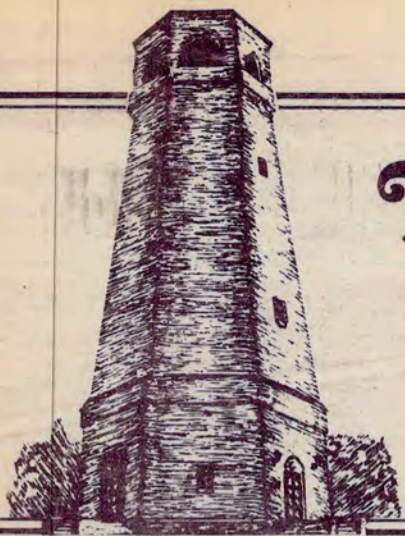


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## Support growing for additional hearings on air traffic plan

by Jane McClure

Highland Park and South Minneapolis residents who would be affected by a controversial air traffic redistribution plan deserve another chance to be heard, according to Jeff Hamiel, executive director of the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC). Hamiel said a recommendation was expected to be

made at the MAC meeting on Monday, November 20, to schedule public meetings in Highland and South Minneapolis for additional input on the redistribution plan. Such a motion would ease residents' fears that the plan would be adopted by MAC that evening, he said. It would also give St. Paul anti-noise

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## Edgcumbe neighbors seek to block school's sale until lawsuit heard

by John Rosengren

A group of 86 Highland Park residents have filed a lawsuit in U. S. District Court to stop the St. Paul School Board from selling the former Edgcumbe School and the 3.7 acres it stands on to the Talmud Torah Academy, a private, Jewish elementary school at 636 S. Mississippi River Blvd.

The suit claims that selling

the school property at Hamline Avenue and Ford Parkway would be "unconscionably advantageous" to the Talmud Torah, while being "detrimental to the interests of the public." The plaintiffs argue that the sale would violate constitutional guarantees providing for the separation of church and state.

The School Board has

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PHOTOS BY MIKE LONG

Talmud Torah Academy students who have been studying Native American culture for the past month put their books away last Friday for a look at the real thing: a performance by the Two Rivers drum and dance group from



the Minneapolis American Indian Center. Dino Dovenwind, 12, of the Ojibway tribe, performed a grass dance (left), and Nicole Anderson, 11, also an Ojibway, chose a student to join her in a traditional dance (right).

## Advocate for elderly spreads her message via airwaves

by Leslie Walters

"I'm not aging, I'm ripening."

So reads a poster prominently displayed in the Summit Avenue home of Jean Remke. The words are writer Meridel LeSueur's, and they reflect Remke's outlook on life. Remke, 64, was a wife, mother and community volunteer before starting a career in psychotherapy at age 50. For the past 18 months, she has been hosting a live, weekly radio program on KFAI, a community-supported station at 90.3 FM.

Called "Getting Older, Getting Better," Remke's show portrays the up side of aging, highlighting the experiences and accomplishments of older people while providing a forum for their concerns.

Getting older isn't easy in a youth-oriented culture, Remke said. Most people as they age experience the difficulties that come with an older body and mind, she explained. But in the United States, they are also subjected to the prejudice of a whole society. Ageism, or the practice of discriminating against people

on the basis of their age, is rampant in this country, Remke said, despite the fact that the number of people over age 65 is getting larger every year.

Broadcast from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. every Monday, Remke's show is aimed at making life easier for older people by providing them with useful information and by helping to change listeners' perceptions of aging. The life of a senior citizen can be isolating, Remke said, "and it's important that we stay connected. (The radio show) is a way to see and affirm ourselves through our peers."

Remke's view of aging hasn't always been so enlightened. Until quite recently, she held what she described as the stereotypical view of getting older. "I considered most older folks caught in a time lag," she recalled. She found older women in particular "uninteresting and to be avoided at all costs."

Older people tended to be querulous and narrow-minded, and they talked a lot about illnesses and operations, Remke remembered thinking. She used to believe that a person's life was pretty much over after age

### Aging, with its ups and downs and starts and stops, gives one the wisdom to survive, Remke said.

60. "I'm astonished, but that was my perception," she said.

What changed Remke's outlook was "Whispers Minnesota," a performance art project that showcased the visions and voices of older women. "Whisper really did its job on me," she chuckled.

Remke helped organize the project, which was one of the first local efforts to portray a more upbeat image of what it means to grow older. Well-received by Twin Cities

audiences, "Whispers" eventually toured the state.

With "Whispers," Remke began to really listen to older people for the first time in her life, and she was deeply affected by their stories of courage and strength. "Contrary to popular belief, I found older people full of plans, energy and dreams well into their late 80s," she said.

Remke recalled being particularly moved by one project participant, an older woman who completely started over after a divorce at age 55. "This was a very painful thing for her," Remke said. "Yet she turned it into the best time of her life by finding new strength in living."

Aging makes that possible, Remke added. With its ups and downs and starts and stops, it gives one the wisdom to survive.

Since growing older, Remke has experienced her share of ageism. Changing careers at age 50, she was turned down by one master's degree program in psycho-

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therapy that refused to accept older people. So Remke proceeded to Loyola University in Chicago and graduated to a job market fraught with preconceptions about the capabilities of an older person. After so many potential employers found someone "more suitable" or "better qualified," Remke began to feel victimized by age discrimination.

"Many younger supervisors think older female employees will have trouble accepting teaching and supervision," Remke said.

Two people that influenced Remke's thinking about aging were Margaret Peterson, a retired social worker and an activist in the area of medical ethics, and Evelyn Deno, an advocate of universal health care. Peterson is in her late 60s, and Deno, a Highland area resident, is almost 80. Growing older has only made their voices clearer, more commanding and knowledgeable, Remke said.

"Frankly, I was surprised at how much I liked these older women," Remke said. "Quite simply, I was transformed by their awesome power and vitality."

Remke's radio show has dealt with such issues as health options, personal finances, insurance, retirement planning and retirement homes. She has discussed universal health care with Deno, the Gray Panthers with members Grace Warfield and Ann Gerike, and the 20-year history of the Honeywell Project with founder and peace activist Mary Davidov. Sometimes Remke will simply read aloud over the air from a book that may be of interest to senior citizens, like May Sarton's *At Seventy*.

One of Remke's favorite guests was the retired California firefighter who got tangled up with the U.S. Border Patrol and the State Department for supplying clothes, books and toys to Nicaraguan children. "I look for people who are really committed to making the world a different place," she said.



Jean Remke's own career could serve as a model for the message she delivers each week as host of the radio show, "Getting Older, Getting Better."

"While there's a strength and beauty in growing older, the real key to success (in aging) is being committed to something beyond oneself," Remke said.

Older people have the experience and wisdom of age, and many of them are free of the routine pressures and responsibilities of a career and family, she explained. They can apply their energies to bigger issues and a better future. But there is a catch. Getting

older, Remke said, "means getting excited about something you may not be around to see."

One of the most difficult aspects of growing older is the dissonance inside and out, Remke said. It's like having the curiosity, energy and spontaneity of a 16-year-old tempered by the behavior and physical capabilities of an older person, she explained.

"High heels and strapless dresses, no mat-

ter how you yearn for them, are no longer an option," she laughed.

Remke's initial dealings with KFAI reflected that discord. Hand delivering her annual contribution to the public radio station, she inquired if the station had any openings. "They automatically pegged me for senior coverage," Remke recalled. "I was dumbfounded that even this progressive radio station reacted in such a typical way."

It was ironic, agreed KFAI general manager Bill Palladino, but also fortuitous, since "Getting Older, Getting Better" has proved to be a popular program and is definitely filling a need. "And Jean is here to constantly remind station personnel that we're all getting older," he joked.

But if Remke is pleased with her program's success, she's also increasingly concerned about society's ignorance and apathy in the area of aging, particularly among the young. Since "Whispers," she has remained active in a variety of ways to help re-educate people about aging. Periodically, she will join senior citizens visiting a college campus or community center to conduct panels and workshops on the pleasures and productivity of growing older.

"I'm always surprised to hear myself described as an activist," Remke said. "I just can't believe more people aren't speaking out and doing things to promote a better understanding and acceptance of growing older."

Young people, once exposed to the ideas of the aging movement, seem to find it interesting, Remke said. "And by spotlighting and validating older people's experiences and voices, we can do much to illuminate the way for our youth," she added.

"The numbers are on our side," Remke said. "As more and more people get older, it's inevitable that we'll see more interest."

# Air traffic redistribution plan (cont'd from page 1)

activists and elected officials more time to prepare arguments against the plan, which would more than triple the number of planes flying over Highland Park.

The question for MAC is whether sending more air traffic over Highland Park will provide relief to noise-plagued South Minneapolis neighborhoods. The results of a six-month trial of the redistribution plan, which ended last January, have been debated since late last summer, causing a bitter division between St. Paul and Minneapolis officials.

The controversy gained

momentum last month when the Metropolitan Aircraft Sound Abatement Council (MASAC) voted in favor of permanently implementing the redistribution plan. The MASAC recommendation was sent to the full airports commission on November 6, where the matter was expected to be referred to MAC's Planning and Environment Committee for further study. But in a surprise move, the committee members voted to forward the MASAC recommendation on to the full commission without the benefit of a public hearing.

"It was a complete surprise to everybody," said Craig Wruck, a St. Paul representative on MASAC and co-chair of the St. Paul Airport Noise Coalition (SPANCO). Wruck, like others from the community, didn't bother to attend the November 6 MAC meeting because the air traffic redistribution plan wasn't expected to be discussed.

The committee's action went against a schedule that had been in place for two years, Wruck said. That timetable called for public hearings before the Planning and Environment Committee and MAC before the plan would

be sent to the Federal Aviation Administration for final approval.

"Even if they've heard it all before, they still have an obligation to hear us out," Wruck said.

MASAC recommendations are normally presented to MAC through a committee process, said Hamiel, which gives commission members and staff a chance to review the proposals. "This time, the Planning and Environment Committee basically appeared to sidestep the process," Hamiel said. "The intent was to have the entire commission hear public comment, rather

than just the committee."

One MAC member who now favors hearing more public comment is Sam Grais of St. Paul. That's a switch from his stance at the November 6 meeting, when Grais agreed to shuffle the MASAC recommendation along because he didn't expect to hear anything new from the citizenry.

"I think we ought to okay it," Grais had said about the redistribution plan. "I think we ought to go ahead and tell them (the residents) to start suing us."

But a few days after the meeting, Grais said he had

changed his mind. "I've thought about it, and I think it may be a good idea to have another hearing," he said. "I'd be tickled to death to sit and listen to people for five hours."

Grais suggested that those against the air traffic plan should "get off their hind ends" and push for alternatives, such as the extension of Runway 422, which is used by planes traveling over Highland Park. Extending the runway would enable planes to gain a higher altitude, and therefore be less

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# Scheibel's victory in mayoral race came as no surprise to his camp

by Roger Fuller

St. Paul's first actively contested mayoral election in 13 years came in like a lion last spring but went out like a lamb this month with an overwhelming win by Jim Scheibel.

John Mannillo, Scheibel's campaign treasurer, said the turning point in the election came last May when Scheibel won the Democratic Farmer Labor Party endorsement on the ninth and final ballot of the party's city convention.

"We were pretty nervous about that," Mannillo said. "Afterward we could breathe a little easier."

This year's mayoral race didn't attract nearly as much excitement as the one in 1976, when George Latimer was first elected, kicking off his 13½-year hold on the job. That contest attracted about 12,000 more voters and was decided by an approximately 2,300-vote margin. This year, Scheibel easily defeated Bob Fletcher by almost 8,000 votes.

Jean McGinley, a key worker on Latimer's 1976 campaign, said the two races were vastly different.

"I think this year there was an apathy I'd trace to the

**Despite the lopsided loss, Fletcher hasn't ruled out another run for mayor down the road.**

ward system or the parochialism that the system brings," McGinley said. "In 1976, before the ward system was adopted, we had citywide elections every two years. People came together to work to get their candidate endorsed at the DFL convention. This created an ongoing network of people throughout the city who worked together. George could tap that very easily."

"I think the Scheibel campaign reached out to different parts of the city," McGinley continued, "but not as effectively because the old network is no longer in place."

Tom Welna, Scheibel's campaign manager, said the final

months of the election were predictable.

"Jim had 45 percent of the voters in the primary, about 2 percent more than our pollster predicted," Welna said. "Our polling for the city election had it 51-36 with 13 percent undecided." The actual margin was 56.3 percent for Scheibel compared to 43.6 percent for Fletcher.

Fletcher said Scheibel's win was the result of voters' approval of the Latimer dynasty. "I think the votes show the public has been very satisfied with Latimer and is willing to accept Jim as the banner carrier into the next four years," Fletcher said.

Linda Fletcher said both she and her husband are taking the loss well. "We knew this would be an uphill battle, especially with a DFL-endorsed candidate," she said. "The past week, we've spent most of our time consoling our volunteers."

Despite the lopsided loss, Fletcher hasn't ruled out another run for mayor down the road. "I'm young enough to be George Latimer's son," he quipped. "In 1993, I'll be 38. There could easily be circumstances where the city would be more receptive to a change."

# Summit Hill residents Filice, Levy size up defeat in School Board race

by Roger Fuller

Summit Hill residents Greg Filice and Jeff Levy didn't fare well in the St. Paul School Board election this month, which was won by incumbent Eleanor Weber and Democratic Farmer Labor Party endorses Becky Montgomery and Bill Finney.

Filice attracted a modicum of attention during the campaign because his federal employment kept him from seeking DFL endorsement. "I might run again, but it will have to be on a more level playing field," Filice said.

Montgomery, Finney and Levy were listed on a DFL sample ballot that was distributed citywide and ran in prominent newspaper ads. Weber ran without party endorsement but was widely known due to her 15 years on the board.

"I think we accomplished a lot, considering the conditions we ran under," Filice said. "I was 1,668 votes be-

hind the third-place finisher (Weber), and the fifth-place finisher (Levy) was 3,400 votes behind me."

Levy said his campaign theme was based on providing more public access to the school system. "I think the two new members are good people," Levy said, "but I don't know if they understand the depth of frustration many people feel about the school administration."

"During the campaign, we heard talk about improving the image of the school system," he continued. "If you improve the public's access to what's going on, the image will improve by itself. David Bennett has some wonderful ideas as a school superintendent, but he could do a lot to improve the public's access to the system."

Becky Montgomery was the major success story of the School Board race. She finished third in the primary, about 2,000 votes out of first place, but was first in the

general election, edging out Finney by seven votes.

Ralph Brown, a long-time West Side community activist, explained how Montgomery's candidacy was created. "Last year, we decided it was time there was a West Sider on the School Board," Brown said. "Becky did not have a lot of experience in school affairs, but we thought her background in social work would be transferable." Montgomery works in the child protection unit of the state Department of Human Services.

Brown said Montgomery was aided by endorsements from both the DFL and St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly. "She also had a dedicated group of volunteers throughout the city," he said.

Brown added that Montgomery made a conscious effort to wage a positive campaign based on her position on school issues and she refrained from attacking Weber, the leading non-DFL endorsed candidate in the race.

# Air traffic plan (cont'd from page 2)

noisy by the time they fly over St. Paul.

Grais is a Highland Park resident and well aware of the noise problem. Still, he said MAC needs to provide relief to South Minneapolis neighborhoods where air traffic noise is "unbearable."

St. Paul City Councilmember Bob Long said he appreciates MAC's efforts to hear additional public comment on the air traffic plan. He said the action taken on November 6 "tends to undermine public confidence in the process."

Long and other St. Paul

officials have continually argued that a small measure of noise relief for South Minneapolis doesn't justify a three-fold increase over St. Paul. They would like MAC to consider an extension of Runway 422 and a proposal to reroute air traffic according to the population density beneath flight paths instead of the current redistribution proposal.

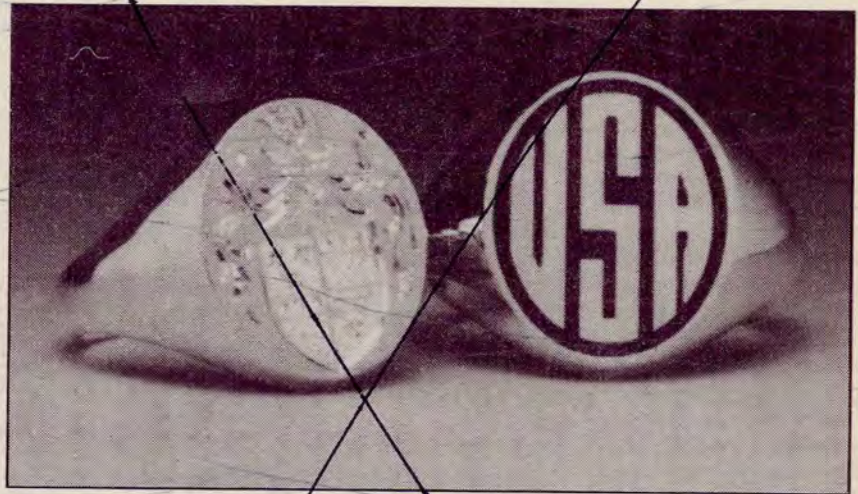
Long is also looking into concerns voiced by members of the air traffic controllers' union. They say sending more planes over Highland Park could have a negative im-

pact on the airports' routing of corporate aircraft to Holman Field near downtown St. Paul, Long said.

"If planes use Runway 14 at Holman, they will be under the flight path of Runway 422 at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport," Long said. The potential problems created by such a scenario could be compounded in bad weather.

Long said additional time and public meetings will ensure that the union's concerns and alternatives to the air traffic redistribution plan are heard.

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"By giving a reduction of more than half of the market value, this sweetheart deal enables Talmud Torah, a religious institution, to profit and prosper at public expense," said George May, 1302 Ford Pkwy., an attorney for the plaintiffs.

The suit also charges Superintendent David Bennett and the entire School Board with malfeasance for authorizing the sale. Residents claiming that the School Board violated the state's open meeting law by negotiating the sale in secret.

Last week, the Talmud Torah and the School Board, in separate briefs, denied all of the allegations outlined in the lawsuit. Attorneys for both parties wrote that the complaint ought to be dismissed on the grounds that the plaintiffs, as a group, had no legal standing to file the suit and that the action was premature because it came before the close of the sale, which is scheduled for February 1. Talmud Torah Board president Sheila Godes would not comment on the lawsuit, and Bennett could not be reached.

May doubts that the issue can be resolved out of court. "We're very determined to prevent this sale," May said. The residents plan to seek a preliminary injunction to block the closing of the sale until their lawsuit is heard.

The School Board offered to sell the Edgcumbe property to the Talmud Torah this summer as part of a three-way compromise. By agreeing to the sale, the School Board was offered a chance to buy the former Derham Hall High School building from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet for \$1.8 million.

But neighbors of the former Edgcumbe School immediately opposed the sale of the public land to a private institution, fearing they would lose a parcel of open, recreational space—a rare commodity in the Highland Park area.

The School Board approved the sale at its September meeting, at which time Mayor George Latimer presented a shared-use agreement that had been signed by the Talmud Torah and the city. Latimer said the document would ensure that residents could continue to use the Edgcumbe property for recreational purposes when it was not needed by the Talmud Torah. A clause in the agreement, however, stated that if a lawsuit were filed against the sale of the property, the Talmud Torah could render the agreement null and void. The Talmud Torah exercised that option and the agreement, at this stage, is no longer in effect.

Ward 3 City Councilmember Bob Long, who had been negotiating revisions in the shared-use document, said the purchase agreement

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ought to be amended to include the shared-use language if the sale does go through. Long said he will urge the School Board to approve a shared-use agreement that is not contingent upon a lawsuit.

"If the lawsuit fails, there will be no protection for the public," Long said. "It's not good public policy to let a lawsuit render the agreement null and void because the School Board cannot prevent a suit from being filed."

The School Board has agreed to tear down the former Edgcumbe School building if the Talmud Torah decides to build a new one, or to remove any asbestos from the building if the private school plans to use the structure. The plaintiffs said the additional terms of the sale would benefit the Talmud Torah at taxpayers' expense, which they claim is a violation of both the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution and of the sectarian school clause of the Minnesota Constitution.

The School Board's response to the sale, however, states that it would be unlikely for a judge to rule that the sale of the property violated any constitutional rights. School Board members are also entitled to legislative immunity.

If the School Board's sale of the Edgcumbe School site is closed as scheduled, the Southwest Area Team of the St. Paul Police Department, which is headquartered in the building, will have to find a new home.

The police department received notice from the School Board two months ago that the Southwest Area Team will be evicted effective December 9. An eviction at that early date would have forced the team to relocate outside the Highland Park area, Long said. But Long was able to negotiate an agreement with the Talmud Torah and the school district that will allow the police to stay in the old Edgcumbe School until September 1. If the building is sold on February 1, the police will rent space from the Talmud Torah at a cost similar to the existing rent paid to the school district.

Meanwhile, the City Council is discussing building and site plans for a new headquarters for the Southwest Area Team. So far, the favored option is to build an annex to the Highland Park Golf Course clubhouse at Montreal and Hamline avenues. The police station would cost approximately \$400,000 to construct, Long said.

