

WEDGE

• SOUTH WEDGE PLANNING COMMITTEE •

Highlights From the Annual Meeting



The Historic German House, site of this year's SWPC Annual Meeting

by the Reverend Judy Lee Hay

The German House on Gregory Street buzzed with people as friends met and shared the latest events. Art Jones, owner of the Gregory Street Market, in his usual style was the vibrant master of ceremonies. Five year old Tony Nguyen from Hickory Street beamed with joy as he received a new high powered flashlight, given by local merchants as a door prize. Dorene Duane, the former chairperson of the South Wedge Planning Committee was honored by the community for her service as the on the Board and as a staff person with the South East Community Resource Center. How many times did Dorene spend hours at the Marie Daley Park Celebration providing helium balloons for the kids? She worked

closely with the child and Family Center at Riverpark Commons assisting individuals and families with specific needs, taking them through the web of the Dept. of Social Services, or making a referral. Dorene has moved to Boston and is working with a large housing firm. In her honor the SWPC gave a front page of the Wedge paper with a framed picture and article.

The Reverend Judy Lee Hay spoke on behalf of the neighborhood as she paid tribute to Betty Collins the owner of the Fine Arts Cleaners. "You have provided not only a service to this community in your 27 years of operation of the cleaners, you have been part of the neighborhood. It has been your home", Ms. Hay recalled. Betty was available to assist her neighbors in an emergency, lend an ear or a shoulder to cry on, and was a friend to so many. She first started her business in the same location on Gregory St. in 1961. An engraved plaque was given to Ms. Collins for her years of dedication.

Brief reports from the tool librarian Phil Stukas, and Wedge Editor Art Jones told of the success of both programs in 1988. The Reverend Anne Waasdorp introduced the Nguyen family who were the recipients of the home built through the Affordable Housing Corporation and in

partnership with the City of Rochester, the South Wedge Planning Committee and Nathaniel Development. Mrs. Nguyen spoke on behalf of the family to thank the South Wedge neighborhood, "since coming to your country we dreamed of having a home. Thank you for helping us get the house." Ms. Waasdorp then introduced Frank Andolino, and Neighborhood Development Staff member Dwight Hubbard. The housing partnership in this city is made real through community efforts where the City in partnership with neighborhoods such as the South Wedge and interested developers join together to create affordable housing, Mr. Hubbard shared with the group.

The partnership among Calvary St. Andrews Parish, the South Wedge Planning Committee, Inc., The Pittsford Presbyterian Church, the City of Rochester and Habitat for Humanity was another example cited at the annual meeting of the impact of the work of the South Wedge Planning Committee in 1988 to affect affordable housing. Together a new house was built on the lot at 17 Gregory Street for the Lovett family, who resided at Riverpark Commons.

The Reverend Anne Waasdorp was honored by the SWPC for her six years as a staff person. Dorene Duane recited examples of the work Anne has accomplished in the six years from the affordable House on Hickory Street, to the work with Riverpark Child and Family Center, the successful Urban Workcamp to name a few. "You have been behind the scenes gently leading us, and sharing of yourself with others, thank you Ms. Duane said, as she presented the Reverend Waasdorp with a beautifully engraved vase from Chelsey Associates.

The annual meeting was an opportunity to share in the delicious food, renew friendships and to reclaim that when differing partnerships are formed around a common goal the neighborhood is a better place to live. Together we make a difference.

Thank you

A Tribute to the Reverend Anne Waasdorp

by the Board of Directors of the South Wedge Planning Committee

Six years of consistent, dedicated commitment to the people and organizations within the South Wedge bringing a sense of hope and sanity to various issues characterizes briefly the hard work of SWPC staff person the Reverend Anne Waasdorp. At the SWPC annual meeting Earl Steinfeld testified to the difference the Urban Workcamp made in his life as he saw his house painted by area youth. The Reverend Anne Barden Waasdorp is chiefly responsible for that difference in the Steinfeld's newly painted house for she organized the Urban Workcamp Program on behalf of the South Wedge Planning Committee. Every year Anne has written a proposal which has been

submitted to area churches, and Rochester Jobs for funding, plus supervised the Director of Workcamp, Ed Bronowicki. During the six years Anne was sometimes found mowing the Marie Daley Park, the landscaped open spaces, assisting an elderly home owner with a leaky roof through the Materials Grant Program or voicing housing concerns at City Hall, or as the chair of the South East Community Center Board. The vision and energy of the Reverend Anne Barden Waasdorp will remain in the hearts and minds of many South Wedge residents who were fortunate to have encountered her in her job as the SWPC Associate Director. On behalf of the South Wedge Community we all say thank you, Anne for giving us your resources, and time for six good years.

