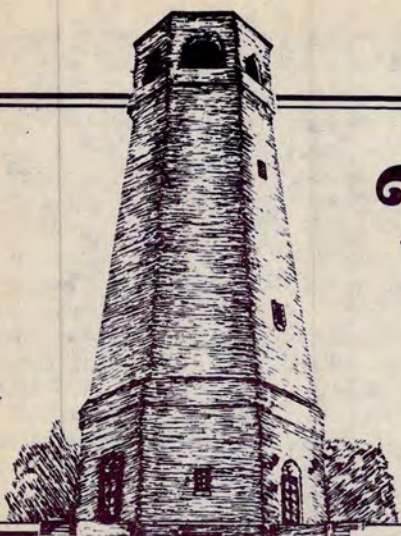




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Hearings on airport's future elicit frustration from Highland residents

by T. D. Mischke

Frustration was the underlying theme of two public meetings held last week to address the future of Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

The frustration was evident in the voices and on the faces of Highland and Macalester-Groveland area residents who once again found themselves pleading their case against airport noise before public officials and airport representatives.

"The airport is already at environmental capacity," said Scott Bunin, a Highland

resident and the area's representative on the Metropolitan Aircraft Sound Abatement Council. "People are putting up with as much noise as they're going to. They're not going to put up with a larger airport."

But a larger airport is what the Metropolitan Council's Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport Adequacy Task Force is recommending. An expansion of the airport, including the construction of a new runway, is necessary if the airport is to meet the economic demands of the future, members of the Metropolitan Council told an audience of

about 50 area residents at Highland Park High School on November 14.

Those words were echoed the following evening at Groveland Park Elementary School, where members of the Minnesota Senate's Local and Urban Government Committee listened to local residents and politicians discuss the future of International Airport.

At the second meeting, St. Paul Mayor George Latimer strongly endorsed the expansion of the airport while also endorsing the task force's

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St. Paul police officers haul away a demonstrator during the early stages of an anti-abortion protest at the Planned Parenthood clinic on Ford Parkway last Friday. By the end of the demonstration, 129 protesters had been arrested and taken downtown to police headquarters in MTC buses.

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Meals on Wheels provides means for giving thanks to 2,000 families

After 18 years, the need is still there and so is the desire to deliver Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels. What began in 1970 as Thanksgiving Day meals for the families of three laid-off workers will, on Thanksgiving Day 1988, be a sumptuous spread for some 2,000 needy metropolitan area families.

The driving force behind the 19th annual effort is once again Bill Foussard and Barb Aslesen, who as juniors at St. Thomas Academy and Derham Hall High School stayed up all night on the eve of Thanksgiving cooking ham

and scalloped potatoes for 24 children and adults.

Now well into their 30s, Foussard and Aslesen are overseeing the preparation and delivery of some 10,000 meals this Thanksgiving Day to families who can't afford to celebrate the holiday in the traditional way.

Working with a budget of \$32,000—about \$1,200 of which they have yet to raise—Foussard and Aslesen and a team of volunteers have gathered the boxes upon boxes of foodstuffs along with a list of the needy families.

All that is needed to make this year's effort the biggest Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels ever are the 500 volunteers required to deliver the meals on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24.

For the second year now, the meals are being put together at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. Three dozen volunteers have already been recruited to box the meals in the wee hours of Thanksgiving Day. Volunteers who can lend a hand by delivering

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Local woman recalls Bush's Twin Cities stay

by Dick Gordon

A few days before the November 8 election, Jane Birks received a phone call from her daughter, Ellen Donnelly, who was in the Boston area.

"Think of my future, mother," she said, "not your past."

If that sounds like an unusual request, the situation itself was hardly routine. Birks, a Highland Park resident who lives on Montcalm Place, had once dated George Bush; her daughter, at the time she placed the telephone call, was deputy national finance director for the Michael Dukakis campaign.

It is likely that few people in Minnesota, or anywhere else for that matter, faced a dilemma similar to Birks' when she went to the polls on Election Day.

Birks became acquainted with Bush back in 1942, after he came to the Twin Cities for Navy flight training at Wold Chamberlain Field. And while Jane says she had no romantic involvement with Bush, she was his escort for occasional outings during the six months or so that he spent here.

Her story hardly needs any more coincidences, but it should be mentioned that back



Jane Birks

then, before her marriage to Donald Birks, Jane's name was Jane Wyman—no relation to the more famous Jane Wyman who was then married to an actor named Ronald Reagan.

At any rate, Birks met George Bush at the Minneapolis home of her cousin, Martha Wyman, on Thanksgiving Day 1942. Martha Wyman had received a phone call from a friend of hers in Connecticut, who was also a friend of the Bush family. The friend told Martha that 18-year-old George, fresh out of prep school at Andover, was in the Twin Cities and could use some company.

Bush was invited to Thanksgiving dinner, and Jane's family was there as well. Jane, who was 18 at the time, still recalls a good deal of that war-time holiday gathering, although at the time it carried no particular significance.

"George told me all about Barbara (his future wife)," Jane said. "He seemed to miss her, and the car he'd gotten as a graduation present, a lot. After dinner he asked me if I'd go out with him sometime."

After that, Bush frequently spent weekends with Jane's family, who lived in the Kenwood

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Vellenga, Orenstein handily win re-election to the House

by Roger Fuller

State Representative Howard Orenstein (DFL) won more than 60 percent of the votes in his defeat of IR challenger Todd Caldis for the District 64B seat in the state House of Representatives on November 5.

The race in District 64B was animated by the controversy over the homestead tax credit. Caldis charged repeatedly that the DFL-controlled Legislature had abolished the credits as of 1990, while Orenstein stated that the credits will remain, only under a new formula.

"Todd did a good job of energizing his supporters for phoning and literature drops," Orenstein said. "The problem is, they ran an essentially negative campaign which people could not respond to. It's nice to have an army, but you have to have good ammunition as well."



Howard Orenstein

Orenstein said that the campaign against him for voting for the homestead tax credit change was not likely to work. "I'd been active in the airport noise campaign, the effort to save Edgumbe School from developers, and other neighborhood issues," he said. "The voters were not influenced by that type of campaign because they

knew I had been doing a good job."

Caldis attributed his loss to the fact it was "an incumbent's year." He said the result of the U.S. Senate race in Minnesota and the fact that hardly any seats in the Legislature changed hands proved the power of the incumbent in 1988.

"I'm proud of our campaign," said Caldis. "We gave it our best shot. We put the issues to the voters, but they did not respond to what we had to say. That's what democracy is all about, putting choices to the voters."

Orenstein said the negative campaign focusing on the homestead tax credit issue eventually hurt Caldis. A DFL-sponsored poll taken early in the campaign showed Caldis with a positive rating of 10 percent, a negative rating of 11 percent, with the rest undecided. A second poll taken toward the end of the cam-



Kathleen Vellenga

paign showed Caldis' negative rating dominated, 29 to 24, according to Orenstein.

In the race for the A half of District 64, DFL incumbent Kathleen Vellenga easily defeated IR challenger Richard Pecar. "I thought I'd get about 60 percent of the votes," said Vellenga, who amassed 75 percent when all the votes were tabulated. Pe-

car, a first-time challenger, ran an uphill campaign that was highlighted by two tabloids distributed district-wide that stated his positions on several issues—most conspicuously his stands on environmental matters.

"My opponent was never mean or vicious, but I think he distorted my record when he referred to the empty seat in the Legislature," Vellenga said. Pecar had charged Vellenga with a relatively poor attendance record in the last session of the House of Representatives.

"A number of times I missed a roll call because I was in committee or serving on a conference committee," she said. "He didn't say I only missed 9 percent of the time."

Donna Denkinger, District 64A IR chair, said that though Pecar was defeated soundly, he did succeed in getting out the IR base in the district. "When your candi-

date is not well known in the district and you're running against a well-established incumbent, you obviously are starting out from ground zero," she said.

Pecar acknowledged that his unfamiliarity with the district worked against him. "A four-month campaign does not give you much time to be known," Pecar said. He added that he will continue to act as an advocate for the issues which marked his campaign, including lead poisoning of children and privatization of waste management.

Pecar said he may continue to publish his tabloid newspaper, the *Independent Report*, which he circulated during the campaign. "I'm sure the issues we brought up will be around for a few years," he said.

Pecar said he will attempt to build upon the base he has developed by launching his bid for the 1990 House race in January 1989.

Representatives look forward to lively legislative session

by John Rosengren

Voters in the Highland Park and Macalester-Groveland areas re-elected the two incumbent DFL state representatives by overwhelming majorities on November 8.

Representative Kathleen Vellenga convincingly won a fifth term in the House from District 64A by collecting 75 percent of the vote in defeating her IR opponent, Richard Pecar, 12,095 to 4,051.

Representative Howard Orenstein put the icing on his freshman term with a surprisingly easy victory over IR challenger Todd Caldis in District 64B. In that traditional swing district, Orenstein won by a 61-39 percent margin, 10,607 votes to 6,850.

"It was a good year for incumbents," Vellenga said in assessing her victory, "but I didn't expect to win by that much." She credited her record for her victory. "I ran not on what I would do, but on what I did do," she said.

Pecar also cited the power of incumbency in assessing his defeat. With a limited budget, it was difficult as a first-time challenger to become known to voters in the district, said Pecar, who plans to begin campaigning

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for the 1990 election on January 1. "That will give me 20 months to get the name recognition I need," he said.

Orenstein withstood Caldis' repeated attacks on his record in winning a second term to the House. "Mr. Cal-

dis chose to run a negative campaign and it backfired," Orenstein said. "The voters laid to rest the charges."

For his part, Caldis said he was proud of the campaign he ran and had no regrets—except that he lost. He said he will now concentrate on his private law practice and on his family. Asked if he would consider running for office again, Caldis said, "You're talking to a guy who just fell off the wagon. It will be a long time before I think of politics."

According to Vellenga, the DFL's strong showing at the polls statewide demonstrated the strength of the party and Minnesotans' support for the party's House leaders, Speaker Robert Vanasek and Majority Leader Ann Wynn.

Orenstein said the election showed that Minnesotans like the work the DFL has done on the environment, health care, education and day care, and that the party's

agenda will be to continue to address those issues.

According to Orenstein and Vellenga, when the new Legislature convenes on January 3, the major issues it will address will include the homestead property tax, sentencing guidelines for sex offenders, desegregation of schools, and Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

IR candidates, Caldis perhaps foremost among them, made the homestead property tax a central campaign issue, charging that their incumbent DFL opponents had voted to abolish the guaranteed tax credits. Though Vellenga expects that there may be some tinkering with the new law, she believes the law will stay basically intact. "Those representatives whose opponents made a big issue out of the homestead tax credit won by big margins," she pointed out.

Legislators left off last session after much discussion about sentencing guidelines

for people convicted of sexual crimes and long-term treatment for offenders. In the upcoming session, they will consider a bill from the attorney general's office proposing longer sentences for persons convicted of first-

One of the more heated issues of the new session will involve consideration of the Metropolitan Council's recent airport adequacy study.

and second-degree sexual offenses.

The new Legislature will also consider a number of desegregation plans for public school districts, though Vellenga does not anticipate the Legislature will pass any

bills this session. The St. Paul School District, with a 40 percent minority enrollment, is the first district to submit a plan. Its proposed plan calls for creating magnet schools that will attract students from the suburban areas.

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A task force set up by the council found that Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport will soon be inadequate to accommodate air traffic in and out of the Twin Cities. The task force recommended that the state buy land in anticipation of the need for a new airport and, in the meantime, add a new runway to the existing airport.

Vellenga expects to assume the committee positions she had last term when Vanasek makes committee assignments. Last term she

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Bill Foussard (center), co-founder of Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels, assists one of the many volunteers who have gathered at his Highland Park home in past weeks to contact families requesting free holiday meals.

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meals to four or five families are asked to show up at the Albert Street entrance of the school at 7:00 that morning. There they will be greeted by coffee, rolls and an efficient loading crew that will have them quickly on their way.

Needy families sign up for Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels through social service agencies like Union Gospel Mission, St. Olaf Catholic Church, the Ramsey County Nursing Service and Southside Services, Aslesen said.

"We feed a lot of elderly and shut-ins," Aslesen said, "but we like to target the families. Many of these people have come to count on us for one day in the year when they know they're going to get something good in their stomach."

As Aslesen's words indicate, these people's needs run deeper than what one square meal on Thanksgiving Day can fill. But the generous portions of turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy,

peas, corn, cranberries, rolls, pumpkin pie and milk can do a lot to brighten their lives.

"The families receive a lot of food," Aslesen said, "and a smart mother can really stretch it. She can probably get two or three meals out of the food we deliver on Thanksgiving."

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Foussard, Aslesen and a corps group of five other volunteers have been working since early October on this year's project. Foussard, a Highland area resident and the owner and general manager of the Americana Inn and Conference Center in St. Cloud, has been coordinating the donation of food and the solicitation of funds. Aslesen,

who lives in Edina now with her husband and 16-month-old son, has been contacting the many agencies that supply the names and addresses of potential new recipients.

They've been assisted by Aslesen's husband Tom, who has put together the drivers' routes; Aslesen's brother, Gary Olson, and Dennis Stevens, traffic-control coordinators; computer expert John Beuerlein; and Aslesen's sister-in-law, Martha Olson, the team's overall organizational genius. A host of other volunteers has helped by contacting the many families to confirm their requests for Thanksgiving Day meals.

Those who would like to help deliver the meals are invited to call 699-5404 in advance or just show up at Cretin-Derham Hall at 7:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

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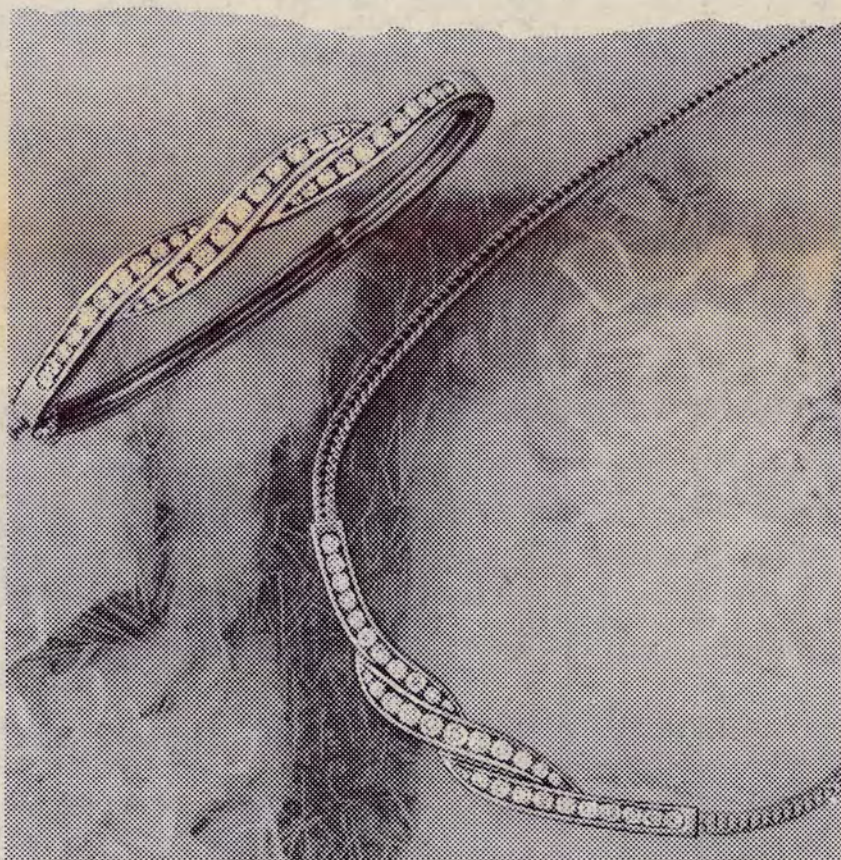
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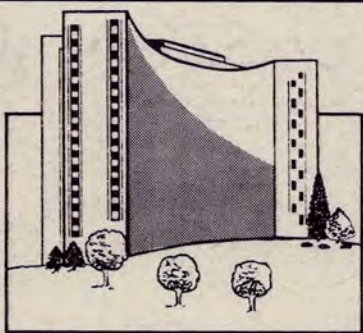
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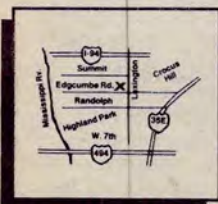


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District 64B DFL rides demographic trends

by Roger Fuller

Returns from the November 8 election reflect a trend that shows District 64B in Highland Park has gradually shifted from a safe Republican seat to a district with a sizable and definite Democratic base.

The trend was supported by the recent election when Howard Orenstein collected 61 percent of the votes in winning a second term to the state House of Representatives. "Howard's totals show he has been an effective legislator," said state Senator Dick Cohen. "They also show the DFL has a strong base in the district."

Cohen was among the first to detect the trend when he was elected to the Legislature in 1976 with the help of the Watergate scandal, which

hindered Republican candidates across the country. (The district was called 63B until 1982 when it became 64B with slight boundary changes.)

"It's a matter of demographics," said Cohen, who was defeated in 1978, but was returned to the House in 1982. He is now the district's state senator.

"When I first ran in 1976, it was the district I grew up in," Cohen said. "Then I noticed pockets of change. Now the whole district has been affected."

"When older people sell their homes because they no longer need a large house, the people who move in are younger," said Cohen. "They also tend to be Democrats."

"District 64B might be the most Republican of the nine districts in St. Paul, but it's a

very diverse district," Orenstein said. "Many residents are senior citizens on fixed incomes. About 40 percent of the people live in apartments." He said people who think the larger homes in the nicer neighborhoods are typical misread the district.

Ken Schaefer, District 64B Independent Republican chair, has also noted the trend. "It's increasingly difficult to elect a Republican to the Legislature from the central cities," he said. "For a while, the only IRs (at the Capitol) from St. Paul and Minneapolis were Ron Sietoff and John Drew." Drew served in the House from 1978-82 and Sietoff served in the Senate from 1976-86. Today, there isn't a single IR member from St. Paul or Minneapolis in either chamber.

The Republicans hit their recent high point in legislative elections when they elected three members each from St. Paul and Minneapolis to the lower house in 1978. Two years later they were down to one each. In

1982, no Republicans were elected to the state House of Representatives from Minneapolis or St. Paul.

"Our polling showed that in Highland Park the DFL had a margin of about 5 percent over the Republicans in 1982," said Cohen. "Now that figure is up to 15 or 20 percent. If a poll were taken in the same area in the early 1970s, it would probably have shown a Republican margin."

The trend in favor of the DFL that has manifested itself in legislative races also appears when results of Democratic candidates for president and U.S. Senate are studied. From 1976 to 1980, Democratic candidates for those offices usually polled six percent fewer votes in District 64B (then 63B) than they did in Ramsey County as a whole. During the past three elections the Democratic candidates for president and Senate have polled only 2 or 3 percent fewer votes in District 64B than they did in the county.

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served on the Education, Judiciary, and Health and Human Services committees.

Orenstein expects repeat assignments to Judiciary, Health and Human Services, and General Legislation, Veterans' Affairs and Gaming.

Two of Vellenga's special projects for the coming session will be child abuse and "cocaine babies." Many victims of child abuse are falling through the cracks of the system, Vellenga said, because Hennepin and Ramsey counties' child-protection offices are overwhelmed with their case-loads. She said she will work to pull together funding from private foundations and existing state and county budgets to increase support services for victims and treatment for victims and offenders.

Vellenga also said she will seek allocation of funds for

child abuse prevention and drug prevention programs in an effort to aid children born to cocaine addicts and reduce their numbers.

Two special projects for Orenstein will be establishing recognition of living wills and reducing airport noise over the Highland area. The St. Paul attorney said 39 states have statutes that make living wills legally binding, but Minnesota does not. He plans to be part of a group that introduces a bill to allow people to dictate in advance whether or not they want to be kept alive by life-support systems.