# Building trust behind bars

**Amicus director dedicates her days to finding friends for prison inmates**

by Rosie O'Brien

Louise Wolfgramm believes in the value of friendship. It's part of her job. For the past 16 years, she has been the executive director of Amicus, an organization dedicated to establishing friendships between prison inmates and people on the outside.

The Osceola Avenue resident comes by her interest in prisons honestly. Her father, John Conrad, is considered one of the world's leading authorities in the field of corrections.

When Wolfgramm was born in 1947 in San Francisco, her father was a psychiatric social worker at San Quentin prison. He later became director of research for the California Department of Corrections and also received a grant to study the prison system in Great Britain.

"I had a lot of exposure from my early years with the corrections system," Wolfgramm said.

The family went to live in England while Conrad studied, and when they returned Conrad went to work for the Federal Board of Corrections.

"For the last part of his career, my father has been a writer, consultant and expert witness on the corrections system," Wolfgramm said. "His career has obviously affected mine, but I never thought I would get into this."

"What I saw growing up were a lot of really good people who came into the field and hoped to make a difference," she said. "They came in because they wanted to help people, but it's hard to do from that part of the system. I could see why it was hard for an inmate to trust the person who was part of the system."

Shortly after Wolfgramm arrived in Minnesota, she saw a television ad for Amicus, telling about how inmates had so much time on their hands and needed help from a friend.

"It all came together for me," she said. "In that 30-second public service announcement, it all came into focus and I just knew that this was what I wanted to do."

The mission of Amicus is to "provide hope

to the community and to the inmate that there can be a reconciliation," Wolfgramm said. "Amicus says, 'If you are interested in changing your lifestyle, we'll support you.' It's in the best interest of the inmate, the victim and the community. It costs a lot of money to keep people in prison."

"Our objective is not to say that we have all the answers," Wolfgramm said, "but we feel if they can get help, job assistance, chemical dependency counseling, they will be on their way. But if they don't have anybody here who cares, then it's hard. We try to provide the link back to the community. We provide the role model."

Amicus serves all the prisons in Minnesota—Lino Lakes, Oak Park Heights, Stillwater and Shakopee—by matching a volunteer with an inmate in order to establish a friendship. Volunteers are asked to commit a year's worth of their time and to visit the inmate at least once a month. No one has quit the program after only a year, however, Wolfgramm said. There are currently 125 volunteers working with Amicus and a waiting list of about 35 male inmates.

The strength of the program lies in how well the inmates and the volunteers are matched, Wolfgramm said. "Any potential candidate would make a good volunteer if the match is made appropriately," she explained.

Those who want to become a volunteer in the program go through a lengthy interviewing process. They are first asked to fill out an application and to supply at least two character references, which are always checked. A staff person then does a preliminary interview with the volunteer, explaining all the ins and outs of the program. The next step is a personal interview with Wolfgramm. She makes it a point to do the final interviews herself so she can stay in touch with who is involved in the program, Wolfgramm said.

"I first make sure they have had all their questions answered, and then I ask them to talk about themselves—take it from the beginning to where they are now," she said.

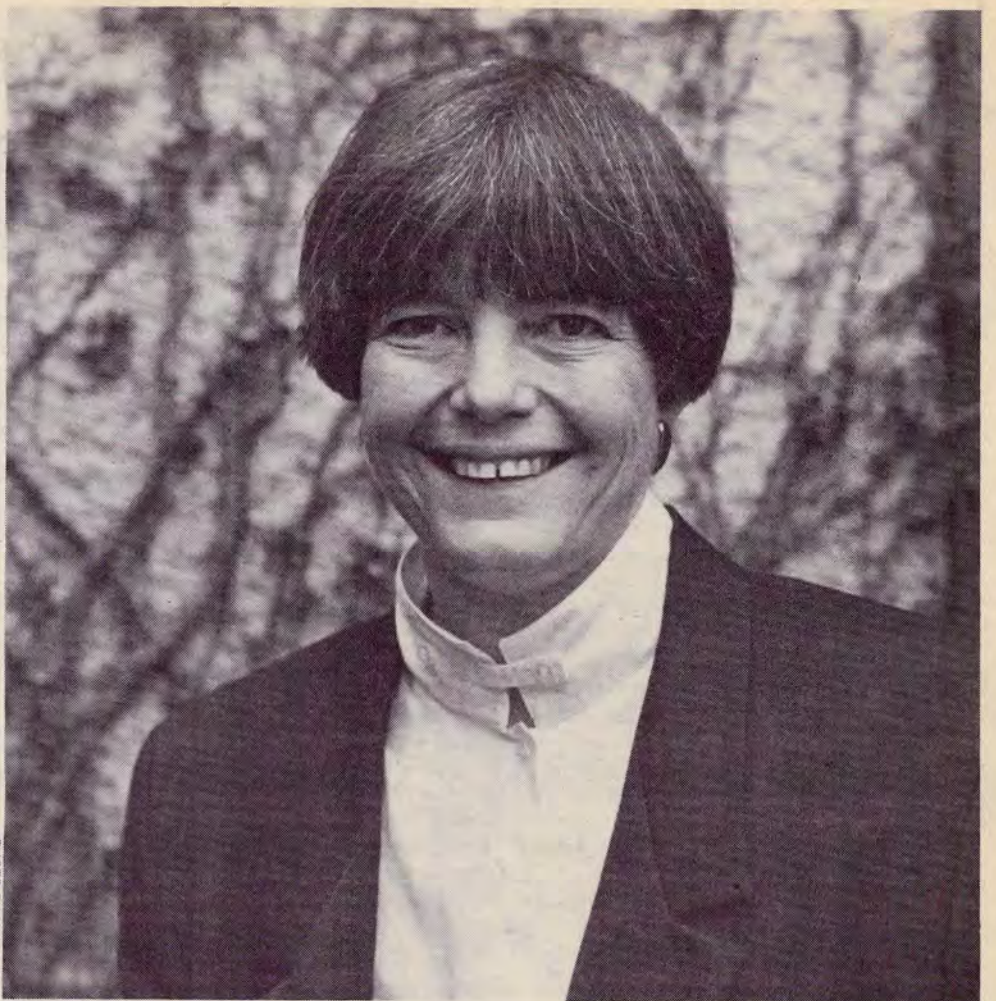


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Louise Wolfgramm has served as the executive director of Amicus for 16 of its 22 years.

"I try to get them to give me as much of a flavor of their childhood and family life as possible. Not that it's scientific. I am not a psychologist, but the information helps to explain why they have made the decisions they have."

"The (volunteers) are wonderful," she added. "It is interesting, too, how people tell their stories. Some go into detail about their life and take you step by step through the details of their family."

How a person tells the story of his or her life gives Wolfgramm a good idea of their orientation to living. "This gives me a very good clue as to what kind of inmate they will be matched with," she said. "Some people like to be where the action is. They want to see that they have an impact. Others are more feeling-oriented and don't need to see big changes."

In an interview, she continued, "I am looking for their passions. For some it may be religion and we have to explore that. If they are going to be proselytizing, then we refer them to another program. For others, their passions may be work or people. I'm thinking of one woman who is impulsive, decisive, quick-minded and needs someone who can keep up with her."

The inmates are interviewed in a similar

manner by an Amicus staff person, Wolfgramm said.

Amicus volunteers are asked what kind of inmates they would like to be matched with in terms of age and race and if the nature of the inmate's crime is a concern. Volunteers can work with inmates who are just about to get out of prison or with those who will be in for a long time.

Wolfgramm, who is a member of Unity Church on Holly Avenue and president of its board of directors, said the motivation of the volunteers varies. An interesting observation she has made is that almost 60 percent of the volunteers are Roman Catholic.

"There are a number of themes of why volunteers volunteer," she said. "One is, 'There but for the grace of God go I,' and the other is Matthew: 25, which says, 'I was in prison and you visited me.' And then there is the approach that says, 'This makes sense. I want to help my community and my fellow man, and this is a way in which I can help. I see that I can have an impact on one individual.'"

Informational meetings are held without obligation to those wishing to find out more about Amicus. The next meetings will be held the evenings of November 28 and December 14. To register, call the Amicus office at 348-8570.

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# Viewpoint

## Editor's notes

### Where the need is greatest parking program fails most

by Michael Mischke

Parking—otherwise known as the “P” word by neighborhood businesses and the residents who live next door, across the street or across the alley—has drawn increased attention hereabouts since the city of St. Paul’s recent announcement of a new program designed to alleviate parking shortages in neighborhood commercial areas. The Neighborhood Commercial Parking Program, which is administered by the city’s Department of Planning and Economic Development, will make grants and loans available to business owners and commercial property developers for constructing or improving shared parking facilities.

“Inadequate parking in neighborhoods has been a bottle neck in commercial growth,” said Warren Hanson, PED’s deputy director for neighborhood development. “This program is intended to reduce conflict between residential and commercial parking needs and traffic congestion due to parking shortages. It will also make older commercial neighborhood more competitive with newer commercial areas.”

According to the program guidelines, grants will be limited to \$200,000 per project and must be matched one-to-one by private donations of land, cash or payments by special assessments. Applicants who are required to operate and maintain the shared parking facilities, may include business associations and commercial property owners as well as business owners and for-profit as well as non-profit developers.

So far so good. If you’re like most people you’d call it a commendable effort on the part of the city; a sign of renewed interest in the needs of neighborhood commerce after a decade of downtown development; the promise of at least a partial solution to a problem whose economics have long daunted local residents, small business owners, their landlords as well as city fathers.

Unfortunately, such is not the case. What isn’t being said as the city trots out the new program before local business groups is that, of the \$1.2 million available for the grant program in 1989-90, only \$200,000 has been set aside for commercial districts in anything other than low-income areas. The remaining \$1 million is federal UDAG money, whose attached strings restrict their expenditure to commercial areas whose abutting census tracts place the neighborhood below a prescribed average household income level.

The program also requires that a “significant” increase in off-street parking result from the expenditure of these funds, which in all but a few areas in this fully developed part of town, would require the demolition of existing structures. Even if that were desirable, local commercial property values and the construction costs associated with parking lots make the \$200,000 available little more than a drop in the bucket.

The fact is, in the relatively affluent Highland Park, Macalester-Groveland and Summit Hill neighborhoods of St. Paul, the program is probably doomed to fail in all but one instance: the proposed shared parking facility near the corner of Randolph Avenue and Snelling avenues. A newly reconstituted business association there has already been told that its proposal is first in line for the parking program funds. That project, which would replace one dilapidated residence and one vacant parcel with a new parking lot for 18 to 20 cars, is expected to come in at about \$200,000, half of which the city funds would pay for. Should the adjoining commercial structure also become available, you can figure on doubling those costs, leaving nothing left in the kitty for other pressing parking issues in the southwestern quarter of St. Paul.

Though the Randolph-Snelling lot deserves—and has received—unqualified support from the business and residential communities, it’s clear that the program that will make it possible is woefully inadequate. What the city has really created is a funding source designed to spur for the demolition of vacant or under-used commercial properties in low-income business districts where the current amount of parking is perceived as a problem. Problem is, parking is most often an issue in successful, high-trafficked and relatively high-income areas like Highland-Snelling and the Grand and Grand Avenue.

But hey, it’s the holidays. Let’s be charitable, give the city the benefit of the doubt, and say nice try.

On the other hand, if St. Paul is serious about addressing the parking problems in these local commercial centers, it ought to go back to the drawing board posthaste.

*Editor’s note: The above was adapted from Michael Mischke’s “Publisher’s Notes” in the December edition of the Grand Gazette.*

## On blessings counted (and recounted)

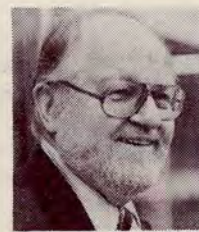
None of us should need a special day to express our gratitude to God for all the gifts we’ve received from Him; it should be an everyday occurrence. But, human nature being what it is, it’s helpful to have the special emphasis that comes with an annual observance set aside for thanksgiving. May your gathering on that day be a happy one!

**I imagine Mayor-elect Jim Scheibel is properly thankful that the long campaign is now history and that he came out with a comfortable win. Very comfortable, when compared to the neck-and-neck race and recount experienced by Bill Wilson and Roy Garza. As of this writing, the St. Paul City Council has not yet had a close look at the 11 contested ballots, which could tip the scales one way or the other. Whether one or the other candidate will have something special to be grateful for on Thanksgiving Day remains to be seen. More likely, there’s still a court battle ahead.**

I was going to make the point that the soon-to-be-installed City Council was bound to be the greenest of all time in St. Paul in terms of years of council experience. Janice Rettman, with two terms; Tom Dimond, Roger Goswitz and Bob Long, with one; and Roy Garza, Paula Maccabee and Dave Thune, as newcomers, gave the council just 10 years of prior experience over seven members. Put Wilson in there instead of Garza and the years of council service immediately double to 20. But it’s still a relatively green bunch.

**There’s room for a lot of gratitude in the fact that the Berlin Wall has been fractured and made all but meaningless. How far freedom will be allowed to go in these Eastern Bloc countries remains to be seen. Forced to operate within a Socialist framework, some of these countries will find that political freedom cannot really function very well without the benefit of a marked degree of economic freedom. The transit these countries are trying to make is a tough one, and will no doubt be subject to some interim failures.**

Some people at the University of Minnesota are perhaps thankful that the Luther Darville case is over, and that the coaches were not implicated to any great extent. It would seem that based on the limited success the university has experienced in recent years, in both football and basketball, we’re either not paying enough or we’re not getting our money’s worth. Seriously, what are we going to do with the monster we call Division I major-college football and basketball? Some of these same problems also pertain to Division II. Actually, the only real student-athletes to be found anymore are in Division III—schools like St. Thomas, Macalester, Hamline and the like—where sports are still played for sheer enjoyment. That, of course, is the way this whole intercollegi-



## Misch-Masch

by Maurice Mischke

ate competition was at the beginning, before it got utterly out of hand.

Even in the days of coach Bernie Beerman, the vast majority of the U of M players came from Minnesota, western Wisconsin (Pug Lund of Rice Lake comes to mind) eastern South Dakota (Urban Odson, for instance) and once in a while from Chicago. (Remember Leo Nomellini?) These athletes were treated pretty well, with good jobs made available in the Twin Cities thanks to prominent alumni. Naturally, the players had to do very little work for their money during the football season. Heck, they didn’t have enough time. But presumably, they came closer to earning their paychecks during summers and the off-season. Some of these alumni-sponsors may have gone a bit overboard, but we never heard much about it. Often, the player wound up working for the firm after he graduated. And in those days, some of them did.

Now, there seems to be no limit to cross-country recruiting, other than the restrictions on it placed by the NCAA. And you have so many outstanding black athletes whose resources, on the average, are even more limited than most of the potential white recruits. A certain number of plane tickets to visit a few campuses seems to be legal. But when the athlete arrives to go to school, the coaches can’t even make a trip out to the airport or provide taxi fare. Does that make sense? And if the athlete’s father, mother or grandparent dies, he isn’t supposed to be given any money to attend the funeral.

**If the NCAA isn’t going to make any allowances for cross-country plane fare, maybe they should frown on all cross-country recruiting. Unfortunately, that would make it even tougher for schools like the U of M to compete. So many of the good players come from states in the South and a bit to the East—states like Texas, Ohio and Pennsylvania.**

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## The Village Post



### Don’t blame IRs

Dear editor:

As co-chair of the Independent-Republican Party in the Highland Park and Macalester-Groveland community (District 64B), I read Michael Mischke’s comments in the November 8th issue about the local IRs with interest.

I do not believe the IR endorsement can be blamed for recent local election results, any more than the Democratic endorsement is the sole cause of a string of losses produced by recent Democratic presidential candidates. I am confident we will elect a local IR before a Democrat takes over the White House.

I expect a full slate of qualified, energetic, positive IR candidates for the 1990 election. They will provide competitive, issue-based elections, with winning results here in our neighborhood, St. Paul and statewide, not unlike Senator Dave Durenberger’s victory in 1988.

Unfortunately, Mr. Mischke is correct in his observation that some IRs have “voted with their feet” by moving to Mendota Heights or other suburbs. But the voters here in St. Paul are intelligent enough to realize this is due, in part, to misguided DFL policies of ultra-high taxation, government over-regulation and special-interest projects at the expense of the general public.

Kenneth M. Schaefer  
2151 Berkeley Ave.

### Questioning the implications

Dear editor:

Mr. Maurice Mischke, in his column on daily competition paying year-round dividends in the November 8 issue of the *Highland Villager*, wrote about the Minneapolis paper’s story on the “fire industry that has been flourishing over the years in St. Paul.” Mr. Mischke wrote: “Would the *St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press* ever have attempted such an in-depth investigation? Don’t bet on it. The buddy-buddy system downtown extends well beyond City Hall.”

What is it that Mr. Mischke wants his readers to believe about the St. Paul buddy-buddy system? What does he want to make? If the downtown buddy-buddy system did work over the years to cover up wrongdoing, does Mr. Mischke want us to believe the people at the St. Paul paper were partners in the cover-up? Is he saying the St. Paul paper was part of the “fire industry?”

Mr. Mischke’s words lead logically to these kind of conclusions. Mr. Mischke should tell us if he meant to make the implications which I have suggested and, if he did, the basis on which he made them.

George P. Young  
15 Crocus Hill

*Editor’s note: Maurice Mischke addresses Mr. Young’s questions in this issue’s “Misch-Masch.” In case the reader is wondering, Mr. Young is the former superintendent of the St. Paul Public Schools.*

### Park land needs protection

To the editor:

The city of St. Paul is in the process of finding a new location for the police team currently located in the old Edgumbe School. The sites now under consideration include park and open-space land.

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## Misch-Masch (cont'd from page 6)

These players are not allowed jobs during the football season. But why not provide a certain amount of spending money during those periods, over and above their scholarships? Go ahead, put a ceiling on it. There'll be some cheating, but what else is new? Maybe Division I athletics are getting to be too commercial, but really, are the major college teams much more than farm teams for the pros? Maybe the NFL should be asked to foot some of the bill for its sub-rosa minor leagues.

Perhaps you already noted the letter to the editor in this issue from a George P. Young. I think he deserves more of a reply than I could give him in a short publisher's note. George, my comments weren't designed to imply anything venal on the part of the St. Paul daily newspaper. But it costs a lot of money to do an extensive investigative reporting job such as the "Culture of Arson" series done by two staff writers at the *Star Tribune*. And let's face it: the Minneapolis-based paper is working hard to make inroads in the St. Paul area, so as to become more dominant as the "Newspaper of the Twin Cities." As a result, the *Strib* has far more incentive to do such an expensive, extensive investigation. But there's more.

St. Paul, not unlike the city of Minneapolis, has become such a one-party town that the management and reporters of the *Dispatch-Pioneer Press* know full well that the DFL will be in control in this city for the foreseeable future, possibly into the next century. Recognizing that, they're more likely to try to work with the administration rather than do anything that might embarrass it (with some exceptions possible in flagrant situations). Reporters like the comfort of easy access to City Hall and aren't out to make any more enemies than necessary. Very often, they wind up drinking in the same bars as some of these City Hall administrators and staffers and, of course, they're treated very kindly. Without a lot of incentive, and without a management willing to forget the bottom line and provide all the time and money required, the tendency is to let well enough alone and avoid rocking the boat. Remember, it took a lot of digging to put that "Culture of Arson" story together. It wasn't all out there on the surface. Some of it was, but it took a year of painstaking work to ferret out all the details that were exhumed by the *Star Tribune's* investigative reporters. The *Star Tribune* had the necessary incentive and was willing to invest the time and money. So we get some information not too pleasant for St. Paulites to read. A helluva story that probably never would have reached us as a one-newspaper metro area. *Arrivederci.*

## The Village Post (cont'd from page 6)

The Friends of St. Paul and Ramsey County Parks strongly believes that park land should not be used for purposes other than park and open-space uses, and must be defended against encroachments of any kind, both public and private. Green spaces in an urban area make urban areas livable and even enjoyable for their residents.

Unfortunately, when open space is viewed by some people, it is viewed as worthless land not being used for anything. It is the judgment of some people who drive by open spaces and view no one standing or sitting in the middle of the area that no one uses the area and, therefore, it is okay to build on. These concepts make all open spaces in the city vulnerable to pressure for development, both public and private.

While many of our parks and open spaces draw many people, it is also true that some open spaces do not seem occupied. All of these spaces provide a special value. Open spaces and boulevards make the city unique.

The sale of Edgumbe School to a private owner restricts the use of the adjoining open space. Providing a facility for

the police team on neighboring park land further reduces the amount of open space in the community.

The Friends of the Parks appreciates the neighborhood's concern about retaining the police team in the area. While we do not believe it is our responsibility to find a new location for the police, we believe that there are numerous acceptable alternatives. Among these are the small building off Snelling Avenue and Highland Parkway by the water towers, and the vacant building and parking ramp on Ford Parkway in Highland Village.