A . N . N . E

News From the City - Update on Rochester's Water Filtration Plant

It used to be that the expression "Boil Water!" conjured up images of expectant mothers and worried fathers. But after the City's water advisory in 1986 this phrase has taken on a new dimension in Rochester, symbolizing the importance of building a new water filtration plant as part of a plan to protect our water supply.

Make no mistake. Rochester's water is safe to drink. But to make sure that Rochester meets tougher quality standards, the State Health Department has directed the City to build a water filtration plant which must be in operation by 1993.

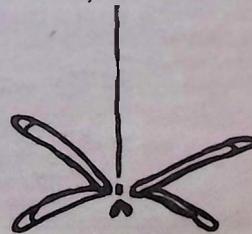
The process of building a filtration plant has already begun with preliminary engineering and environmental studies, a cost projection of \$23 million and an estimated completion date of September, 1993. The plant will be paid for with \$10 million from City capital reserve funds, reimbursements, from the Monroe County Water Authority and revenue from water charges. Annual water rate increases tied directly to the new plant will amount to only 2% annually over the next ten years.

The Hemlock Lake area was chosen as the location for the new plant for two important reasons. First, facilities which already exist at Hemlock would not have to be duplicated at another site. Second, our current water transmission system which relies on gravity to bring the water downhill from Hemlock and Canadice Lakes to Rochester, also provides water to several other communities along the way.

The alternative of building a plant at Rush Reservoir, located approximately two-thirds the way "downhill", would require additional filtration plants for communities between Hemlock and Rush or require pumping facilities at Rush to transport the water back uphill. Either option would add considerably to the overall cost.

Land surrounding Hemlock Lake is owned by the City and maintained in its natural state for the purpose of keeping the watershed and thereby the water clean and undisturbed. Concerns about these pristine conditions have been addressed in agreements negotiated with the neighboring communities. Besides saving Rochester taxpayers' money by granting tax exemptions for the filtration plant, these agreements will ensure that the area near Hemlock Lake remains undeveloped for at least the next 40 years.

Construction of the plant will take about three years. For more information call the City's Department of Environmental Services at 428-6855 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.



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Neighbor News

Community Calendar Update

Theatre

Auditions for the musical CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY presented by the EDGERTON CENTER AND ADAMS STREET RECREATION CENTER. Actors and actresses, singers and dancers ages 6 and up. There is a part especially for you! No previous experience necessary!

Audition Dates:

Tuesday, January 10, 1989
Thursday, January 12, 1989
7 - 8:30 p.m.

Rehearsals:

Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Thursdays 7 - 9 p.m.
Saturdays 2 - 4 p.m.

Performances:

April 6, 1 p.m.
April 7, 1:15 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Ice Skating

GENESEE VALLEY PARK ICE RINK, 131 Elmwood Avenue, FIGURE SKATING LESSONS for ages 6 and up, January 8, 1989 - March 22, 1989, Mondays: 6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m., Wednesdays: 6:45 - 8:15 p.m., Sundays: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Registration deadline: January 2, 1989. Fee: \$40.00 for 10 half-hour classes. (Classes will be cancelled due to low enrollment) A "show" will follow lessons on March 24, 1989. For more details call 235-6684.

Genesee Valley Park Ice Rink, 131 Elmwood Avenue, NEW OPEN SKATING HOURS:

Tuesday, Jan. 10	4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 21	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 28	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb 4	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb 14	1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 16	1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb 22	3 - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 1	3 - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 8	3 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15	3 - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 22	3 - 4:30 p.m.
Friday, March 24	3 - 4:30 p.m.
Monday, March 27	3 - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 29	3 - 4:30 p.m.
Friday, March 31	3 - 4:30 p.m.

MANHATTAN SQUARE ICE RINK, weekend rates are:

Adults:	\$1.25
Under 18:	\$.25
Seniors (60 and up):	\$1
Family:	\$2.50
Open Skate hours - Saturdays, 12 noon - 4:45 p.m. & 6:45 - 8:15 p.m.	
Sundays, 12 noon - 4:45 p.m.	
Weekdays: 3:30 - 5 p.m.	

For more details call 428-6755.

Swimming

Adams Recreation Center, 85 Adams Street, 428-7456.

ADULT LEARN-TO-SWIM: Wednesdays, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. through June 7, 1989 for ages 19 - 55. Fee: \$10. Pre-registration required.

