was a great seat. Second, I had to see for myself if the NFL was still playing its games live. You see, I had formulated a theory that there really wasn't a professional football league this year, that the entire league schedule was actually being carried out in a television studio somewhere, like Elliott Gould did with a moon landing in the movie *Capricorn One*.

It was my first excursion to the Dome since Game 2 of the World Series, and while it's hardly fair to compare the exuberance of fans at the two contests, the difference was glaring. The crowd at the Vikings game was comparatively quiet, with most of the noise attributable to the lips and large lungs of one horn blower.

While the Vikings were losing to the Redskins, 27-24 in overtime, I developed a few other theories concerning live (versus televised) football. Even though our seats at the Dome were terrific (in the eighth row on the 35-yard line behind the Skins' bench), I never felt like I was seeing the full play. Maybe I've grown too accustomed to seeing every play on television three times via instant replay.

The live version of the game suffers in a few other areas as well. The lines in the bathrooms were longer at the Dome than at my home, and the popcorn there is vastly inferior to the home version. Commercials, while boring on TV, are even worse in person; nothing happens in the NFL until the TV guy with the red gloves tells the refs that the Miller Lite ad is over.

On the other hand, at the Dome I got a close look at some of the hitting that goes on in professional football. Watching television, it's difficult to appreciate just how large and quick these gentlemen are. It was also refreshing to see a game without the benefit of John Madden and Company telling me *why* this or that happened. It just happened.

JOHNSON REINSTATED

After his controversial suspension and termination, former Highland Park girls' volleyball coach Steve Johnson has been reinstated by the St. Paul School Board. At the end of a six-hour meeting in mid-December, the board ruled favorably on the appeal Johnson filed through his union. Johnson had been suspended early last fall by Highland Park principal Nancy Nielsen, and then was fired when he violated the terms of his suspension.

"It all started with a couple of Como Park girls who wanted to come to Highland," Johnson said after the ruling. "The two girls in question had gone to Washington Junior High and had expressed an interest in attending Highland. It's important to point out that what I did (in dealing with the girls' enrollment forms) was found to be proper in the end. It was awfully frustrating to sit back and watch my team play without me. It was bad news to have something taken away from me improperly."

Johnson will receive full back pay, and all records of his suspension will be removed from the files. "I plan to coach volleyball next year," he said. "Whether or not it's at Highland has yet to be determined. I'm not sure whose decision that will be."

CENTRAL, CRETIN FRESHMEN TRIUMPH

Central High School's girls and Cretin-Derham Hall's boys took home first-place trophies in the City Conference's 9th-grade basketball tournaments over the holidays. In the girls' tourney, Larry Brown's Minutemaid's escaped a comeback bid by Cretin-Derham Hall, edging the Dollies 54-50 after leading by as many as 15 points earlier in the contest. Guard Joanne Holbert led the way for Central, pumping in 25 points, including 11 of 15 attempts from the free-throw line. The boards were controlled by Central's Amy Hamlin and Freda Owen, and guard Pat Cummings contributed 10 points and six assists to the victory. Top performers for Cretin-Derham were Jenny Haig, Kristin Bellus and Kelly Kneeland.

In the boys' tourney, Randy Muetzel's Cretin-Derham team defeated Central 56-55 on Matt McDonagh's free throw with three seconds to play, capping a second-half comeback that saw the Raiders overcome a nine-point deficit. Central's Bobby Lewis had tied the game with a three-pointer with only 10 seconds to play, but McDonagh inbounded the ball and raced down the court before being fouled. McDonagh led all scorers with 20 points. The Raiders' Isreal Moses added 14, while Henry Davis (19), Lewis (14) and Sean Woodbury (12) led the way for Central.

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