The serious consideration being given by the city to relocating the police team on park property illustrates the necessity of establishing criteria to determine whether there is any park land that could be deemed surplus, and developing policies to dedicate park land to ensure its protection against either public or private development.

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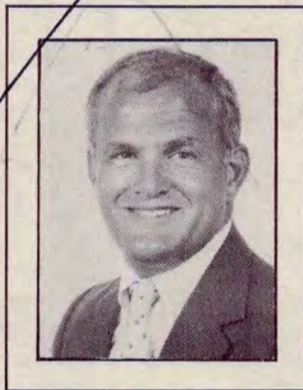
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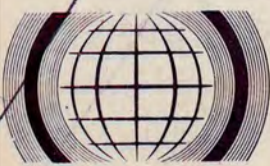


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# Christmas cast

## Highland pair revive century-old design of popular creche figures

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

Arranging the figurines of the family creche brings forth a flood of memories and a sense of pride for Colette Bisanz and her niece, Anne Bisanz Hannahan, two Highland Park residents who make German Nativity sets featuring a century-old design.

The original figurines were brought to the United States more than 50 years ago by the Reverend Francis Hammang, who was studying for the priesthood in Belgium. Hammang taught at the St. Paul Seminary after his ordination, and made rubber molds of the 100-year-old figurines in his spare time, producing additional Nativity sets in the seminary basement. He eventually turned the casts and molds over to his brother, Joseph, who teamed up with his wife to develop the art into a thriving business.

Bisanz first discovered the Nativity figurines 53 years ago at the College of St. Thomas bookstore. "It was love at first sight," said Bisanz, who was working at the college at the time. "I thought they were beautiful."

Through the years, she bought the sets as wedding gifts for her nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends. "Joe Hammang said I was his best customer through the years," she said.

When Hammang's health failed and he could no longer make the figurines, he asked Bisanz if she would like to purchase the business from him. Bisanz and her brother, Leonard, bought Hammang's supplies and equipment. At the time, Bisanz figured that she and her sister-in-law, Helen, would make and market the sets. But the enterprise was put on hold because Bisanz became busy working for her brothers' construction company and Helen had her hands full raising a family.

The supplies and equipment were put into storage for 15 years. Then when Leonard and Helen moved to Florida four years ago, they turned the business over to their daughter, Anne.

"I loved the set so much, I wanted to get it going," Hannahan said. That's when she and "Aunt Colette" started production.

At first, they made Nativity sets for their relatives and friends. Then they discovered that Hammang had a line of customers who had been waiting years for the sets to become available again. "Many people in the

Twin Cities have grown up with the set," Hannahan said. "That's what's fun about this."

Their first customers were two sisters who grew up with one of the Nativity sets. They had been calling Bisanz each year hoping to purchase the creche for their 90-year-old mother who lived in a nursing home. When the sisters found out that the figurines were again being sold, Hannahan said, "They came with tears in their eyes," overjoyed to have the set again.

Though they had all of the necessary equipment, including an air compressor that Hannahan said is "the size of the Hindenburg," they weren't sure about Hammang's techniques and measurements. The two women have spent a good deal of time experimenting on the consistency of plaster and paint to achieve the desired effects.

"Just the intricacies of doing it is a challenge," said Hannahan. "We compare our work to his (Hammang's). We respect his work so much, we want to duplicate it."

Neither of the women were experienced in ceramics before they started the project. Bisanz, who has been a businesswoman and Highland resident most of her 81 years, still sells real estate. As an acquaintance of hers once said, "It's the one experience I know of that you can stay in as long as your customers will help you up the steps."

Hannahan, a professional psychotherapist, does needlepoint and has an aptitude for art. "It was real natural and fun to be working with my right brain more than my left," she said. "The figurines are so humble and peaceful, it's kind of my therapy to work on them."

The process of making the sets is labor intensive. First, rubber molds are made of the original figurines by pouring layers of liquid rubber over them and then peeling it off. The rubber mold, which can be used about 200 times before it deteriorates, is then placed in a plaster block and secured with a heavy rubber band. The molds are filled with liquid plaster, allowed to set for an hour, then removed and left to dry for at least a day. The pieces are then sanded, sprayed white, dried, airbrushed a very pale brown, rubbed to achieve an antique effect, and finally sprayed with a glossy sealer.

The final step is to stamp the bottom "Bisanz-Hannahan." "That's the most fun," Hannahan said, "because then I know it's



Anne Hannahan (left), Colette Bisanz and one of their nine-piece Nativity sets.

done."

To achieve a uniform color, the women work on one nine-piece set at a time rather than mass producing several shepherds or donkeys at once. "They are like snowflakes," Hannahan said. "The antiquing sets differently on each of them and gives each piece its own special character."

The Bisanz-Hannahan pieces are a slightly paler brown than Hammang's. They also make white figurines. The work is done in Hannahan's basement.

The business has quadrupled in the last four years, Bisanz said. After Hammang died

at age 88, his sister-in-law called and asked to purchase several of the sets, and Bisanz's sister-in-law has already bought some as wedding gifts for her granddaughters.

Bisanz and Hannahan will be selling the Nativity sets during the Sister Craft Day at the College of St. Catherine on Wednesday, November 29.

"I think of Joe Hammang every year when I'm doing them and when I get my set out," Hannahan said. "I hope people will think of us as they put their sets out each Christmas."

"Hopefully they'll love them as much as we do," added Bisanz.

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# Parking variance paves way for Billy's expansion

by Rosie O'Brien

The St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals granted a request earlier this month for a parking variance for Billy's Bar and Grill, 857 Grand Ave., paving the way for the completion of the bar's extensive remodeling project.

East Mall Associates, owner of Victoria Crossing East where Billy's is located, plans to enclose the existing outdoor patio in front of Billy's, a move which, according to the city zoning code, would require eight more parking spaces. Billy's was not required to have additional parking spaces with an open patio.

Currently, Billy's has a shared parking agreement with its next-door neighbor, Shutter Bug Photo, but these parking spaces cannot be counted under the code because Shutter Bug is in a

## A second restaurant should be open for customers by November 25 in the Victoria Crossing East Mall.

different commercial zone than Billy's.

The Land Use Committee of the Summit Hill Association/District 16 Planning Council had already recommended approval for Billy's parking variance, and the full district council approved the variance request at its November 9 meeting.

St. Paul city planner Tom Harvey, speaking at the Zoning Appeals hearing on November 7, explained Billy's request in terms of the East Grand Avenue Plan. The Grand Plan was approved by the St. Paul Planning Commission last month and is awaiting the final approval of

the St. Paul City Council.

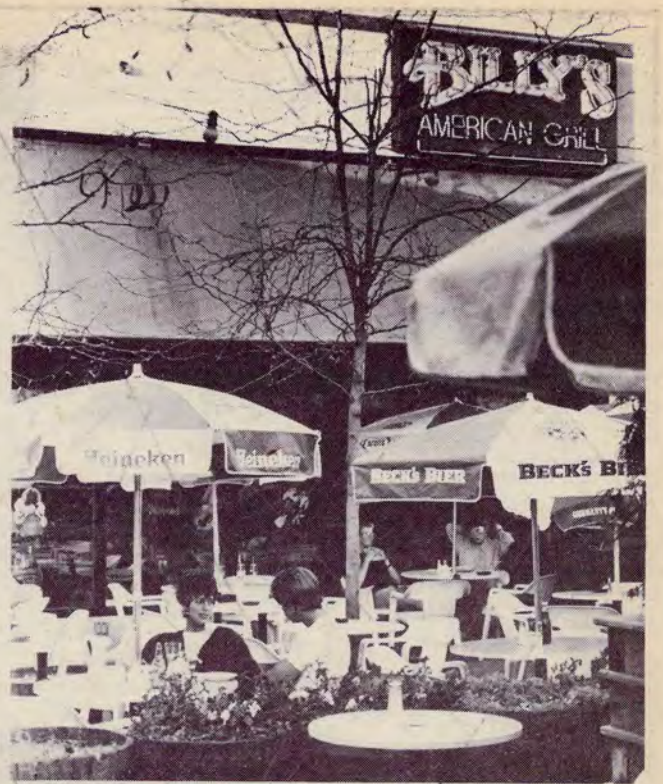
Harvey pointed out that Billy's is located in the standard development area of East Grand Avenue, an area that the plan suggests should be considered as operating as "business as usual." In other words, he said, "there are not specific prohibitions against parking variances in that area."

However, Harvey added, the Grand Plan is generally against any intensification of the parking shortage in that area. One of the recommendations of the Grand Plan was to construct a parking ramp on the southwest corner of Grand and Victoria

Street, but the cost of a ramp has so far been prohibitive, he said.

Charles Sinclair, a partner in Billy's and a restaurant designer, said at the hearing that the main purpose of enclosing the patio was to provide more restaurant seating to strengthen Billy's standing as a dining establishment. The business, without the additional seating a year-round patio would provide, is "too beverage-oriented," he explained.

A second restaurant is expected to open soon in the Victoria Crossing East Mall. Since last November, East Mall Associates has been working on a plan to remodel the dining space of the former Victoria Garden restaurant, and according to representatives of the firm, its replacement, the Victoria Cafe and Deli should be open for customers by November 25.



A parking variance granted to Billy's Bar and Grill will allow the establishment at Grand Avenue and Victoria Street to enclose its patio for year-round use.

## The HBA Today

by Constance M. Wittek, Executive Director  
Highland Business Association

### VILLAGE HOURS PROMOTED

The 1989 holiday shopping season begins in earnest on November 24, and the promotions committee of the Highland Business Association has assumed a leadership role in positioning Highland Village as a friendly, convenient and attractive destination for holiday shoppers. Some 60 Highland Village businesses are now open weekdays until at least 7:00 p.m., on Saturdays until 5:00 p.m. and on Sundays. The HBA has coordinated the effort to promote the extended holiday shopping hours of these businesses elsewhere in this issue of the *Highland Villager*. The HBA will continue to spearhead this promotional effort to let the public know that they can find what they want—and when they want it—in Highland Village during the holidays and throughout the year.

### CITY PROGRAMS DISCUSSED

At the November 16 general meeting of the Highland Business Association, Jim Zdon and Greg Davidson, staff members of the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development, described several new city-sponsored programs now available to local business and property owners. A neighborhood commercial parking program that focuses on developing shared parking facilities through the use of public and private dollars was explained. Potential sites must benefit the customer parking needs of more than one business in order to qualify. It was noted that few, if any, possible parking development sites exist in Highland Village with-

out removing existing structures.

Also briefly described were several low-interest government loan programs available for business expansion, leasehold improvements, and the construction and renovation of commercial buildings.

The HBA office has extra copies of the packets describing the various programs. Those who would like to obtain a copy may call executive director Connie Wittek at 699-9042.

The HBA's November meeting was hosted by Becketwood Cooperative, located just across the Ford Bridge in Minneapolis. Those in attendance were treated to a delicious buffet breakfast in an impressive setting. The HBA looks forward to returning to Becketwood in the future.

### HOLIDAY PROMOTION PLANNED

Highland Village's second annual holiday retail promotion, "Night Out in Highland," is scheduled for Thursday, December 14. From 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. that day, Highland Village shoppers will be treated to free horse-drawn carriage rides, strolling carolers on the sidewalks, free popcorn and cider, and a special visit from that sojourning celebrity from the North, Santa Claus himself. Weather permitting, a skating and sledding party will be held at Hillcrest Park. Free refreshments will be available for all the children in conjunction with this event.

Customers are also invited to register to win gift certificates at any participating HBA-member business between December 7 and 24. Gift certificates awarded last year were valued at more than \$1,600. A similar response is expected this year from HBA-member firms.

### UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULED

Friday evening, December 1, is the date of the HBA's annual holiday party. All owners, managers and employees of HBA-member firms are invited to attend the event, which will be held in the lobby of the Highland Bank. Invitations

with all the details have already been mailed.

On the following Friday, December 8, business people from the Highland area will gather for the quarterly breakfast meeting with City Councilmember Bob Long. The breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. at Lee's Village Inn. Reservations may be made by calling 699-9042.

The HBA's annual Breakfast with Santa will be held from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 9. Co-sponsored by Jimmy Theros and Lee's Village Inn, this Highland family tradition has always drawn a crowd.

The HBA board of directors will convene on Thursday, December 14. The HBA's next general membership meeting is set for Thursday, January 25, at noon. Details about the program will be mailed to members early in January.

Two additional January events may be of interest to Highland area business people. On January 25, the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a 1990 legislative preview from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Legislators representing the entire east metro area will be on hand for the program and to meet with their business constituents over breakfast. The event will take place at the Holiday Inn East at I-94 and McKnight Road. For reservation information, call Chuck Wiger at the chamber office (223-5000).

Highland area business people may want to reserve Tuesday, January 30, to spend at the second annual daylong conference for neighborhood businesses sponsored by the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development. Last year's conference was attended by some 130 business people, including 14 from the Highland Business Association. That conference provided the impetus for many of the current efforts by the HBA to promote Highland Village. This year's conference speakers will provide expert, practical advice for neighborhood commercial strip centers on such issues as common promotions and advertising. Registration details will be sent to all HBA-member firms in early January.

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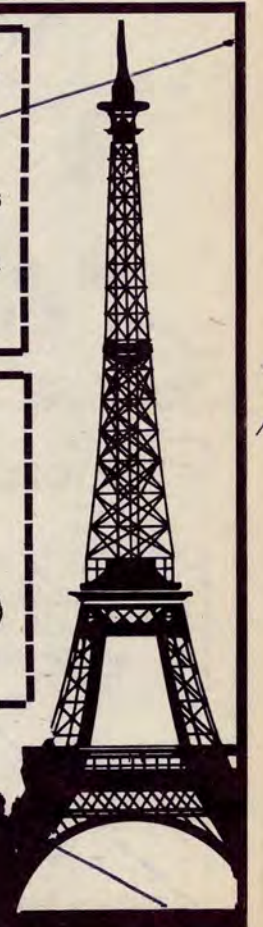
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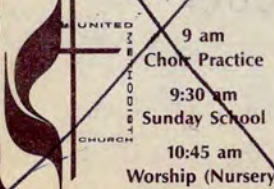
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## Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels to put food on the tables of 2,000 families

Some 2,000 needy Twin Cities families will sup on a complete Thanksgiving Day feast this Thursday, November 23, thanks to the efforts of Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels.

The non-profit project is marking its 20th year as a seasonal concern for founders Barb Aslesen and Bill Fossard, who as juniors at Derham Hall High School and St. Thomas Academy stayed up all night on the eve of Thanksgiving cooking ham and scalloped potatoes for 24 children and adults.

The project has fed a growing number of people every year since. This year's effort will about match last year's with about 10,300 meals prepared and delivered on the morning of Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23.

Aslesen is living in Edina now with her husband and two young sons, and Fous-

sard, a Highland resident, is the owner and general manager of the Americana Inn and Conference Center in St. Cloud. The partners, together with a support staff of about a half dozen volunteers, have been working the past two months on this year's project.

For the third straight year, the meals will be prepared and delivered from the cafeteria at Cretin-Derham Hall high school at 550 S. Albert St. The food has all been bought and stored, the names of the needy families have been collected from social service agencies, and volunteers have been lined up to prepare and package the food. All that is needed to make a success of this year's effort are the 500 volunteers required to deliver the meals.

Anybody with a car who can lend a hand by delivering meals to four or five families on the morning of Thursday, November 23, are asked

to show up at the Albert Street entrance of Cretin-Derham Hall at 7:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. There they will be greeted by hot coffee, rolls and an efficient crew that will have them quickly on their way.

Last year, Aslesen said, the loading and delivery operation went as smoothly as silk. All the meals were delivered by 10:00 a.m., and even the volunteers at Cretin-Derham Hall were on the way home to their own Thanksgiving celebrations by 11:00 a.m.

Once again Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels has opened a bank account for any financial contributions. The group works with a budget of about \$32,000, and all but a couple thousand of that has been raised already. Contributions of any amount may be sent to Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels, in care of Norwest Bank East, 875 E. Minnehaha Ave., St. Paul, MN 55106.

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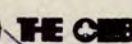


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Former Highland Park Junior and Senior high school music director Loren Koppelman recently took over the band program at Central High School.

## Highland's musical mainstay now directing sweet sounds at Central

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

Loren Koppelman had been the band director at Highland Park Junior and Senior high schools for more than 20 years, and was, in his own words, "kind of an institution there" when he announced last spring that he was leaving to take over the band program at Central High School.

Koppelman's student ensembles at Highland had earned high ratings in state competitions, and he was well respected by students, parents and colleagues at the school, so his move came as quite a surprise. But, he said, "it was time to move. I just wanted to look at something different, and this opportunity was a challenge."

Koppelman also felt comfortable with the students who would be moving on to Central from the Ramsey Junior High School band. Those students "have been trained by my old friend, Steve Allen," he said. "We think very much alike musically. They know how to rehearse and how to practice."

Koppelman directs both the concert and varsity bands at Central, and has taken on the orchestra as well, a first for him. Over the years, Koppelman has learned to meet the challenges of teaching music in the public schools. "There's a lot of responsibilities you just don't see involved in this," he said. "And you learn through the years what you need to do so you don't spin your wheels."

He said a great deal of effort and planning is required to maintain instruments and a good music library as well as to "fight the battle of the budget. It takes about twice as much money to run the program as everybody thinks," he said.

Soft-spoken and forthright, Koppelman is quick to give credit to the people who have guided him along the way. He refers to Stan Bulka, his predecessor at Highland, as "my mentor" and said, "there's lots of ins and outs to learn in a large system, and he really helped me."

The school schedule is his biggest challenge, Koppelman said. Students who participate in music are frequently high achievers academically,

and scheduling band or orchestra with a rigorous college-preparatory program is difficult. Although he believes Central High has the potential to be very good musically, its high-powered International Baccalaureate and Quest programs for the academically talented have excluded some students from participation in the band or orchestra.

"I think that as a lot of kids have to make choices for what they perceive to be college-bound courses, band suffers," Koppelman said. "We have to get the schedule set up so the kids can take band, and that is difficult in a six-period day."

According to his research, schools that have seven- and eight-period days have flourishing music departments. Where there are only six periods, music is struggling. Koppelman is hoping for a restructured schedule at Central next semester, and eventually for a seven-period day that will give young musicians a chance to take the college-prep courses they need as well as music.

"We have great math programs and great science programs," he said, "but the purpose of all that is to lead a life where we can appreciate the humanities, and they're the ones that are really getting short-changed."

Most of the members of Central's concert band have played their instruments for at least four years, some much longer, Koppelman said. "We have some great musicians here. We just got through playing for chair placement, and I've heard some really talented performers," he said.

Koppelman requires students to practice regularly and to attend several concerts outside of school each semester. His Central students "are a lot of fun to work with and very committed," he said. "To this date, anything I've asked them to do, they've done." Musically, all three groups are going well, "but we need more students," he said.

Central High has a diverse student body, but band or orchestra is an activity where young people from diverse backgrounds can come together with a common goal, Koppelman said. "I think music is one of the things

that can put those differences aside," he said.

Although rehearsals would have to be held outside of school, Koppelman is hoping to start a stage band at Central. "I think that's a musical experience kids should have," he said. "Jazz is really our American music."

Koppelman grew up in Lidgerwood, North Dakota. In his musical family, his father sang and he and his brothers "all took piano; we had to," he said. Koppelman also plays the clarinet. After graduating from Valley City State College in North Dakota, he earned his master's degree at the University of Minnesota and began teaching band at Highland Park Junior High in 1966, moving to the senior high when the position there opened up.

"I've never aspired to be anything other than a band director," Koppelman said. "I don't have any unfinished agenda. If I stay healthy, I'll teach until I can't be effective. Then I'll play golf."

Several of Koppelman's former students have gone on to professional careers in music and are members of such esteemed organizations as the Boston Symphony and the U.S. Army Band. One is director of the Florida Ballet, and others have become school band directors themselves.

Koppelman hopes that his students will decide to make music a part of their lives after graduation. Several adult instrumental organizations rehearse in the evening at Central and serve as an example to students that they don't have to put away their instruments and forget them once high school is over.

"I want the kids to see that making good music also makes them better people," Koppelman said. "It's an ennobling thing to do."

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# Third postponement puts industry's rezoning request on Nov. 21 agenda

by Jane McClure

A Merriam Park electroplating company's request to rezone a small parcel of land at 271 N. Snelling Ave. from commercial to industrial use was delayed for the third time last week by the St. Paul City Council.

Co-Operative Plating, 1605 Iglehart Ave., has been attempting to get council approval since September on its request to rezone the adjacent Corvette Center property that is located to the southeast of its main plant. The rezoning was discussed at the City Council's November 16 meeting, but with three members absent and no consensus in sight, the issue was shelved until the council's meeting on November 21.

Residents living by the plant and the Merriam Park Community Council believe that Co-Operative Plating's lengthy history of environmental violations is reason enough for the council to deny the request. Last summer, the company agreed to pay a \$162,500 fine after being cited by the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission for 90 local and federal sewer-discharge violations. The MWCC has also been regularly monitoring the plant's disposal of wastes, which at

one time were found to contain hazardous materials.