Orenstein said he will also continue to meet with neighborhood groups to address the airport noise issue. He said he would eventually like to see a cap placed on flights over the Highland area.

'Alternative' Christmas fest set

Members of Merriam-Lexington Presbyterian Church will present what they're calling an alternative Christmas festival—a celebration to help people reflect on the true meaning of Christmas—on Saturday, December 3. It will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the church, Dayton Avenue and Howell Street.

The event will feature exhibits on the problems of hungry and homeless people and suggestions for how to alleviate those problems. Third World gifts and "alternative" cards and books will be for sale.

Entertainment will be provided by storytellers, puppet shows, films and videos. Festival-goers will also be invited to join in Christmas caroling, children's games and holiday crafts. Lunch will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Although the event is free, donations of toys and non-perishable food will be accepted.

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Four-year-old Shane Lucas got a chance to meet a television star in the flesh (more or less) when Ernie of "Sesame Street" fame stopped in for a visit last week at Fire Station No. 14, located at 111 N. Snelling Ave. Ernie and his friend Bert, who was also on hand, helped local firefighters show Shane and other children from Ramsey Action Program's Child Development Center how to react if their clothes catch on fire.

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accompanying proposal to acquire land now for the possible building of a new airport sometime in the future. Again, the need to provide for future economic growth was cited as the reason for expanding the present airport.

The citizens in attendance didn't seem to agree. Of the five local politicians who spoke at Groveland, Latimer was the only one whose speech wasn't followed by applause. The applause was reserved for those who said that a new airport is needed now, and that the long process of finding land, acquiring funds and constructing the airport should begin without further delay.

The Metropolitan Council task force is recommending that a new north-south runway be constructed at International Airport by the mid-1990s, and at the same time land should be acquired for the building of a new airport once the present airport is outgrown.

The number of passengers using Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport is growing at a rate twice the national average, according to the task force, and the airport—if it had to wait 10 or 15 years for the construction of a new airport—could not keep pace with that growth rate unless another runway were built.

Residents at the meetings were given a 21-page report explaining how the task force had reached its conclusions, but the graphs and statistics contained within

did little to sway their opinion or appease their anger.

"You've spoken of the costs and the benefits," one resident said to the public officials conducting the meeting. "How exactly did you assess the costs to our neighborhoods—the costs of putting up with this noise? We don't charge the airport to drop this noise on us; that's a free service we provide."

His cynicism was typical of the comments made by residents at the meetings. Ordinary citizens have grown skeptical of the public-hearing process, another resident said. More than one local homeowner questioned whether the comments made by residents at these meetings were ever going to carry any weight.

"We're told our comments are being put down for the record, but they're not being answered," said Janet Leach, a Highland resident and a member of the St. Paul Airport Noise Coalition, a citizens group that was formed earlier this year to oppose the testing of new air traffic patterns intended to redistribute the noise of airplanes flying into and out of International Airport. The six-month test was eventually implemented by the FAA last July 31 and is now sending more planes over the Highland area.

At Groveland, District 64B state Representative Howard Orenstein tried to explain to members of the Senate's Local and Urban Government

Committee the reasons for his constituents' frustration.

"The people here want to believe that someone is going to listen to them and be accountable to them," Orenstein said. "We're real suspicious. We wonder whether the improvements at this airport will be used against us as a future reason for not building a new airport."

Orenstein was loudly applauded, as was St. Paul City Councilmember Bob Long, who questioned the rationale of spending up to \$1.4 billion to improve the current airport only to sink another \$2.4 billion in building a new airport a few years later.

Members of the Metropolitan Council admitted a decision on the airport's future would probably come down to economics—a question of costs and benefits. They told the citizens in attendance that if the present airport were not improved, the region risks losing \$1 billion in economic benefits by the year 2008, along with the thousands of jobs a growing airport would provide.

If there had been local hotel owners or West 7th Street bar or restaurant owners present, perhaps the Metropolitan Council's concern for the economic benefits of a larger airport would have drawn some applause. As it was, the residents reserved their applause for comments such as Janet Leach's:

"If you expand the airport," she said, "you will destroy neighborhoods. It's as simple as that."

Jane Birks (cont'd from page 1)

neighborhood of Minneapolis. "He didn't seem to mind being with four women (including her mother and two younger sisters)," she said. "He'd sleep in what had been the maid's room. It had a sewing machine in it and an army cot and was very small."

In those days, Jane continued, "Almost everyone called him 'Poppy.' He was handsome, very nice, with a good sense of humor and a streak of sweetness." He must have had something of a mischievous streak as well, because Jane recalled how she and Bush, joined by a group of other college kids, once sneaked into the old Gaiety Theatre, a long-gone burlesque strip-tease palace on Hennepin Avenue.

Their friendship has continued over the past 46 years. Jane particularly remembers one later encounter with Bush. It was 17 years ago, when Bush, then the U.N. ambassador, was in the Twin Cities for a speaking engagement.

"I told him then, 'I have a feeling you want to be president,'" Jane said. "He did not answer immediately. Then he sort of laughed. I took that to mean, 'Yes, I do.'"

Bush made another visit to the Twin Cities about a year ago. "I had just gotten home," Jane said. "It was about 7 o'clock. I told my husband to say I wasn't home if the phone rang. Sure enough, it rang. Don answered. He hesitated, then said, 'Just a minute, please.' I exploded at him I was so mad. He put his hand over the receiver and said, 'But dear, it's the vice president of the United States.'"

Jane will tell stories like that about herself. But the woman who once dated the president-elect will not reveal how she voted November 8.

"I'll never tell anyone that," she said. In the aftermath of the election, of course, it doesn't really matter.

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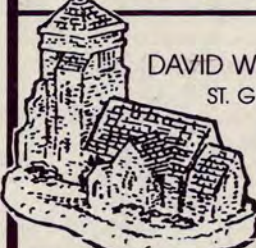
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Viewpoint



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by Maurice Mischke

For three solid days, including this past weekend, I was completely removed from contact with the outside world—no newspapers, no radio, no television. Turns out I didn't miss all that much.

We seem to have settled into a kind of cooling-off period since Election Day, which represents a welcome relief from the frenetic marathon campaign that preceded November 8. Oh, George Bush has released a few of his major appointments, but none of them has been earth-shaking in terms of news value. The Democrats, meanwhile, engaged in a three-day post-mortem in Phoenix, dedicated to figuring out just how they might avoid getting dumped on again in the 1992 presidential race. A change in their nominating process should be high on their priority list.

Once again, we're hearing complaints from people in the West about the fact that the TV networks are calling the winners (based primarily on exit polls) well before the polls even close in their states. And, of course, there is the general complaint about the low voter turnout.

I've always felt that the Sunday voting was at least one major reason for the higher participation rates in many European countries. If we had our elections on a Sunday or holiday it would be much easier to develop a common poll-closing time, at least within the 48 contiguous states. Alaska and Hawaii would still present a timing challenge, of course.

Since our presidential elections almost always coincide with leap year (the only exception is the end of each century),

we could probably afford an extra holiday every fourth year, compensated for by leap day on February 29. That might help in both voter turnout and poll-closing time variations.

At the same time, I sometimes think we worry too much about voter turnout percentages. I certainly don't agree with the TV commercials that suggest that it doesn't matter *how* you vote, just that you vote. It sure as hell should matter whom you vote for. Or what are elections for?

What if the person who doesn't vote is the same one who can't locate the United States on an outlined global map? What if that person can't find Nicaragua or the whole Central American region on that same map? What if he or she can't locate the Soviet Union, either? Can such a person be expected to make a reasonable decision on American foreign policy? Or should we be content in the fact that this self-same potential voter decides he or she is too uninformed to vote intelligently? Maybe we should be working harder at providing these people with a modicum of civic education and worry about their voting habits later. It's a travesty that our young people don't come out of high school better prepared to participate intelligently in the democratic process.

The highest voting percentage for president ever recorded in Minnesota was a comparatively phenomenal 84 percent in 1956, when Eisenhower was running for re-election against Adlai Stevenson. Of course, that was before 18-year-olds were allowed to vote. The first big election for the 18-year-and-up bracket was 1972, when we had a 70-percent vote in Minnesota, 63 percent nationwide. That's when Nixon, up for his second term, whopped McGovern.

The 1976 election (Ford and Carter) attracted 75 percent of all qualified voters in this state, but it's been downhill ever since: 72 percent in 1980 (Carter-Mondale vs. Reagan-Bush), 69 percent in 1984 (Mondale-Ferraro vs. Reagan-Bush) and a reported 65 percent this year. A trend like this means you can't really blame the low voter turnout on negative campaigning, as some have been disposed to do. The reasons go beyond that.

Take a look at the national picture. In 1964, the Johnson-Goldwater election drew 69 percent, and in 1968 the Nixon-Humphrey squeaker drew 68 percent. That wasn't much below Minnesota's figures of 74 and 72 percent, respectively, in the same years. After 18-year-olds got the vote, the national ratio dropped more precipitously: 63 percent in 1972, 59 percent in 1976 and 1980, and only 53 percent in 1984. Preliminary figures indicate a further drop nationally this year, to about 50 percent.

It's interesting to note that in 1984, when 53 percent of qualified voters actually turned out nationally, a Bureau of the Census report found that 59.9 percent of the people questioned on the matter reported that they had voted that year. Which apparently means that almost 7 percent lie a little.

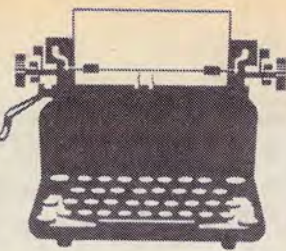
Relying on those "expanded" Bureau of the Census figures for 1984, we find that age, education and employment status are the biggest differentials in voting ratios.

Assuming people lied somewhat evenly across the board, women outvoted men by less than 2 percent (60.8 to 59.0), whites outpolled blacks by over 5 percent (61.4 to 55.8), and people from the North and West outdid those from the South (61.6 to 56.8 percent). But look at the difference in age brackets: 18-20, 36.7 percent • 21-24, 43.5 percent • 25-34, 54.5 percent • 35-44, 63.5 percent • 45-54, 67.5 percent • 55-64, 72.1 percent • 65-74, 71.8 percent • 75 and over, 61.2 percent.

Education, as we said, is another significant factor. Note the difference, by years of education: 8 years or less, 42.9 percent • 9-11 years, 44.4 percent • 12 years, 58.7 percent • 13-15 years, 67.5 percent • 16 or more years, 79.1 percent.

Employed people outvoted the unemployed 61.6 percent to 44.0 percent. Those not in the labor force (and not looking to be) voted at a 58.9 percent level. Maybe it's not too surprising that those with little education would be less inclined to be involved in our electoral process. But what about the young people of today, presumably educated at a better level? What went wrong there? A lack of basics in geography, history and civics classes? *Arrivederci.*

The Village Post



A 'yes' for school referendum

To the editor:

A recent District 197 (West St. Paul, Mendota Heights, Eagan and Lilydale) school board meeting dealt with the massive cuts that will result because of the recent failure to pass a levy referendum. The original levy proposal was supported by all school board members except Dr. Judith Pendergrass.

Pendergrass has talked much about "accountability" as her reason for not supporting the ongoing levy referendum. But the issue of accountability is a bogus one. Annual budget meetings, open to all, assure accountability. The notion of accountability deals with specific areas that need improvement, special scrutiny or elimination. When asked for suggestions, Pendergrass gave a series of fuzzy generalities. The board was faced with the ugly proposal of cutting the budget by \$2 million. Yet, she whimsically spoke of "opportunities" to make "positive changes in the way we do business." Someone vainly tried to explain to her that a business earns a profit, while a non-profit school system provides a service: free education to all children.

Pendergrass lacks the vision and managerial skills necessary to be an effective school board member. She would be doing the children of the district a favor if she quietly retired at the end of her current term.

Fortunately, voters in District 197 will get a second chance to vote on increasing school taxes. Without it, there will be far-reaching, massive cuts which will have an impact on every child in the school system. Ripple effects will include lowered property values and the loss of young home buyers with children. This has major implications for local merchants, churches, etc., not to mention the average homeowner.

Responsible citizens should vote "yes" on the upcoming referendum.

Michael Kluznik
1057 Chippewa Ave.
Mendota Heights

Fairly noisy

To the editor:

My mail tells me there are some important meetings coming up for the Highland Park residents who are concerned about airport noise. To date, most of the decisions about noise have been based on the percent of noise that a particular area receives. When dealing with non-quantitative numbers such as percents, it may be useful to remember the following old adage: "Figures don't lie, but liars do figure."

I am not suggesting that anyone is lying about the percent of noise they receive. However, it is easy to manipulate percentages in order to build a stronger case for yourself. In addition, percentages also ignore other factors which may be equally important. The following examples illustrate the point.

Example 1: It is true that South Minneapolis receives about 40 percent of the airport noise. It is also true that the South Minneapolis homes most directly affected by airport noise receive about half of this total. Why? There are two runways that are responsible for the noise in South Minneapolis. Assuming that air traffic is equally divided between the two runways, most homes receive half of the total area noise, or about 20 percent.

Example 2: The percentages don't indicate the time of day that the noise is received. I think most people would agree that nighttime noise is much more disturbing than daytime noise. Receiving just a small percentage of the total noise, say 1 to 2 percent, would be very disturbing if it were always received in the late evening hours between 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. Receiving the same amount of noise in the daytime is not nearly as disturbing.

Example 3: The single runway that is responsible for noise in Highland Park can create a much greater noise burden at those times of the day when noise is most disturbing. Consider the following situation: Suppose 20 airplanes have to land in the one-hour period between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m. If they approach over Highland Park, the homeowners in the flight path hear all 20 airplanes. If they approach over South Minneapolis, the homeowners in the two flight paths (remember, there are two runways) hear 10 airplanes, half of the total.

Nobody should be forced to live with unwanted noise from the airport. Not Highland Park, not South Minneapolis, not Bloomington. However, if fairness is the goal, then it is definitely NOT fair to consider only the noise percentages when determining airport noise policy while ignoring other equally important factors.

Dean Eisfelder
2014 Thure Place

Medicare coverage incomplete

To the editor:

There has been much confusion about the recently enacted Medicare Catastrophic Act of 1988, a new law that significantly expands Medicare benefits. Many of our elderly are under the impression that the new law will cover all their medical needs and that supplemental health insurance is no longer necessary. Unfortunately, that just isn't true.

The new law will do much to help seniors pay for hospital stays and medical services, but it will *not* cover everything. For example, Medicare beneficiaries will still have to pay as much as \$2,000 out of their own pockets before receiving full coverage for Medicare-allowed charges. Even then, Medicare pays for only "reasonable" charges, and its definition of reasonable is less than what most doctors actually charge. The difference, which patients must pay themselves, can quickly add up. A \$43,000 coronary bypass operation, for instance, could cost a Medicare patient over \$6,000! And long-term custodial care, which typically costs \$22,000 a year, has never been covered by Medicare. It will not be covered under the new law either.

An estimated 70 percent of Medicare beneficiaries have some type of supplemental insurance coverage. It would be premature and unwise for these consumers to drop their policies now or in the near future without knowing the facts and without considering the risks.

Terry Chick, President
St. Paul Life Underwriters

Just don't remind poor Willie

To the editor:

Tom Cody said in a recent column (*Highland Villager*, October 12) that he remembers Willie Davis in 1963 dropping a fly ball and losing to the Yankees in the World Series. Tom, that never happened. In 1963, the L.A. Dodgers swept the Yankees in four straight. In 1966, Willie Davis dropped three balls in one inning against the Orioles and the Dodgers were swept by the underrated Orioles. You can look it up, Tom.

Ted Wanschura
61 Cambridge St.

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

Student counters men's complaints about St. Catherine

As a College of St. Catherine student, I would like to respond to the article describing what life is like for a male student at the College of St. Catherine (*Highland Villager*, November 9). Two male students are attending the College of St. Catherine, under the Minnesota Intercollegiate Nursing Consortium (MINC), for three semesters while they complete their nursing degree. Phil Nichols and Kirk Lunde expressed dissatisfaction with the atmosphere at St. Catherine. In short, they both feel as though the female students at the college discriminate against them. I would like to address some of their statements.

Lunde stated that he signed up for the English club, but had not been invited to any functions. I spoke with the president of the English club and she informed me that Lunde was sent the one mass mailing all other club members were sent. The other activities sponsored by the club were announced through the twice-weekly campus-wide newsletter. Each announcement in the newsletter invited those interested to attend. Lunde was not treated differently from any other club member. If he wanted to attend an activity, he had an open invitation.

Lunde also felt slighted because he did not receive an invitation to the junior-senior dance. I checked with the MINC secretary. MINC students from St. Olaf and Gustavus are not registered as St. Catherine students; they remain St. Olaf and Gustavus students. The reason Lunde, as well as the female MINC students, did not receive an invitation was the fact that he is not registered as a St. Catherine student. However, according to the president of the junior class, had he approached anyone in the student government office about the problem, he would have received an invitation.

Regarding Lunde's comment that the bookstore on campus only sells pink razors, may I remind you that St. Catherine is a women's college. The bookstore is going to sell items appealing to the female eye. If Lunde feels discriminated against in the bookstore because they sell only pink razors, he should go to Target like most other students.

Lunde also quoted a receptionist in support of the discrimination he feels at St. Catherine. As the female student escort (there are two on campus; Nichols is the other), I was with the receptionist at the time the alleged comment was made. The receptionist did say, "I've seen you here three times today, don't you ever leave?" The receptionist *did not* say "Are you some kind of pervert?" Knowing the receptionist

personally, I can say that she never made a comment referring to Lunde as a pervert, nor would she ever make a comment like that to anyone. The questions she asked Lunde about his activities are perfectly legitimate questions. In training, receptionists are told to strictly monitor persons in the buildings, especially males.

I have a few final comments for Phil Nichols and Kirk Lunde. Throughout this letter I have to point out that you are not victims of discrimination at St. Catherine. Any discrimination you have felt or are feeling could be corrected by your own behavior. If you are not getting your mail, go talk to the post office. If you did not get invited to the junior-senior dance, go talk to a student government representative. If you think you are not getting invited to club meetings, call the president and ask why. If you are not finding

a place near campus to live, go talk to the director of student life. If you object to pink razors in the bookstore, go talk to the person in charge of purchasing supplies for the bookstore. Any discrimination you felt on campus was exacerbated by the lack of effort on your part to improve the situation. You want "to be treated like everyone else." You *are* being treated like everyone else.

When Phil Nichols and Kirk Lunde *chose* to attend St. Olaf and Gustavus, they did so knowing that they would be spending three semesters at the College of St. Catherine. If Phil Nichols and Kirk Lunde do not like the atmosphere at St. Catherine, they can *choose* to go elsewhere.

Theresa A. Schulz
College of St. Catherine

Everyone at St. Kate's needs time to adjust

To the editor:

As a female student at the College of St. Catherine (CSC), I would like to respond to the front-page story of November 9, entitled "For its first few men, St. Kate's is still a women's college." This is the first year the Minnesota Intercollegiate Nursing Consortium students have been fully integrated into the CSC system, and many traditional CSC students are not aware of the program's existence. Because CSC is an all-women's college (No, St. Kate's has *not* gone coed!) and this program is open to men, there will have to be a period of adjustment for everyone.

(CSC male student Kirk) Lunde claimed that he hadn't been invited to certain clubs' functions. Clubs on campus advertise their events both through posters and through an information sheet that comes out Mondays and Wednesdays called *The Hotline*, and clubs on campus are open to all students.

Lunde stated that there is no locker room for him to change in for his cafeteria job. According to a supervisor in Special Services, there are two locker rooms, one for females and one for the many males that are employed by the college's Special Services department.