TEEN LEARN-TO-SWIM: Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. through June 5, 1989 for ages 13 - 18. FREE. Pre-registration required.

Travel Tip

Especially when traveling, men should carry passport, travel checks, tickets in an inside pocket of a jacket, advises ONE STOP TRAVEL OF ROCHESTER.

Women should keep such items inside a closed purse and carried close to the body.



Letter to the Editor

When I moved to the South Wedge a year and a half ago I made the mistake of bringing a cup of coffee in the car that was to travel South Ave. A half-block of its deep potholes and broken pavement projections, unavoidable even by veering in and out of the wrong side of the street, sufficed to transfer most of my cup's hot contents to a most sensitive and embarrassing place. Walking met sidewalks that seemed to be leaping out of place in attack at my feet.

Now South Avenue has a new street and a new sidewalk, some of which even has a brick inlay design. The number of bars and unique shops along it make up a character that can be found only here. The neighborhoods are beautiful and always were. Many businesses have been opened. But many people from outside the Wedge still heed the old warnings of how bad South Avenue is and the long-time broken road hadn't helped.

Laws, Rumors, Desperados, all draw new nighttime crowds from outside and in the South Wedge and from outside the city itself. The German House looks great, the Down Under Restaurant is a hit, and the South Wedge Gallery is getting more popular.

When I first moved here, people didn't know what to think of me; spiky hair, painted leather jacket, ripped jeans, and sometimes eyeliner. It was what "normal" people considered "punk". Both are disgusting labels, in my opinion, but nevertheless provided a good excuse to keep their distance from me. However, when I got to actually hold conversations with these people (like at bus stops; it's hard to totally ignore someone next to whom you're standing for 15 minutes), I found out that they really were nice people and they found out that I wasn't an acid freak who likes to steal people's money and spit on old people. Which is enough to know about me, I guess. I don't really look much like that anymore, but it was nice to

find out that they weren't going to make fun of me or tell me to "go back top Monroe Avenue or wherever you guys come from."

I got to know the family that runs the Highland Market because I buy cigarettes there every day, and I'm addicted to their roast beef subs. I know the nice old gentlemen who run the Service Star Hardware store and, even though it might take a little longer to ring my merchandise, they're helpful and I always leave with a smile on my face. I'm not on a first name basis with these people, but we're familiar neighborhood faces to each other.

I get my hair cut at the South Wedge Barber Shop, my medicine at Pickle's Pharmacy, my wine from Metzgers, and the obvious from Galaxy Video. I like the pool table at Rumours, grabbing a croissant at Cheesy Eddie's, and browsing through Historic House Parts, and Blackbird Antiques & Collectibles. Once in a while I get a great egg salad sandwich at the Brown Bag Deli or a fantabulous pizza at Little Venice. Someday I even hope to impress a date with a dinner at Dick Molls.

The people in the South Wedge aren't afraid to say hi or good morning with a smile, and when a car stalls or somebody falls down, they actually come out of their houses to see if they can help.

There are a lot of people in the city and suburbs who have never heard of the South Wedge and were warned about South Avenue. But things have really changed, and the wonderful things about the Wedge that you've enjoyed all along (and I'm just starting to) are slowly being realized by the people outside this part of the city. The South Wedge is predictably becoming a much more popular place to shop, eat, hang out, and live. I'm proud to be a resident of it and hope you are too.

Sincerely,
Eric Bradshaw

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Proud Announces New Laws To Fight Child Abuse

Assemblyman Gary Proud (D-Rochester) has announced the recent signing into law of four measures designed to increase New York State's efforts to combat child abuse and neglect. The new laws were drafted as a result of a series of statewide community meetings held by legislators. At those meetings, testimony was given by child protection specialists and other experts as to how the state might improve programs aimed at addressing the growing problem of child abuse.

Two of these laws deal specifically with the State's Child Abuse Hotline, a toll-free number used to report instances of child abuse. The first expands the category of individuals and professionals (child care workers) who are mandated by law to report instances of suspected child abuse that they encounter in the course of their occupations. The second law establishes a special express hotline for those "mandated reporters" as well as a new third line for general information on child abuse and child abuse programs. "It was the feeling of the Legislature that these measures would improve the availability of access to the reporting system, and would widen the scope of persons on the lookout for telltale signs of abuse," Proud stated.

The third new law raises the level of State reimbursement for local governments' child protection expenses from 50 percent to 75 percent as an incentive for the improvement of local program availability and quality. The fourth law of the package grants the Family Courts the power, in cases of child abuse or neglect where the child is deemed to be in "imminent state of danger", to remove the abusive party from the home. Under previous law, the Courts had only the power to remove the child. According to Proud, "It was the sense among legislators that the previous limitation on the power of the court often resulted in the imposition of additional

emotional burdens on children who were already suffering from confusion, feelings of guilt, and fear."