Heavy metals found in the sewer system around the plant led to previous sewer-discharge violations against the company. Sewer lines near the plant were found to have deteriorated, and contaminants were also found in the water runoff near the company.

Fire safety at the plant, the possible vacation of part of Iglehart Avenue and the state's desire to acquire part of the property slated for rezoning were also discussed at the November 16 meeting. District Fire Chief Al Bataglia told council members that the hazardous materials used by Co-Operative Plating posed a potential health risk at the site.

Though he said the company has a "fairly good record" and was working hard to correct any fire safety problems, Bataglia explained that a large toxic cloud could be created at the plant if chemicals were mixed improperly. A small amount of toxic chemicals was released into the air by the company in 1981, Bataglia said.

Another concern of the fire department is access to the present plant, which has power lines to the north and a raised alley to the east. Bataglia said the plant is not

accessible from all sides. Whether its proposed expansion to 271 N. Snelling Ave. improves or worsens the situation depends upon the types of activity to be housed at that site, he said.

Ward 4 Councilmember Kiki Sonnen was in favor of delaying the rezoning until it could be considered along with Co-Operative Plating's site plan and its request to vacate Iglehart Avenue. Sonnen said that neighborhood residents are afraid of the rezoning because they still don't know what Co-Operative Plating intends to do with the additional property.

But Councilmember Bill Wilson disagreed, saying that the council needed to act on the rezoning request independently from other issues.

Co-Operative Plating attorney William Rosen also supported separate action on the various issues. There has been "postponement after postponement" on the rezoning, he said. "We would like to have this acted upon."

City Council action on the rezoning request was originally scheduled for September 28. At that time, action was delayed until alternative sites for the company could be studied. But Co-Operative Plating representatives have indicated that the company wants to stay in the same location.

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Mary Jane Rachner, 1917 Pinehurst Ave., has announced that she is entering the 1990 race for the District 64B seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives. District 64B encompasses all of Highland Park and a portion of the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood. The seat is currently occupied by Howard Orenstein (DFL).

"I came within 4.1 percentage points of victory in the St. Paul School Board race," Rachner wrote in a prepared statement issued the morn-

ing after the November 7 election. She placed last out of six candidates who were vying for three School Board seats, and trailed third-place finisher Eleanor Weber by 6,512 votes.

Rachner, a reading instruction consultant, has long had an avocational interest in running for election. She has unsuccessfully run for the St. Paul School Board three times, St. Paul mayor three times, Minnesota secretary of state, U.S. representative, U.S. senator and U.S. president.



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## Sesame Street comes to Grand Avenue

# Grand Meander rings in season with full day of fun

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

Grand Avenue will be bathed in lamplight, the scent of pine boughs and spiced apple cider will waft through the air, and the crystal tones of strolling carolers will mingle with the soft nicker of horses when the 17th annual Grand Meander kicks off the Avenue's holiday shopping season on Saturday, November 25.

The Grand Meander, which is sponsored annually by the Grand Avenue Business Association and its 150 member firms, will cap off a full day of festivities with its first-ever Lamplight Parade. The parade is scheduled to get under way at 4:00 p.m., as the Avenue's decorative street lamps begin to glow. The grand marshals are Cookie Monster and Prairie Dawn of Sesame Street Live fame, who will lead 30 floats and marching units in an antique horse-drawn carriage. The parade will step off at Fairview Avenue and end at Dale Street.

Besides the Sesame Street characters, the parade line-up will feature Leo the Lion from Kid Country, Raggedy Ann from A. Johnson & Sons Florists, Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer from Kowalski's Grand Market, and a holiday carnival of clowns, elves and other characters, including the day's star attraction: Santa himself.

"We've been real picky" on the kinds of units that will be participating in the parade, said Mimi Doran, executive director of the Grand Avenue Business Association. Many of the parade's attractions will also be mak-



Cookie Monster (back row, left) and Prairie Dawn (kneeling in front) will serve as grand marshals of the Lamplight parade during the Grand Meander on November 25.

ing appearances throughout the afternoon at stores along the Avenue.

The entire day, which will run from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., has been planned as a family event, Doran said. The annual Breakfast with Santa will again take place from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Green Mill on Grand

and Hamline avenues. Parents are invited to come with their cameras, and children will receive "grand bags" filled with toys and trinkets from participating merchants. Sweet rolls and refreshments will be provided by the Green Mill and Wuollet's Bungalow Bakery.

Santa will be visiting several other locations throughout the day. Shutter Bug Photo will be offering same-day service for the parents of kids who get their pictures taken with jolly old St. Nick in Milton Mall, 841 Grand Ave. Santa will also spend several hours at A. Johnson & Sons Florist, 1738 Grand Ave. An open house there from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. will include free balloons and candy canes for the kids as well as hot apple cider, cookies and sprigs of holly for the grownups.

Businesses along the Avenue will be decorated for the holidays with special displays and events to entertain shoppers. Throughout the day, visitors can enjoy strolling carolers and calliope concerts, horse-drawn hay rides and carriage rides, and continuous holiday favorites courtesy of the 50-voice North Star Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America. The Minnesota Ballet Guild and the Nativity School Choir will perform in Victoria Crossing West, and in Victoria Crossing South the 1006 Society will hold a boutique to benefit the restoration of the Governor's Mansion on Summit Avenue.

Grand Avenue merchants will compete for prizes in a contest for the best decorated holiday window displays, and shoppers can sign up at any participating store for the "Win a Grand on Grand" drawing, which will run from November 25 through the holiday season.

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## Merchants to spread holiday cheer with special events

The following special Grand Meander events, activities and attractions were compiled by the Grand Avenue Business Association, sponsor of the annual holiday celebration. The attractions are listed geographically, beginning on the east at Dale Street and running west to Cleveland Avenue.

### All along Grand Avenue

- Horse-drawn hay rides. A free ride atop the hay wagon will be offered up and down the 3-mile length of Grand, from Dale Street to Cleveland Avenue, courtesy of the Grand Avenue Business Association. The hay wagon will roll between Cleveland and Snelling avenues from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m., between Snelling and Lexington Parkway from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m., between Lexington and Victoria Street from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m., and between

Victoria and Dale from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

- Win a Grand on Grand Contest. Entry forms for this annual holiday drawing will be available at participating businesses beginning on November 25. The grand prize is a \$1,000 shopping and dining spree, courtesy of a host of participating Grand Avenue merchants. The consolation prize is \$100 worth of Grand Avenue memorabilia. The drawing will be held on January 2 and the winners will be notified shortly thereafter.

- Strolling carolers. The sounds of the season will echo all along the Avenue. Featured performers include the North Star chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, whose 50 voices may be heard all afternoon between Dale Street and Cleveland Avenue.

- The Lamplight Parade. A first for the Grand Meander, the Lamplight Parade will begin at 4:00 p.m. at Grand and Fairview avenues and proceed east to Dale Street. Serving as grand marshals will be Cookie Monster and Prairie Dawn from Sesame Street Live, who will greet the gathered throngs from their antique carriage. Other units include Frosty the Snowman, Leo the Lion, a 50-voice barbershop quartet, Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, Raggedy Ann, the Mechanical Maestro and his calliope, and, of course, Santa Claus.

- Scanton's Irish Pub, 656 Grand Ave.—Warm the cockles of your heart with cold-weather Irish refreshments offered at Grand prices all day long.

- Knowlan's, 791 Grand Ave.—The true spirit of the holidays will be celebrated with a food and toy drive to benefit the local

Women's Advocates, a shelter for abused women and their children. New toys and non-perishable foods may be dropped off all day at Knowlan's, one of three Grand Avenue businesses that are serving as collection centers this year. The drive will continue through December 15.

- Victoria Crossing South, 850 Grand Ave.—The 1006 Society will host a holiday boutique as a benefit for the ongoing restoration of the Governor's Mansion, 1006 Summit Ave.

- Billy's Cafe, 857 Grand Ave.—Sip seasonal coffees and sample some holiday surprises in the quaint courtyard of this new deli, located in the middle of Victoria Crossing East.

- Billy's on Grand, 857 Grand Ave.—Warm

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your hands or roast marshmallows around the outdoor fire. Inside, Billy's will serve holiday refreshments, hot chocolate, hot cider and hamburgers—all for 99 cents each.

**Garden of Eden**, 857 Grand Ave.—Experience Grandessence, developed by Garden of Eden exclusively for Grand Avenue's 1989 holiday season. Grandessence, available in oil form from Garden of Eden in Victoria Crossing West, may be used with a pot or lightbulb ring and smells of orange and cinnamon.

**Odegard Books St. Paul**, 857 Grand Ave.—Signed copies of *A Cup of Christmas Tea* by Tom Hegg will be available during the Grand Meander. Members of the Junior League will also be on hand from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to give out samples from the recipes included in their cookbook entitled, *Celebrated Seasons*. Grand Avenue's exclusive holiday ornament may also be purchased at Odegard.

**Coffee & Tea, Ltd.**, 867 Grand Ave.—Grab a 25-cent cup of espresso or a 10-cent cup of coffee and a curb to watch the parade pass by.

**Victoria Crossing West**, 867 Grand Ave.—Enjoy performances by promising young artists as the Minnesota Ballet Society and the Nativity School Choir entertain meanderers in the mall. The young ballerinas will present 10-minute performances at 11:00 a.m., noon, 1:00, 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. The 3rd- and 4th-graders from Nativity School in St. Paul will ring in the season in a 30-minute concert beginning at 3:00 p.m. Victoria Crossing West will also host a boutique to benefit the Minnesota Ballet Society from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**The Red Balloon**, 891 Grand Ave.—Meet Jill Trenary, Minnesota's own professional ice skater who performed in the 1988 Olympics. Trenary will be on hand to sign copies of her

new book, entitled *The Day I Skated for the Gold*, at 2:00 p.m. Free balloons will be given to all children.

**Milton Mall**, 917 Grand Ave.—Santa Claus will be passing out candy to all the kids and taking orders for his Arctic assistants from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A professional photographer will be available to snap pictures of the children on Santa's lap. (The photos will be available the same day at Shutter Bug, 841 Grand Ave. The photos, which come in a Santa folder, cost \$4.00 each.)

**Kid Country**, 975 Grand Ave.—Leo the Lion, the Kid Country mascot, will be giving out treats to the kids.

**Cherokee Bank**, 985 Grand Ave.—Complimentary cookies and hot apple cider will be served until noon.

**Oxford Square**, 1050 Grand Ave.—The Mechanical Maestro and his calliope will entertain shoppers with the sounds of Christmases past in the recently renovated square. Free hot apple cider will also be served to meanderers.

**Woollet's Bungalow Bakery**, 1080 Grand Ave.—Free cookies, coffee and cider will be served to all who meander by.

**The Bibelot Shop**, 1082 Grand Ave.—The exclusive Grand Avenue holiday ornament may be purchased here.

**Mella and Company**, 1204 Grand Ave.—Stop by for a chat and a free cup of hot chocolate.

**Kowalski's Grand Market**, 1261 Grand Ave.—New toys and non-perishable foods may be dropped off at Kowalski's from November 25 through December 15 to benefit Women's Advocates, a shelter for battered women and their children. Rudolph and Frosty will also be giving out free balloons to the kids from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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The window-shopping season will be in high gear come Saturday, November 25, when merchants along 2-plus miles of Grand Avenue host their 17th annual Grand Meander.

## Grand Meander (cont'd from page 15)

son. The grand prize is a \$1,000 shopping and dining spree on the Avenue.

Many Grand Avenue merchants are also offering special promotions throughout the day.

Billy's on Grand, 857 Grand Ave., will feature hamburgers and hot dogs for 99 cents as well as 99-cent hot chocolate and apple cider.

The Red Balloon Bookshop, now in new quarters at 899 Grand Ave., will host Olympic figure skater and Minnesota native Jill Trenary who will be on hand at 2:00 p.m. to autograph copies of her book, *Jill Trenary: The Day I Skated for the Gold*.

Women from the Junior League of Minneapolis will be offering samples of recipes from their "Celebrated Seasons" cookbook from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Odegard Books St. Paul, 857 Grand Ave. Christmas tea will be served all day in the store, and autographed copies of *A Cup of Christmas Tea* by Tom Hegg will be available for purchase.

Garden of Eden, 867 Grand Ave., has developed a special holiday scent that will

be sold at a number of businesses on the Avenue. Called Grandessence, the new fragrance is available as an oil that can be used in potpourri burners or on lightbulb rings to help create a holiday atmosphere. Many Grand Avenue shops will be wearing Grandessence for the Meander as well as the remainder of the holiday season.

Salisbury Flower Market, 917 Grand Ave., has scheduled a day of demonstrations to help people plan their holiday decorations. Salisbury will also carry a new Christmas item this year: a topiary poinsettia plant that is grown and pruned to bloom in a large ball at the top of a trunk. (Artificial topiary plants have been available for years, but the live version is being introduced for the first time here.)

Holiday goodies and refreshments are being offered at many other Grand Avenue businesses as well, inviting shoppers to meander up and down the Avenue.

The final touch is something only Santa may be able to deliver: a gentle snowfall to begin falling just before the parade begins at dusk.

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Santa and Mrs. Claus will be joining children for breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 25, at the Green Mill. There will also be plenty of chances for parents to take photographs of their children with the jolly couple from the North Pole.

## Meander (cont'd from previous page)

**Green Mill, 57 S. Hamline Ave.**—The Grand Meander begins here with a complimentary Breakfast with Santa from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Parents are invited to bring their children and cameras to the Green Mill where they can enjoy free rolls and refreshments courtesy of Wuollet's Bungalow Bakery and the Green Mill. Face painters from Mella and Company will delight the tots by creating free designs of candy canes and snowmen on their cheeks. After breakfast, a drawing will be held for a Lanz of Salsbery flannel nightgown and a Lanz doll, courtesy of Gosselin's Of Course.

**Gosselin's Of Course, 1662 Grand Ave.**—Purchase Grand Avenue's exclusive Christmas ornament here.

**Grand Avenue Ace Hardware, 1676 Grand Ave.**—Free hot apple cider and cookies will be served.

**A. Johnson & Sons Florists, 1738 Grand Ave.**—Free sprigs of holly, cookies, cider, balloons and candy canes will be handed out by the jolly old elf himself from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**R. C. Dick's Foods, Grand at Fairview**—The third and final location for the collection of non-perishable foods and new toys for Women's Advocates.

**Subway Sandwiches and Salads, 1830 Grand Ave.**—To warm up meanderers, Subway is offering foot-long meatball sandwiches at the special price of \$2.49 (regularly \$3.59). Grab one and take a place curbside to watch the parade as it steps off.

**Other sponsoring businesses that will be open during the Grand Meander:**

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# District 14 Community Council News

## VACANT SEATS FILLED

The District 14 Community Council met on Thursday, November 16, and immediately set about filling two vacant seats on the council's board of directors. The new representative of the neighborhood's Grid 12 (the area bounded by St. Clair, Snelling, Jefferson and Hamline avenues) is Sheila Manahan, 1367 Welles Ave. Elected as one of the two representatives of the area's business community was Sandy Gravelle, business manager of the Harold Awe Company, 476 S. Snelling Ave.

## TEAM POLICING DISCUSSED

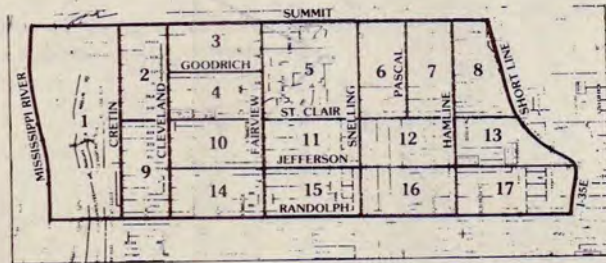
At its November meeting, the community council was requested by representatives of the St. Paul Police Department's Southwest Area Team to lend its support to keeping their headquarters in the Highland area. The Southwest Area Team is currently housed in the old Edgcombe School building on Hamline Avenue and Ford Parkway. That property, which is owned by the St. Paul School District, is now in the process of being sold. The police are interested in relocating to a new building that would be constructed adjacent to the Highland pool on Montreal and Hamline avenues.

After considerable discussion about how the police function and about the need to preserve park land in the southwest section of the city, it was decided that the matter deserved fuller discussion at the council's December 14 meet-

ing. That meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St.

## SITE PLAN SUPPORTED

The District 14 Community Council also reviewed the site plan for improvements to the Leo Byrne Residence for retired priests on the "lower" campus of the College of St. Thomas (formerly known as the St. Paul Seminary grounds). The council voted to support the proposed site plan for the construction of a 10-car attached garage and a 1,100-square-foot community room, and the restoration of surface parking for 32 cars.



District 14

## GARBAGE PROBLEMS ADDRESSED

Other business at the November meeting included discussion of concerns expressed by neighbors of the Green Mill, 57 S. Hamline Ave. The neighbors had requested the assistance of the community council in addressing their concerns about garbage generated by the Green Mill and the restaurant's attempt to solve the problem by installing recycling equipment in the garage of the home next door.

The neighbors said they support the attempts of the Green Mill to recycle glass, cans and cardboard, but did not think the activity should be taking place in residentially zoned property. The neighbors suggested that the Green Mill should either install the equipment on its own property or arrange for more frequent transportation of recyclables to recycling markets. They further stated that the Green Mill's recycling efforts have not solved its garbage problems, as evidenced by photographs of overflowing dumpsters at the rear of the restaurant.

The District 14 Community Council advised the neighbors that the owners of the Green Mill, once they realized that the garage next door could not be used for commercial purposes, have agreed to suspend their recycling activities on that property and are now exploring alternative uses for their equipment. The council's Housing and Land Use Committee will convene a block meeting between the Green Mill owners and the restaurant's Lincoln Avenue neighbors to further discuss this issue. For the time and date of that meeting, interested parties may call the District 14 office at 698-7973.

## SIGN REQUEST WITHDRAWN

At its October meeting, the District 14 Community Council took action to oppose a sign variance sought by Kowalski's Grand Market, 1261 Grand Ave. By virtue of its location on Grand, Kowalski's comes under the strictures of the Grand Avenue Special Sign Plan, which was established in 1983 to help preserve and build on the unique character of the avenue. Kowalski's had requested a variance to permit lettering on a pole sign in front of the store to be greater than the 18-inch limit set by the city ordinance that grew out of

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the Grand Avenue Sign Plan. Since that time, Kowalski's has also applied for permission to retain additional signs that were painted on the sides of the building. Those letters also are greater than 18 inches tall. Kowalski's believes that 18-inch lettering would be dwarfed on a building as large as theirs.

The council on November 16 heard a report from its Housing and Land Use Committee, which earlier that week met with store manager Tom Kowalski and representatives of the Grand Avenue Business Association. The consensus was that the 18-inch requirement probably is too restrictive, but that more work is advisable on the design of all of Kowalski's signs. Kowalski's will withdraw its request for a variance for the pylon sign and will ask that any action on its existing wall signs be delayed until warm weather returns and painting can again be done. In the meantime, the land use committees of the community council and the business association will continue to work with Kowalski's on a sign package for the building. The matter will be on the agenda of the Zoning Committee of the St. Paul Planning Commission on November 30.

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZER HONORED

Other business at District 14's November meeting included the presentation of a proclamation of appreciation by the District 14 Community Council to its community organizer, Kathie Tarnowski. Tarnowski was thanked for her 10 years of service to the community—first as community organizer for the Southwest Area District Council from November 1979 to August 1981, and to the District 14 Community Council since then.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS SOUGHT

The District 14 Community Council is now seeking a delegate and an alternate to serve on the College of St. Thomas Joint Committee on College-Community Relations. The committee was formed several years ago to foster communication between the college and its neighbors. As such, it serves as a "first sift" of community reaction to college plans and involves the neighborhood in the college's planning processes. The current representatives of the District 14 Community Council are Ray DiBlasio, 1954 Summit Ave., and Roger Oelschlager, 2174 Summit Ave. The community council will appoint two new representatives at its December 14 meeting. Anyone interested in serving is invited to call the District 14 office at 698-7973.

### TREE COLLECTION CONSIDERED

The District 14 Community Council is now laying plans for another Christmas tree collection. The collection day is tentatively scheduled for January 13, pending action by the St. Paul City Council to allow the community council to spend unspent neighborhood cleanup funds for the project.

Because Christmas trees are not classified as yard waste, they can be taken to the county's RDF facility at Newport. However, the council's Environment Committee has been advised by NSP that Christmas trees are likely to fall out as residual after being shredded and thus will be landfilled rather than burned. The council's Environment Committee would prefer to make an alternative available and has arranged for the trees to be collected and hauled to the University of Minnesota, where they will be chipped and used as mulch.