Finally, I would like to agree with Lunde. Women "don't

go to St. Catherine's looking for a man." We attend this private Catholic liberal arts women's college to earn a degree well-recognized for its academic integrity. This is a women's college after all, designed and equipped to handle the needs of its primarily female students. Men are welcome at CSC but due to its uniqueness as a women's college, they may very likely encounter situations in which they feel unfairly treated because of their sex. Such situations must not be considered personal attacks but must be understood for what they are, unusual circumstances.

As time passes and the traditional female Kates and the new MINC males begin to accept the positives of the situation, maybe both can learn from the experience. The men will realize what it is like to be among the minority in a society designed for the majority (as women have experienced for many years in our country), and the women will learn that being in the majority or power position includes the responsibility of acting with compassion instead of oppressing the minority. This will be an added benefit to our liberal arts education.

Valerie Stanowski, '89
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DFL voter turnout effort pays off for Pugh in District 39A House race

by Roger Fuller

An intense voter contact effort by the Democratic-Farmer Labor Party helped Tom Pugh defeat Independent-Republican incumbent Bert McKasy for the District 39A seat in the state House of Representatives on November 8. Pugh won 8,565 to 8,232.

Both candidates acknowledged that the voter turnout effort by the DFL was the major factor in the only local race not won by an incumbent.

"When I ran two years ago and lost by 500 votes, the voter turnout was good in Mendota Heights and Sunfish Lake, two strong Republican areas," said Pugh. "The turnout was down in South St. Paul and West St. Paul. Our job was to bring out the DFL vote in those areas."

"The voter identification work by the DFL was very well done," said McKasy. "We were a targeted district." McKasy added that Pugh may have been helped by Michael Dukakis as the presidential candidate at the top of the DFL ticket. Dukakis ran between 50,000 and 60,000 votes better statewide than Walter Mondale did four years ago.

Pugh said the primary issue during the campaign was supplied by the Sierra Club, which rated McKasy's voting record on environmental issues as unfavorable.

In other local races the DFL incumbent legislators won handily. The closest race was in District 64B where Howard Orenstein defeated Todd Caldis, 10,607 to 6,850. In District 64A, Kathy Vellenga won her fifth term by defeating Richard Pecar, 12,095 to 4,051.

In District 63B, Ann Wynia defeated Kim Reckinger, 10,772 to 3,558. Sandy Pap-

pas defeated Brent Evans 9,326 to 3,058 in District 65B. Andy Dawkins defeated Eunice Smith, 8,037 to 2,294 in District 65A. And Wes Skoglund defeated Nels Christiansen by 12,041 to 4,134 in District 61B in southeast Minneapolis.

Highland Park resident Polly Mann polled about 3 percent of the votes in her campaign as an independent against incumbent IR Senator Dave Durenberger and DFL challenger Hubert Humphrey III. In 64B, her home district, she polled 5.3 percent.

"The 3 percent vote

statewide showed we did a good job of getting our message out," said Mann. "We don't know what our next step will be, but we won't be going away."

St. Paul voters turned down a human rights amendment to the City Charter which would have prevented any further initiatives and referendums on human rights issues. Eunice Smith, a spokesperson for the opposing side, said, "People clearly felt uneasy about giving up their right to vote about something in the future." The vote was 54,637 to 43,494.

Group honors local volunteer

Highland Park resident Norma Simmer was given a special recognition award for long-term volunteer service at the eleventh annual public meeting of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill on October 22.

In presenting her with the award, AMI Executive Director Don Sotrm said: "Norma Simmer has been an active volunteer for the alliance since we first organized 11 years ago. During that time she has served on dozens of

alliance committees, chairing many of them. She has provided testimony, written letters, worked in the AMI office when needed and helped members of her community understand the needs of mentally ill people and their families."

The alliance annually recognizes people for efforts and achievements in helping to improve the quality of life for those affected by mental illness. For more information on the group, call 645-2984.

Interior-design business opens

A new interior-design firm called Affordable Interiors has opened at 1122 Juliet Ave. The business offers professional interior-design consultation along with carpeting, drapes, window treatments and custom-built furniture at close to dealer cost, according to owner Karen Drexler.

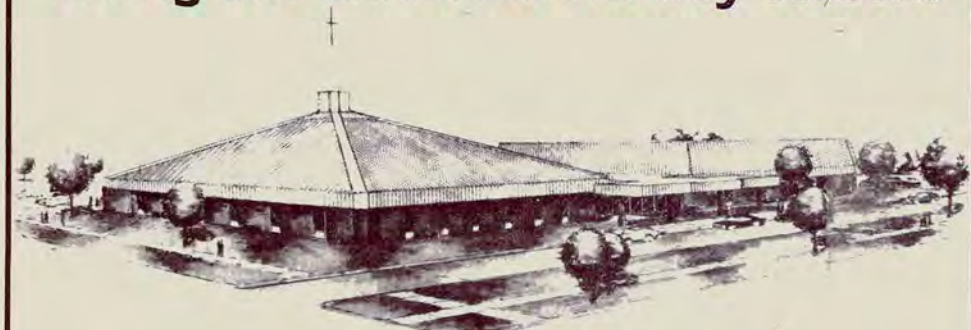
Drexler grew up in Duluth and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in art and design. Since then, she has worked as a designer in furniture stores and studios in Duluth,

St. Cloud and the Twin Cities. For the past year, Drexler has worked out of her home as a free-lance designer.

Child care offered

Sunny Hollow Montessori school at 225 S. Cleveland Ave. will be offering day-care and drop-in child care services as of November 28. The new program, which will be available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., is open to children from 2½ to 6 years old. For more information, call the school at 690-2307.

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Nov. 26 Grand Meander will usher in 1988 holiday shopping season

The 1988 holiday shopping season will open in Grand style on Saturday, November 26, with the 16th annual Grand Meander. Presented annually by the Grand Avenue Business Association and its nearly 150 member firms, the holiday kick-off event will run from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. along the three-mile length of Grand from Cleveland Avenue to Dale Street.

A full schedule of special events and holiday offerings will greet Grand Meanderers throughout the day. Among the featured attractions are free horse-drawn hayrides up and down the Avenue, a host of choirs and strolling carolers, and holiday concerts by the nationally acclaimed Dale Warland Singers, the Central High School Concert Band, and two children's musical groups from J.J. Hill Elementary School.

Grand Avenue shoppers who are so disposed will even be able to get into the act themselves by cutting a tape cassette to the accompaniment of pre-recorded, fully orchestrated holiday classics.

As a further inducement to visit Grand Avenue—not only on November 26 but throughout the holiday shopping season—customers will have an opportunity to win a round-trip for two to Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Of course, what would the Grand Meander be without an appearance by the grandest holiday celebrity of them all? Santa Claus will be on hand at three Grand Avenue locations on November 26.

At 8:00 a.m., Santa and Mrs. Claus will be pulling their sleigh up to the Green Mill, 57 S. Hamline Ave., for breakfast with all the neighborhood children. Parents

and grandparents are invited to bring their kids and cameras and enjoy complimentary rolls and refreshments, courtesy of the Green Mill and Wuollet's Bungalow Bakery.

Santa will hold court from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. that day at Victoria Crossing West, where he'll pass out candy and take early orders for his Arctic assembly line. A professional photographer will be available to take pictures of the kids on Santa's lap, and Shutterbug photo lab will be working double-time to process the photos for same-day pickup.

Finally, the jolly old elf will be visiting with the youngsters and passing out treats from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at A. Johnson & Sons Florists, 1736 Grand Ave.

The centerpiece for this

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Grand Meander schedule of events

The following special Grand Meander events, activities and attractions are listed geographically, beginning at Dale Street and running west to Cleveland Avenue.

All along Grand Avenue:

- Free horse-drawn hayrides—offered up and down the three-mile length of Grand, from Dale Street to Cleveland Avenue, courtesy of First Bank's Grand Avenue office, 1071 Grand Ave. The hay wagon will roll between Syndicate and Cambridge from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.; between Cambridge and Cleveland from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; between Syndicate and Chatsworth from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.; and between Chatsworth and Dale from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

- Win a trip for two to Amsterdam—Contest entry forms will be available at participating businesses beginning on November 26. The grand prize is a trip for two to Amsterdam, courtesy of contest co-sponsors Martinair and Associated Travel Bureau, 764 Grand Ave. The second-place winner will

receive \$500 worth of gift certificates from Grand Avenue merchants, and the third-place winner will receive \$100 worth of Grand Avenue memorabilia. The drawing will be held on January 2 and the winners will be notified shortly thereafter.

- Strolling carolers—Grand Meanderers will be entertained throughout the day by holiday favorites sung by choirs and various strolling carolers.

Grotto Place, 734 Grand Ave.—Santa's elves will be decorating the kids' rosy red cheeks with face paints from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Professional Massage Center, 734 Grand Ave.—The masseurs and masseuses at the Professional Massage Center invite all Grand Meanderers to drop in for free mini-massages to relieve the stresses and strains of holiday shopping.

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Repeating popular Grand Meander attractions, free hayrides will be offered all along the avenue and Santa Claus will be holding court at Victoria Crossing West.

Grand Meander (cont'd from page 9)

year's Grand promotion is, of course, the Grand prize drawing for a trip for two to the land of Hans Brinker. Provided courtesy of Associated Travel Bureau, 764 Grand Ave., in cooperation with Martinair Holland of the Netherlands, the round-trip tickets may be used anytime between May and September, 1989, with no restrictions placed on the length of the trip, according to Bonnie Lane, owner of Associated Travel and its companion international wholesale firm, Actours.

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Once a visit is made to a participating firm in each of the given areas and all five wreaths are punched, the card may be dropped off and the customer's name will be entered in the drawing for the tickets to Amsterdam. Second prize is a \$500 shopping spree on Grand Avenue, and third prize is \$100 worth of Grand Avenue memorabilia.

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Schedule of events (cont'd from page 9)

Knowlan's, 791 Grand Ave.—The true spirit of the holidays will be celebrated with a food and toy drive to benefit the local Merriam Park Food Shelf. New toys or non-perishable foods may be dropped off at Knowlan's, one of three Grand Avenue businesses that are serving as collection centers. The drive will run from November 26 through December 16.

Grand Avenue Frame and Gallery, 964 Grand Ave.—Enjoy the gallery's 11th annual Holiday Show, featuring the ceramics, glass works, etchings, sculpture and fiber works of 25 different artists.

Billy's on Grand, 857 Grand Ave.—Tailgating may be dead in these parts, but Billy's will attempt to revive its spirit with an outdoor barbecue all afternoon on the patio adjoining the Victoria Crossing East parking lot. Grand Meanderers are invited to drop by, enjoy grilled hot dogs, hot cider and hot drink specials. Free balloons will be available for the kids and exciting football action will be available for all sports enthusiasts.

Victoria Crossing South, 850 Grand Ave.—The nationally acclaimed Dale Warland Singers will present a special holiday show from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the mall.

Victoria Crossing East, 857 Grand Ave.—J.J. Hill School's 40-piece concert band and Suzuki violin group will perform holiday favorites in the mall from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The Nativity Children's Choir will perform at 1:00 p.m., the Dale Warland Singers will perform at 2:30 p.m., and the Central High School Concert Band will perform at 4:00 p.m.

Victoria Crossing West, 867 Grand Ave.—Santa will be passing out candy to all the kids and taking orders for his Arctic assistants from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A professional photographer will be available to take pictures of the children on Santa's lap and the photos will be available the same day for pickup at Shutterbug on Grand. The Dale Warland singers will also perform at Victoria Crossing West, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Milton Mall, 917 Grand Ave.—Even if singing in the shower is as close as you expect to come to stardom, you'll enjoy grabbing the mike and singing to the accompaniment of fully orchestrated holiday classics on a Japanese-made karaoke machine. You're even welcome to take home a recording of your performance on a tape cassette. The Dale Warland singers will show the rookies how holiday classics are really sung from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

Kid Country, 975 Grand Ave.—Leo the

Lion, this children's sample shop's mascot, will be giving out treats as part of Kid Country's grand opening celebration. A free toy will be given away with every purchase and a prize will be held at the end of the day.

Cottage Ware, 1129 Grand Ave.—Gourmet treats will be available at this home accessory shop and a custom-made, hand-woven area rug will be given away in a Grand Meander drawing.

Baby Grand, 1137 Grand Ave.—Enjoy free hot apple cider while browsing for Baby Grand's many Meander specials.

Kowalski's Grand Market, 1261 Grand Ave.—New toys and non-perishable foods may be dropped off at Kowalski's on November 26 and up through December 16 to benefit the local Merriam Park Food Shelf.

Bywords Printing, 1332 Grand Ave.—Free candy will be distributed for all the kids who drop by, and free memo pads will be passed out from noon until 4:00 p.m.

Green Mill, 57 S. Hamline Ave.—The Grand Meander actually begins here with a complimentary breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus 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. After breakfast, Leo the Lion will award a stuffed look-alike to the lucky winner of the Breakfast with Santa drawing.

Mac Market, 1648 Grand Ave.—Santa's elves will delight the youngsters with holiday face-painting from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

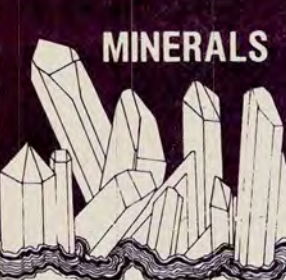
Grand Avenue Ace Hardware, 1676 Grand Ave.—Spiced hot cider and cookies will be served throughout the day to all who drop by.

Rainbow Artifinds, 1677 Grand Ave.—This Grand Avenue rock shop will be giving away polished Minnesota agates to all Meanderers.

A. Johnson & Sons Florists, 1738 Grand Ave.—Santa Claus will be dropping by Johnson's to greet all Meanderers from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free sprigs of holly for the ladies and free treats for the kids will be distributed all day.

R.C. Dick's Foods, 30 S. Fairview Ave.—The third and final location for the collection of non-perishable foods and new toys for the Merriam Park Food Shelf.

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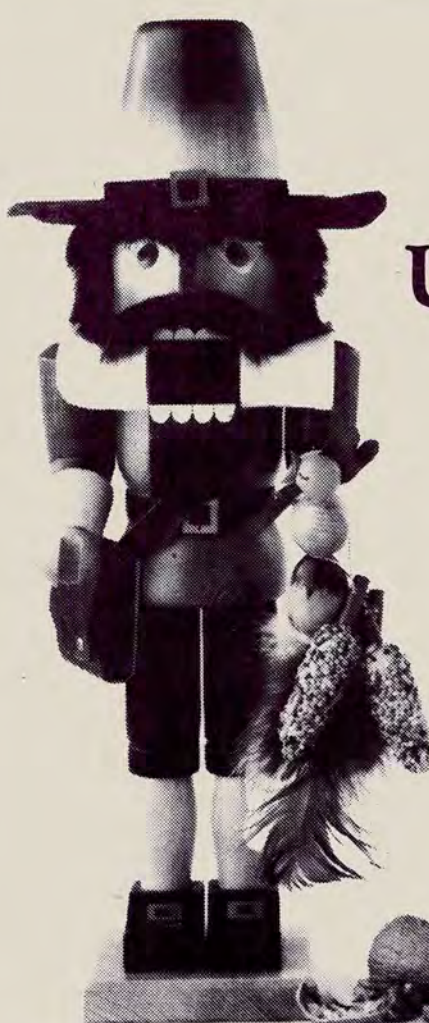


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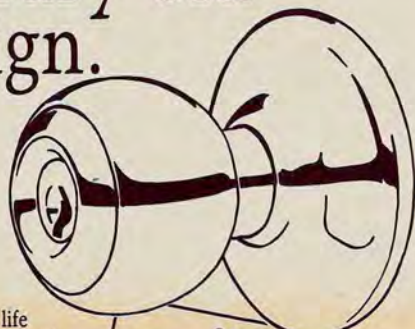
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District 14 Community Council News

LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

The District 14 Community Council's November board of directors meeting was held last Thursday, November 17. Topping the agenda was the election of two new board members. Bob Hylton of the Macalester Picture Framing Company, 1854 Grand Ave., is the new representative of District 14 businesses. Elected to serve an unexpired term as an at-large representative was Paul Sabourin, 1917 Fairmount Ave.

The District 14 Community Council currently operates on a July-to-June fiscal year. Since city funding of the council will be shifted to the calendar year effective January 1989, a bylaw amendment was introduced changing the council's fiscal year to the calendar year. This amendment will be voted on at a special membership meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 15, immediately before the council's December board meeting.

GRAND APARTMENTS PLAN APPROVED

The District 14 Community Council on November 17 voted unanimously to support the proposed site plan for a 27- to 30-unit upscale apartment building on the north side of Grand Avenue between Cleveland and Prior. The required parking for this building will be underground, with 12 additional parking spaces planned for the Grand Avenue side of the building and overflow tenant parking in the rear off the alley. The building will be set back 50 feet from the street with berms and landscaping between the sidewalk and the parking area.

SEWER, STREET PROJECTS PREVIEWED

The community council's November 17 meeting included lengthy discussion on the city's plans for sewer and street work in 1989. Four areas in and near Macalester-Groveland will be torn up next summer in conjunction with the separation of sewers. These projects include the reconstruction of St. Clair Avenue from Snelling to Lexington; the reconstruction of the St. Clair bridge over Ayd Mill Road; the Syndicate/Fairmount sewer project in the area bounded by Summit, Saratoga, St. Clair and Oxford; the Marshall/Hamline sewer project in the area bounded by University, Pierce, Selby and Hamline; the Cleveland/Portland project in the area bounded by Summit, Selby, Fairview and the river; and the Carroll/Moore project in the area bounded by St. Anthony, Finn, Iglehart and Prior.

City engineer Joe Mueller explained the city's plans for writing contracts that will ensure that people in Macalester-Groveland and Highland will be able to get to the freeway. The community council strongly believes that steps must be taken to do the work in stages: that east-west streets are open to traffic before north-south streets are torn up, that some north-south arterials are open before others are closed, and that contractors are penalized for failing to meet strict deadlines. City Councilmembers Bob Long and Kiki Sonnen will be asked to make sure that every step is taken to minimize the disruption associated with street construction.

Councilmember Long also was asked to see that residents of streets narrower than the city standard of 32 feet be informed that their streets are likely to be widened when they are reconstructed, provided widening does not result in the removal of trees. In District 14, these streets include Sargent from Pascal to Hamline, Saratoga from Lincoln to Grand, Pas-

cal from Lincoln to Grand and from Sargent to Goodrich, Albert from St. Clair to Lincoln and from Grand to Summit, and Syndicate from Goodrich to Summit.

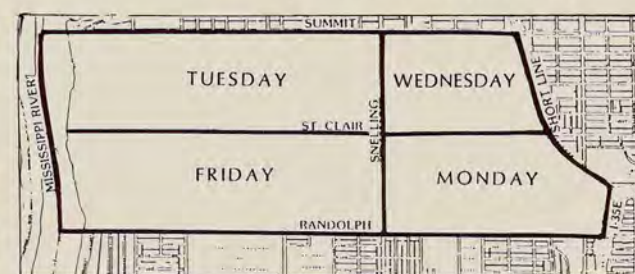
PROGRAMS OFFERED TO ELDERLY

The District 14 Community Council's Living at Home Project is offering to match senior citizens who need help with shopping or other holiday preparations with volunteers who would like to help with these things. Prospective volunteers and senior citizens in need are invited to give Donna Genck a call at 698-7973.

Another goal of the Living at Home Project is to provide recreational and educational opportunities for elderly folks. One of these activities is walking in the gym at Edgcombe Recreation Center, located on Griggs Street and Stanford Avenue. The gym is open to walkers on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 698-7973.

On Tuesday afternoon, November 29, St. Paul Police Officer Steve Johnson and District 14 Community Council BLOCC Coordinator Debbie Meister will be featured in a seminar on crime prevention and personal safety. This free seminar will begin at 1:00 p.m. at Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St.