"These new laws represent the results of an intense effort on the part of the Legislature to pick the brains of child protection experts and professionals for ideas on how the State might go about improving its response to the tragedy of child abuse," Proud stated. Citing statistics that show a three-hundred percent increase in reported abuse cases since 1973, the Assemblyman said he hoped that "the search for more efficient and effective means of delivering protection to abuse children would continue at all levels of government." In concluding his remarks, Proud praised the crucial work of the Assembly Subcommittee on Child Abuse for bringing these pieces of legislation before the lawmakers in Albany, and he vowed to continue his support of other measures proposed by the Subcommittee which are still pending.

United Cerebral Palsy Offers New Daytime Volunteer Opportunity

The United Cerebral Palsy Association of the Rochester Area is offering a new volunteer opportunity to men and women willing to help physically handicapped preschool children.

Volunteers will assist preschool classroom teachers in providing educational programs to physically handicapped infants and children up to 5 years of age. Hours are weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

UCPA's new volunteer opportunity is ideal for parents who are home during the day or for retired persons.

For further information, contact Nancy Kaplan, Volunteer Coordinator, at (716) 442-8580.



Special Materials Grant Program 1989

Up to \$1000 is available for materials for approved exterior home repairs for home in the South Wedge. If a house has not previously repaired with Special Materials Grant assistance and the current household of the homeowner meets the income guidelines listed below, the owner can be reimbursed for up to \$1000 worth of materials that have been used for approved exterior repairs.

The application process requires the completion of an application form and the documentation of 1988 household income, homeownership and current residence. Once the application is approved, an inspection will be made and a notice to proceed with approved work will be

issued. Upon the completion of the work, a post inspection will be made, a voucher will be submitted for materials used on the approved repairs and reimbursement will be made to the homeowner.

Income Guidelines for 1989 Program

1	\$20,900
2	\$23,900
3	\$26,850
4	\$29,850
5	\$31,700
6	\$33,600
7	\$35,450
8	\$37,300

The number of grants are limited. Call 325-4950 for an application or to receive additional information.

School 12 News

Improving Attendance

You have received the goals that we have set for School 12 in 1988-89. One of our goals, mandated by the district, will be to improve attendance. While attendance at our school is very good, it can be improved. At our PTG meeting in October, we focused on the parents' role in school attendance. We asked parents how attendance could be improved.

While we understand that an excellent instructional program and a caring teacher are the best motivators for good school attendance, parents felt that a system of rewards would also help. They decided on a trophy or plaque for classes with no illegal absences for a report card period.

We hope that you made note of the word "illegal" (absence). This refers to a student's absence without a written excuse or absence for an unacceptable reason such as missing the bus, going shopping, no boots, illness of sibling or family vacation. While we know that school attendance is closely linked to school success, we do not believe that sick children should be in school. The responsibility for determining when a child is well enough to be in school remains, as always with the parent. One of our parents serving as a classroom representative is also interested in helping our parent liaison Mrs. McNair call the homes of children frequently absent illegally to make certain that parents are aware of the absences.

A written explanation is required each time your child is absent. You can help by sending this in promptly with your child on the day he or she returns to school after an absence. A long explanation is not required.

We hope that you will support our special efforts to improve school attendance and along with it, your child's school achievements.

by Barbara Wager, Principal

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Neighbor News

Property Conservation of Rental Property - A Cooperative Effort

by Anne Waasdorp

Rental property is often vulnerable to neglect and/or abuse because of a lack of understanding on the owners and the renters parts as to their respective and shared responsibilities. Landlords or property management can place unrealistic and inappropriate demands on renters to deal with building maintenance conditions. On the other hand renters or tenants can place unrealistic and inappropriate demands on property owners to take care of problems that are the result of the renters poor housekeeping practices.

Good property conservation is in the best interest of both the property owner and the renter. Attractive and well maintained property both holds and increases property value and provides a healthy and stable living environment.

Knowing and respecting City code requirements for property conservation can provide City owners and residents with a common standard for property maintenance. Clearly stated leases can clarify what responsibilities management and tenants carry for making sure a property continues to meet code requirements.

Listed below is an inspection checklist that can help you asses the status of the property you own or rent. If the property does not pass the inspection checklist, it is your responsibility as an owner or renter to work to see changes are made that will improve the property to meet the code standards.