Should the funds become available for this collection, the community council will need volunteers to help on collection day. Anyone willing to lend a hand is invited to call Deborah Schlick, chair of the Environment Committee, at

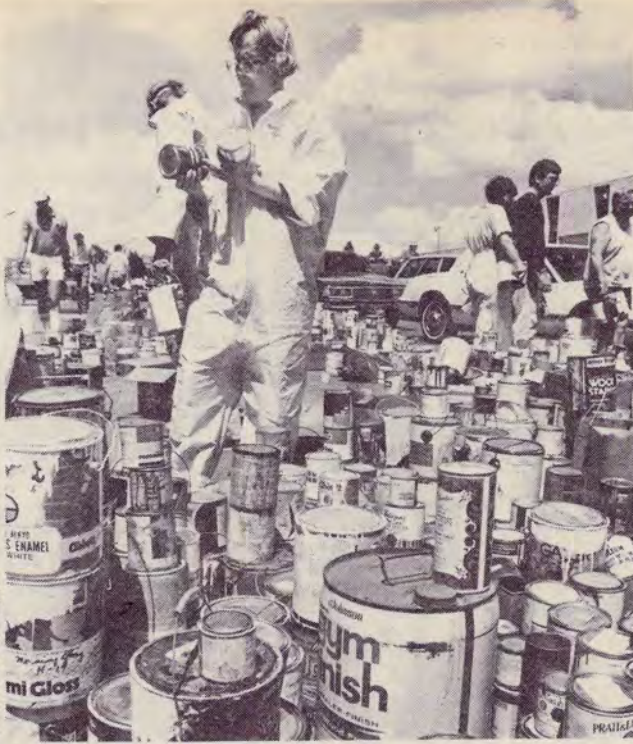


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Standing knee-deep in hazardous wastes last summer in the interests of a healthier environment is just one of the many contributions Kathie Tarnowski (pictured in white above) has made to the Macalester-Groveland area in her 10 years as a community organizer, first for the Southwest Area District Council and then for the District 14 Community Council. She was honored recently by the community for her years of service.

698-6168, or Ellen Kluz at the District 14 Community Council office, 698-7973.

### KIDSPARK FUND-RAISERS SET

KidsPark, a licensed drop-in child-care program sponsored by the District 14 Community Council, is now operating in the warming house at Groveland Playground, 1961 St. Clair Ave. KidsPark is open between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on school days, however, it serves infants from 6 weeks to 16 months old between 9:00 a.m. and noon only. Each participating family pays an \$18 annual membership fee. The hourly charge is \$2 for infants and \$1.50 for children 16 months and older. Parents can also exchange hours of service for hours of child care through a co-op component.

Reservations to use KidsPark may be made one week in advance by calling 698-7841 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Fund raising is necessary to keep the fees for using KidsPark reasonable. One of the KidsPark fund-raisers for 1989-90 is the sale of "Entertainment '90" family coupon books. These books feature hundreds of two-for-one or 50 percent discount offers for food, movies, sports events, dry cleaning and travel.

The coupon books are available at KidsPark and in the District 14 Community Council office at the Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. The books cost \$22 and can make an ideal holiday gift.

Another KidsPark fund-raising activity will be a series of Discovery Toy parties. These events will be held on Friday, November 24, between 9:00 a.m. and noon; on Friday, December 1, between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., and on Saturday, December 2, between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. The toy parties will be held at KidsPark, 1961 St. Clair Ave. For more information call Kathy Hewitt at 698-0815.

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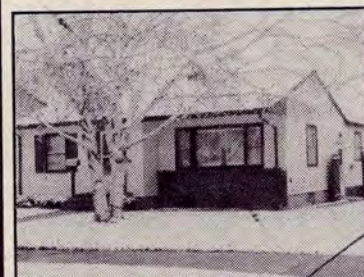
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## Voters in Ward 2 place their trust with Thune

by Roger Fuller

David Thune was soaking in the bathtub and listening to the music on the radio during the afternoon of November 7 when he finally felt confident that he would win a spot on the St. Paul City Council.

Until then, he had doubts about the outcome of his closely fought battle with Linda Geier for the Ward 2 council seat being vacated by mayor-elect Jim Scheibel. Thune, who is an analyst on the research staff of the City Council, was defeated by Geier in the primary by 193 votes. But, on the day of the general election, he had a feeling that this time the result would be different.

"I figured that with all of the people working on our campaign, we couldn't lose," he said. Thune recalled telling his wife, Sue, as they drove to an election-night party that he thought he could win by 200 votes. The margin of victory was actually 511.

Geier, who is an attorney with the state Department of Revenue, didn't know she had lost the race until she arrived at her campaign headquarters a half hour after the polls closed.

"As soon as I walked in the door, they called me aside to prepare me for what was happening," said Geier, a West Side resident with relatively little public exposure before she announced her candidacy for the Ward 2 seat last December.

"When I first began the campaign, I didn't know for sure if I could be a good candidate," she said. "After I finally convinced myself, it became a lot easier. When I started meeting people on a one-to-one basis and people felt they liked me, I began to build up support."

Although Thune was favored to win at the start of the race due to his previous bid for the council seat in 1982 and his leadership roles

in the West 7th Street neighborhood, Geier's campaign quickly advanced.

She garnered 357 more votes than Thune in the Summit Hill area in the primary election following a strong door-knocking campaign, and afterward took a leave of absence from work to concentrate on the race full time.

The setback in the primary prompted Thune to redouble his campaign efforts, especially in the Summit Hill neighborhood. Mark Mishek, who worked with Thune on opposing the extension of I-35E, was the leading Thune volunteer on the hill.

"We had a literature drop each weekend the last four weeks of the campaign," Mishek said. "We used the telephone a lot. I called up everyone I could think of who had been active on the Short Line issue."

Mishek said a letter written by a group of women supporting Thune also helped voters make up their minds. "We kept hearing that, since both candidates were considered about equal, it would be a good idea to elect a woman this time," he said. "That letter told people who were undecided that Thune had a lot of support among women."

Bill Klas, who headed RIP 35E when Thune was president of the West 7th Street Federation, also worked for Thune's campaign in the Summit Hill area. "Dave and his group in the West 7th area were very helpful when we were involved with I-35E," Klas said.

Despite the loss, campaign treasurer Laura Wegner said Geier matured as a candidate during the race. "It was a pleasure to watch her work with people," Wegner said. "As the year went on, Linda was increasingly at ease with more diverse personalities. The enthusiasm that Linda brought rubbed off on the people who worked on her campaign."

## City staff studying proposals for organized trash collection

The St. Paul Department of Public Works is presently studying ways to organize the city's refuse collection system, and it is seeking the advice of refuse haulers, solid-waste management professionals, and other interested parties.

The City Council has approved a resolution stating the city's intent to organize such a system. Some of the options that are being explored include municipal collection; a zoning system for same-day collection; organized collection by consortium; bid contract by one hauler; bid contract by district; the mandatory collection of mixed waste; licensing requirements for volume-based fees together with separate yard-waste pickup and mandatory recycling; and maintaining or modifying the present open system.

A series of public meetings will be held throughout St. Paul to discuss the options

and to receive the comments of citizens.

Professionals and other interested persons with any suggestions concerning the options above are asked to submit them by December 8 to Rick Person, 600 City Hall Annex, St. Paul, MN 55102. For more information, call Person at 292-6122.

## Gifts sought by St. Mary's Home

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### A change of heart

That may not seem like big news when you consider the regional suburban malls where liberal evening and weekend hours have been the rule for ages. But in the days those hours are uniformly imposed by lease agreements. Small businesses in neighborhood shopping centers have rarely been inclined to voluntarily extend their hours because of the wide variety of kinds of stores and the circumstances unique to each operation.

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Highland Village intentionally kicks off the promotion this Friday at a time when the competition for your holiday shopping will be most intense. We invite you to rediscover all that Highland Village has in store and enjoy all the time-saving conveniences it offers.

We also invite you to join us as we welcome Santa Claus in his traditional holiday appearance at Lee's Village Inn. Breakfast with Santa will be served from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 9. Free coffee, hot chocolate, cookies and rolls will be available courtesy of Lee's, and holiday treats will be passed out by Santa courtesy of Pearson's Candy Company.

Join us too for a "Night Out in Highland" on Thursday, December 14, when most Highland Village stores will remain open until 9:00 p.m. for your shopping convenience. From 6:00 to 9:00 that night, the Village will be alive with free musical entertainment, horse-drawn carriage rides, food, refreshments, and a return visit from Santa. Weather permitting, there will also be a skating and sledding party with free refreshments at Hillcrest Park for all the little ones.

Finally, you're invited to register between December 7 and 24 at all participating Highland Village stores for nearly \$2,000 in gift certificates to be given away this holiday season.

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## Early surge was key to Maccabee campaign

by Roger Fuller

Paula Maccabee held on to a dwindling lead and withstood a last-minute surge from incumbent Kiki Sonnen to capture the Ward 4 seat on the St. Paul City Council earlier this month.

Maccabee defeated Sonnen by 421 votes in the general election on November 7. The margin of victory was only about half the 825-vote win she posted in the primary. "Our group worked very hard, but it was just a little late," said Sonnen, who has represented Ward 4 since 1984.

Maccabee attributes her door-knocking campaign as the key element in her victory. "In the end, when the newspaper coverage was not favorable, I was still having a good feeling," she said. "I was getting a positive response when I talked to the people one to one."

Maccabee dominated the early stages of the Ward 4 race by holding a series of press conferences. Those media events made her name known throughout the metropolitan area, which was no small feat for a first-time City Council candidate. But as the campaign progressed, negative press coverage developed when residents criticized Maccabee for her apparent lack of community involvement.

The media attention that Maccabee attracted appeared to catch Sonnen off guard in the early stages of the campaign. But in the final weeks, Sonnen seemed to be more sure of herself and was able to explain her position on community issues with more authority at community forums.

"Paula was definitely losing momentum towards the end," said Duffy Pearce, a community activist who originally supported Maccabee. "Paula really didn't have a record in the community when the campaign began. Hopefully, she and community leaders will work together during the next two years."

Pearce was also concerned with the amount of money Maccabee spent during her campaign. "I don't know why it should be necessary to spend so much money on a ward race," she said. "It doesn't really help the neighborhood when you raise the ante like that." Maccabee spent more than \$45,000 on her campaign, which was almost twice what Sonnen spent.

Maccabee's campaign was also backed by a corps of volunteers. "Volunteers made seven literature drops in the ward," she said. "On election night, about 200 people came to the victory party. It was wonderful to see people so happy, hugging and kissing each other."

In another contest that affected most of the precincts in Ward 4, Alice Hausman defeated Joy Strane Albrecht by more than 2,000 votes for the District 63B seat in the state House of Representatives. The position was vacated by Ann Wynia last summer when she was appointed by Governor Perpich to be the Minnesota Commissioner of Human Services.

Hausman, who was endorsed by the DFL, was Wynia's former campaign manager. The DFL has controlled the House seat since the early 1970s.

## YWCA to honor local women for their roles in community

Several area women will be honored by the St. Paul YWCA for their community involvement and leadership at a luncheon at noon on Thursday, December 7, at the Radisson Hotel St. Paul.

The YWCA will present its Outstanding Achievement Award to Donna Lorix, 1516 Summit Ave., Timothy Vann, 705 Dayton Ave., state Representative Kathleen Vellenga, 2224 Goodrich Ave., and Martha Eaves, 855 Holly Ave.

Lorix has been the owner of the Minuteman Press franchise on Snelling Avenue for the past 11 years and has helped several individuals and organizations with limited funds by contributing or discounting her printing services.

Vann chairs the Social Action Committee for the Cathedral of St. Paul, serves on the Archdiocesan Commission of Black Catholics, and was the director of the Model Cities Health Center for 11 years.

Vellenga has been a state representative since 1980 and was named the Legislator of the Year in 1988 by the St. Paul Business and Professional Women's Club.

Eaves is the manager of the St. Paul office for the

Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services. In 1983, she received the Dwight B. Dixon Award from the Minnesota Mental Health Association for her work on behalf of the state's mentally ill.

Each of the winners will present a brief address about women and leadership at the event. The cost of the luncheon is \$50. For reservations, call the St. Paul YWCA at 222-3741.

## Highland executive helps United Way

Alpha O. Bibbs III, 1536 Portland Ave., is serving as a loaned executive for the 1989 United Way of Minneapolis Area fund-raising campaign.

He and other executives volunteers were loaned by their companies to work full time at raising money for the United Way. This year's campaign goal is \$43 million.

Bibbs is a senior national account manager for ADC Telecommunications. He is involved with the Campaign for Human Development, the Speakers' Bureau for Minnesota Teachers, and Catholic Charities.

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## November 24

**FILMS FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN** will be shown at 2:30 p.m. today at the Nokomis Library, 5100 S. 34th Ave., Minneapolis. The films will include "Molly's Pilgrim" and "Pocket for Corduroy."

**SANTA WILL ARRIVE** in his reindeer-drawn sleigh for an 11:30 a.m. parade today that begins in Rice Park and ends in the St. Paul Center. The parade will also feature eight carousel horses accompanied by Santa's elves, a marching band and several other units. After the parade, Santa's reindeer will rest up in a petting corral in Town Square before making the long journey home to the North Pole at 3:00 p.m.

## November 25

**THE LIGHTS ON A 30-foot Christmas tree** will be turned on at 5:00 p.m. today on the Capital Centre Plaza, Wabasha and 5th streets, as part of a fund-raising project sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Carolers, cookies and apple cider will be part of the festivities.

## November 27

**"IMAGES OF GOD in the Scriptures,"** a three-part lecture series at the College of St. Thomas will begin today with "Similies and Metaphors: Images of God in Isaiah and the Psalms." The series will continue with "Justification by Faith Alone: God's Demand for Radical Intimacy" on Tuesday, November 28, and "Images of God in Job" on Wednesday, November 29. The free lectures will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the Brady Educational Center.

**A WORKSHOP** on developing strengths and accepting weaknesses will be offered by St. Paul Community Education from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. today at Ramsey Junior High School, 1700 Summit Ave. Other workshops in the three-part series include: December 4, becoming your own best friend; and December 11, ways to reduce stress. The cost is \$12 per session or \$30 for the series. To register, call 293-8948.

**AN EVENING PROGRAM OF REFLECTION** on Advent will be offered to men and women from 7:00 to 8:30 today at the Gathering Place, a center for spiritual growth located on the second floor of 1457 Grand Ave. The program can be taken individually or as part of a series that continues on Mondays, December 4, 11 and 18. For reservations or more information, call 699-0782.

## November 28

**THE SHEPARD PARK CHAPTER** of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1:30 p.m. today in the community room of the Plaza Apartments, 2353 Youngman Ave. Diane Siegel from the Jewish Community Center will speak on long-term care for the elderly. For more information, call 699-9598.

**THE MINNESOTA WALDORF SCHOOL**, 1037 Bidwell St., West St. Paul, will hold an informational session on the program it offers students from 7:30 to 9:30 this evening. For more information, call Linda Bergh at 451-7930.

**A SIX-WEEK WORKSHOP TO HELP WORKING** mothers find better jobs will begin at 6:00 p.m. this evening at Women Achieving New Directions, 3702 E. Lake St., Minneapolis. Participants will identify their interests, skills, values and personality type, and develop skills in the areas of assertiveness,



# Village Kiosk



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**Red Balloon Bookshop owners Michele Poire (left) and Carol Erdahl** were in good company last weekend for the grand opening of their brand new building at 891 Grand Ave. Among the nearly 2,500 visitors the store hosted over two days were Peter Rabbit, Paddington Bear and Mama Berenstain Bear. Grand opening festivities continue this week with a visit by Minnesota Olympic skater Jill Trenary on November 25.

communication, problem-solving, budgeting and interviewing. The cost is based on a student's ability to pay. For more information and to register, call 521-1232.

**INVER HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE** will tell about the classes it will be offering in St. Paul this winter in an informational session from 6:30 to 7:30 this evening in Room 112 at Highland Park Senior High School, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. The program will be repeated at the same time tomorrow in Room 317 at Central High School, 275 N. Lexington Pkwy., and on Thursday, December 7, in Room 109 at Ramsey Junior High School, 1700 Summit Ave. For more information, call 297-5882.

## November 29

**FILMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS** will be shown at 10:30 a.m. today at the Nokomis Library, 5100 S. 34th Ave., Minneapolis. The films will include "Dorothy's ABC's," "Curious George," and "Dorothy and the Kite."

**A ONE-SESSION CLASS** on refinishing hardwood floors will be offered from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. today at the Roosevelt Community School, 4029 S. 28th Ave., Minneapolis. The cost is \$4.00. For more information, call 627-2697.

**THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH** of Carondelet will hold their second annual art and craft sale from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. today in St. Joseph Hall at the College of St. Catherine. Christmas decorations, candles, dolls, pottery, sweaters, scarves, and hand-painted cards will be on sale. Proceeds will benefit the sisters' retirement fund.

**A SNOWSHOE-MAKING** workshop will be held from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. today at the Dodge Nature Center, 1795 Charlton St., West St. Paul. Participants will put together their own Ojibwa-style snowshoes from kits. The cost is \$50. Call 455-4531 by November 24 to register.

## November 30

**SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT** will be discussed during a free seminar at 7:00 p.m. today at Roosevelt Community School, 4029 S. 28th Ave., Minneapolis. For more information, call 627-2697.

**THE REVEREND F. Forrester Church**, senior minister of the Unitarian Church of the Souls in New York City, will speak on "God and Other Famous Liberals" at 7:30 this evening at Unity Church-Unitarian, 732 Holly Ave. An author and columnist, Church has come to be regarded as an eloquent new voice for liberal religion. The cost is \$6.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door. For more information, call 228-1456.

**"WOMEN AND ISLAM"** will be addressed today by Riffat Hassan, a professor of religious studies at the University of Louisville, Kentucky. Her talk, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 12:15 p.m. in the Coffman Union theater at the University of Minnesota. Born in Pakistan, Hassan is a leading scholar of the Koran, or Qur'an, and Islamic theology. She is currently working on a book on women in the Koran.

**THE KIRKIN O' THE TARTAN** will be celebrated at 7:00 this evening at the Episcopal Church Home of Minnesota, 1879 Feronia Ave. The public is invited to bring a piece of tartan cloth to be blessed and to join the festivities of song and dance.

## December 1

**THE DODGE NATURE CENTER**, 1795 Charlton St., West St. Paul, will host a dinosaur film festival from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening. The feature films will include "The Dinosaur Who Wondered Who He Was," "Dinosaurs, the Terrible Lizards," "Dinosaur" and "Dinosaurs: Puzzles from the Past." Free

refreshments will be served, and dinosaur collectibles will be on sale. The cost is \$3.00. Register by calling 455-4531.

## December 2

**THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE** and St. Luke's School will hold their annual holiday open house from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. today at the home of Rick and Karen London, 530 Grand Hill. Refreshments will be served, and a cash bar will be available. The event is open to all adult alumni, friends and neighbors in the St. Luke's community. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens.

**THE WOMEN'S GROUP** of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave., will host a Christmas luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today in the church social hall. Music will be provided by a flute trio, and the Reverend Terry Cassell, a spiritual counselor and dramatist, will speak on "Mary, Mother of Jesus." The cost is \$5.00. For reservations, call Ardella Vars at 698-4096 or Pearl Peyer at 698-6806 by November 28.

**CREATE A GRAPEVINE WREATH** during a two-hour workshop beginning at 1:30 p.m. today at the Dodge Nature Center, 1795 Charlton St., West St. Paul. Participants will also have a chance to make ornaments and other nature-related gift items. The cost is \$6.50 for adults, \$3.25 for children. For reservations, call 455-4531.

## December 3

**A COMMUNITY CAROL SING-ALONG** will be held at 2:00 p.m. today at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Music director David Hargrove will lead choirs and carolers in an hour of holiday songs, with Stan Turner serving as the commentator. Participants are asked to bring non-perishable food items or cash donations for the local food shelves.

**TOYS, BOOKS AND GAMES** for children of all ages will be sold from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. There will also be demonstrations on family bookmaking and storytelling. Admission is 99 cents. For reservations, call 698-4225 or 451-8719.

**A HOLIDAY BAKE SALE** will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today at Sts. Volodymyr and Olga Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 873 Portland Ave. The sale will feature European tortes and pastries. A light lunch will be served.

## December 4

**THE REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD** will hold a hearing to receive public comments on its Metro Mobility services at 4:00 p.m. today in Mears Park Centre, 230 E. 5th St. Those interested in speaking at the hearing should call Mary Fitzgerald at 292-8789.

**THE GUILD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** will hold a Christmas tea from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. today at the Maryhill Retreat House, 260 Summit Ave. Music will be provided by Mary Seign Hamel and her sister, Doris Seign O'Brien. A Mass will be said at 2:00, followed by a short meeting and the tea. The cost is \$6.50. Participants are asked to bring gifts for the occupants of the Guild residences.

## December 6

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE** Howard Orenstein and state Senator Dick Cohen will meet with interested constituents from 7:30 to 9:00 this evening at Rockwood Place, 2259 Rockwood Ave.

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**BOARD ADDRESSES FOUR LOCAL ISSUES**

The possible sale of the old Edgcombe School building, a review of the city of St. Paul's forestry plan, the sewer work scheduled for Highland next summer, and the need for an Environmental Impact Statement concerning the possible connection of Ayd Mill Road with Interstate 35E were among the issues addressed at the November 9 meeting of the Highland Area Community Council.