The District 14 Senior Chore Service Program, which matches elderly residents with high school and college students who want to earn some money doing odd jobs, is in need of volunteers to help train and supervise young workers. The program is also in need of volunteers to help elders get bids for major home repairs such as roofing, painting and furnace work. If you would like to volunteer, call Debbie Meister at the community council office (698-7973).



District 14 recycling days

RECYCLING SERVICE OFFERED WEEKLY

For its curbside recycling service, District 14 has been divided into four sections (see map) with each section being serviced weekly on a different day. Materials for collection should be bagged, boxed or bundled and placed in the alley by 6:30 a.m. on pickup day. In Tangletown or on blocks where there is no alley, pickup will be made on the front curb.

The council's recycling contractor, Eagle Sanitation, will collect newspapers, flattened corrugated boxes in pieces no bigger than three feet square, paper grocery bags without plastic handles, all non-glossy paper, cardboard food containers, such as cereal boxes, that are gray or brown on the inside, metal food and beverage containers without labels, aluminum cans and trays, metal items (no motors) no larger than three feet square, glass containers free of lids and sorted by color, car batteries, and motor oil in containers with tight-fitting lids.

Items that cannot be recycled include plastic bottles and bags, envelopes with plastic windows, cardboard with plastic on it, frozen-food boxes, egg cartons, pop and beer carriers, and window-pane glass.

Missed pickups should be reported directly to Eagle Sanitation at 459-3029. For more information on recycling, call the District 14 office at 698-7973.

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11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cambridge (Ramsey Jr. High) to Cleveland (7-Eleven)	2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Chatsworth (Lloyd's Automotive) to Dale (Grandendale Pharmacy)



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Divergent Grand views clash over district plan

by T. D. Mischke

Revisions to the Summit Hill Association's District 16 Plan have been proposed by the board of directors of the Grand Avenue Business Association. The changes reflect the two organizations' divergent views on how commercial development on Grand should be restricted.

The revisions, which have yet to be sent to the Summit Hill Association, seek to loosen the stringent guidelines the SHA had proposed for commercial development on Grand Avenue. The revisions also address solutions to the Avenue's parking shortage.

The District 16 Plan will be used by city officials to help guide development in the area. It was presented to the St. Paul Planning Commission last month, but because of GABA's opposition, the Planning Commission sent it back to the Summit Hill Association to see if the two local organizations could iron out some of their differences.

GABA's objections to the plan centered primarily on the section dealing with economics. In it, the Summit Hill Association speaks of the "over-commercialization" of Grand and the "detrimental effect" it has had on the surrounding neighborhood. The District 16 Plan calls for the protection of Grand from "unwarranted commercial expansion" by, among other things, opposing zoning variances and changes to less restrictive zoning.

GABA has proposed rewriting the section on eco-

nomics to say that the goals of the plan include "enhancing the viability and success of Grand Avenue businesses, thereby contributing to the future stability" of the business district.

In its revisions, GABA also recognizes that rezoning and zoning variances along Grand "may help alleviate parking shortages and promote the success of existing commercial space."

The District 16 Plan initially proposed an end to the removal of any functional structures along Grand. But in GABA's revised version, it states that some commercial spaces on Grand are clearly underused, and that "some rezonings and/or variances may be necessary to allow for needed off-street parking."

GABA's proposals for the district plan are a recognition that change on Grand Avenue is inevitable, McClay said.

The business association has periodically cited the Crocus Commons shopping mall as an example of underused commercial space that could benefit from a new parking lot. Only two of seven retail spaces in the mall are occupied. But by removing an adjacent house, GABA has said, the mall's owner could create the parking necessary to attract more business tenants.

The revised version of the District 16 Plan, according to GABA Vice President Bob McClay, is less restrictive than what the SHA initially proposed, but it still main-

tains "a conscious and focused eye" on the surrounding residential community. "We're very conscious of the unique neighborhood surrounding Grand, and the suggestions we've made for the district plan are made with concern for this neighborhood," he said.

GABA's revisions do not represent a "bargaining process," McClay added. "This is District 16's plan. We are merely offering suggestions for change and hope that they adopt some of them, but we're not really in a negotiating position."

GABA's proposals for the district plan are a recognition that change on Grand Avenue is inevitable, McClay said. "The status quo can never be maintained, but we

sible solutions to Grand Avenue's parking shortage, said that that is not part of the plan's mission.

"The parking issue is a very emotional one in the neighborhood," Benton said. "There are those who feel a parking ramp is the only possible answer to solving parking shortages on Grand. There are those who would consider a ramp a blight on the neighborhood, something out of character for a street like Grand. Well, District 16 is a democratic body. We cannot call for certain parking solutions when there is such disagreement on the issue. The plan is intended to show how the neighborhood feels. It's not there to solve the parking problem."

GABA's revisions propose a seven-point plan to address the Avenue's parking shortage, including parking time limits and shared parking. GABA also thinks the idea of a parking ramp on Grand should be studied further.

One area in which GABA and the SHA agree is in the need to address B-3 zoning on Grand, a designation that allows for such businesses as fast-food restaurants. Both organizations felt that any expansion of the relatively unrestrictive B-3 zone should be curtailed on the Avenue.

The Summit Hill Association has not yet had a chance to review GABA's revisions of the district plan, but once GABA's suggestions are received, the association is expected to send GABA its response before the plan is again brought before the Planning Commission.

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by Constance M. Wittek, Executive Director
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NIGHT OUT IN THE VILLAGE

Highland Village merchants will be putting out a special welcome mat this year for holiday-season shoppers, diners and moviegoers. Most merchants in Highland Village will extend their hours until 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 15. Free horse-drawn carriage rides will be available in the Village that evening from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Rides will originate from the Village kiosk on the southwest corner of Ford Parkway and Cleveland Avenue.) In addition, carolers will be strolling through the Village and Santa will be on hand to distribute candy canes. Free popcorn and hot cider will be served in the mall adjacent to Dell Fabrics, compliments of the Highland Business Association.

Participating merchants have also donated hundreds of dollars worth of merchandise and gift certificates for a holiday drawing to be held in conjunction with the event. Shoppers can register for the drawing at any participating business from December 8 to 15. All entries will be collected and winners' names drawn on Friday, December 16. Prize winners will be notified by mail.

The response from Highland area businesses to this holiday promotion has been tremendous, with many of them also offering to have holiday treats available for shoppers to enjoy.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS LIT

All the holiday decorations are now in place throughout Highland Village. In addition to thousands of white lights strung from the trees, 30 large banners have been hung throughout the Village proclaiming the arrival of the holiday season. The project has once again been undertaken by the Highland Business Association, which has plans to expand and extend the decorations in future years.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

Clair Fable, owner of Clair's Automotive Service at 1341 St. Clair Ave., is one of the HBA's two most recent members. Fable has been in business at the same location since 1960, offering complete automotive repair services.

Jo Berthiaume Insurance Agency, 631 S. Cleveland Ave., has also opted to take advantage of the benefits of HBA membership. Laura "Jo" Berthiaume's firm, a Farmers Insurance company, offers all types of insur-

ance, from auto and homeowners, life and health to commercial and business insurance.

All members of the Highland Business Association join in welcoming both firms to the HBA. Other non-member firms that would like to receive more information about the HBA are invited to call Connie Wittek, HBA executive director, at 699-9042.

HBA MEMBERSHIP BLITZ

During the week of November 14, the Highland Business Association's 24 board members called on some 70 non-member firms located within Highland Village. The goal of the blitz was to make all local businesses aware of the efforts of the HBA and to explain the advantages of membership in this growing organization.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Over 30 HBA members gathered for breakfast at Tiffany's on Thursday, November 17, to hear officer Steve Johnson of the St. Paul Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit speak on shoplifting. Johnson supplemented his address with an excellent film to make merchants more aware of the variety of techniques used by shoplifters.

December 2 is the date of the annual HBA holiday party, which is open to all employees of HBA-member firms. The party will be held in the lobby of the Highland Bank from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Highland Fest '89 planning committee will hold its next meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 1, in the board room of the Highland Bank. The participation of any area residents or business person is welcome. More information may be obtained by calling Connie Wittek at 699-9042.

HBA members will have the opportunity to chat informally with City Council-member Bob Long at the HBA's quarterly breakfast meeting on Monday, December 5. The group will gather at 8:00 a.m. at Lee's Kitchen. Reservations may be made by calling Connie Wittek.

HBA board members will gather at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, in the Highland Bank board room for their regular monthly meeting.

The HBA's annual "Breakfast with Santa" is set for Saturday morning, December 10, from 9:00 to 10:30 at Lee's Village Inn. Watch for details in the next issue of the *Highland Villager*.



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Highland Area Community Council Capsule

THE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The Highland Area Community Council's board of directors last met November 10, and there Chuck Wiley of 1905 Highland Pkwy. was elected to fill the Grid 2 seat on the board. Wiley is a long-time Highland area resident, and will serve on the council's Human Services Committee. Gordon Westerberg, a board member for the past year and a member of the council's Community Development Committee, has been appointed secretary of the council.

The board of directors won't meet in December. The next board meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 12, at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy.

BOARD VOTES 'NO' ON HELIPORT ISSUE

At the meeting November 10, the HACC board recommended that the moratorium on heliports in St. Paul be extended to give city and regional planners an opportunity to study where these operations should be located. The board also recommended that Condor Corporation not be allowed to build a heliport on the northeast corner of University and Cleveland avenues because of the adverse impact it would have on nearby residential communities.

Last October, the St. Paul City Council declared a moratorium on new heliports until a public-policy study could be completed. Condor Corporation is interested in establishing a heliport on the former site of Dart Transfer at Cleveland and University, and last month Condor applied for a special condition use permit to use the Midway site. Condor currently operates out of Holman Field downtown.

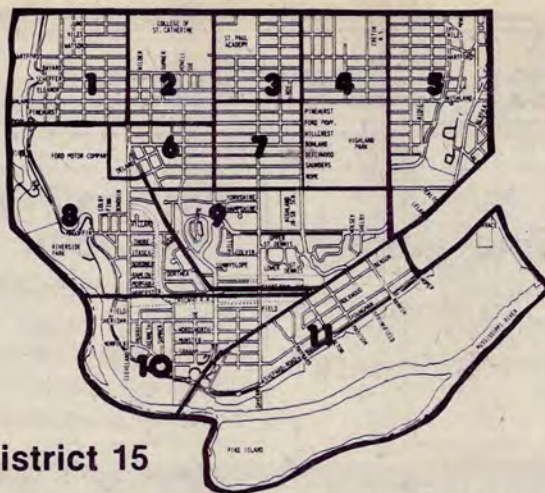
The Zoning Committee of the St. Paul Planning Commission recommended denying Condor the permit, stating that once a heliport was in operation, city zoning laws could not limit the number of flights nor designate flight paths since heliports are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Aviation Administration. The St. Paul Planning Commission, however, voted to grant Condor the permit anyway, and several district councils are appealing to the City Council to overturn the Planning Commission's decision. The City Council had yet to set a date to hear the appeal when this issue went to press.

RANDOLPH-SNELLING MAY SEEK GRANT

Businesses near the intersection of Randolph and Snelling avenues are reviewing the possibility of applying for a Neighborhood Partnership Program grant to provide for local streetscape improvements and the acquisition of land for a commercial parking lot on the northwest corner of Randolph and Brimhall Street. The NPP offers to fund improvements to public areas, matching on a sliding scale the private money and labor invested in improving property in the same general location.

HIGHLAND RECYCLES RECORD 50 TONS

District 15 residents set a record in recycling November 14, both in the tonnage collected and in the number of households participating in the curbside recycling program. On that day, the Highland area recycled 50.2 tons of material with 2,232 households participating. The next recycling pick-up day in District 15 is Monday, November 28. Materials will be collected rain, shine or snow, just as long as they are not put in plastic bags.



District 15

According to the last issue of the Metropolitan Council's *Metro Monitor*, the four materials that are most responsible for filling up local landfills nowadays are plastic (16 percent), packaging paper (16 percent), newsprint (14 percent), and non-packaging paper (11 percent). Three of these four materials—the newsprint and the paper—are recyclable through the curbside program.

Some garbage haulers provide lower rates for households that generate lower volumes of garbage. Residents who would like a list of haulers offering volume-based rates are invited to call the HACC office at 690-0866.

Interpreting the Bible the topic of free lectures at St. Thomas

"Reading the Bible: How to Interpret It" is the subject of a three-part series of lectures that will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 28-30, in Brady Educational Center at the College of St. Thomas. Admission is free and open to the public. The lecture topics and speakers are:

Monday—"Regarding the Lowly: Jesus' Birth Story in Luke's Gospel" by Dr. Carol LaHurd, a teacher at

St. Thomas.

Tuesday—"The Law was Our Pedagogue: Interpreting Paul's Letter to the Galatians" by the Reverend Craig Koester, a teacher at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary.

Wednesday—"Biblical Interpretations and Common Sense" by Dr. David Howard Jr., a teacher at Bethel Theological Seminary.

For more information, contact the St. Thomas theology department at 647-5291.

League plans awards evening

The League of Women Voters of St. Paul will sponsor its first-ever awards evening and fund-raiser on Friday, December 2. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:00, followed by dinner and then the program at 7:30.

The affair will be held in the Great Hall of First Trust Center at 5th and Jackson streets in downtown St. Paul. Grace Lorenzi of KS95 Radio

will be the emcee, and entertainment will be provided by Voice Trek.

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The boutique will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 27; 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29; and 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1.

The boutique is sponsored by the JCC's Afterschool Day-Care Committee, and all proceeds will go to the Day-Care Scholarship Fund. For more information, call Rhoda Jaffe at 698-0751.

SENIOR UPDATE

Senior citizens at the JCC run the "Nosh 'N' Shop" every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., selling hand-made gifts as well as coffee and bagels. They also operate "The Sweet Shoppe," selling candies, nuts and sugared fruits, every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday. In addition, the Men's Club runs a "Shabbat Shuk" every Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon, featuring Sabbath bread, bagels and sweet rolls.

JCC senior citizens will be going to a coffee concert at Orchestra Hall on Friday, November 25, and to a Debbie Reynolds performance at the Ordway Music Theatre on Tuesday, December 6. At the next JCC Men's Club meeting, set for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 5, George Isaacs will talk about light-rail transportation.

For more information about any of these activities, call the JCC at 698-0751.

GROUP SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The JCC's Fifty Plus Group is recruiting volunteers for two projects, the English as a Second Language program at Highland Park Junior-Senior High School, and the YES telephone crisis-counseling service. The group is also developing a new speaker series featuring topics of interest to people in their 50s and 60s.

Most Fifty Plus Group programs are open only to JCC members, but non-members who would like to sample a Fifty Plus event before joining the JCC can call Laurie Kramer at 698-0751 to make arrangements.

CST students' Halloween haul stocks Merriam Park food shelf

A fraternity and sorority from the College of St. Thomas put a helpful twist on "trick or treat" Halloween night by collecting 2,389 pounds of non-perishable food and \$100 in cash for the Merriam Park Community Food Shelf.

Students from the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity and Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority collected the food in a four-block radius of the St. Thomas campus. Food shelf co-ordinator Roberta Reberts said it was the most food ever collected in a single effort for Merriam Park.

"We were so pleased at the response and are very grateful to those who organized the drive and those who responded," Reberts said.

"You may not think that the Merriam Park and St. Anthony area would have a great need for the food shelf . . . but we have a lot of 'hidden poor' people in our community—single, working mothers who can't stretch their incomes to cover both the high cost of housing and the expenses of raising a family alone; the elderly; and many more."

As part of its annual Christmas Assistance Program, the food shelf, located at 2000 St. Anthony Ave., will accept donations of food for holiday meals and new toys for children under 12 during the week before Christmas. Fresh and non-perishable food will be accepted. For more information, call 645-0349.

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Passionate reader, book promoter right at home as book center head

by Chris Waddington

Jim Sitter's life revolves around books. For a dozen years the Selby Avenue resident has been a presence on the local literary scene—first as a passionate reader, then as a promoter, businessman, fund-raiser and, most recently, as the director of the Minnesota Center for Book Arts.

Even his geography seems colored by bookish concerns. "Since my move to St. Paul," Sitter said, "I've never lived more than two miles from the couch at the center of the Hungry Mind bookstore."

In recent years, Sitter has most often been found at the book art center (MCBA) that he did so much to establish. Located at 24 N. 3rd St. in the Minneapolis warehouse district, the MCBA occupies a large, street-level space designed to accommodate a startling range of activities.

"In the book world, there is a broad arc between writers and readers, with many creative people along the way. The center is a place where all of them can come together."

Visitors will find exhibitions of beautifully crafted books set amid presses, binding equipment and paper-making facilities. A wide-open floor plan allows even the casual visitor to observe the center's resident artists and interns at work. On a given day, one staff member might be deep in a typesetting project, another could be testing a cast-paper process, while still others could be taking part in a seminar with a visiting craftsman, or themselves teaching one of the many classes available to the public. Visitors quickly learn

that a well-made book is the end result of a complex enterprise.

Less evident are the struggles that attended the creation of the MCBA itself. Its doors may have officially opened in October 1985, but the process of organizing community support, raising funds, selecting a building and drawing up plans and a budget began more than 2½ years earlier.

The first obstacle, Sitter said, was the fact that "few in the community knew what a book center was, or what its role could be. It's not like a theater, where everyone knows the place of actors and audiences. In the book world, there is a broad arc between writers and readers, with many creative people along the way. The center is a place where all of them can come together."

To bolster his case, Sitter assembled a board that includes such notables as former Governor Elmer Andersen and B. Dalton executive Kay Sexton. Their support, along with that of several local foundations and companies, enabled the fledgling organization to begin a major capital fund drive.

"It wasn't easy," Sitter said. "Because of our special activities, we needed our own building immediately—and, of course, that meant money up front. We couldn't begin on a shoestring, sharing space like so many theater and dance troupes do."

At the end of three years, over \$600,000 had been raised, with staff and equipment comfortably established in a new facility. During those three years, Sitter found himself at innumerable meetings. "In this town," he said, "you build institutions by going to lunches, breakfasts and dinners, not by sitting at home."

Such fund-raising and planning efforts take plenty of energy, a quality that Sitter has in abundance. Even in the briefest encounter, one senses his disarming enthusiasm.

"He's someone who loves to dream and scheme on the phone," said local publisher Scott Walker, owner of Gray Wolf Press, "but

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November 27

PHYSICALLY DISABLED YOUNG ADULTS are invited to discuss how the Jewish Community Center of St. Paul might better serve their needs in a meeting this afternoon at the center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The social and recreational needs and interests of young adults will be addressed at the meeting, scheduled from 2:00 to 3:30. For more information and to register, call Linda Heyne at 698-0751.

GERMAN FOLK SONGS and Christmas music will be performed, and imported German cookies, candy, ornaments and gifts will be available for sale at an open house from noon to 4:00 p.m. today at the Volksfest Kultur Haus, 301 Summit Ave. Cake, coffee and apple cider will also be served. For more information, call 222-7027.

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS for preschool children ages 3-5 will be conducted today by the St. Paul Public School District at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, St. Clair and Prior avenues. The screenings, which together take from 90 to 120 minutes, check for vision, hearing, speech, nutrition, development, physical health, height and weight. For more information or the required appointment, call Mary Dochniak at 774-9491.

A SELF-WORTH SUPPORT GROUP for women will be meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays starting today at the Family Tree, 1619 Dayton Ave. Sponsored by the Chrysalis center, the program will help members develop a sense of their own worth and find new ways to work through problems. For more information and registration, call 871-2603.

AN OLD-FASHIONED HOLIDAY BAZAAR featuring seasonal entertainment, traditional holiday treats, and small shops and boutiques stocked with hand-made gifts will be held today through Saturday, December 3, in the Landmark Center cortile. The bazaar will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day, and until 8:00 p.m. on December 1 and 2. Admission is \$1.00. For more information, call 292-3225.