If you have any questions about using the checklist or about clarifying whose responsibility it is to correct a code violation, please call the South Wedge Planning Committee at 325-4950 and request assistance.

INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Home/Apartment (Exterior)

- | | |
|--|---|
| Exterior | Roof |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rodent Proof | <input type="checkbox"/> Free of leaks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weather tight | <input type="checkbox"/> No missing shingles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Well maintained | |
| Paint | Chimney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood surface protected | <input type="checkbox"/> Secure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Metal surface protected | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not peeling | <input type="checkbox"/> Lining intact |
| Windows | Yard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weather tight | <input type="checkbox"/> Grass and weeds cut |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sash fits | <input type="checkbox"/> No trash in yard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unbroken | <input type="checkbox"/> Yard graded for drainage |
| Foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> No abandoned car(s) Garage or shed in good condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sound/No cracks | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No leaks | |
| Door | Abandoned Appliances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weather tight | <input type="checkbox"/> Doors removed (Refrigerator) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secure hinges and locks | <input type="checkbox"/> Hauled from property |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> All locking devices removed |
| Steps | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evenly spaced | |

- Handrails at 3 or more steps

- Walls**
- No holes or cracks
 - Surface intact

- Trash Cans**
- Tight fitting lids/covered at all times
 - One can for each person in household is recommended

Home/Apartment (Interior)

- Walls and Ceilings**
- No loose wallpaper
 - No cracks
 - No loose plaster
 - No flaking paint
 - No lead paint

- Floors**
- Sound
 - No holes

- Hallway**
- Well lit
 - Clear
 - Approved smoke detectors installed

- Windows**
- 4% operable
 - 8% of floor area
 - No broken glass
 - Open Freely
 - Secure

- Doors**
- Secure hinges/locks
 - Fits frame
 - Not blocked

- Space Heaters**
- Located to avoid fire
 - Automatic shut-off valve
 - Properly vented
 - Not gasoline/kerosine operated

- Electrical Components**
- Adequate service
 - No frayed or exposed wires
 - No broken light fixtures/outlets
 - No extension cords

- Multiple Dwelling Units**
- Fire alarms
 - Approved Smoke detectors installed
 - Second means of exit in each dwelling unit

New Payment Agreement Rules Adopted by New York State Public Service Commission

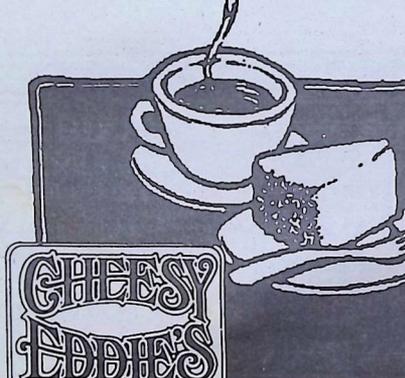
The New York State Public Service Commission recently adopted a major revision of its rule governing residential customers' rights to payment agreements offered by electric, gas and steam utilities. This rule is part of the Commission's regulations implementing the Home Energy Fair Practices Act (HEFPA), also known as the "Utilities Consumer's Bill of Rights." HEFPA requires these utilities to offer reasonable payment agreements before shutting of or refusing to restore service to residential customers who need more time to pay their utility bills.

The new rule emphasizes the utility's obligation to initiate contact and fairly negotiate with customers who are threatened with service shutoffs. It requires a written offer with specific terms to be sent to customers before the service can be shut off.

Each electric, gas and steam utility must revise or modify the terms and conditions under which it currently implements payment agreements to reflect the new rule, which will become effective November 1, 1988.

For more information, contact the Commission's Consumer Services Division.

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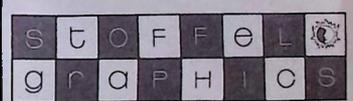
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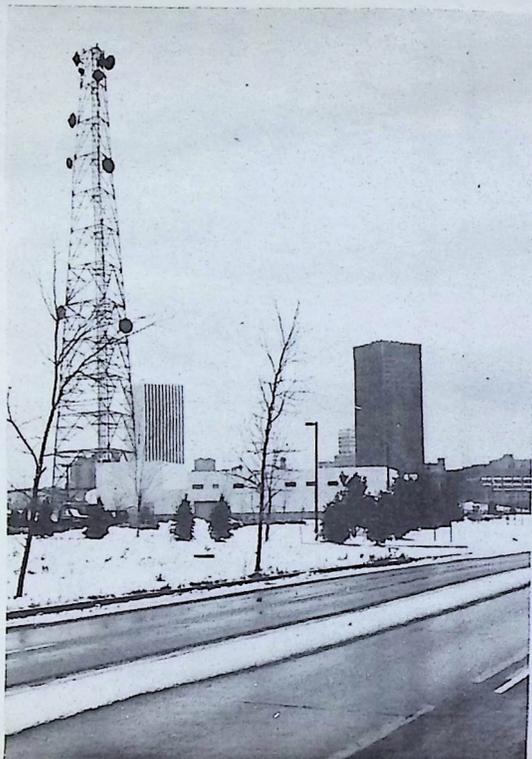
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More Neighbor News



The microwave tower at Greater Rochester Cablevision. At night the city's tallest Christmas tree.