Back in October, a board member had proposed that the community council join in the lawsuit with local residents opposed to the sale of the Edgcombe building to the Talmud Torah of St. Paul. The board in November decided against participating in the lawsuit against the St. Paul School Board and the Talmud Torah. The board also heard from Ward 3 City Councilmember Bob Long that should the Edgcombe building be sold on February 1 as scheduled, the Talmud Torah has agreed to allow the St. Paul Police Department to continue renting space there for its Southwest Area Team until September 1, 1990. This would give the city and the community time to review alternative locations for the police team, Long said.

The board recommended that the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation review its forestry plan for boulevard trees. HACC would like to see several issues discussed, including the suitability of the tree species designated for boulevards in the area. The board wonders whether species other than those planned for the area would provide more shade or be more resistant to disease. The board also questioned the wisdom of planting the same species of trees for several blocks should a disease break out among that species.

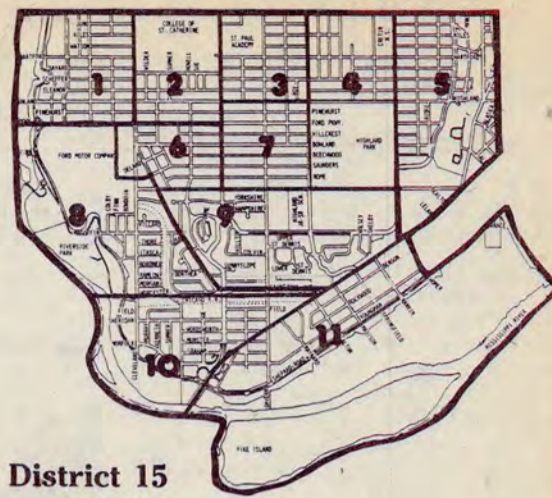
The board also recommended that in the next two years, the city fund an Environmental Impact Study on the connection of Ayd Mill Road to the I-35E Parkway. The CIB Committee recommended funding the study in 1990-91, but the mayor's proposed budget eliminated the study. The City Council will make a final decision on the the CIB budget in December.

**CHORE SERVICE AIDS ELDER**

Senior citizens who are looking for help with household chores like snow shoveling can find it through the Jewish Community Center's chore service. For more information on this program, call Dianne Siegel at 698-0751.

**RECYCLABLES COLLECTED DEC. 4**

The next recycling date in the Highland area is Monday, December 4. Recyclable materials should be bagged, boxed or bundled and placed at curbside by 7:00 a.m. They will



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be collected rain, snow or shine. Please, do not bag recyclables in plastic. For more information on recycling, call the HACC office at 690-0866 or the Neighborhood Energy Consortium at 644-5436.

**DON'T WASTE WHEN YOU CAN RECYCLE**

The Council Capsule's A-Z recycling and disposal guide for common household items continues this issue with information on cans, cardboard, computers, concrete and eyeglasses:

**Cans.** All beverage and food cans can be recycled through the Highland Area's curbside service. Metal cans of all types, along with their lids, can be placed in the same bag and placed at curbside for pickup on the first and third Mondays of the month.

**Corrugated cardboard,** to be recycled with the curbside service, needs to be flattened to a size no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet. The flattened cardboard can then be placed in a paper bag or bound with string. Cereal boxes, pop cartons and carboard boxes of this type *cannot* be recycled through this program.

**Computer** circuit boards, which contain trace amounts of gold and other precious metals, can be recycled. They should not be thrown in the garbage because they may also contain lead. If you have an old computer, contact Asset Recovery at 641-0789.

**Concrete and asphalt** can be reused in road construction. For more information on recycling these materials, call Ashbach Construction (271-7611), Bituminous Roadways (721-2451 or 457-7369), Carl Bolander Concrete Recycling Center (224-6299 or 642-9240), Midwest Asphalt (636-3707), Poor Richards (776-6333), or Total Asphalt (488-2585).

**Eyeglasses.** An organization of retired optometrists collects old eyeglasses and sends them on to disadvantaged people in Third World countries. To recycle your old spectacles, call Dr. Hess (521-3563) or Dr. Lilja (482-9110) of the Volunteer Optometric Service to Humanity.



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# On the Towns

## Lives of Sister Kenny, Mayos intrigue children's writer

by Terry Andrews

Emily Crofford's living room, with its old rocker, pillowy sofa, large fireplace, and shelves of books, photographs and antiques, is homey and unpretentious. It looks inviting enough to be an illustration-come-to-life from one of her children's books.

Perhaps that's not surprising. Crofford, an author who has just published two new books for children, spent years stripping paint and refinishing woodwork in the Highland Park home where she and her husband, Robert, have lived since 1970, one year after they first moved to Minnesota.

That was about the time that Crofford began writing for children, after her own eight children were grown. She had been writing short fiction for adults and working on a novel when the editor-in-chief of Carolrhoda Books, a local publisher of children's books, called her and suggested she write for children.

Crofford sat down and wrote a story based on her own experiences growing up in rural Arkansas in the 1930s. That first book, *A Matter of Pride*, was published in 1981 and was followed shortly thereafter by *Stories from the Blue Road*, also set in Depression-era Arkansas.

"Nobody ever wrote about that part of Arkansas before," said Crofford, whose voice still carries a Southern lilt. "The Ozarks, yes, they're so romantic. But the area I was from was dusty and dry and not very attractive."

Crofford, 62, began her career as a newspaper reporter and editor in Arkansas and Memphis, Tennessee. She quit working four years later after she married.

There was no time to write during the years she was raising her children, Crofford recalled. "I thought about writing all the time," she said. "It was in my head, but I had no time to do anything with it."

When her youngest child was in 5th grade, Crofford wrote a 500-page novel that has not yet been published. She submitted it to several publishing houses, and from that experience learned that the business of writing also involves knowing how to market your work. Crofford began reading magazines and attending programs directed toward writers. She also talked to other writers about getting published.

"Everyone has their own expertise to share," she said. And in the Twin Cities, "there are just a lot of people willing to share (information)."

Crofford considers Minnesota a mecca for children's writers, and said the state has a good reputation with East Coast publishers. "They say when they get a manuscript from Minnesota, they look at it," she said. "That's something, because even small publishers get as many as 200 manuscripts a week."

Crofford recently published two new children's books, *Healing Warrior: A*



Author Emily Crofford has just published two books for children, one on the Mayo brothers who started the Rochester clinic and the other on Sister Elizabeth Kenny of the Kenny Institute.

*Story About Sister Elizabeth Kenny*, and *Frontier Surgeons: A Story About the Mayo Brothers*. She decided to do the books because of a fictional story she had been writing about a character who had polio.

"I got interested in polio, and I started reading about Sister Kenny," Crofford said. "I started writing an 8th-grade-level book about her, but 8th-graders don't read much. Then someone told me about Carolrhoda's series of biographies about famous people, and I switched to writing a 4th-grade book. I feel kids need to be exposed to all they can that is positive."

Crofford worked on the two books for about three years, with much of that time spent on research. She read everything she could find that had been written on Sister Kenny and the Mayos, and then began interviewing people who had worked with them.

She received a \$1,000 State Arts Board grant to write the Sister Kenny biography. Sister Kenny was a self-taught Australian nurse who came to this country to try to convince American doctors that she had a method for

successfully treating victims of polio, Crofford said. The Mayo brothers were the first to take her seriously, and eventually the Sister Kenny Institute was established in Minneapolis.

Through her research, Crofford was able to uncover some facts about Sister Kenny that she feels are not generally known. She interviewed Sister Kenny's secretary, Margaret Opdahl, who still lives in Minneapolis.

"Sister Kenny was a terrible liar," Crofford said, "especially about her age. (She died in 1952 at age 66.) She even left her younger sisters out of her own book, *And They Shall Walk*, because she made herself so young there was no way to fit them in."

"But she lied to protect herself," Crofford continued. "She only had a 6th-grade education. And she'd had no nurse's training. She got her knowledge by doing and by reading."

Crofford learned that Sister Kenny wrote poetry, loved the Bible practically by heart, and loved to go to movies on "dish night," when those attending would be given a free dish. "But she often

jumped up in the middle of the movie and left because she had forgotten to do something," she said.

Crofford's book about how the Mayo brothers established the Mayo Clinic in Rochester grew in part out of her work on the Sister Kenny book.

"Emily Kelley is an editor-in-chief at Carolrhoda and her grandfather worked with the Mayo brothers," Crofford explained. When Kelley suggested she write about the Mayos, Crofford went to Rochester to interview Kelley's grandfather. "He's now in his 90s, but just a delight," she said.

What set the Mayos apart from other doctors of their time was the idea of teamwork, Crofford said. "That had never been done before in medicine. Dr. Mayo and his sons, who also became doctors, brought other gifted, skilled people to Rochester to work in the clinic," she said. "To see the equipment they used in those days—the surgical tools were enough to scare you into getting well."

Crofford's story tells how the Mayo brothers grew up surrounded by medicine and how they helped their father in his practice. After receiving their medical degrees, the brothers combined forces to operate a clinic.

Crofford has published other works as well. She recently had a short story included in a 6th-grade reader, side by side with works by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Lewis Carroll, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Isaac Asimov. She has also published a series of mysteries for young readers. While she is currently writing another novel for adults, she says she likes writing for children because of

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Highland author Emily Crofford has published these six books since she began writing for children almost 20 years ago.

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## Dance

**The Nutcracker**, the traditional holiday fantasy with choreography by Kent Stowell and costumes and sets by children's author and illustrator Maurice Sendak, will return to Northrop Auditorium for 13 performances November 25 through December 6. The Pacific Northwest Ballet production features a cast of 40 professional dancers and 150 local students. Tchaikovsky's beloved musical score will be performed by a live orchestra. For show times and tickets, priced from \$27 to \$11, call Northrop at 624-2345.

**The Zenon Dance Company** will open its seventh season with a selection of recent jazz works by choreographer Danny Buraczkeski at 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 1, at the Ordway's McKnight Theatre. The program will include "Monkish," "Blue on the Moon," "Lost Life," "Merry-Go-Round" and "Bulgarian." At 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 2, the company will perform several modern dance works, including Bebe Miller's "This Room Has No Windows, and I Can't Find You Anywhere," Doug Varone's "Ever Faithful," Keith Young's "Departments" and Wil Swanson's "Lochenside," along with Buraczkeski's "Blue on the Moon" and "Monkish." Tickets cost \$11 and are available by calling 224-4222.

## Theater

**Black Nativity** will return to the stage of the Penumbra Theatre Company on Wednesday, November 22, for performances through December 30. The play is the Christmas story told through the eyes of a community of African-American farmers around the turn of the century. That era was a time of hope and enlightenment for black Americans oppressed for so many years under slavery. With spirited song and dance and the words of black

writer Langston Hughes, *Black Nativity* portrays a renewal of their faith and hope during the season of rebirth. Performances are at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the Martin Luther King Center, 270 N. Kent St. Additional shows will be presented on Wednesdays beginning December 6 and on Tuesdays starting December 19. Tickets are priced at \$10.50, \$9.50 for senior citizens, and \$8.00 for students on Fridays and Saturdays; \$9.50, \$8.50 and \$8.00 for all other shows. The December 2 performance will be a benefit for the Children's Rainbo Theater Company. Dennis Spears of Moore by Four will tell about his experiences as an instructor at Rainbo Theater during a public reception at 7:00 that evening. Tickets for the fundraising performance at \$15 are available by calling 482-9077. Tickets for the other performances are available by calling 224-4601.

**David Mamet's black comedy, *Speed-the-Plow*** will open at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 22, at the Mixed Blood Theatre, 1501 S. 4th St., Minneapolis. Set in Hollywood, the fiercely funny play is about two film producers in hot pursuit of the "deal of a lifetime" and reveling in the wealth that is sure to follow. Performances will continue at 8:00 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays and at 7:00 p.m. Saturdays. (There will be no performance on Thanksgiving.) Tickets are \$10, \$7.50 on Sundays and Thursdays. For reservations, call 338-6131.

**December Mornings**, a stage adaptation by Peg Sheldrick of two Christmas stories written by Truman Capote, will be presented by the Great North American History Theatre in matinee and evening performances beginning November 24. "A Christmas Memory" recreates a time when people knew how to make something from nothing and high jinks didn't cost a dime. It is about a young boy and his elderly cousin who spend a week of their time and their small savings preparing 31 dried-fruit and pecan cakes for strangers who have struck their fancy. In "One Christmas," the same



Costumes and sets by children's author and illustrator Maurice Sendak give the Pacific Northwest Ballet's *Nutcracker* the look of a storybook come to life. This character is one of the more than 100 featured in the production, opening November 25 at Northrop Auditorium. For details, see listing.

young boy recounts the holiday he spent with his flamboyant father in New Orleans. The visit is an illuminating one for the boy, who discovers his father's taste for elegance, women and whiskey, and learns some painful lessons about loving and giving. Performances will run Wednesdays through Sundays through December 10, and also on Saturday and Sunday, December 16 and 17, and Friday, December 22. For show times and tickets, call 292-4323.

**Gale LaJoye** plays the part of a

street character with the mystique and the intrigue but also the magic of the town fool in *Snowflake*, a holiday production that opens at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 24, at the Southern Theater, 1420 S. Washington Ave. in Minneapolis.

*Snowflake* is a new play written by LaJoye, a former "boss clown" with the Ringling Brothers circus. His character captures the essence of the holiday spirit—an innocent man whose magical qualities radiate from his unselfish, gentle and playful nature. Snow-

flake tap dances on a soft bed of snow, distributes presents from a bottomless bag, creates a percussion orchestra with bed frames, garbage cans and bottles, and turns pirouettes on a pair of old skis. The show will be presented in weekend matinee and evening performances through December 17. For tickets, priced at \$10 (\$8.00 on Sundays) for adults and \$6.50 for children under 12, call 340-1725.

**The Curious Savage** by John Patrick will open at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 24, at Thea-

tre in the Round, 245 S. Cedar Ave., Minneapolis. The warm-hearted comedy is the story of a Mrs. Savage who has been left \$10 million by her late husband and decides to give it away so other people can realize their hopes and dreams. Her stepchildren don't appreciate her sense of charity, however, and in an attempt to get the estate have her committed to a sanatorium. Performances are at 8:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 7:00 p.m. Sundays through December 16. The production will close at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 17. Tickets are \$9.00, with a \$1.00 discount for senior citizens on Fridays and Sundays. Rush tickets at \$5.00 will be available on Sundays to students with I.D. For more information, call 333-3010.

**"Fables Here and Then,"** a delightful collection of fables, myths and stories culled from cultures around the world and dramatized by David Feldshuh, will open on Friday, November 24, on the stage of the Spirit of the Horse Theatre Company. The children's production will include such stories as "The Wise Man" (Chinese), "The Centipede" (anonymous), "How the Snake Lost His Voice" (Japanese), "The Gas Company" (British), "The Indians and Death" (Native American), "Gassir the Hero" (African) and "The Bremen Town Musicians" (German). A cast of six will enact the stories without prop or costume changes. An original musical score by Stephen Houltz will be performed live. Shows are at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. opening day and on Saturdays and Sundays through December 23 at the Lil Pony Theatre, located on the fourth floor of the Rossmor Building at 9th and Robert streets. For tickets, priced at \$3.50 (free for low-income children), call 290-2845.

**An outrageous mixture** of dark humor, comedy and "Southern weirdness" reminiscent of the works of Flannery O'Connor is *Tent Meeting*, a play by Larry Larson, Levi Lee and Rebecca Wackler opening Friday, November 24, on the stage of the Spirit of the Horse Theatre Company. Developed by the Southern Theatre Conspiracy of Atlanta, the play follows the Tarbox family on its exodus from Arkansas to Canada,

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Charity Jones stars as the soot-covered servant girl who is transformed into a resplendent princess in *Cinderella*. An uproarious version of the old story will be performed by the Children's Theatre beginning November 24. For details, see listing.

where the Reverend Edward O. Tarbox plans to reveal to the world the significance of the blessing his family has received from God. Standing in Reverend Ed's way are his mutinous, skeptical son, Darrell, who fancies himself a hero of World War II, and his queer daughter, Becky Ann, whose habit of humming gives way to occasional bouts of hysteria. Performances are at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday, and at 7:00 p.m. Sunday through December 23 at the Lil Pony Theatre, located on the fourth floor of the Rossmor Building at 9th and Robert streets. For tickets, priced at \$9.00, \$7.00 on Thursday and Sunday, and \$5.00 on Monday, call 290-2845.

*Cinderella*, the tale of the soot-covered servant girl turned resplendent princess, will be done up for the holidays by the Children's Theatre Company in 60 performances from November 24 through December 30. Filled with holiday carols and dance, the production is an uproarious version of the old story presented in the traditional high humor of the English panto. The theater is located at 2400 S. 3rd Ave., Minneapolis. For ticket information, call 874-0400.

A *Christmas Carol*, Dickens' heartwarming holiday classic, will open for its 15th season at the Guthrie Theater at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 24. John Bottoms will play the role of the selfish, old miser Ebenezer Scrooge, who undergoes a mystical transformation after three ghostly visitors confront him with visions of his past, present and future. Theatergoers are being asked to donate non-perishable food items to the emergency food shelves by placing them in bins located in the Guthrie lobby. Performances of *A Christmas Carol* will run through Sunday, December 31. Tickets, priced from \$11 to \$32, are available by calling 377-2224.

The comedy *Reckless* by Craig Lucas, a roller coaster of little catastrophes that could serve as an *It's a Wonderful Life* for the 1980s, will open at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 29, at the Cricket Theatre, 1407 S. Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis. The holiday comedy that was a hit off Broadway is about a mother whose life seems wonderful until a dastardly turn of fate throws it into a turmoil. Preview performances will be presented on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, November 25-28. The show will run Thursday through Sunday evenings (with two Sunday matinees) through December 23. For tickets, priced from \$17.95 to \$7.95, call 871-2244. Rush tickets at \$5.00 may also be available for students and the general public one-half hour before curtain time.

"The Innkeepers," a Christmas puppet show with a message of love and hope for all ages, will be presented Thursdays through Sundays throughout December at St. Anthony Main, 125 S.E. Main Street, Minneapolis. Co-sponsored by Creative Ink and the Catholic Education Center, the hour-long show is about Ramada and Aramus, a couple who operate an inn. On a busy evening when they haven't a vacant room, they turn some late arrivals away to spend the night in a stable. Something happens that night to give them a new perspective on life. The show will play at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. Reservations are required by calling 379-0916.

In the *Heart of the Beast* Puppet and Mask Theatre will present the Italian folk tale *La Befana* for the holidays, with matinee and evening performances December 5 through January 7 at the Avalon Theater, 1500 E. Lake St. *La Befana* is the holi-

day gift giver of Italy and the center of a tradition that predates Santa Claus. The story links one woman's journey of self-discovery with that of people from around the world and across the centuries. It explores the importance of journeys, and in the process enables the audience to experience how journeys transcend boundaries of age, culture and belief. Show times are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and at noon on December 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 28 and 29. Tickets are priced at \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 18. Group rates are available. For reservations, call 721-2535.

## Exhibits

Speedboat Gallery, 1166 Selby Ave., is exhibiting recent paintings and drawings by Daniel Kaniess. The exhibit will run December 23. Call 647-9733 for more information.

Victoria Gallery Ltd., 1114 Grand Ave., is currently featuring "The Grand Age of Design 1860-1910," a display of rare examples of European advertising, posters and turn-of-the-century designs. The exhibit will run through Christmas. The gallery is open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every day. Call 224-5659 for more information.

The American Swedish Institute will be decorated for the holidays in true Scandinavian style from now through January 14. The exhibit features Christmas trees and table settings representing the traditions of Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark and Iceland. The Swedish tree is decorated with candles, strings of Swedish flags, heart-shaped ginger cookies called *pepparkakor*, woven paper hearts, and *julgranskarameller*, which are brightly colored tissue-paper pom poms filled with candy—a treat for Swedish children when the tree is taken down after Christmas. The legend of Sankta Lucia will be told along with how the story became an important part of the Swedish holiday tradition. The museum, located at 2600 Park Ave. in Minneapolis, is open from noon to 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is \$3.00, \$1.00 for senior citizens and students under 19. For more information, call 871-4907.

The Minnesota Museum of Art will offer a free public tour of the exhibition "Art Collecting and Patronage" at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, November 26, in the museum's Landmark Center Galleries, located at 5th and Market streets. The exhibit features nearly 200 objects of American Art, plus works from East Asia, Africa and Oceania. For more information, call the museum at 292-4369.

"Pioneers of Bird Illustration," an exhibit featuring prints and illustrated books produced by Mark Catesby, Thomas Bewick, Alexander Wilson and John James Audubon, will open on Saturday, December 2, in the Bell Museum at the University of Minnesota. The exhibit will offer Twin Citians their first chance in decades to see prints from the double-elfant folio of Audubon's *Birds of America*. The exhibit will run through March 31. Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for senior citizens and children ages 3-17, free on Thursdays and for children 2 and younger.