December 1

HOWARD ORENSTEIN, state representative from District 64B, invites residents of the district to meet with him on the first Thursday of each month at Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy. Tonight's meeting will run from 7:00 to 8:45. Residents can talk about any issue of interest to them, or ask any questions they might have of Orenstein.

CHRISTOPHER RUFF, an instructor of theology at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Minneapolis, will speak on "Psychology and Faith" tonight at 7:30 in the Parish Office Building of the Church of St. Helena, 3204 E. 43rd St., Minneapolis. He will talk about the way Catholics have used psychology to help them live out the Gospel, and will also point out some of psychology's limitations. Admission is \$2.50. Call 729-7321 for more information.

A WORKSHOP FOR PEOPLE whose parents were divorced when they were children, adolescents or young adults will be held this evening at Macalester College. The workshop, which will help participants understand the impact of parental divorce, will run from 6:00 to 9:30 in Humanities Room 107 of the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center. The cost is \$7.00 in advance, \$10 at the door. For more information, call Delle Jacobs at 646-9638.

RABBI IRV WISE from Hillel at the University of Minnesota will conduct a study group on the topic "Traditional Torah Study for Contemporary People" at 7:45 tonight in the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The event, open to the public, is sponsored by the St. Paul Hadassah Chai Aviva group.

THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION will hold a hearing on its new bus fare simplification plan tonight at 7:00 in the Martin Luther King Center, 270 N. Kent St. The MTC hopes to simplify its multi-layered fare structure to make it easier for customers to understand. Under the proposal, the number of fare denominations would be cut from 16 to six and the base fare would fall from 60 cents to 50 cents. MTC customers are encouraged to attend the meeting and give their opinions of the proposal.

A RECEPTION-AUTOGRAPH PARTY for local authors Bonnie Blodgett and D. J. Tice will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 tonight at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave. Blodgett and Tice are the authors of *At Home With the Presidents*, which deals with presidential homes not merely as houses but as sources of character and spiritual havens, as symbols of American values, ambitions and sensibilities. The reception, free and open to the public, is sponsored by Odegard Books St. Paul.

November 29

LEGAL AID FOR THE ELDERLY will be discussed today at a meeting of people 50 and older who are forming a new chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons. The meeting will be held at 1:30 this afternoon in the Plaza Apartments Community Room, 2353 Youngman Ave. Officers for the chapter will also be elected at this meeting. For more information, call 698-9643 or 690-2561.

HOME SECURITY and personal safety will be addressed by St. Paul Police Officer Steve Johnson and Debbie Meister, the District 14 Crime Watch coordinator, in a free seminar for senior citizens beginning at 1:00 this afternoon at Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. For reservations, call 698-7973.

THOSE WISHING TO TAKE PART in the December Fare Share food distribution can sign up today between noon and 1:00 p.m. at Cleveland Avenue United Methodist Church, Cleveland and Sargent avenues. Participants pay \$12 in cash and perform two hours of community service in exchange for a Fare Share package of meat, vegetables, fruit and staples valued at \$28 to \$35. The food can be picked up from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 17. Call 699-2350 for more information.

"SOUTH AFRICA: THE UNKNOWN STORY" will be addressed by John Cooke, a professor at the University of New Orleans and an authority on South African literature and history, at 1:05 p.m. today in the auditorium of the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center at the College of St. Thomas. Cooke studied black literature with South African poet and political activist Dennis Brutus and is an authority on the fiction of South African novelist Nadine Gordimer. Admission to his talk is free.

November 30

KTCA-TV'S "ALMANAC" panel of political experts will discuss the effects of the election on state and national small-business issues in a breakfast program beginning at 7:30 a.m. today at McGuire's Inn, 1-694 and Lexington Parkway. Kris Sanda, D. J. Leary, Wyman Spano and David Jennings will participate in the program sponsored by the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. For reservation information, call 223-5000.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY will present a benefit luncheon and fashion show today at the Town and Country Club, 2279 Marshall Ave. A social hour at 11:00 a.m. will open the program, presented for the benefit of the Seton Center social service. Guests are welcome. For more information, call 291-3393.

December 2

A SABBATH DINNER AND PRE-HANUKAH party for single parents with or without their children will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Children's activities, a candlelighting, blessings, dinner, entertainment, games and socializing are planned. For reservations, call Miriam at 698-0751 by November 30.

December 3

A MUSICIANS COLLEGE FAIR for high school students who are interested in studying music in college will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today in O'Shaughnessy Auditorium at the College of St. Catherine. Representatives from the country's foremost conservatories, colleges and universities will be on hand to answer questions. Admission is free. For more information, call Jane Anfinson at 870-7611.

THE WELLINGTON, located at 2235 Rockwood Ave., will host a holiday bazaar, bake sale and white elephant sale today from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will feature gift items, homemade baked goods, ornaments and a raffle for an afghan made by Wellington residents.

MACALESTER COLLEGE anthropology professor Jack Weatherford will sign copies of his new book, *Indian Givers: How the Indians of the Americas Transformed the World*, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. today at Odegard Books St. Paul, 857 Grand Ave. In *Indian Givers*, Weatherford shows that we are still learning from the Native Americans about everything from agriculture and medicine to religion and fashion. He also tries to show, in his words, that "it is not just the contributions of the past that we must recognize, but the tremendous potential for the future."

December 4

THE HONORABLE Desmond Guinness, founder of the Irish Georgian Society, will give a lecture on "Irish Houses and Castles" today at 4:00 p.m. at the University Club of St. Paul, 420 Summit Ave. The Irish Georgian Society was founded in 1958 to work for the preservation of 18th-century architecture in Ireland. Guinness, a graduate of Oxford University, is the author of *Georgian Dublin*, *Irish Houses and Castles* and *The White House*. The cost of the lecture is \$10 (\$12.50 at the door) or \$17.50 per couple. All proceeds will go to the Irish Georgian Society. For reservations, call 646-0787 or 227-6222.

A SINGLES HANUKAH PARTY will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening in the Adath Jeshurun Congregation's Youth Lounge, 3400 S. Dupont Ave., Minneapolis. Rabbi Yosi Gordon, executive director of the Talmud Torah of St. Paul, will read his newly published Hanukah story. All Jewish singles are invited to attend and to bring

their own menorah. Candles will be provided. Admission is \$5.00 at the door.

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE for buying tickets to a Hanukah celebration that will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The celebration will include a dairy dinner with latkes and other treats, Hanukah storytelling, candlelighting and entertainment. Participants are encouraged to bring their own menorahs. Tickets, which can be purchased at the JCC front desk, cost \$4.00; \$2.00 for children 6 and under. Call 698-0751 for more information.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT will be discussed during a Sunday brunch for people in their 30s and 40s scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to noon today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Industrial psychologist Penny George will speak. The fee is \$5.00; \$4.00 for members. To register, call 698-0751 by December 1.

STORYTELLER SARAH MEYBAUM will be the guest speaker at 9:30 this morning during the Adult Forum at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. Meybaum, who will present an Advent and Christmas program, recently returned from an extended trip to the Soviet Union, which she made with storytellers from around the United States. She will incorporate some Russian stories and folk tales into her program.

December 6

ST. MARK'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN will present its annual Advent Day of Recollection today at the church, Dayton and Moore avenues. All men and women are invited to attend the program, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration, followed by conferences, Mass, lunch and Holy Hour. The cost is \$6.00. For reservations, call Evelyn (645-6585) or Sue (644-0137) by December 2.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL will be honored in a free program beginning at 7:30 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. A group of more than 200 volunteers from Minnesota will be leaving for Israel in December. The program, which is open to the public, will feature Israeli singing and dancing and a talk by Moshe Fox, consul of Israel. For more information, call 374-5242.

A SUPPORT GROUP FOR LESBIAN women will be opened to new members at its meeting tonight in the Minnesota Women's Building, 550 Rice St. The group meets on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information and registration, call the Chrysalis center at 871-2603.

December 7

CHILDREN 3 TO 5 years old are invited to watch preschool films being shown at 10:30 this morning at the East Lake Library, 2727 E. Lake St., Minneapolis. *Angus Lost*, *Whazzat and Morris' Disappearing Bag* will be shown. Call 724-4561 for more information.

AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING for people interested in being licensed for foster care for children will be held tonight at 6:30 in the Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave. The meeting is sponsored by Ramsey County Human Services. Call 298-5437 for more information.

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Sitter (cont'd from page 17)

he also has the energy and ambition to realize all of those dreams."

It's as if the same passion that made him a voracious reader in grade school still charges him now, in his early 30s. Looking back, Sitter recalled how a high school teacher once gave him a stack of books to read over summer vacation—an incident that pointed Sitter toward his vocation, and gave him a sense of empowerment.

"I was a little shocked to be offered any extracurricular reading," he said with a smile. "Then I saw—my God!—that some of it was poetry, and stranger yet, that some of it was produced by local writers. I thought that they had to be terribly arrogant. Till then I'd believed that books only came from companies in New York, but gradually I started to see that I could also make a contribution."

Sitter's contributions have taken many forms. In the mid-70s he organized close to 40 literary readings at the Hungry Mind bookstore on Grand Avenue. Later he began a pair of book-distributing businesses: Bookslinger, which handles trade books from small literary presses; and Granary Books, which does much the same work for limited-edition, fine-press books. Sitter, of course, has moved on, having sold both of these still-thriving businesses. "It's nice to have such a pair of successful children," he said with a touch of justifiable pride.

Sitter's successes stir praise from David Unowsky, owner of the Hungry Mind and himself a long-time presence on the Twin Cities literary scene. "Jim is an entrepreneur in the best sense of the word," Unowsky said. "When he has an idea, he marshals forces to get it going, brings it to an adult stage and then moves on to something else. In a world

made up of plodders and visionaries, he shares the best parts of each type."

These days Sitter prefers to focus his attention on MCBA's many upcoming projects. Next month alone, two major projects are coming to fruition. On December 3, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., MCBA will host a publication party for its first "Winter Book." Its publication marks the beginning of a series in which a short story or long poem will be published in a limited edition, using the talents and equipment located at the MCBA. Each year, the story will be set in winter in the Upper Midwest.

This year's story, titled *Staggerford's Indian*, was written by Minnesota novelist John Hassler, a professor at St. John's University whose many books have drawn him prestigious awards from the Guggenheim Foundation and the Minnesota State Arts Board. Hassler will be on hand to autograph books at the publication party.

Later that day, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., the center will open an exhibition of manuscripts, artwork, galleys and color proofs selected from the University of Minnesota's Kerlan Collection of children's books. What began as Irvin Kerlan's hobby has grown into an internationally recognized scholar's resource containing more than 40,000 children's books and related material from authors, printers and illustrators. Running through February 11, the show will feature materials that reflect wintertime themes.

Visitors to the show, as well as students, local authors, publishers and instructors who frequent the center, have Sitter to thank.

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On the Towns

Theater trims 'Tree of Memory'

Bits and pieces of
holidays past paint a picture
of Christmas in Minnesota

by Terry Andrews

Members of the Great North American History Theatre are definitely in the holiday spirit this year. Having just moved into a new home—the Crawford Livingston Theater in the Science Museum of Minnesota—and formed a new seven-member acting company, the theater this year is bringing back its popular holiday classic, *A Servants' Christmas*, and is preparing to open the premiere of a second holiday play, *Tree of Memory*. The two plays will run in repertory.

"With our new home, new theater space, and new company, we feel so many doors have been opened artistically," said Linda Twiss, publicity director for the acting company. "This is a very special season for us."

A Servants' Christmas, set in a Summit Avenue mansion, is back for its seventh season. Called St. Paul's own *Christmas Carol* by one admiring critic, it is the story of a Christmas and Hanukkah celebration by a turn-of-the-century St. Paul family.

Tree of Memory is a new production, the collaborative effort of six local playwrights and journalists. It has its roots, so to speak, in a contest sponsored several years ago by the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, in which readers were invited to share their holiday memories.

Lance Belville, playwright-in-residence at the History Theatre, remembers reading the letters that were selected for publication in the paper. It was not long after he had come to St. Paul to start the theater, and it occurred to him at the time, he said, "to do a Minnesota Christmas play based on the letters. I never got around to it, though."

The idea stayed with him, however, and this year he finally decided the time was right to pursue it. He discovered that the letters had been given to the Minnesota Historical Society, where he

found them intact in a big box. "I read hundreds of them," he said. "From those, I culled about 150." Then he called on some local playwrights and journalists to see if they would write a one-act play based on a letter of their choice.

"I told them they could use the letters or write about something from their own life," Belville said. The journalists—former *St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch* theater critic David Hawley (now a feature writer for the paper) and retired columnist Oliver Towne (in real life Highland Park resident Gareth Hiebert)—chose to base their work on events from their own lives. The playwrights—Nancy Bagshaw-Reasoner, George Sand and Marilyn Seven—each chose a letter upon which to base their work.

**While each of the
playwrights worked
individually on his or
her act, there is a
common thread that
connects the plays.**

The result is five short one-act pieces, sometimes comedic, sometimes serious, joined by brief connecting scenes. All of the one-acts deal with some aspect of Christmas: the long line at Dayton's to see the "real" Santa, a group of GIs in Europe on Christmas Eve enroute to the battlefield, a lonely and forgetful old man's Christmas alone, a Sunday school Christmas pageant that ends in mayhem.

"They're all wildly different," Belville said. "But they have the unity of life observed, and several have the quality of



Six writers and six actors will bring Minnesotans' Christmas memories to the stage in the Great North American History Theatre production of *Tree of Memory*, which opens November 26. The playwrights involved are (seated, left to right) Gareth Hiebert, David Hawley, Nancy Bagshaw-Reasoner, Lance Belville, Marilyn Seven and George Sand. The actors are (left to right) Graham Thatcher, Suzanne Koepplinger, Tina Moulder, Susie Cravens, Grant Ritchey and Trevor Vasey.

something remembered from the past."

Belville and several of the play's writers gathered recently in the theater's rehearsal room to talk about *Tree of Memory*. Belville said he decided not to divulge who wrote which act, although the canny observer will surely be able to tell.

"Originally, when I was talking to several non-playwrights about taking part in this, I felt these writers would be unwilling to go out in the public way that a theater piece is. I discovered I was wrong," he continued, "but I liked the idea of not telling. It's fun."

Not much of a reason, perhaps, but George Sand said that making a secret of who wrote what "feels like Christmas, with its surprises, the packages all wrapped."

"That's perfect," Belville exclaimed. "That's exactly it."

Sand, who directs two of the acts, said that for his part, when he read the letters from the historical society, he was "struck by their power and simplicity and originality. I was struck by the fact that so many people are alone at Christmas." That, he said, is in conflict with the popular image of Christmas as a time that is spent with family and friends. Sand, who lives in the Cathedral Hill neighborhood, is artistic director of Northern Sign Theater and has had

several plays produced locally.

When Marilyn Seven sat down to read the letters, she found her subject-to-be right away. "It was in the second letter I read," she said. "I continued reading them, but then I came back to that one. I found something I really had to explore, an off-stage presence, a danger, that I wanted to visualize and make real." Seven, now a Grand Avenue resident, moved here from New York when she received a Jerome Fellowship at the Playwrights' Center. She has had plays produced in New York, Boston, Denver and Los Angeles, and just received a Jones Commission to write a new play.

Nancy Bagshaw-Reasoner worked from her memories of Christmases past. "Christmas elicits a memory in everybody," she said. "And I wrote about my most profound Christmas ever. It was at a cynical moment in my life, and I discovered that faith is illogical. My play is about an act of faith, and the fact that people have many reasons for finding their own faith."

Gareth Hiebert admitted he's never written a script in his life before this one, although he's acted in plays. "My last appearance on the stage was in 1979 at St. Kate's," he said. "I had to recite 187 lines in French. I can't remember the

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Concerts

An open stage will offer all folk musicians a chance to perform beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, November 25, at the Walker Church, 3104 S. 16th Ave., Minneapolis. A small cover fee will be charged of those who come to listen. A potluck supper will precede the show at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Tony Wentersdorf (872-0233) or the church (722-6612).

The Minneapolis Orchestra will perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 and the Symphonie Concertante of French composer Jacques Ibert in concerts at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 25. Both concerts will be in Orchestra Hall, and the morning performance will be preceded by complimentary coffee and doughnuts, a lobby fashion show and a concert preview by program annotator Mary Ann Feldman. For tickets, priced from \$6.25 to \$25.50, call Orchestra Hall at 371-5656 or any Dayton's outlet.

Pianist Alicia de Larrocha will join the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra on Friday and Saturday, November 25 and 26, in a program of music that is either Spanish in origin or inspiration. The 8:00 p.m. performances, under the direction of Christopher Hogwood, will feature Larrocha in Manuel de Falla's "Nights in the Gardens of Spain" and Joaquin Turina's "Rapsodia Sinfonica," Opus 66, along with Rossini's Overture to *The Barber of Seville* and Juan Arriaga's Symphony in D. Tickets range in price from \$9.00 to \$22.50 and include admission to concert previews beginning at 7:00 each evening. For tickets, call the Ordway at 224-4222 or any Dayton's ticket outlet.

A limited number of St. Paul Chamber Orchestra rehearsals will be opened to the public during the 1988-89 concert season. General admission to the open rehearsals, held in the Ordway Music Theatre, will be \$5.00. The first one, which will feature the music of Falla, Rossini, Arriaga and Turina, is set for 1:00 to 3:10 p.m. on Friday, November 25.



Peter Ostroushko and the Mando Boys will be joined by master guitarist Pat Donohue for a concert at the World

The fez-capped mandolin quartet, Peter Ostroushko and the Mando Boys, joined by finger-picking guitar master Pat Donohue, will perform at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 26, at the World Theater in downtown St. Paul. Formed in 1983 as the Lake Wobegon Municipal Mandolin Orchestra for "A Prairie Home Companion" radio show, the Mando Boys spent so much time together learning songs that they just sort of evolved into a club. The band's motto is "Ragtime to Rhumbas, Bach to Benny," and its first record ran the gamut from Benny Goodman's "Airmail Special" to J. S. Bach's Fugue in G minor. Donohue, for his part, has been hailed by *Frets* magazine as "a major artist in contemporary acoustic music." Born and raised in St. Paul, Donohue draws his inspiration from a diverse crew, including Blind Blake, West Montgomery and Chet Atkins. He has mastered several guitar styles—blues, swing, folk, slide and jazz—

and in 1983 he won the National Fingerpicking Guitar Championship. Tickets for the concert are priced from \$9.00 to \$13.50, with a \$1.00 discount for senior citizens and students. Call the World at 298-1300 for reservations or more information.

The Vienna Choir Boys, a vocal ensemble of international renown for 490 years, will perform at Orchestra Hall on Saturday and Sunday, November 26 and 27, as part of its 41st concert tour of the United States. The program at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday will feature sacred and secular songs by Mozart, Jacobus Gallus and Michael Praetorius, Jean Baptist Kler's comic operetta, "Theaterg'schichten," and a collection of holiday carols. For tickets, priced from \$9.00 to \$17.50, call 371-5656.

The Macalester Concert Choir will present its 12th annual holiday concert in a setting of

Theater in downtown St. Paul on Saturday, November 26. For details, see listing.

candlelight and pine boughs on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3. The concerts will begin at 8:00 p.m. in Cochran Lounge in the Macalester Student Center, and both will feature a selection of desserts, wine and other beverages. The choir, under the direction of Kathy Saltzman Romey, will sing Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" and a selection of traditional and international carols. Tickets are \$10 and reservations are required. For reservations or more information call 696-6520.

Folksingers Anne Hills and Michael Smith will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 3, at the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave. For ticket information, call the New Folk Collective at 645-1975.

Kate and Anna McGarrigle and their band will present their sweet harmonies, candid lyrics and special mix of musical styles in a concert beginning at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, Decem-



ance. Tickets are \$7.00; \$5.00 for senior citizens.