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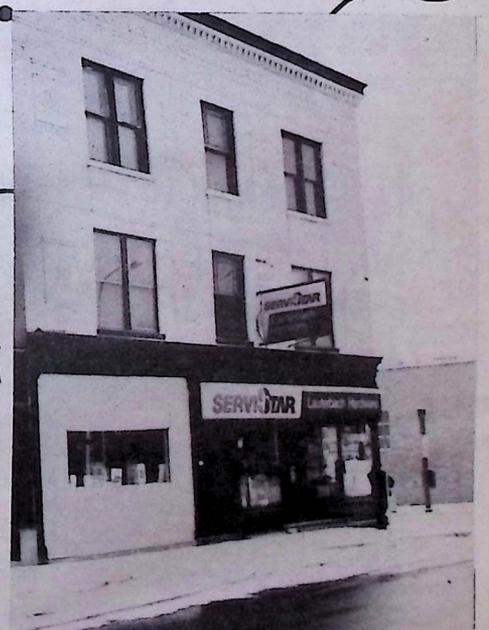
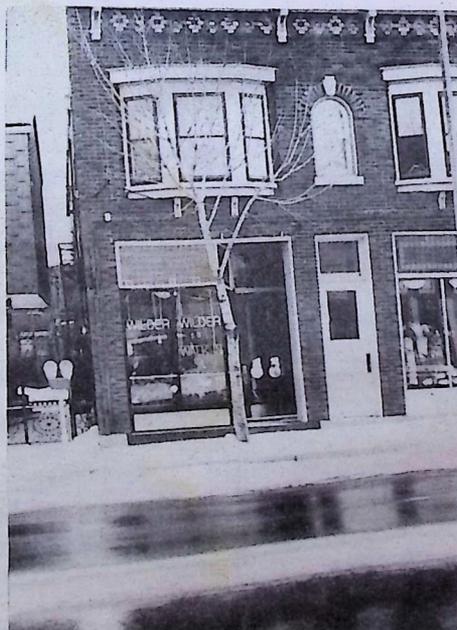
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Events, Services

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Distance

by Art Grimwood

Date 1, Rochester. A city man, 38, who long intended to read the *Histories* of Herodotus had always put it off, complaining of errors and expurgations that vitiate most translations. At last he has found acceptable edition and begins reading it, along with the few other contemporaneous fragments of historical account which treat of the wars between the Greeks and Persians in the 5th century B.C. He is amused by the frequency with which the ancients consulted oracles, and the solemn credence they placed in them.

Date 2, Washington. The war against Angola has not been faring well for the guerrillas and invaders. The U.S. administration optimistically announces, as it has often done in recent years, that a peace treaty among Angola, Cuba and South Africa, mediated by the State Department, is close at hand. Critics say the treaty contains loopholes large enough to permit passage of several armies. No mention is made of UNITA, the mercenary rebels the administration calls "freedom fighters" who have been receiving up to \$17 million per year in covert U.S. aid along with unknown amounts from South Africa. Much of this they spend on weaponry but in 1987 they paid almost \$600,000 in consulting fees to their Washington lobbyist, Black, Manafort, Stone and Kelly. Two of Black-Manafort's partners recently served as advisors to the Bush campaign. The president-elect has referred to the guerrillas' leader, Jonas Savimbi, as "America's best friend in southern Africa".

Date 3, Champaign, IL. The National Coalition on Television Violence announces that the average American child will observe at least 26,000 fictional television murders by age 18, based on current programming. Prime time television now averages 12 acts of violence per hour, presented by advertisers for the edification and enjoyment of the viewer.

Date 4, Rochester. A city man, 65, a veteran of W.W. II, stands outside the County Office Building at 5 p.m. bumming money and cigarettes from departing employees. Some are forthcoming, others ignore him. A well groomed young man wearing an expensive suit tells him to get a job or head for the Open Door Mission. The cannot go to the mission; he would not be admitted because he is drunk.