"Domestic Arrangements," a full-scale exhibit focusing on the issues surrounding today's housing problems, will open on Sunday, December 3, at the Walker Art Center. The 2,000-square-foot exhibit, construct-

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ed by New York architects Tod Williams and Billie Tsien, suggests a number of possibilities for low-cost housing. The architects will present a free opening-day lecture at 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 375-7622.

Jewish artists and art that deals with Jewish themes will be the focus of a guided tour of the Walker Art Center's permanent collection on Sunday, December 3. The tour will be led by art historian Maureen Beck, a member of the faculty of the Institute of Adult Jewish Studies in Minneapolis. It will begin at 3:00 p.m. For those who need transportation, a van will be leaving at 2:30 p.m. from the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$5.00, \$4.00 for students and senior citizens, plus \$2.00 for museum admission. Reservations are required by November 30 by calling 698-0751.

Architecture Tomorrow, a series of exhibitions featuring original, experimental designs by young American architects, will continue at the Walker Art Center on Sunday, December 3, with the opening of a show by the New York firm Tod Williams Billie Tsien and Associates. "Domestic Arrangements" suggests a number of possibilities for low-cost housing within the framework of conventional building technologies. The exhibit includes elements of housing at full scale, combining unconventional but inexpensive materials such as Homosote, compressed wood pallets, polyurethane foam and laminated paperboard. The show will open with a free lecture by Williams and Tsien beginning at 4:00 p.m. December 3 at the Walker (gallery admission required). Their talk will be preceded by a half hour of questions and answers in the gallery. The exhibit will remain on view through February 11.



This 19th century engraving of a raven by John James Audubon is part of the "Pioneers of Bird Illustration" exhibit that will open December 2 at the Bell Museum. For details, see listing.

na for a prearranged marriage, and the happy couple return to Manhattan only to face meddling in-laws and typical newlywed problems. The film will be shown through December 7 at 7:30 nightly, with additional 5:30 p.m. screenings Thursday through Sunday, and 9:30 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for senior citizens, \$3.00 before 6:00 p.m.

Classic animation features made during the golden age of Hollywood will be shown at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, November 25 through December 23, at the Jerome Hill Theater, located in the First Trust Center at 5th and Jackson streets. The cartoons will be screened at the same times on Friday, November 24. They include "Popeye Meets Sinbad," "The Screwy Truant," "Horton Hatches the Egg," "Yankee Doodle Mouse" and "The Billion-Dollar Limited." Admission is \$3.00.

Hiroshima, Mon Amour, a portrait of man's inhumanity to man, will be shown at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 29, in the Coffman Union Theatre at the University of Minnesota. The 1959 black-and-white film is in French with English subtitles. Admission is free.

Director David Lynch's new film, Twin Peaks, an intricate

portrait of a fictional logging town in the Northwest, will be shown for the first time at 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 1, at the Walker Art Center. The premiere screening will be introduced via telephone by producer Mark Frost, who wrote the story as the pilot for a television series debuting next spring on ABC. The plot of Twin Peaks is typically Lynchian: a sleepy small town is rudely awakened by the discovery of the homecoming queen's body wrapped in plastic. An FBI agent investigating the death discovers that very little in Twin Peaks is exactly as it appears and no one—including the homecoming queen—is what he or she appears to be. Tickets are \$6.00, \$5.00 for senior citizens.

ano concertos. Music director Edo de Waart will conduct the program, which also will include Lutoslawski's "Venetian Games" and Elgar's "Enigma Variation." Tickets, priced from \$7.50 to \$27, are available by calling 371-5656.

The Sylmar Chamber Ensemble will perform a free concert of wacky, yet instructive music, at noon Friday, November 24, in the cortile of the Landmark Center. The concert is sponsored by United Arts.

Scottish accordionist Phil Cunningham will perform in concert at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 24, at the Cedar Cultural Centre, 416 S. Cedar Ave., Minneapolis. Cunningham won six Scottish accordion championships before he reached age 16. He will perform traditional and original Scottish and Irish jigs, reels and waltzes on the accordion, tin whistle and cittern. Tickets at \$7.50 in advance, \$8.75 at the door, are available at Ticketmaster locations or by calling 338-2674.

Christopher Hogwood will conduct the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra in an all-French program at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, November 24 and 25, at the Ordway Music Theatre. The program will feature Rebel's "Excerpts from The Elements," Bizet's popular "L'Arlesienne," Ravel's "Pavane pour une infante defunte," and Gounod's Symphony No. 1. Tickets, priced from \$10 to \$24, are available by calling 224-4222.

Soprano Kathleen Battle will bring her superlative artistry to the opening concert of the 1989-90 Merrill Lynch Great Performers series at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 25, at Orchestra Hall. During the past season, the Grammy Award winner has had starring roles in three Metropolitan Opera productions and made appearances with the Boston Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra and the Los Angeles Philharmonic, along with conducting a major European recital tour. Tickets, priced from \$12 to \$24.50, are available by calling 371-5656.

The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra will open its Pillsbury Company Family Series with a program of dance suites at 10:00 and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, November 25, at the World Theatre, 10 E. Exchange St. The program will include Bach's elegant Suite No. 1 in C, Martinu's "La Revue de Cuisine," Ravel's "Pavane pour une infante defunte," and Rebel's "Characters of the Dance." Tickets at \$12 for adults, \$8.00 for children, are available by calling 224-4222.

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## Concerts

The Minnesota Orchestra will present the debut of Finnish pianist Olli Mustonen performing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 during 8:00 p.m. concerts on Wednesday and Friday, November 22 and 24, at Orchestra Hall. An 11:00 a.m. coffee concert will be held on Thursday, November 30. Mustonen, 22, has won increasing attention in Europe as a soloist and as the composer of two pi-

## Film

Autumn Sonata, Ingmar Bergman's film about the frail yet indestructible bonds between a mother and daughter, will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Friday, November 24, at the American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave., Minneapolis. Liv Ullman and Ingrid Bergman star. Admission is \$3.00.

Eat a Bowl of Tea, Wayne Wang's portrait of New York's Chinatown in the 1940s, will open on Friday, November 24, at the Jerome Hill Theater, located in the First Trust Center at 5th and Jackson streets. It's a bittersweet comedy about sex, marriage and grandchildren. A young GI travels to Chi-

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**Violinist Leslie Shank** and guitarist Joseph Hagedorn will present a concert of chamber music at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 26, in the Grand Salon, 510 Groveland Ave. Admission is free with complimentary valet parking available. They will be joined by violinist Daria Tedeschi, violist Sabina Thatcher, cellist Anna Clift and soprano Maria Jette. The program will feature works by Boccherini, Handel, Nin, Eastwood, Giuliani and Seiber. For more information, call 874-7406.

**British conductor Sian Edwards** will make her U.S. debut with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra in Baroque Series concerts at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, at the Ordway Music Theatre and on Saturday, December 2, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. The concert will feature Dutch cellist Anner Bylsma in a performance of Haydn's Cello Concerto in D. Tickets range in price from \$9.00 to \$21.50. The program will be repeated in a coffee concert at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, November 30, at the Ordway, with tickets priced from \$8.00 to \$16.

**Edo de Waart** and the Minnesota Orchestra will perform Mahler's Symphony No. 3 at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, November 29 and December 1, at Orchestra Hall, at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 2, at the

Ordway Music Theater. Mezzo-soprano Nancy Maultsby will be joined by the Women of the Dale Warland Symphonic Chorus and the Metropolitan Boys Choir for the colossal symphony, which has been performed by the Minnesota Orchestra only four times in its 86-year history. The immense score reveals varying moods throughout its six movements, from the vigor of the Austrian march that opens the symphony to the stirring yet serene finale. Tickets, priced from \$9.00 to \$27.50, are available by calling 371-5656.

**Zeitgeist**, a new music ensemble, will perform the premieres of Frederic Rzewski's "The Lost Melody," Igor Kuljeric's "D9-G9," and Stacy Bowers' "Aria, Duo and Hocket for Zeitgeist" in a concert at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, November 30, at the Walker Art Center. The program also will include Janika Vandervelde's "Genesis VII." Tickets at \$7.00, \$5.00 for senior citizens, are available by calling 375-7622.

**Harry Connick Jr.** will be joined by Marc Shaiman and His Orchestra during a concert performance of music from the soundtrack of the movie *When Harry Met Sally* at 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 1, at the World Theater, 10 E. Exchange St. Connick, a pianist and jazz singer, produced the soundtrack with Shaiman for the Rob Reiner film. Tickets at \$16.50 and \$18.50 are available by calling 298-1300.

"**Through the Hearing Glass**," the second concert in the Minnesota Composers Forum's 1989-90 season, will be performed at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 2, at the Walker Art Center. The program includes

Mary Ellen Childs' "Click" for three claves layers; Yoon Hee Kim-Hwang's "Hak," a duet for soprano and piano that mixes Western and Korean traditions; Carol Barnett's "Apparizione" for piano solo; Anne Kilstofte's "The Argument," a dueling duo for violins; Julia Wolfe's "On-Seven-Star-Shoes" for a contemporary woodwind quintet; Anthony Lis' "Bird on a Briar" for strings, clarinet and piano; and Erik Lund's "Traces," a reflection on grief for woodwind and string quintet. Tickets at \$7.00 (\$5.00 for senior citizens) are available by calling 375-7622.

**The Macalester Concert Choir**, under the direction of Kathy Saltzman Romey, will present its 13th annual Festive Evening concerts at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, in the Cochran Lounge of the Macalester College Student Union. The concerts will feature Lloyd Pfautsh's "A Day for Dancing," which tells the story of Christmas in nine medieval carols accompanied by dances. The program will also include three Russian and Ukrainian carols directed by student conductor Greg Dale, and traditional and international songs of the season. Harpist Kathy Kienzle will join the choir for several selections. Tickets at \$12.50 are available by calling 696-6520 by November 22.

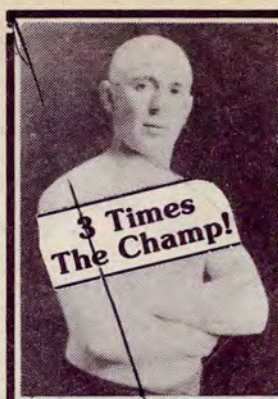
**Singers Greg Brown and Ferron** will perform in concert at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 2, in O'Shaughnessy Auditorium at the College of St. Catherine. Brown's voice has been described as "battered sweet corn chased down with a tumbler of bourbon." His songs evoke the textures of rural life in America. Ferron has been mesmeriz-

ing critics and audiences with her poetic lyrics and harmonious musical arrangements. She has been described as having one of the great voices of this decade. Tickets, ranging in price from \$8.50 to \$15.50, are available by calling 690-6700.

Handel's "Messiah" will be presented on period instruments by the Lyra Concert in performances at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 2, and at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 3, at the Luther Northwestern College Campus Center, Hendon Avenue and Fulton Street. Joining the ensemble will be the Vocale Baroque chamber chorus. Tickets are priced at \$12, \$10 for senior citizens and students.

"**Holiday Harmony**" will be performed by the St. Paul chapter of the Sweet Adelines women's barbershop chorus and members of the North Star men's chorus in a concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 3, at the Crawford Livingston Theater, 30 E. 10th St. For ticket information, call 771-6779.

**College musicians from St. Thomas and St. Catherine** will present several free concerts in the coming weeks, all open to the public. The Concert Band of the two local schools will present its winter concert at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 3, in O'Shaughnessy Auditorium at St. Catherine. Works by Alfred Reed, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Janes Curnow and Edward German are on the program along with Vaclav Nelhybel's "Christmas in Poland." The two colleges' 55-voice Liturgical Choir will premiere music by Marty Haugen, an alumnus of the divinity school at St. Thomas, in an Advent Vespers service at 4:00 p.m.



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## Et cetera

Cantors Holly Callen of Mount Zion Temple and Mitchell Kowitz of the Temple of Aaron will perform together on Sunday, December 3, at the annual dinner of the Men's Club of the Jewish Community Center. Open to the public, the dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. at the JCC, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cantors, accompanied by organist Tom Bartsch of the Temple of the Aaron, will sing duets from *The Phantom of the Opera* and *Porgy and Bess*. The dinner costs \$11. For reservations, call 698-0751 by December 1.

Comedian Louie Anderson will read from his book *Dear Dad: Letters from an Adult Child* at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 24, at the Hungry Mind bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave. A native of St. Paul, Anderson was one of 11 children in a household headed by an unpredictable, often abusive, alcoholic father. In hilarious, poignant and often angry letters, Anderson writes of the shame and neglect that shaped his youth, and of the self-discovery, forgiveness and love that came later. Admission is free and open to the public.

Minnesota authors and illustrators will be signing and reading from their books from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 26, at the Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave. Among those who will be reading from and signing their works are Judy Delton, author of the Pee Wee Scouts series; Marion Dane Bauer, author of *On My Honor* and *Touch the Moon*; Jim Latimer, author of *Going the Moose Way Home*; and the Red Balloon's Barbara Knutson, author-illustrator of *Count Your Way Through Africa*. The event is free and open to the public.

Journalist Alexander Cockburn will discuss his and co-author Susan Hecht's new book, *The Fate of the Forest*, a history and examination of the controversy surrounding the destruction of the Amazon rain forests, at 8:00 this evening at the Hungry Mind bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave. From the gold fever of the 16th century to the schemes of Brazilian military dictators in the 1960s and '70 to the murderous rampages of Brazilian ranchers in the '80s, Cockburn and Hecht tell why the destruction is taking place and what the world can do to stop it. Admission is free and open to the public.

A holiday craft activity for children 5 and older will be offered from 1:00 to 5:00 on weekend afternoons beginning Friday, November 24, in the Bell Museum on the East Bank campus of the University of Minnesota. Participants will make fish, butterfly, snake and lizard ornaments, and will create personalized gift wrap using animal foot stamps and natural objects. The workshop will be offered at the same time on Saturdays and Sundays

"Holiday Pops," a concert featuring the Peter Nero Trio, will be presented at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5 and 6, at the Ordway Music Theatre. Nero, a Grammy Award-winning pianist, has made close to 30 records, including the gold album "Summer of '42." He will join the Ordway Pops Orchestra in presenting holiday favorites and pieces from such greats as

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the feedback she receives.

"My favorite part of the writing is the letters from children," she said. "I get letters from kids all over. Some give me ideas of what to write about. It's rewarding. It's wonderful to work with kids. I'm just in my glory when I'm in front of a bunch of kids."

Crofford often visits schools across the country and talks to classrooms of 4th-, 5th- and 6th-graders.

"I tell them about writing and how books are made—from the first terrible drafts," she said. "And I show them my first drafts with all the marks on them. I tell them about all the gifted people who work on children's books."

One of Crofford's current projects is a book about a Japanese boy named Manjiro. "In 1840, Japan was still a

totally isolated nation," she said. "If anyone left Japan and entered a foreign ship and then came back, the penalty was beheading. Foreigners who came to Japan were imprisoned and put in cages, except for the Dutch, who were allowed to come once a year."

Manjiro, she said, was lost in a storm at sea while fishing, picked up by an American ship and taken to Massachusetts, where he was adopted by the ship's captain. When he finally returned to Japan, he helped open its doors to foreigners.

"It's a true story," Crofford said, and, for her, an intriguing one. But then, so are the subjects of all her books.

"They have to grab me," she said of her subjects. "If I can't get excited about them, I can't write about them."

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# Sports

## Cadets succumb to flawless foe, bow to Burnsville 48-8

by Tom Cody

"They were a buzz saw," said St. Thomas Academy football coach Gerry Brown. "We ran into a football team that played a perfect game. After looking at the film, it's hard to describe just how sharp Burnsville was."

Brown was still shell-shocked two days after his strong Cadets club had been trounced by Burnsville, 48-8, in the semifinals of the state high school football tournament on November 16 at Parade Stadium. St. Thomas, the champions from Section 3, finished the season with a 10-3 record.

"The first play of the game typified the whole evening," Brown said. "Mark Montgomery (St. Thomas' star running back) slipped and fell and lost 3 yards. We were never ourselves after that, and Burnsville played flawlessly. They never fell down."

Burnsville took its first possession down the frozen field for a quick 7-0 lead, with halfback Dave Keenan doing most of the damage on the ground. Two big Keenan runs also keyed the Braves' next scoring drive, which was topped off when quarterback Chad Emond connected on a third-down touchdown pass to tight end Mike Donley.

Disaster struck twice more before the Cadets could regroup. Burnsville's Steve Schmid blitzed St. Thomas quarterback Dave Hamiel to

cause a fumble. Two plays later, Burnsville was ahead 20-0. The Braves' all-state cornerback, Eric Edmond, then picked off a Hamiel pass, and Burnsville scored again, making it 27-0 after only 14 minutes had elapsed.

"We thrive on error-free football," Brown said. "In the 12 previous games, we gave the ball away only 10 times (six interceptions and four fumbles). In the first 14 minutes on Thursday, we lost it three times."

Keenan set off on a cross-country, 82-yard touchdown run just before the half. In all, the compact back amassed 198 yards on just 11 carries. Together with his teammates, the Braves rolled up 439 total yards on the ground.

"At halftime, I just told the kids to go out and try to win the second half," Brown said. "We did do better (St. Thomas scored eight points in the second half and limited Burnsville to two touchdowns) but we never found an offense or a defense that worked all night."

St. Thomas had qualified for the semifinals by defeating Section 1 champion Rosemount the week before, 41-10. The Cadets took the quarterfinal game by storm after trailing by 10 points early in the first period.

Hamiel's 29-yard bootleg run around left end keyed St. Thomas' first drive. Montgomery followed by scoring the first of his five touchdowns of the evening. Hamiel, playing safety on defense,



PHOTO BY MIKE LONG

A pumped up Burnsville defense swarms over St. Thomas Academy running back Mark Montgomery during the

Braves' 48-8 victory last Thursday night in a Class AA state tournament semifinal game at Parade Stadium.

then picked off a Rosemount pass and ran it back 54 yards to the Irish 26. Two plays later, Montgomery took it in on a nifty 19-yard gambol.

"We knew that Rosemount would pay a lot of attention to Montgomery, so the big bootleg play was designed to stretch them out a little

bit," Brown said. "The (Montgomery) run that put us ahead was a beauty. It was supposed to go off right guard, but he saw a guy there and cut it back diagonally with a great burst of explosiveness."

Hamiel scored again before halftime to make it 19-10,

and Montgomery powered in for three more scores in the second half.

"Somebody's going to get one good football player in Montgomery," said Brown in assessing the future prospects of his 6-foot-1, 190-pound fullback. "Some Division I teams think he's too slow (4.6 in the

40) to be a big-time running back, but I'm not convinced. Mark has improved so much each week, and he's extremely coachable. He can catch the ball in traffic, he can block and he's a good student. He's been caught from behind only

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## Ten-year-old twirls her way to second state baton title

by Terry Andrews

At the Highland Park home of Marge and Larry Jones, neighbors often gather in the yard to watch 10-year-old Nicole Jones practice her baton twirling to the sounds of marching-band music. And with good reason. Nikki, as she's called by her friends and family, is a two-time Minnesota baton-twirling champion. Last year, the Holy Spirit 4th-grader won the state novice division, and this year she took the beginners title.

Nicole, who turned 10 this month, has been taking baton lessons for five years from Pat Spurr at Palace Recreation Center. She is now learning a new routine in an attempt to capture the intermediate division title at next year's state competition. Two years ago, Nicole competed in the world championships held at Notre Dame University, where she

**Nicole is undeterred by small mistakes, and once even continued her routine at a competition after her baton cracked her lip open.**

placed seventh in a duet performance with Becky Olson from Nativity Elementary School. Next July, Nicole will contend for a world championship trophy again, but this time with a solo performance.

Marge said her daughter has worked very

hard to get where she is, practicing 15 minutes to a half hour every day and taking lessons 50 weeks a year. Nicole competes several times a year and also performs in local parades, including the Fort Road parade held in August. Beginning in January, she will vie for titles against young baton twirlers in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Nebraska as well as Minnesota.

"My husband is a professional truck driver, and he'll be driving us to competitions on weekends," Marge said.

Nicole is currently on her third baton: she needs a longer, heavier baton each year as she grows, her mother explained. While she hasn't worn out any of her previous batons, the rubber-tipped, metal tubes have taken their toll inside the Jones' house, where Nicole often practices.

"Do you want to know how much furni-

ture I've gone through?" Marge asked while smiling and rolling her eyes. "Or how many times I've repainted the ceiling? The baton gets in the fish tank, it knocks lamps over, it sends things clanging over the glass tables, especially when she was a beginner. The baton was everywhere but where it was supposed to be. Her father wondered if we'd live through it."

Nicole, who is preparing for the December 21 Christmas show at Palace Recreation Center, is now looking for an indoor space with a high ceiling where she can practice her pretzels and flip turnarounds and double-elbow rolls and fishtails. The low ceiling at Palace Recreation Center is full of holes from batons being tossed into the air.