Traditional Irish musicians Fin-tan Vallely and Daithi Sproule will perform at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, at the Half-Time Rec, 1013 Front Ave. Vallely, flute and vocals, is from County Armagh in Northern Ireland. He has an album on Shanachie Records and is the author of *Timber*, an authoritative book on the Irish flute. Sproule, acknowledged as one of the most influential guitarists in Irish music today, has 10 albums to his credit. Tickets are \$6.00 at the door.

The annual Advent Vespers service will be held in the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas on the College of St. Thomas campus at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 4. The 55-member Liturgical Choir of the Colleges of St. Thomas and St. Catherine will sing traditional Gregorian chants and six choral anthems, including works by Palestrina, Sidney Carter, John Ferguson and John Ness Beck. The choir will also sing the premiere of a new work, "Advent Dance," a piece inspired by the Gospel of Luke and written for choir and solo guitar by Dr. Todd C. Thompson of the St. Thomas chemistry department. Christopher Kachian of the college's music department will be the guitarist. Daniel Copher, also of the music department, will be the organist for the service, playing the 2,787-pipe Gabriel Kney organ. No admission will be charged, but a free-will offering will be taken for the needy.

A "Far-Out Jazz in the Twin Cities" concert series will be held at 8:00 p.m. on the first three Sundays in December at Walker Community Church, 3104 S. 16th Ave., Minneapolis. The concerts will feature saxophonist Scott Newell on December 4, reed player John Devine on December 11, and Steve Kimmel and friends on December 18. Admission is \$3.00 each night. Call 722-6612 for reservations.

The Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, directed by Manny Laureano, will present a free concert at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, located at Hall Avenue and Robie

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The Hamline University A Cappella Choir, Chorale and Baroque Ensemble will present their annual Christmas concert at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 4, at Hamline United Methodist Church, 1514 Englewood Ave. Accompanying the students will be professional musicians Basil Reeve and Rees Allison of the Musical Offering. A reception with hors d'oeuvres will follow the concert. For tickets—priced at \$5.00; \$3.00 for students and children—call 641-2015.

Debbie Reynolds and Broadway singing star **Harve Presnell**, together with an orchestra and other singers and dancers, will present a concert of music, comedy and holiday songs at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 6, at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced from \$10 to \$29.50, call 224-4222.

Film

Shohei Imamura's *The Profound Desire of the Gods*, a sensual tale of civilization meeting the mysteries of the South Pacific islands, will be shown Sunday through Thursday, November 27-December 1, at Film in the Cities' Jerome Hill Theater, located in First Trust Center at 5th and Jackson streets. The movie concerns an engineer from Tokyo who is sent to a tiny, beautiful island to locate fresh water for his company. He discovers a culture filled with superstition and incestuous lust, and he soon finds himself becoming part of the inhabitants' primitive lifestyle. The movie will be shown at 2:00, 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, and 5:30 and 8:30 Monday-Thursday. General admission is \$4.50, \$4.00 for senior citizens. Tickets are \$3.00 Tuesday night and for all shows before 6:00 p.m.

Avant-garde filmmaker Robert Breer, one of the premier ani-



Chuck Hilton plays the crooked junkman Harry Brock and Crystal Muirhead plays his empty-headed girlfriend Billie in *Born Yesterday*, a comedy that opens November 25 at Theatre in the Round. For details, see listing.

mators in the world, has spent the past 35 years making short masterpieces that have reprinted and condensed the histories of both film and the fine arts. A showing of some of his works from the past 20 years, leading off with the premiere of his *A Frog on the Swing*, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, in the auditorium of the Walker Art Center. Tickets are \$5.00, \$4.00 for senior citizens.

Winners of the the 1988 Clio Awards will be shown at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, in the auditorium of the Walker Art Center. The granddaddy of all advertising awards, the Clios remain the most prestigious and comprehensive, monitoring activity across all the advertising media in the United States and abroad. The year's screening of the 1988 television and cinema winners will be preceded by a slide-show presentation of the U.S. and international winners in the 1988 print competition. Admission is \$4.00, \$3.00 for senior citizens.

Stanley Kubrick's *Full Metal Jacket*, the 1987 film that examines the harsh realities of a Marine boot camp and battle in Vietnam, will be shown at 7:00

and 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, in the West Bank Union Auditorium, located in the University of Minnesota's Willey Hall. Tickets are \$3.00, \$1.50 for students.

South of Reno, a movie that (in the words of one critic) "delivers a sliver of America into our mind's eye with the precision of a sharpshooter," will be shown at Film in the Cities' Jerome Hill Theater Friday through Thursday, December 2-8. The film tells of Mark, a wide-eyed dreamer who works for the railroad and lives in a mobile home on the edge of the desert. He dreams of moving to Reno and making it big, but he rarely stirs from in front of his television set, which barely picks up one station. His wife has long since given up on him and spends most of her time with a scuzzy mechanic. When Martin catches them together, he decides to do something about it. It will be shown at 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2:00, 5:30 and 7:30 on Sunday, and 5:30 and 7:30 Monday-Thursday. Admission is \$4.50, \$4.00 for senior citizens. On Tuesday and for all shows before 6:00 p.m., admission is

\$3.00. The theater is located in First Trust Center at 5th and Jackson streets.

Director Louis Malle's *Pretty Baby* and *Atlantic City* will be shown beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, in the Walker Art Center auditorium. Malle began his career with the controversial but critically acclaimed *Pretty Baby*, which featured Brooke Shields in the title role of Violet, a child prostitute in the famed Storyville district of New Orleans in 1917. *Atlantic City* follows the exploits of a retired hood who enjoys a comfortable reputation among his peers in a city trying to capture its glory days with the help of legalized gambling. Admission to the double-feature is \$5.00; \$4.00 for senior citizens.

Dance

NorthWest Ballet will present the timeless holiday classic *Nutcracker* in performances Friday through Sunday, November 25 to December 3, at Northrop Auditorium. More than 130 students of the North-West Ballet School will help tell the story of young Clara, her mysterious godfather, and the three peculiar presents he brings over for Christmas. The production has been choreographed by Kent Stowell, artistic director of Pacific Northwest Ballet, and sets and costumes have been designed by Maurice Sendak, well-known children's author and illustrator. For performance times and tickets, call Dayton's or the Northrop box office (624-2345).

CrossCurrent Dance Theatre will perform original works in ballet, jazz and modern dance choreographed to both sacred and secular music in concerts at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, November 26 and 27, at the Howard Conn Theatre, 1900 S. Nicollet Ave. The program will include the Renaissance folk-style "Candle Dances," a modern dance duet, an interpretive solo, a hot jazz piece to an African version of the hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King," a classical ballet to "Mozart Variations," and a selection by students of liturgical dance called "Interpretation of Psalm I." Tickets are \$6.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door, and half price for children under 12. For reservations, call 721-4948.



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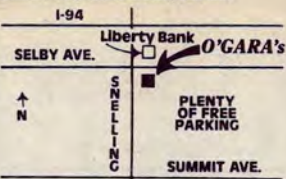


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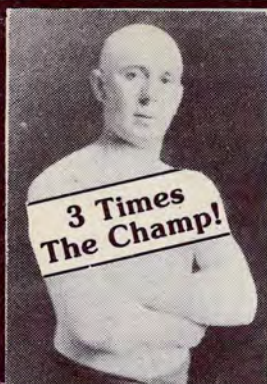
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Theater

A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens' heart-warming holiday tale about the mystical transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge, the prototypical penny-pinching businessman, has returned to the Guthrie Theater for its 14th season. Performances are running now through New Year's Day 1989. For ticket information, call 377-2224.

Black Nativity, a pageant of joy set among a community of black Americans in Joplin, Missouri, around the turn of the century, will be presented by the Penumbra Theater Company November 23 through December 18. The late 19th century was a time of enlightenment and hope for black people who had suffered for years under slavery and racism. In this production, the nativity story is retold through the eyes of these people. Their renewed faith and hope at this time of rebirth is evident in the production's spirited song and dance and its text by Langston Hughes. Performances are at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, with additional shows scheduled in the weeks before and after Christmas. General-admission tickets range from \$9.50 to \$7.00. For ticket information, call Tickets to Go (333-6841) or Penumbra (224-4601).



Young Beatrix Potter (Angela Ness) creates a Christmas to remember through her whimsical drawings of animal friends (shown here are Miss Tiggywinkle the Hedgehog, Squirrel Nutkin and Mopsy Bunny) in *Beatrix Potter's Christmas*, opening Friday, November 25, at the Children's Theater Company. For details, see listing.

Beatrix Potter's Christmas, the Children's Theatre Company production that proved so popular when it premiered in 1986, will return to the CTC for performances from November 25 through December 30. The story, conceived and written by company playwright-in-residence Thomas W. Olson, is based on the life and stories of English author and illustrator Beatrix Potter. Known around the world for her charmingly illustrated storybooks about woodland animals, the play depicts both the real life of Beatrix as a lonely child and the imaginative and happy world of her animal friends. In the spirit of the holiday season, patrons are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped gift to the theater with them. The gifts will be distributed to needy families by Toys for Tots. The play will open at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 25, at the theater, 2400 S. 3rd Ave. Minneapolis. Tickets are priced from \$12 to \$18 for adults and \$10 to \$14 for children. For reservations or more information, call 874-0400.

Garson Kanin's Born Yesterday, a comedy that enjoyed an exceptionally long run on Broad-

way, will open at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 25, at Theatre in the Round, 245 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis. In *Born Yesterday*, the vulgar, egotistical junkman Harry Brock comes to a swank hotel in Washington to make crooked deals with government bigwigs. He is accompanied by the charming but dumb ex-chorus girl Billie, whose lack of social graces and intellect embarrasses even Brock. He hires a young, idealistic newspaper reporter to tutor Billie, and tutor her he does. She begins to learn history, politics—and what kind of man Harry Brock really is. The play will continue through December 18. Tickets are \$8.00, with \$1.00 discounts for senior citizens on Fridays and Sundays. For reservations or more information, call 333-3010 or Tickets to Go.

The Great North American History Theatre will perform two plays during the holiday season—*Tree of Memory*, a new play by six St. Paul playwrights and journalists; and *A Servants' Christmas*, returning for its seventh local production. *Tree of Memory*, which opens Saturday, November 26, is based on a collection of letters in the

Minnesota Historical Society archives which chronicle Minnesotans' most unforgettable Christmases. Comic tales of department-store Santas and Sunday-school pageants alternate with bittersweet memories of Depression-era celebrations and the loneliness of World War II soldiers spending Christmas far from home. *A Servants' Christmas*, which opens Thursday, December 1, is a humorous and sympathetic tale about the religious differences among people living and working in homes along St. Paul's Summit Avenue during the Victorian era. The two plays will run in repertory through December 23 in the Crawford Livingston Theater of the St. Paul Arts and Science Center, 10th and Cedar streets. Performances will be presented Thursday through Sunday evenings until December 11, and every evening beginning December 14. Matinees are scheduled on Sundays and selected weekdays. For ticket information, call Dayton's or the box office (292-4323).

The Minnesota Opera, following a six-state tour, will present its production of the comic opera *Cinderella* by Rossini in one

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"Red Hot Holidays," a musical revue of holiday songs jazzed up by arranger Sanford Moore and sung by his vocal quartet Moore by Four, will return for its third holiday season, running from November 29 to December 23. Performances will begin at 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and Sundays, and at 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays at the Cricket Theatre, 1407 S. Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis. Tickets are priced at \$16.95. For reservations, call 871-2244.

Cretin-Derham Hall students will present the comedy *The Man Who Came to Dinner* at 8:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 2-4, in the school's theater, 550 S. Albert St. Admission is \$3.00.

Exhibits

An exhibition of paintings, drawings, prints and monotypes by Michael Mazur is on view now through December 11 in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. Mazur is the 1988 Wallace Distinguished Visitor in the Visual Arts at Macalester. The gallery is open from 10:00 to 10:00 on weekdays and 1:00 to 5:00 on weekends. Call 696-6416 for more information.

Photographs by Vance Gellert, Danusia Gozdziwicz and Clarissa Sligh are on exhibit now through December 30 at the Film in the Cities Gallery, 2388 University Ave. Their photographs are intensely personal statements about emotionally powerful times in their lives, ranging from Gellert photographic examination of the changes in daily life brought about by being the primary parent of an infant son to the collages of Gozdziwicz, a native of Poland, who focuses on the emotions caused by a separation from her home, family and native culture.

Projects by Minnesota artists Doug Henders, Jim Tittle and Robert Lawrence, all of which employ several media including video tape, are on view now through December 17 at the Intermedia Arts Gallery, 413



Comedian Gilbert Gottfried will perform at the Guthrie Theater November 28. For details, see listing.

N. 1st Ave., Minneapolis. Henders' "Null and Void," which describes the American experience through a new-age entertainment center, features continuous video tape of talk shows and political debates by this year's candidates. Lawrence's "Manifest Destiny: Greed in the Face of Adversity" addresses the notion that the "greed in the face of adversity" that opened the West to white settlement is still operating in other social and political arenas. Viewers of Tittle's work, which is accompanied by an audio tape, will enter a room, climb onto a platform, walk across a nine-foot-square photo mural and view a short videotape. An opening reception for the exhibit will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, December 3. The artists will discuss their projects at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 8. The gallery is open from noon to 5:00 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Admission is free.

An art exhibit depicting Christmas celebrations in households around the world will open Friday, November 25, at the World Trade Center in downtown St. Paul. The exhibit, "A World of Christmas," will include five artists whose works reveal the costumes and customs associated with celebrations of Christmas in Scandinavia, Vietnam, Serbia, the Ukraine, Greece and elsewhere. The free exhibit, which will run through December, is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress Publishers. All the works exhibited will be included in *Christmas, the Annual of Christmas Literature and Art*, which has been published by Augsburg annually since 1931.

Books and related materials from the renowned Kerlan Collection will be exhibited December 3 through February 11 at the Minnesota Center for Book Arts, 24 N. 3rd St., Minneapolis. The Kerlan collection is an internationally recognized center of research in the field of children's literature, housed on the University of Minnesota campus. The collection contains more than 40,000 children's books, in addition to manuscripts, artwork, galleys and color proofs for over 5,000 children's books. An opening reception will run from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 3.

Artists Barbara Bloy, Diana Keller and Denise Minkler will exhibit their works December 3 through January 7 in the Union Plaza Building, 333 N. Washington Ave., Minneapolis. Although visually very different, the works of the three women have some striking thematic similarities. All of them draw heavily on their own experiences, giving their works a highly charged personal quality. This almost narrative style with its autobiographical overtones is common to all three artists.

Et cetera

Comedian Gilbert Gottfried, two-time winner of the prestigious Charlie Award, hailing him as the best male comedian in New York, will appear at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 28, at the Guthrie Theater. Gottfried, a regular cast member on "Saturday Night Live" in 1980 and '81, has an act that encompasses absurd impressions, a juxtaposition of characters and rambling tangents. Warming up for him will be Ellen DeGeneres, a veteran of four "Tonight Show" appearances. For tickets, priced at \$13 and \$15, call 377-2224.

Sesame Street Live will bring its new production, "Big Bird's Sesame Street Story," to the stage of the Met Center for 10 performances November 30 to December 4. The fast-paced show features life-size versions of the Sesame Street characters in a 90-minute program of songs, dance numbers and audience participation. It opens with Big Bird and his Muppet friends traveling back to the early days of Sesame Street to tell how it was that their neighborhood became a world-famous television program. For ticket information, call the Met at 853-9300.

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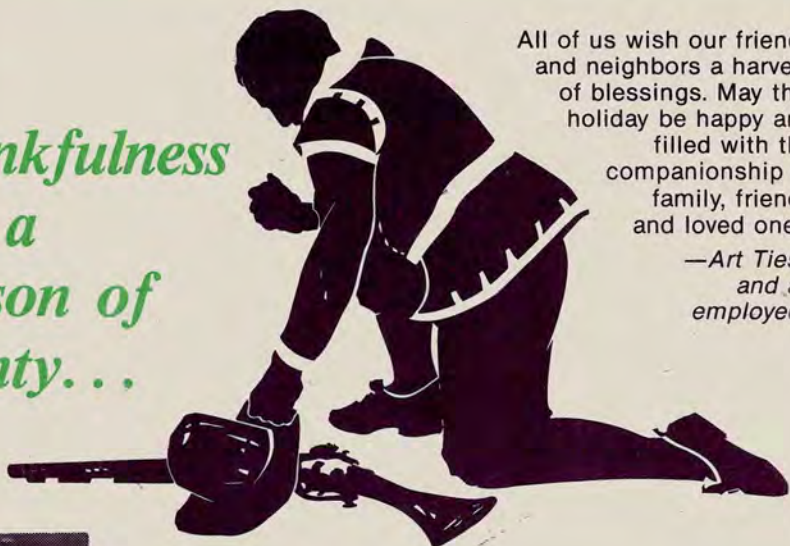
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Author takes a peek into the homes of U.S. presidents

by Dick Gordon

Did you know that George Washington was almost as concerned with house problems at Mount Vernon as he was with his near-starving troops after they lost the Battle of Long Island? Or that Andrew Jackson had both a casino and a racetrack adjacent to his home in Nashville? Or that Ronald Reagan never lived in the governor's mansion in Sacramento, California, during his years in office there because Nancy didn't like it?

Those are among the price-less tidbits disclosed in *At Home With the Presidents*, a new book co-authored by Bonnie Blodgett, who lives on Goodrich Avenue a few doors from Dale Street. Inasmuch as Blodgett has long been interested in both history and houses, her first book was a natural.

What she and collaborator Douglas Tice of Minneapolis didn't realize when they began the undertaking more than two years ago was that they would wind up writing a virtual anthology of the idiosyncrasies of the 39 U.S. presidents.

"I knew that houses reflect a lot about the people who live in them," Blodgett said, "but when we started out, Doug and I didn't figure it would be such an ambitious undertaking, or that the book would be that long (253 pages, published by Overlook Press). We thought it was going to be more of an

architectural tour from house to house. It just happened."

The result is an illustrated documentary loaded with insights into our leaders before and after they lived in the White House.

The enterprising Blodgett, 38, a former editor of *Corporate Report* and *TWA Ambassador*, got the idea for a book on the presidents' houses from an article on the subject written by a contributor to the *TWA magazine*. Blodgett had left that magazine so she could spend more time with her two daughters, now ages 5 and 2½. Tice, who had worked with her on the magazine, was more or less in the same boat, so the two of them decided to pool their talents on the offbeat historical book.

They began by divvying up the presidents. Tice wrote about all of them up through William McKinley, while Blodgett handled those from McKinley through Ronald Reagan. The reader will not notice an abrupt change in styles, although Blodgett's slightly more flip approach is probably better suited to her 20th-century subjects.

Tice traveled extensively for his personal research, but Blodgett, who also did the research for all the historical photographs (the book contains nearly 150 pictures and illustrations), did her legwork from the homefront.

"I sent out hundreds of letters to libraries all over the country," she said. "It took a



Goodrich Avenue resident Bonnie Blodgett is the co-author of *At Home With the Presidents*, a trivia-laden look at the home life of all 39 U.S. presidents.

lot of time. I would guess Doug and I spent more than twice as much time gathering the material than we did in the actual writing." Although the hours were more flexible, Blodgett found the work was almost as demanding and time-consuming as her executive responsibilities at the two magazines.

The new book is bound to appeal both to history buffs and to those intrigued by the

human side of historical figures. Take George Washington, for instance, writing to his cousin during his deep despair of September 1776: "I tell you I was never in such an unhappy and divided state since I was born."

But then, in the same letter, Washington abruptly turns into the fretting homeowner: "With the chimney I would not have you, for the sake of a little work, spoil the look of

the fireplace. The chimney in the new room should be exactly in the middle of it." And then on to Valley Forge.