Date 5, Beirut. A car bomb explodes

near a market, injuring 47 people. No political target is apparent. The Shiites blame the Phalangists who blame the P.L.O. which blames the Mossad. Israel blames the Shiites and the U.S. suspects Iran.

Date 6, Rochester. A city woman, 33, walks down South Avenue on her way to a friend's home. After arriving she says to him "Between downtown and Cypress Street I counted no less than 8 hairdressing salons on South Avenue and there are at least 4 more on South Clinton. How can this small neighborhood support so many?" He replies, "Special zoning."

Date 7, Boston. Several prominent Democrats meet to assess the failure of their presidential campaign and to affix blame. One asserts that nobody ever went broke underestimating the intelligence of the American public. Another wonders why field operations in several key states were dismantled after the primaries and hastily reassembled only after polls showed Dukakis losing. A third recalls the political leaders of times past and observes that television has reduced the number of viable candidates to those who appear to comfortably fit inside small plastic boxes. A fourth points to the candidate's languidness, evasiveness and ideological paralambdacism. To their credit, none of them attempts to blame Jesse Jackson.

Date 8, Washington. Several members of Congress argue about aiding the Angolan guerrillas. Some are demanding the millions in covert aid be stopped, or at least openly acknowledged by the administration. One alleges that when such aid had been prohibited by the Clark Amendment, the administration convinced Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Zaire to assist UNITA. A second notes that in 1987 the government of Cape Verde banned Santa Lucia Airways from using its airport, claiming the airline was transporting U.S. arms to the guerrillas. A third says Angola receives significant aid from the Soviet Union and Cuba, and has a Marxist government; therefore UNITA must be fully supported at any cost, in order to "drive the communists out of Africa." He is unable to name Angola's president or capital city, but insists that the presence of Cuban troops alone is enough to justify the war. A fourth replies that Angola had every right to request Cuban assistance to stop South African invasions. He adds that the Cubans are protecting, among other things, the Gulf-Chevron Corporation's oil installations, favorite targets of the U.S. supported guerrillas. Because of these oil

companies the U.S. is Angola's largest trade partner.

Date 9, New York City. At a news conference a marketing consultant announces that 6 out of 10 American homes now contain at least one VCR. A wise-guy reporter asks how many homes contain a decent library or even a dictionary. The consultant has no idea.

Date 10, Rochester. A city man, 65, a veteran of W.W. II, stands outside City Hall at 5 p.m. bumming money and cigarettes from departing employees. Some are forthcoming, others ignore him. A well dressed young man carrying an expensive briefcase tells him to get a job or head for the Open Door Mission.

Date 11, Nevada. Another B-1 bomber crashes in the desert because ice had built up on its wings. The crew ejected and survives. The bomber, which cost \$280 million, was not equipped with a de-icing system.

Date 12, Rochester. At a downtown shopping mall a Black high school student, 16, looks through a display window at merchandise he cannot afford. A white security guard considers him an undesirable loiterer and tells him to move along. The student takes a few steps, then turns and shouts at the guard "Why don't you become a cop so you can just shoot me and get away with it?" Both are surprised by this outburst. The space between them is guarded by fear. The student leaves the mall and wonders what Native Americans think about Thanksgiving.

Date 13, Miami. A congressman ponders the situation in Angola. In his district live many Cubans, most of them exiled by the 1959 revolution. They are affluent, they vote, and their political agenda consists mainly of hatred for Castro. Since an assault upon Cuban troops anywhere represents an injury to Castro, the congressman knows he can please a key constituency by advocating aid to UNITA. Democracy is at work.

Date 14, Belfast. A car bomb explodes in front of a police station, damaging the building and killing two bystanders, both of them Catholic.

Date 15, Guatemala City. A journalist discovers that four acquaintances have disappeared without a trace. For good reasons he declines to complain to authorities.

Date 16, Rochester. A city woman, 33, tosses stale bread into a South Wedge back yard for the benefit of neighborhood birds. Her friend, whose yard it is, has been spending his scant free time studying

Herodotus and has neglected raking the leaves, which now lie about in snowy windblown clumps that provide sufficient cover to allow neighborhood cats unprecedented success in attacking these birds. She complains of this unfortunate effect and he, taking her hand and caressing the inside of her wrist where the skin is softest, apologizes and promises to rake the leaves. He then returns to his books.

Date 17, Washington. A pompous senator lectures a colleague on the necessity of "challenging Marxist communism" by supporting the Angolan "freedom fighters." He observes that Savimbi is accepted by the White House as a head of state, and insists all UNITA wants are free elections leading to "national reconciliation."