Baton twirling goes through cycles of

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popularity, said Spurr, who has been teaching classes in baton at Palace for 28 years. She currently has 11 students.

"Kids nowadays have so many options in sports and gymnastics," Spurr said. "But when I started, baton twirling was it. Boys had all kinds of options, but girls didn't."

"I grew up loving it," continued Spurr, who has been twirling a baton since she was 7 years old. "I want my students to feel the same way. I've got (former students) coming back to me after college who want to continue. We had a dance line for seven years here—it's recently (disbanded) because all these girls are busy and have kids of their own, but they miss it. Some of them are now bringing their daughters here."

Palace is the only recreation center in St. Paul that currently offers baton lessons.

Spurr, a full-time occupational therapist, said her philosophy of teaching baton is to help her students feel good about themselves.

"They're using that baton and twirling it, but inside they're feeling good about themselves and what they're doing," she said. "As they move through life, it's something they can take with them."



Champion baton twirler Nicole Jones.

Each time the youngsters master a new trick, they realize that they can accomplish things by trying, said Spurr, who has had several proteges go on to championship competitions. Her twirling group, the Spurrettes, were state champions in the 1970s and placed fourth in international competition in 1975. But, she emphasized, in order to succeed as twirlers, her students have to be motivated from within. "They have to want to do this," she said.

Spurr said the baton is "the elite of all the sports that girls go into. They learn dancing, gymnastics, skating maneuvers, showmanship and grace. And besides having to worry about their hands, feet and trunk, they have this object moving through the air and coming down at them."

Some colleges even offer scholarships to baton twirlers, said Marge. She got a glimpse at how popular the sport is during the 1987 world championships in Indiana. "There were groups from London, Canada, Australia, and cities across the U.S.," Marge said. "It was really fun to see all these groups twirling."

Nicole is a poised and determined competitor who would rather perform in front of strangers than show her act to friends. Nicole admitted that she still gets nervous before a performance because there is always a chance she will drop her baton, which she did three times in the state competition.

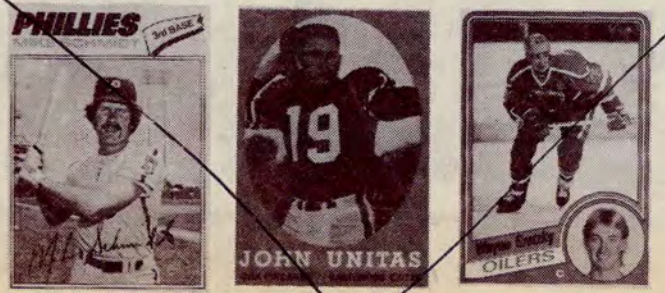
But she is undeterred by small mistakes, and once even continued her routine at a competition after her baton cracked her lip open. Judges from the national Baton Twirling Association grade a routine on the basis of speed, presentation, appearance, grace and difficulty.

Nicole still remembers winning the 1988 state competition, which was held at the College of St. Thomas. When her name was announced as the winner, she burst into tears and sat stunned in her seat, too moved to get up and accept her award.

That first win has led to several other trophies for the hard-working twirler, who plans to continue her regimen of practice and competition.

"I want to do this as long as I can and get really good at it," she said.

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The family program on ice and snow, facts and fiction, will be offered from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 3. A children's program from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, will look at winter moisture and how it affects the woods and wildlife. Paper snowflakes and other holiday decorations will be made in a family program from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5.

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# St. Thomas Academy (cont'd from page 31)

once all season. Somebody is going to take a chance on him."

Brown also likes the prospects of senior tackle Rick Thome, another possible Division I player. "He's 6-foot-5-inches tall and 255 pounds but he'll have to quicken up a little," said his coach. "I think the U of M is interested."

Brown also rates four other STA linemen as players who should draw scholarship attention: seniors Ako Stafford (defensive end), Peter Maulik (defensive tackle), Dave Bergh (offensive guard) and Chris Johnson (offensive tackle).

"Maulik is a 4.0 (grade point) student who's attracted attention out East and at the service academies," said Brown. "Stafford is really quick, and at 6-foot-3-inches, he has great potential to fill out physically."

While St. Thomas Academy players look on with interest, Burnsville will play Stillwater on Saturday night for the Class AA crown.

"I think it's a tossup," said Brown of the Prep Bowl clash. "I don't see how Burnsville can play any better than they did against us."



St. Thomas Academy halfback Jason Starr bows his head in grief as his team's season ends with a loss to Burnsville, just one game shy of a Prep Bowl appearance.

## Recreation center volunteers receive honors

The St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation will treat nine young volunteers, ages 9-15, to dinner at Circus Pizza and a Timberwolves' basketball game on December 27 in honor of their hours of service at local recreation centers.

The youths were recognized on November 20 at a ceremony in the mayor's of-

fice. There they received letters of commendation from Senator Dave Durenberger, certificates from Governor Rudy Perpich, and sweat-shirts from Timberwolves president Bob Stein.

The award winners were chosen from Parks and Rec's 84 youth volunteers of the month in 1989. Each youth contributed more than 20

hours a month at his or her local recreation center.

Local recipients include Jesse Archambault, 912 St. Clair Ave., and Adam Daly, 906 St. Clair Ave., both 9 and volunteers at the Linwood Recreation Center; and Octavia Scarver, 13, 616 Iglehart Ave., and Givonn Williams, 12, 685 Fuller Ave., from the Martin Luther King Recreation Center.

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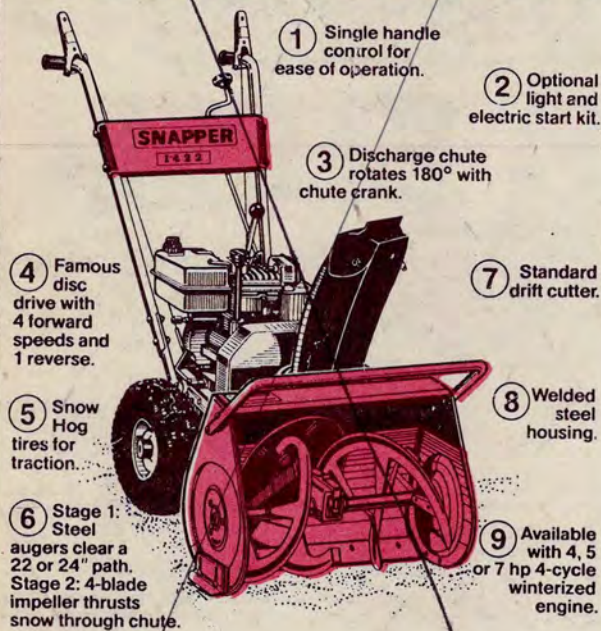
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## Elders may walk weekdays at gym

Senior citizens with a yen for continuing their walking during the winter months can do so every weekday morning in the comfort of the Edgcombe Recreation Center gymnasium, 320 S. Griggs St.

The gym is open for walking from 10:30 to 11:30 Monday through Friday through a program sponsored by the District 14 Community Council. There is no charge for using the facilities. For more information, call the District 14 office at 698-7973.

## Y's Men selling Christmas trees

The Midway Y's Men will open their annual Christmas tree sale on Monday, November 27, on the yard in front of the Midway YMCA, 1761 University Ave. The Christmas tree lot will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily through December 24.

## JCC Happenings

### SENIOR CITIZENS PLAN PROGRAMS

Senior citizens groups at the Jewish Community Center have scheduled a host of events for the coming weeks. They include a performance of *Kiss Me Kate* at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre on Wednesday, December 6, and a performing arts class beginning Tuesday, December 5. The Men's Club will hold a breakfast meeting on Monday, December 4, with Jon Weiss of the Community Housing and Service

Corporation; a luncheon meeting on Monday December 11, with Cindy Pugh of the St. Paul Dayton's store talking about "Meeting the Competition;" and a breakfast meeting on Monday, December 18 with Trish Van Pilsen of WCCO-TV's I-Team. For more information, call 698-0751.

### YOUTH BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS

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# Cody's Corner

by Tom Cody

## A DOZEN THANKS

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Unlike some other occasions, this one isn't primarily for the youngsters. No wild limps on jelly-bean highs, no over-priced, easy-to-assemble gadgetry cluttering your living space. All Thanksgiving offers are a couple of football games and lots to eat. What more can you ask from a holiday?

Seriously, the upcoming celebration offers us the chance to reflect on the finer things in life. It give us pause to appreciate those providential turns of fate that otherwise might have escaped our notice. For example:

•Chuck Nelson is gone, thank goodness. Rich Karlis has made us all forget about the Happy Hooker already.

•Kent Hrbek is happy to be here fishing and bowling in the Land of 10,000 Lakes. The big guy has had his opportunities to milk the Twins for a free-agent ransom, but he's a reasonable man . . . and a rarity in that regard. Puckett will probably be more demanding when contract time comes around. The Twins should offer each of them a blank check and let Herbie and Kirbie fill in the numbers.

•Luther Darville is out of a job at the university. Forty-five thousand dollars for Valdez Baylor? Darville may be a criminal, but worse yet, he is a poor judge of backfield talent.

•This Thursday, let us give thanks for Mike Ditka's Chicago Bears. Their 1-and-4 October stretch has made an NFC Central title possible for the locals in purple.

•I thank God every Saturday that there are two radio stations covering the Gopher football game. Ray Christianson isn't much, but he's easier on the ears than the whining and crying of Ray Scott.

•And Guty, just for you, I am thankful that there's an Iowa in the Big Ten, your last-ditch hope for saving your job.

•The appearance of "Roller Games" at 8:00 p.m. every Saturday on Channel 13. This weekly show is living proof that cable television can turn your ordinary RCA into a reservoir of quality cultural programming. You've got to see it to believe it.

•Thank goodness for college basketball powerhouses like Youngstown State, Chicago State and Rider. Without teams like these to play, how would Clem Haskins put together a competitive non-conference schedule.

•Thanks for Pierre Page. I thought the North Stars were beyond redemption, but this man has brought them back to respectability, and rather quickly at that.

•Thanks to Terry Fogarty's new Gallery of Sportsart on Grand Avenue, I am finally able to find some art that I can recognize and understand.

•Bob Schnelker is still a Viking. What would we have been talking about this past month if Schnelker were fired? I've never seen such an insignificant individual draw such acrimonious outrage. What is there about driving a car, making an omelette or running a tavern that causes just about everybody I know to think they can do it better than the next guy? Well, you can put calling offensive plays in the same category. And thanks to Bob, we can all talk about it every Monday morning.

•And thanks, too, to all of you who read this column issue after issue. I'm grateful that I have been allowed to fire my opinions your way for 10 Thanksgivings now.

## CHILDHOOD HEROES

I turned the Cody urchins loose at the Sports Collection on Grand Avenue recently. "I don't care what you buy," Dad instructed en route, just as long as it's under 12 bucks."

My lads complied, heading straight for the poster rack.

Shane, 6, covered the three major sports, choosing a Bo Jackson, a Michael Jordan and an Anthony Carter poster. Dillon, 8, went for Jose Canseco and Magic Johnson, opting to pocket the \$4.00 of change instead of spending it on a third super hero.

I was difficult for me to come to grips with the notion that my youngsters revere people who have distinguished themselves not only in athletic competition, but in some very questionable activities off the playing surface. In Canseco, we have an athlete who regularly drives his sports car at 140 mph and packs a pistol in his glove compartment. The two NBA stars, Johnson and Jordan, basically demanded and succeeded in the removal of their respective head coaches, Pat Westhead of the Lakers and Doug Collins of the Bulls. Jackson is an egotist who is living out his second childhood in two sports, while Carter is a guy who won't honor the contract he signed.

I'm sure all of these gentlemen have their good points. They are, after all, well respected at their chosen professions. But super heroes?

"Hang 'em on your wall, boys," I said begrudgingly. "Next week, we'll see if we can find a George Washington or an Abraham Lincoln."

## A HOWLING SUCCESS

Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine how well the expansion Timberwolves would do in their first couple of weeks. The team, minus its two front-court stars, played very competitively with a line-up comprised mostly of Continental League cast-offs. The first three games looked remarkably similar. The Wolves were able to stay in those contests for most of four quarters, and only faded inside five minutes. Just like Kenny Jay in the old American Wrestling Association, it looked as if they'd never win. Then came the overtime victory over the '76ers, and the win over Golden State. Those first tastes of victory may have to last us a while.

In any case, somebody forgot to tell Bill Musselman about the NBA's pace. NOBODY is supposed to hustle, drive or play real defense until the April playoffs. The Wolves, always just a heartbeat away from returning to the CBA, are playing with genuine passion. I wonder if they'll be able to sustain this drive all winter long.

Even with all their heart, this team will never win without a superstar or two. Professional basketball is dominated by the more talented individuals. Draft choices like Richardson, Leonard and West won't do the trick . . . these three don't even play. A little fat guy like Sidney Lowe is okay as a quick fix at point guard, and Tyrone Corbin looks like the real thing up front. Still, this team is three horrendous years (and three successful college drafts) away from actual respectability.

## HERE AND THERE

I'll say it again, just like I do every November: it is assigne to hold the state high school football tournament outdoors at this time of year. Was the Dome built exclusively so that people could watch baseball games indoors on 75-degree days? But there we were last Thursday at Parade Stadium, watching football in a sub-zero windchill. Why not use the Minneapolis monstrosity in the middle of the week when it sits empty? Am I the only one who has thought of this? Hello? Is anybody home?

Did you notice that for a very short time the Gophers and the Vikings held identical 5-3 records? That weekend fans were ordering Super Bowl tickets while they were demanding Gutekunst's head on a platter. Give all the credit to the parity-loving NFL, a league that has created the illusion that a 5-3 record is outstanding. In college football, especially at places like USC, Michigan and Nebraska, a 9-2 mark will get you fired. NFL coaches make the Hall of Fame if they go 10-6.

Senior Professional Baseball? Spare me. I didn't want to watch guys like Wayne Krenchicki and Garth Iorg when they were playing for real in the majors. Get on with your life, Dave Concepcion, your baseball career is over. I'd rather watch senior golf. Arnie can still make an exciting birdie or two on some of the toughest courses in the country. I doubt that Bert Campaneris can still go deep in the hole to throw out a runner.

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**This home has it all.** Spacious family home with all the extras you've dreamed of. Master bedroom with 2 walk-in closets, family room, den, dream kitchen, fireplace, vaulted ceilings, 2 1/2 baths, CA. All for \$175,000. Call Mary Belisle (690-8406).



**Custom JA home.** In Copperfield, located south of Delaware in a development with ponds and walking paths. Stop over on Sunday afternoons. We are always there at 2314 Copperfield. Jane Salen (224-4321).



**2301 Edgcombe Rd.** Lovely rambler with 3 large bedrooms, spacious kitchen with patio doors opening out to wonderful big deck and yard. Beautiful custom-built family room. Mary Ann Buelow (690-8418). \$170's.



**Brownstone condos.** Handsome rowhouse with European flavor, 2 bedrooms, fireplace, decks, hardwood floors, off-street parking, great day and night views of the bluff from each unit, C/D terms. Only \$49,900. Mary Hardy (224-4321).



**Yule be astounded!** Buy this 3-bedroom ranch with all its space and size and amenities! 2,000 sq. ft. includes master bedroom and bath, den, full-wall brick-to-ceiling fireplace, extra-large kitchen and entertainment-sized living and dining rooms. Debbie Sherman (690-8404).



**Elegant 3-story.** Beautifully remodeled turn-of-the-century home, fabulous woodwork and open stairway, fireplace, stained glass windows, 4 bedrooms, full walk-up attic, maintenance-free exterior, deck. Mary Hardy (224-4321). \$109,900.



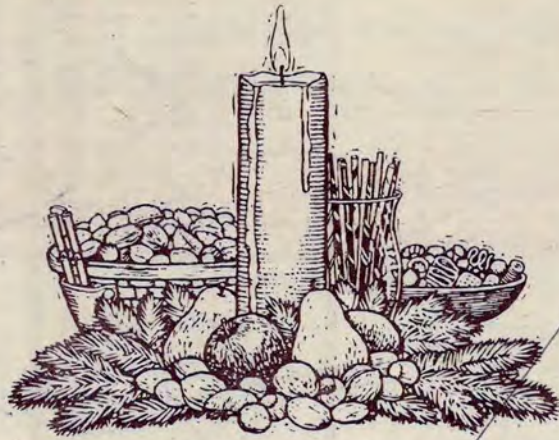
**A fantasy of oak!** For the person who loves oak everywhere, this is your dream home! Old World charm, 3 bedrooms, redone kitchen, new mechanicals. So much home for the money. Secluded neighborhood of nice homes. Linda Leicht (690-8447). \$67,900.

## A Word of Thanks

It's as true in real estate as it is in any other service profession: People make the difference.

And in the case of our two local Edina Realty offices, that difference has meant unqualified success over the past year, a period during which we established ourselves once again as the leader in local home sales.

There are obviously many reasons for that kind of success, but none as significant as our staff of highly qualified sales associates who, time



and time again, have demonstrated their dedication to all whom they serve and a commitment to professionalism in all that they do.

So, to our sales associates and our support staffs, to the hundreds of clients we were happy to serve this year, and to the countless other friends and neighbors who have helped us along the way, we pause to say thank you, one and all.

From all of us at Edina Realty, Happy Thanksgiving!

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**A perfect gem!** English Tudor 2-bedroom with large master bedroom and closets, fireplace, formal dining room plus den, hardwood floors, dynamite kitchen. Assume mortgage and move in before the holidays! Peryl Krawetz (690-8483).



**Home for the holidays.** Mint condition throughout this prime Highland Park home. 1 1/4 baths, updated kitchen by Krengel, stone fireplace in living room, and all this for only \$92,900. Call Belisle (690-8406) or Langford (690-8421).



**Picture perfect.** This charming 2-bedroom, 1 1/2-story home is in perfect condition. The interior is all newly decorated. Living room with fireplace, wonderful lower-level family room with new carpet, new AC, 2-car garage. 1840 Eleanor. \$108,500. Mary Gallivan (690-8415).



**Fabulous master bedroom suite.** new kitchen and deck, mirror-like hardwood floors, fireplace, natural woodwork, 1 1/2 baths, 3 bedrooms, excellent storage, scrupulous attention to detail. Becky Mickelberg (690-8417). \$127,900.



**Great opportunity** to own this classic 4-bedroom turn-of-the-century home in Crocus Hill! Natural hardwood floors and gleaming oak woodwork complement a new Euro-style kitchen, newer ceramic tile bath and a half. Katie Vondrasek (690-8470).



**This one has cash flow.** 2-plus bedroom duplex close to 3 colleges. High rent and demand units! Assume with no qualifying 9% FHA mortgage. Separate utilities, double garage, natural woodwork, built-in buffets. Debbie Sherman (690-8404). \$129,900.



**First-time buyers.** 3-bedroom home with 2nd-floor den or nursery, 2-car garage, fenced backyard, updated kitchen, new furnace, electric and plumbing. Well kept home in nice Merriam Park neighborhood. \$56,000. Call Scott Buelow (690-8471).



**Sunshine filled.** Townhome in Eagan, minutes from Highland. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, large kitchen with many cupboards, family room with brick fireplace, 2-car garage, lovely condition! Becky Mickelberg (690-8417). \$89,900.



**330 Woodlawn.** Beautiful 4-bedroom home on beautiful street. 3,400 square feet of living area. First floor features award winning master bath and bedroom with fireplace, great new kitchen, 3-season porch, 3-car garage. Mary Ann Buelow (690-8418). \$349,900.



**Stately, pillared** 5-bedroom home in Mendota Heights! Beamed ceiling and hardwood floors, family room, summer porch, hot tub, 2 baths, excellent condition! Large private fenced yard. Becky Mickelberg (690-8417). \$104,900.



**Dynamic rambler** for entertaining. Walkout with 3 decks overlooking impressive yard. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, main-level family room with fireplace. Completely finished lower level. Eagan. \$164,500. Sally Walker (690-8449).



**Free 1990 metro!** Seller to give any acceptable buyer a free car with the purchase of his 1-bedroom Market House beautiful contemporary condo. \$55,900. For more information call Barb Kampf (224-4321).



**Rambler townhomes!** Ready-to-go models going up, priced from \$150's to \$190's. Custom JA home—a leading builder in Mendota Heights. Contact Jane Salen (224-4321).



**A terrific buy** for the 1st-time home buyer or investor. Move right in and enjoy. Maintenance-free exterior, new gas, forced air heat, updated electrical, reinsulated and freshly painted. \$44,900. Call Blanche (690-8448).



**You're stealing it!** Now priced \$1,000 below county market value. 4-bedroom Tudor, master bath, huge family room with pegged floors, wall of storage. Drive by 450 Mount Curve, pick up Home Profile and just call Roger! (Claesgens). (690-8411).



**Total renovation.** 2222 Highland Pkwy. Exceptional 2-bedroom plus unfinished expansion. Living room fireplace, formal dining room, new windows and doors, tile, painted inside and out, yard resodded, refinished hardwood floors, new plumbing. \$86,500. Jean Baer (690-8445).