Long before Lincoln's log cabin became part of his legend, William Henry Harrison presented himself to the electorate as a log-cabin president, even though he had grown up on one of the richest plantations in the United States.

The story of McKinley's

front-porch campaign in 1900 is widely known, as is the fact that Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as president (after Harding died in 1923) in his own rustic Vermont house—and by his father, a notary public. But how many people know that our 12th president, Zachary Taylor, never exercised his voting privilege during his lifetime, which ended shortly after he took office?

Blodgett herself was fascinated to learn that Herbert Hoover, the Iowa farm boy, had 500 places he called home as he moved from job to job and up the ladder of success. By contrast, the globe-trotting Franklin Delano Roosevelt called Hyde Park home his whole life.

The way John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson handled the question of living arrangements likewise pointed up a major difference between the two men. Kennedy always tried to play down, even conceal, his family's luxurious digs on Cape Cod and Palm Beach. Johnson, on the other hand, was prone to brag about his mammoth ranch in Johnson City, Texas, which he had obtained by outlickering the previous owner.

Among other stores, *At Home With the Presidents* is on sale at Odegard Books St. Paul, which is sponsoring a public reception to promote the book at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave.

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name of the play, but I was the old doctor. My wife and I were studying French at the time—that's how it came about."

"With someone like Gary," Belville interjected, "all the world's a stage." Hiebert was the Oliver Towne columnist for 35 years, and he is currently writing a book on the history of the Dacotah Hotel in his hometown of New Ulm. His one-act play is based on personal experience, as is Hawley's.

Belville said he let the others choose

their subjects first, then selected what he wanted to write about. "I read all the letters, then looked at what the other writers were doing," he said. "I picked letters they hadn't chosen. Five or six of the letters had stuck in my mind, and I went back to those." He tried to track down authors of the letters, but not a one could be found. The original writers of the letters will be listed on the play's program.

While each of the playwrights worked individually on his or her act, there is a

common thread that connects the plays, Sand said. "Each one says that Christmas is worth something."

"They also express a need for hope," Seven added. "And I feel the play is a marvelous showcase for this new company. The actors are playing a great variety of parts—something that creates a great esprit de corps."

"My question," said Belville, "was what was this going to feel like as an evening of theater? After seeing these pieces, it feels like they ought to be together."

"We had a lot of trouble with the title," he continued. "We wanted something that involved memory. Then we found a letter about a kid who couldn't have a Christmas tree because his father wouldn't cut one down. His mother took pieces of paper and taped them on the dining room wall in the shape of a tree. We discovered that's what we were doing. We were taking bits and pieces to making a holiday celebration—not the kind you're used to seeing, but nonetheless, a celebration."

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Sports

Mean defense and deadly passing send Raiders into state title game

by Bill Wagner

Cretin-Derham Hall football coach Mal Scanlan sat behind his desk at the high school and admitted to being confused.

"I don't know how good our kids are," he said. "I used to think I knew, but I don't."

Scanlan was speaking just three days after his Raiders had overcome Apple Valley 24-21 to advance to the state Class AA semifinals. Three days after that, on November 17 at Parade Stadium in Minneapolis, the Raiders gave their coach even more to think about by trouncing Burnsville 28-13.

As a result, Cretin-Derham Hall will now play the Blaine High School Bengals for the state title Saturday, November 26, at the Metrodome. If Scanlan is still wondering how good the Raiders are, he can consider that no team from the St. Paul or Minneapolis conferences has made it to the Prep Bowl since 1977, and that Harding is the only St. Paul team ever to have competed in the Class AA final.

The Raiders relied heavily on a passing game in their victories over Apple Valley and Burnsville, and they're hoping the same strategy

will work against a tough Blaine team.

"They have a pretty well-balanced team and they're well-coached," Scanlan said of the Bengals. "They've got everything a good football team should have. But it's the same as always for us—we have to protect our passer."

Credit for the win over Burnsville goes largely to the

"It's the same as always for us—we have to protect our passer."

—Mal Scanlan

mean defense of the Raiders, the right arm of quarterback Chris Weinke (he completed 10 of 17 passes for 191 yards and two touchdowns), and the pass-snaring talents of senior split end Jeff Rosga (seven catches for 148 yards and one touchdown). And don't forget the younger Rosga—Jeff's brother Steve, a freshman who caught two

passes for 42 yards and one touchdown.

The Raiders got off to a quick start in the Burnsville game, taking a one-touchdown lead on a 41-yard passing play from Weinke to Jeff Rosga, who had streaked into open territory down the left sideline. Rosga kicked the extra point to give the Raiders a 7-0 lead with 6:56 to play in the first period.

The Raiders were forced to fall back on their defense for much of the second quarter, as the Braves drove all the way from their own 24-yard line to the Raider five before being set back by a penalty. A missed field goal from the 27 followed, and the Braves had nothing to show for a drive that ate up more than seven minutes.

Cretin-Derham Hall continued playing fairly conservatively in the first half and went into the locker room with its 7-0 lead intact. But the Raiders came out throwing in the second half. "If we were going down, we were going down throwing," Scanlan was quoted as saying after the game.

Early in the third quarter, Ted Johnson raced over the goal line from three yards out to cap off a 58-yard drive by the Raiders. Three first-



Cretin-Derham Hall quarterback Chris Weinke looks for a receiver during the Raiders' 24-21 overtime victory against Apple Valley November 11. The Raiders, who went on to beat Burnsville November 17, will face Blaine for the state title this week.

down passes from Weinke to Jeff Rosga had put them into scoring position, and it was Rosga's PAT that put Cretin up 14-0. The Braves weren't through yet, however, and retaliated with a seven-yard scoring pass from Chad Emmond to Chris Blanchard. The conversion made it 14-7 with just under four minutes left in the third quarter.

Two minutes later, Cretin-Derham Hall scored again, on a one-yard sneak by Weinke. The 72-yard advance to the goal line had included a big 29-yard run by Johnson and two clutch first-down catches by Jeff Rosga. The Raiders' final touchdown came on a short pass from Weinke to Steve Rosga.

Burnsville got on the score-

board one last time with a 20-yard pass in the fourth quarter, but the conversion kick was blocked and the clock (with 8:34 to go) didn't give the Braves much to hope for.

The Raiders' win over the Braves followed by less than a week a game that has to

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Prep coaches rate their prospects in hockey, basketball

Boys' basketball

compiled by Tom Cody

Central

League, coach: St. Paul City, Dan Brink
Last year's record: 19-5

Key players and their strengths:

- Juriad Hughes (Sr. F)—he can shoot from anywhere.
- David Hollman (Sr. G)—runs the show for the Minutemen.
- Ron Taylor (Sr. C)—a jumper; he'll have to be the inside scorer.
- Christian Hayes (Sr. F)—very quick; a defensive whiz.
- Steve Kennedy (Jr. G)—floor leader off last year's "B" team.
- Jerome Paul (Jr. F)—a very strong, physical player.

Team outlook: The Minutemen should challenge for the City title, as usual. They shoot well, like to run the ball and will play solid defense. "We're very short," Brink said.

"Our biggest guy will be 6-foot-1½, and we'll have to compensate with speed." He sees Cretin-Derham Hall as his chief rival, along with Harding. "CDH has (Jeff) Rosga and a good big guy (Chris Lavoie). They'll be very good."

Highland Park

League, coach: St. Paul City, Charles Portis
Last year's record: 17-4

Key players and their strengths:

- Eli Thigpen (Sr. F)—a 6-foot-1 inside player; very tough.
- Wayne Scroggins (Sr. F)—very effective driving to the basket.
- Jeff Ewald (Sr. G)—a good shooter; another player who will penetrate.
- Ron Buckman (Sr. C)—only 6-foot-2, but shoots well from outside.

Team outlook: Highland Park lost all five starters from last season's standout team. Coach Ron Causton has moved on, replaced by Portis (Como's coach last year). "We're very inexperienced, but these kids have practiced with championship-caliber players and that'll help," said Portis. "We hope to

take advantage of other teams' mistakes." Portis also looks for Cretin-Derham Hall and Central to battle for the St. Paul crown.

Cretin-Derham Hall

League, coach: St. Paul City, Len Horyza
Last year's record: 16-7

Key players and their strengths:

- Jeff Rosga (Sr. F)—one of the best athletes in Minnesota.
- Sean Devine (Jr. F)—played as sixth man a year ago; a good shooter.
- Jim Sticha (Jr. G)—gets inside and passes well; also a three-point threat.
- Andy Sexton (Jr. G)—another long-range bomber.
- Chris Lavoie (Jr. C)—a 6-foot-8 rebounder; improving by the day.

Team outlook: Horyza will play four juniors with Rosga; as usual, his team will be a smart one. He's got some shooters, but the Raiders' defense might be questionable. Rosga is one of the best players around, and he has a shot at the CDH scoring record. Horyza favors Central in the City race and sees St. Thomas Academy as one of the 3AA region favorites.

St. Thomas Academy

League, coach: Independent, Tom Ihnot
Last year's record: 11-15

Key players and their strengths:

- Matt Brzica (Sr. G)—quick on defense; can fire in three-pointers.
- John Riley (Sr. C)—a 6-foot-9 rebounder.
- Jim Leibel (Sr. F)—good hands and a nice touch; another three-point shooter.
- Pat Franzese (Sr. F)—a smart, rugged rebounder.
- Lee Hannah (Sr. F)—can leap; a tough, aggressive player.

Team outlook: Just about everybody's back for the Cadets. Their experience will be a plus, as will their shooting ability. "Our (pressure) defense will be okay after a while," Ihnot said. "We were a terrible rebounding team last year, so we have to improve there." STA's independent schedule came about when the Suburban Conference delayed its entry into the league until next year. Ihnot's team will be one of the best in 3AA when the regional playoffs roll around.

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Minnehaha Academy

League, coach: Tri-Metro, Bill Carlson
Last year's record: 14-7
Key players and their strengths:
 •A. J. Ecker (Jr. G)—good ball-handler; a team leader.
 •Mike Tamte (Sr. F)—a good individual player on offense.
 •John Pogadinski (Sr. C)—he has good inside moves; quick for a big player.
Team outlook: Quicker than ever as a team. Carlson's kids played a lot this summer. They're not very physical or very big, so their full-court pressure will have to compensate. "It's hard for us to match up with some teams since our center's only 6-foot-3," Carlson said. He sees the Tri-Metro as wide open.

Roosevelt

League, coach: Mpls. City, Eric Magdanz
Last year's record: 6-15
Key players and their strengths:
 •Jason Wenschlag (Sr. C)—a 6-foot-10 shooter who can rebound.
 •Alvin Green (Jr. G)—all-city as a soph; averaged 16.3 points a game.
 •David Carlson (Sr. G)—good form outside the three-point line.
 •Eric Thompson (Sr. F)—very good one-on-one defensively.
Team outlook: Roosevelt could be a contender in this tough league. South and North are co-favorites, but the Teds have a lot of height and experience. Magdanz sees a lack of strength as one possible weakness.

St. Paul Academy

League, coach: Tri-Valley, Dave Thomforde
Last year's record: 18-5
Key players and their strengths:
 •Joe Levitt (Sr. C)—sharpshooter; lots of finesse for 6-foot-7-incher.
 •Peter Johnson (Sr. G)—an outside shooter and hard worker.
 •Mark Robinson (Sr. G)—excellent on defense; very quick.
Team outlook: A pressure man-to-man defense should be one of the strengths of Thomforde's outfit. The Spartans can run and shoot, but the boards might be a problem. "Mayer Lutheran's big and we're quick and small," Thomforde said. "It should come down to this match-up for the title."

Sibley

League, coach: Suburban, Joel Andrychowicz
Last year's record: 8-13
Key players and their strengths:
 •Troy Raddatz (Sr. G)—a good ball-handler and floor leader.
 •Steve Tande (Sr. F)—second-best field goal percentage in the league last season.
Team outlook: The Warriors won't be very



Kristin Mulrooney practices her jump shot at Convent of the Visitation School.

big (6-3, 6-0 and 6-0 up front). There are lots of kids who are eager to play, but Sibley will have trouble in its conference. Park, Simley and Hastings rank as favorites there.

Girls' basketball St. Paul Academy

League, coach: Tri-Valley, Steve Payne
Last year's record: 10-2
Key players and their strengths:
 •Elise Gudeman (Sr. F)—was second-leading scorer in the Tri-Valley Conference last year.
 •Tina Garrett (Sr. F)—another all-conference player; good strength.
 •Betsy Kiernat (Sr. G)—smart with the ball; a leader.
 •Lisa Brown (Sr. G)—another good ball-handling guard.
Team outlook: Payne's defense should be better than average, but this is not a very big team. Shooting will probably be improved over last season, but the rebounding will be just average. Payne sees Concordia as a favorite, with Brady near the top as well.

Sibley

League, coach: Suburban, Tom Gustafson

Last year's record: 12-10
Key players and their strengths:
 •Patty Pahl (Sr. G)—extremely fast; can really get up and down the court.
 •Tina Berg (Sr. C)—a shooter with a nice touch inside.
 •Erin Roach (Sr. F)—a perimeter shooter; must do a lot of scoring.
Team outlook: The Warriors will be too young, too small and too inexperienced to challenge in this league. Woodbury's solid program and Tartan's dominating center make it a favorite. Gustafson's gang will be quick; they'll try to fast-break. A .500 record would be a reasonable goal.

Central

League, coach: St. Paul City, Lori Ogren
Last year's record: 6-13
Key players and their strengths:
 •(First-year coach Ogren chose not to mention any specific players.)
Team outlook: An excellent sophomore class makes up Central's main strength. Ogren comes over from Johnson High School, where she coached JV. "We'll work hard and have a good attitude," she said of her young squad. "We'll have at least three sophs in the line-up all the time." She picks Harding and Highland Park to battle for the title in St. Paul.

Highland Park

League, coach: St. Paul, Betty Richardson
Last year's record: 12-10
Key players and their strengths:
 •Jenny Anderson (Sr. F)—one of the top scorers; knows the game.
 •Tiana Howard (Sr. G)—speedy little dribbler and shooter.
 •Delecia Suggs (Sr. F)—defensive specialist.
 •Michelle Johnson (Sr. F)—another excellent scorer.
Team outlook: This will be one of the best-shooting teams around. "We got better toward the end of last season," Richardson said. "We're hoping to build off that. Our speed and height will be okay, but our defense might be a question mark." The coach sees Cretin-Derham Hall and Harding right in the picture with her club. "There won't be a runaway winner this year," she said.

Cretin-Derham Hall

League, coach: St. Paul City, Tom Cody
Last year's record: 18-6
Key players and their strengths:
 •Katiee Wandmacher (Sr. C)—four-year starter; a 6-foot-1 rebounder.
 •Jenny Tschida (Sr. G)—backbone of the team on D, press.
 •Jeanna Brown (Sr. G)—very fast; the key to the team's success.
 •Brenda Madden (Sr. F)—an intelligent passer and playmaker.

Team outlook: These six seniors are back, but all-American Margaret Nowlin is gone. The big question at CDH will be on the offensive end. This team should be effective on pressure defense and have a balanced attack. Rebounding is a big concern. Put the Dollies on the maybe list.

Minnehaha Academy

League, coach: Tri-Metro, Greg Nelson
Last year's record: 12-10
Key players and their strengths:
 •Vanessa Lester-Hughes (Sr. G)—a tremendous passer with a good eye.
 •Julie Olson (Jr. F)—mobile; a good shooter in the 10- to 12-foot range.
 •Lisa Holmberg (Sr. F)—a very good all-purpose player.
 •Stephanie Harves (Jr. G)—really quick; great on defense.
Team outlook: Nelson's team must run well to hit the .500 mark. Team speed is pretty good, but only a couple of players return with experience. Depth is a worry for Nelson, who sees St. Bernard's and Mahtomedi as the teams to beat in the Tri-Metro Conference.

Roosevelt

League, coach: Mpls. City Frank Hentges
Last year's record: 5-16
Key players and their strengths:
 •Angelique Brittain (Sr. F)—she'll score and rebound; a solid player.
 •Kim Carpenter (Jr. C)—a nice touch for a 6-footer; she can really play.
 •Cindy Hobet (Jr. G)—very intelligent; a good ball-handler and leader.
Team outlook: Roosevelt's smothering pressure defense is a factor in every game. Hentges' front-liners will be 6-0, 5-11 and 5-11. "Our juniors are a good class," Hentges said. "We should be able to contend if we develop any consistency at all." North is the favorite in Minneapolis.

Visitation

League, coach: Tri-Valley, Charles Hallman
Last year's record: 3-13
Key players and their strengths:
 •Kristin Mulrooney (Sr. F)—a sprinter; was hurt last year.
 •Rachel Castriotta (Sr. C)—quickly improving her inside game.
 •Julie Nichols (Sr. G)—a good free-throw shooter; point guard.
 •Fran Baillon (So. F)—started every game as a frosh.
 •Monica Worts (Sr. G)—one of the best outside shooters.
Team outlook: Every team in the Tri-Valley except Visitation has a 6-footer. Visitation's speed will have to offset its lack of height. "We can go eight players deep," Hallman said, "but Concordia's height makes them the league favorite."

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Central-Highland Park goalie Chris White comes up with a glove save during practice.

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Hockey

St. Paul Academy

League, coach: Independent, Jim Steiner
Last year's record: 11-10

Key players and their strengths:

- John Ketola (Sr. G)—a very steady goaltender.
- Dave Belde (Jr. D)—pretty big (6-foot-1, 195 pounds); a real solid player.
- Dan Nelson (Sr. C)—a quick skater; will be a top scorer.
- Jim Dickinson (Sr. W)—a big grinder; SPA needs goals from him.

Team outlook: Defense is a strong point for first-year coach Steiner. Ketola and four defensemen return, and three of the blue-liners are underclassmen. SPA graduated 67 of its 76 goals last year, so the scoring punch might be a little weaker this season. SPA hopes to

contend in Section 4 after a difficult schedule. The team will face Massachusetts powerhouse Noble High School in a December 26 game.

Sibley

League, coach: Suburban, Terry Halver
Last year's record: 9-15

Key players and their strengths:

- Pat Ahern (Sr. D)—a big-time athlete; a three-sport standout.
- Dan Whelan (Sr. C)—clever with the puck; very quick.
- Tom Patnode (Sr. W)—another speedster with great hands.
- John Sell (Sr. W)—extremely alert; a physical player.
- Andy Lovich (Sr. G)—a quick goalie; plays the angles well.