The second senator challenges this appraisal, saying such reconciliation means the government is supposed to surrender to the rebels, who will never be able to win a military victory. He points out that American oil companies find no difficulty in dealing with the alleged Marxists, and wonders what the State Department's problem is.

The first senator goes to declare it the duty of the free world to arm RENAMO, the "freedom fighters" of Mozambique, who have "enjoyed considerable success in pressuring" that nation's "Marxist" government.

The second protests that they have nearly destroyed Mozambique's economy, transportation system and agricultural base, have driven many of its people into refugee camps, and have become so unspeakably brutal that even their primary sponsor, South Africa, is embarrassed and no longer admits knowing them. He asks how U.S. interests are served by financing South Africa's mercenary puppets and enabling their attempts to destabilize neighboring countries. He demands to know the sources of his colleague's campaign funds.

Date 18, Chicago. A National Science Foundation survey has asked 2,000 adult Americans whether the Earth circles around the sun or the sun around the Earth. 21% answered incorrectly and 7% didn't know. The 72% who answered correctly were asked how long it takes for the Earth to orbit the sun. 45% said one year, 17% said one day, 2% said one month and 9% didn't know.

Date 19, Hanover, N.H. An Angolan medical student living in New York has been invited to a university campus to
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speak to students at a symposium about southern Africa. Only about 30 show up. He describes conditions in his country, concluding: "We are a very poor, very undeveloped nation. The Portuguese left us with almost no economic infrastructure or technical resources. There are few roads or railways, little transportation. We seek foreign investment but American companies, Europeans, Japanese; they will not come because of the war. All we want is for the South Africans and the mercenaries to leave us alone in peace. We have been at war for 26 years."

A student comments that on Nightline Jonas Savimbi said he desired nothing but free elections. The Angolan replies, "This is how he sells himself in America: as a capitalist and a great lover of democracy. When he wants something from China, then he is a devoted communist. He seeks nothing but power. Elections? Fine, hardly anyone would vote for him. His people destroy our rail lines, our farms, our schools. They plant booby traps all through

the countryside; the victims of these are especially children. Because of this, Angola has the highest per capita percentage of amputees of any country in the world. The population of Luanda has doubled in the last decade due to refugees. Now, who would vote for such a man?"

Outside, 9 students are protesting the Angolan's presence. 7 are conservatively dressed and appear clean-cut types; the other two sport shaven heads and wear leather jackets, one with a Confederate flag sewed to the back. These protesters carry signs that read "Death to Communism", "Reagan-Bush-North", and "The ANC are Terrorists."

The Angolan watches them through a window and says, "I think Americans do not know about Angola because no television cameras are there. But if there were, they would soon switch to Namibia, where the war is more intense. I think there is a Great American Solipsism."

Date 20, Somewhere in the Mediterranean. The freighter Khian Sea continues to search for a port that will

accept its cargo of toxic incinerator ash from the City of Philadelphia. It has been at sea since Sept. 1986 and has visited 4 continents.

Date 21, A secret location in Mozambique. A French journalist has arranged a rare interview with a RENAMO commander. The man identifies himself as a "Field Marshall" but refuses to divulge his name. The journalist asks, "What would happen if you were to win and take control of the government?"

The guerrilla pauses in thought for a moment, then replies "If we win, everyone will have an automobile. I promise that."

Date 22, Bethlehem. Palestinian Arabs throw rocks at Israeli soldiers. The soldiers fire in return, injuring 3. The average age of the rock throwers is 17. The average age of the soldiers is 19.

Date 23, A village in Cuanza Norte, Angola. A 9 year old girl, who has never heard of Karl Marx, Adam Smith or any famous economist, walks down a familiar path and steps on a buried shrapnel mine. The mine, which was made in the U.S.A.,

has been affected by rain and explodes with less than full potential, succeeding only in shattering the enemy's left foot. The area's only medical clinic was destroyed by a rocket attack several months before, so her family begins an arduous journey to Luanda.

Date 24, New York. A report issued by the United Nations says Angola and Mozambique share the world's highest infant and child mortality rates. The report emphasizes that neither country suffers from severe natural disasters, lacks fertile soil or is without exploitable resources; both are afflicted by none but human catastrophes.

Date 25, Rochester. A city man, 38, completes his studies of Herodotus and the wars between the ancient Greeks and Persians. He concludes that human behavior has not fundamentally changed a bit in at least 2,500 years. He laments the irretrievable loss of the Histories of Hecataeus; and reflects upon the fate of Jonathan Swift.

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