Team outlook: The six players mentioned are about it, according to Halver. "We won't be as big as we were last year," he said. "We

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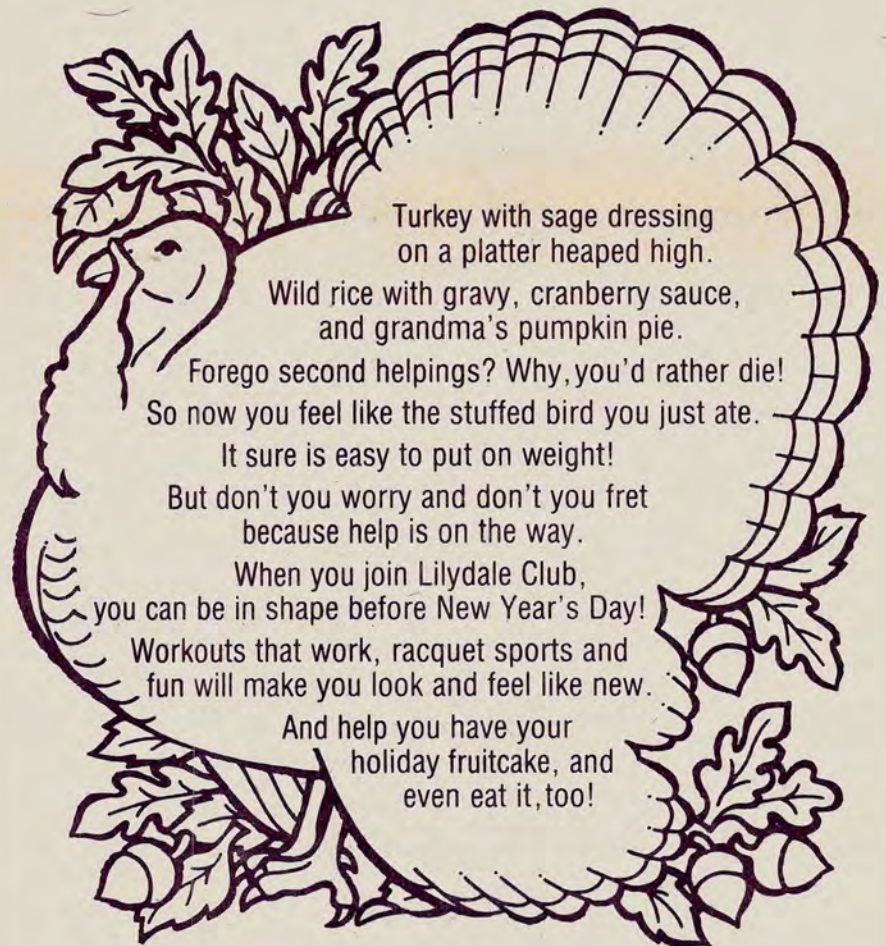
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do have a few skaters who'll work hard. South St. Paul comes back pretty much intact, so they're the choice in the league and section." Look for Sibley in the middle of the pack.

Minnehaha Academy

League, coach: Tri-Metro, Dave Palmquist
Last year's record: 10-14-1

Key players and their strengths:

- Bob Tufford (Sr. C)—a hustler; plays the body well.
- Terry Van De Walker (So. W)—a good puck-handler; can score.
- Jim O'Neil (Jr. D)—lots of smarts with the puck.
- Brad Person (Sr. G)—competitive; he wants the shots.

Team outlook: This is a rebuilding period for Minnehaha, which lost its top seven players from last season. "Our defense will be our strength, even though we're quite young there," Palmquist said. Offensive punch will be another story. Blake is the favorite in the Tri-Metro Conference. Minnehaha will be happy to win 10 games.

Cretin-Derham Hall

League, coach: St. Paul City, Jim O'Neill
Last year's record: 21-6-2 (section champs)

Key players and their strengths:

- Tony Lancette (Sr. D)—a steady, smart defenseman.
- Bert Sager (Sr. W)—a hard-shooting wing with 24 goals last year.
- Mike Mills (Sr. W)—a powerful skater; tough in the corners.
- Jose Meza (Sr. C)—a playmaking center with crafty talents.
- Mike Shier (Sr. W)—can plant it; eight goals in 15 games last year.
- Chris Weinke (Jr. W)—6-foot-3; an all-around athlete, good scorer.

Team outlook: Eight forwards are back from CDH's state tourney squad. "We lost (defensemen) Layne Leitner and Dan Scanlan, and they'll be tough to replace back there," O'Neill said. "We've got some goalie candidates, but no one's stepped forward yet." O'Neill sees a two-team race with Johnson in the City.

Central-Highland Park

League, coach: St. Paul City, Jim Munkelwitz
Last year's record: 10-10

Key players and their strengths:

- Sean Gibbons (Sr. W)—a top scorer in '88.
- Jeff Robertson (Jr. D)—anchors the defensive corps.
- Ryan Beadie (Sr. W)—he's developing into

a big gun up front.

Team outlook: Rookie coach Munkelwitz inherits a general lack of experience; of his six returning players, two are sophs. "I've been impressed by our work ethic so far," he said. "We've got 40 kids out for the program." As for the title, he said, "flip a coin between Johnson and Cretin." Central-Highland Park's record will be similar to last year's.

St. Thomas Academy

League, coach: Independent, Pat Funk
Last year's record: 19-7

Key players and their strengths:

- Kevin Kelly (Sr. G)—moves very well for a big kid.
- Mark Paradise (Sr. C)—a big player; handles the puck very well.
- Ryan Murray (Jr. D)—really quick; clever with the puck.
- Mark Montgomery (Jr. D)—he has an outstanding shot; look for lots of goals.
- Jason Wynne (Sr. D)—a smooth, all-around hockey player.
- Mike Jambor (Jr. W)—he can fly; his speed should produce goals.

Team outlook: Funk takes over as coach after his brother Mike moved on. His team shouldn't cough up many goals this year; defense is big, strong and experienced. STA lost a ton of scoring talent, though. "I'm impressed with the athletic abilities of the players," said Funk, who coached Central-Highland last year. The Cadets play a tough schedule, which should prepare them for the Section 4 playoffs. Funk picks Cretin-Derham Hall and South St. Paul as sectional favorites.

Roosevelt

League, coach: Mpls. City, Brian McKinley
Last year's record: 10-11-1

Key players and their strengths:

- Jim Starr (Sr. C)—had 28 points in '88; his shoulder is hurting now.
- Andy Lynes (Sr. W)—a very sound hockey player.
- Jesse Bush (Sr. G)—a solid net-minder.
- Joe Schlemmer (Jr. D)—one of the best defensemen in Minneapolis.
- Tony Enebo (Jr. C)—a third-year starter; good all-purpose player.

Team outlook: Balance will be good among the first three lines. A city-champion JV team will move up and help some. McKinley's team has some serious early-season injuries to contend with. "We've got to solve some problems on defense as well," he said. "If we get the pieces together, we'll be right in there with Edison and Southwest."

Regional champion Dollies run up against stiff competition at state

by Bill Wagner

The Cretin-Derham Hall volleyball team finally met its match in the state tournament last weekend. The Dollies had ridden a wave of momentum going into the tournament, but there they dropped six straight games to stronger opponents.

The Cretin-Derham Hall team had surprised more than a few people by advancing to state. Plagued by injuries for much of the season, the Dollies weren't even expected to win the conference championship.

But in the past six weeks, the Dollies won 11 of 14 matches and captured the city and Twin Cities titles. Their winning streak continued through the playoffs, where they won the Region 3AA crown.

Last Friday, however, in the opening rounds of the state tournament, the Dollies met a couple of teams that were better—plain and simple. The Dollies lost to Chaska in the first round 15-7,

15-8, 15-2. Then, in the consolation bracket, they lost to Hibbing 15-10, 15-5, 15-7.

The games were as one-sided as the scores. Both Chaska and Hibbing were more experienced squads that had seen their share of tough games, and Cretin-Derham Hall was never really close.

"We tried real hard to explain to our players just what they would be coming into," Cretin-Derham Hall coach Steve Williams said after the tournament. "But it's hard to explain the state tournament. The kids have to be in the state tournament to know what it's about."

The Dollies' strength all year had been their offense, but against Chaska and Hibbing their spikes were repeatedly blocked and the Dollies had trouble mounting an attack.

Chaska raced out to a 7-2 lead in the first game of the opening match before Cretin-Derham Hall found its footing. The Dollies hung tough until the score reached 11-4.

But then a hard spike made it 12-4, and Chaska was never in serious danger thereafter.

In the first game of the second match, the Dollies were tied at 6-6 before Hibbing pulled away. In games two and three, the Bluejackets got off to 7-0 and 11-0 starts, and try as they might, Cretin-Derham Hall could not get back into the contest.

"I think we learned a lot this year," Williams said. "At the beginning of the year, we thought we had a chance to get to the state tournament. The kids really worked hard all year, and we did that."

"This year was really important to our four seniors (Tara Norgard, Kim Kneeland, Jennifer Tschida and Katie Wandmacher). And I think this experience is really going to help the underclassmen."

Tschida and Wandmacher were named all-conference this fall, as were juniors Jean Holzemer and Krista O'Malley.

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rank with the most thrilling in the history of Minnesota high school football. That game was decided in overtime, when Jeff Rosga put a field goal through the uprights from 23 yards out to beat Apple Valley 24-21.

The contest hadn't been quite so thrilling in its earlier stages. The Raiders were ahead 7-6 at the half, and the defensive battle was clearly putting some of the spectators to sleep. Then, as if by magic, both teams poured on the coal in the second half, scoring 32 points between them.

Johnson scored all three

touchdowns for Cretin-Derham Hall (on runs of 4, 17 and 7 yards), but Jeff Rosga also proved invaluable again. He kicked all three PATs in addition to his customarily flawless receiving duties.

Rosga also helped set up one of the Raiders' touchdowns when he fielded a kickoff at his own five-yard line and ran a swerving path to midfield. He had come cross-field during the return, and if he had failed to get outside, he could easily have put his teammates in very bad field position.

"Making that play is not something that you encour-

age a lot of people to do," Scanlan said later. "But he makes big plays. If he thinks he can make something out of a situation like that, we'll certainly support him."

Scanlan also praised the defense, noting that Apple Valley's second touchdown was made possible only by a pass interference call in the end zone that yielded an automatic first down at the Raiders' one-yard line.

"They needed eight snaps inside the 10-yard line to score," Scanlan said. "Our defense has just played super, just outstanding."

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Cody's Corner

by Tom Cody

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE FAT LADY?

Postseason bowl bids went out last week to NCAA football teams. With a host of important regular-season games left to be played, the bowl line-up is already set. Makes you wonder about the importance of this Saturday's Notre Dame-USC clash, doesn't it?

The bowl bids were awarded in much the same way that George Bush was projected to be our next president even before the voting was over on November 8. Five minutes after I exercised my democratic right, I was told by CBS's Dan Rather that Dukakis would lose. The NCAA might as well adopt the same policy: Brent Musberger could break in during the first quarter of the Orange Bowl and project Oklahoma to be the winner based on a polling of the television audience. The media determine our president; they may as well determine our college football champion, too.

But I feel cheated, in both the political and the college football arena. Neither battle seems to be won or lost where it ought to be. The bowl games are ridiculous to begin with. There should be an eight-team playoff for the national college football championship, instead of allowing Lou Holtz to tangle with mighty West Virginia for the national title in the Fiesta Bowl.

PURPLE POTPOURRI

Bob Schnelker continues to take the heat in Vikingland. This man's come under more fire this year than Yellowstone National Park. Do you know anybody, anywhere, who doesn't think he could do a better job running the Vikings' offense? Granted, the offense hasn't been too imaginative, but remember, Schnelker's not exactly working with Eric Dickerson and Herschel Walker in the backfield. You try to design an offense around Allen Rice... see what you come up with.

"Get the ball to Anthony Carter." That's the second-most-uttered phrase in Minnesota this month. (The most popular phrase has been, "Did you hear that anti-freeze is gonna cost \$15 a gallon next winter?") It's true, A.C. is a gem; it's fun to watch him turn a short gain into a long one with his explosive running. But it's difficult for a wide receiver to dominate a game (or to carry an offense) like a runningback or a quarterback can. If you ask me, Kirk Lowdermilk has been the key offensive player for the Vikings this fall. Look it up. When he plays center, the Vikings win.

BRING ON MACALESTER

I said it here five years ago: the Gopher football program should withdraw from the Big Ten, recruit athletes in-state only, and join the MIAC. Trouble is, the Minnesota small-college league probably wouldn't take them now, since most MIAC players are attending classes and getting an education, and everyone knows the U of M's aren't.

If John Gutekunst were managing a SuperAmerica station the way he's handled the Gopher football program, he'd have been sacked a long time ago. There's no need to get into specifics here; you know all the gory details. Gutekunst's goose was cooked earlier this month when his players were arrested in Minneapolis and the team was embarrassed at Madison. I had the rare opportunity to witness his finale, the Iowa game. Wow.

Let's just hope Gutekunst doesn't repeat the mistake of Smokey Joe Salem. Remember how Joe handled this situation? Instead of taking personal credit for the disaster, he simply fired all his assistants.

It would be nearly impossible for any coach to win in the situation Gutekunst finds himself, but somebody has to lose, Gutekunst, and your players have already lost their share of games.

OFF-SEASON OPINING

Frank Viola's Cy Young Award was richly deserved, but what can this guy do for an encore? Frankie is the proud owner of a World Championship ring, a World Series MVP trophy, an All-Star Game victory, and now a Cy Young Award. All this together with a huge contract, and what does he have left to prove? I think it'll be interesting to see whether Viola take his place among pitching's immortals these next couple of seasons or falls back into the same immaturity problems that prevented his earlier success.

On baseball's free-agent front, Andy McPhail has come out with his annual "We're not interested" statement. McPhail continues to hide behind the "we'll-lose-draft-picks-if-we-sign-anyone" alibi. But the fact remains, it's a dollars and cents issue entirely. The Twins desperately need help in the form of a right-handed starting pitcher and a right-handed power hitter. Neither will come through the farm system this spring. There are free agents out there who'd fill the bill, but they cost and the Twins won't touch 'em.

I recently ran into Tim Tschida, the American League umpire who hails from St. Paul, and he gave me the latest on baseball's balk rule. "The second half of the season, things calmed down a lot (on the controversial no-stop balk rules)," Tschida said. "The only place we had trouble was with the managers who'd continually argue the calls. People like Tom Kelly stayed in the dugout and let it go, while guys like (Milwaukee's Tom) Trebelhorn and (Oakland's Tony) LaRussa went crazy with every balk call. The rule's not going to change. The pitchers are going to have to adjust and most have."

TURKEY STUFFING

Central's city champion football team placed no fewer than six players on the St. Paul all-conference squad named last week. The undefeated Minutemen were led by Andy Bishoff (senior center), Roger New (senior guard), Eric Goodlow (senior tackle), Troy Dennis (senior fullback), Steve Kennedy (junior quarterback) and Frank Kelly (senior halfback). Cretin-Derham Hall's Jeff Rosga (senior safety), Mike Mills (senior defensive end), Dan Walsh (senior fullback), Corbin Lacina (senior tackle), and Chris Weinke (junior quarterback) were also honored. Rob Stolpestad, the senior quarterback for Highland Park, was his school's lone representative on the all-conference squad.

Meanwhile, a few local female swimmers placed in Section 3 and advanced to the state meet. Cretin-Derham Hall's Mindy Radke finished second in both the 100 freestyle and 200 freestyle (she was .01 second behind the leader in the 200). Visitation's Cindy Makens qualified in both the 100 butterfly and the 200 freestyle events, while Highland's Rachel Williams was also a qualifier in the 200 freestyle.

Mike Michalik's Highland Catholic boys' volleyball team rolled to its third consecutive CAA championship with a convincing win (15-7, 15-11) over St. Agnes in the finals. Leading the Patriots were Mike Dunn, John Faison and Bill Peterson.

I notice we're getting a daily dose of NBA box scores now that the Timberwolves are just a howl away from entering the league. The box score for basketball, however, just doesn't have the same allure as baseball's. I can't get excited about how many minutes Scott Skiles is getting or how many illegal defenses were called the night before.

The instant replay has been taking a little heat in the NFL lately, and I'm here to defend it. I think it's the best rule change the league's ever come up with. Don't forget: the NFL today is as much a concoction of the television studio as "Jeopardy" or "The Cosby Show." For an artificial sport like pro football, it's entirely appropriate to decide games with cameras.



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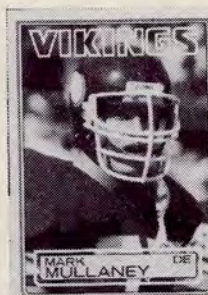
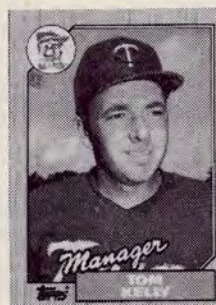
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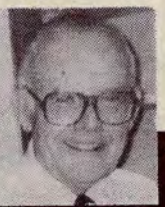
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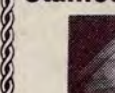
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who, time and time again, have demonstrated their dedication to all they serve and a commitment to professionalism in all they do.

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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Your new home. Great 3-bedroom multi-level home on cul-de-sac. Family room with fireplace and built-in bookcases. French doors lead to sun room. Wonderful kitchen with lots of cabinets. Main-floor laundry, 1¾ baths, 2-car garage. Rosemary Kowski (690-8405). \$127,500.



Must see inside! Absolutely lovely 3-bedroom rambler with many extras: updated kitchen, hardwood floors, living room with fireplace, sunny porch, huge backyard, and all this situated in the heart of Highland. Priced sharp! Mitch Fink (690-8410) or Ed Fink (690-8420).



Near Edgumbe Road. Located near Edgumbe Road, this 2-bedroom rambler features eat-in kitchen, central air and low-maintenance stucco exterior. A fine neighborhood near park and golf. Also garage and fenced yard. Call Dennis Osborn (690-8439). \$69,500.



Colonial duplex. Spacious duplex in Highland Park! This is a true duplex with separate mechanicals, central air, hardwood floors, ceramic baths, garages, fenced yard, added insulation, carefree siding and generous closets. Becky Mickelberg (690-8417). \$119,000.



Copperfield colonial. Going up! Under construction and ready by December. Porch off family room, separate office or den on main floor, 3 bedrooms up, 3 baths, hardwood floors in foyer and kitchen. Built by JA Homes. Jane Salen (224-4321). \$194,900.



Prestigious Pinehurst. A stunning Prestigious with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1st-floor sun room, attached garage, 2 fireplaces, neutral decor, ready for you to move right in. Much updating has been done to this fine home. Colleen Langford (690-8421). \$205,000.



Great duplex! Owner wants offer today on this truly lovely up-and-down duplex. Each floor has 2 bedrooms, natural woodwork, hardwood floors, built-in buffet and more! All this in prime location! For all your real estate needs call Mitch Fink (690-8419) or Ed Fink (690-8420).



Location! Location! 1453 Fairmount Ave. Three bedrooms, 2 stories, new furnace, new electric, new hot water heater. Light and bright—bring your own dream to life in this older starter home! Close to Macalester. Debbie Sherman (690-8404). \$74,900.



Holiday warmth. This cozy, charming home is brimming with oak woodwork. Fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, wonderful new kitchen, sun-room, 2 porches and 2 finished rooms in the basement. PRICE REDUCED! MOVE IN TODAY! Valerie Dupre (690-8472). \$94,500.



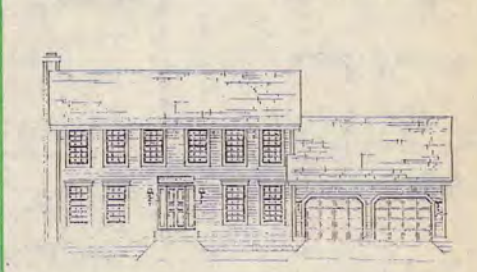
A great starter! Nice 1-plus bedroom home in the Midway area with porch, formal dining room and den. Newer roof, windows and wiring. Plus a huge 2-car garage that's perfect for hobbyists of all sorts. John Strickland (690-8414). \$50s.



All this on 2½ acres! Fantastic opportunity—large 4-bedroom home with all the extras set on incredible lot! Large living room with bay windows, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, main-floor den with fireplace, rec room with wet bar, etc. Seller motivated. For info call Dan Buelow (690-8443). \$158,900.



Lex-Riverside condos! I can help you move from your home to wonderful E-Z living at Lex-Riverside. Now is an ideal time to sell your home and make that move! You'll love your new lifestyle and I would love to discuss it with you. Call live-in agent Ed Fink (690-8420).



Copperfield 2-story. Built by JA Homes—4 bedrooms, 3 baths, painted and stained woodwork, hardwood floors, central vacuum, main-floor family room, formal dining room, whirlpool tub in master bedroom. Jane Salen (224-4321). \$196,900.



Premiere offering! Classic 4-bedroom colonial in the heart of Highland Park. Spacious kitchen/family room, formal dining room, large living room, all-new neutral decor and double garage, newer roof, furnace, electric and windows! Bob Reidell (690-8402). \$159,900.