

LOOKING BACK

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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25 YEARS AGO

Jay Knaak, a third year medical student at the University of Minnesota's Twin Cities campus, will spend the next year working with Drs. Douglas Johnson and A. Marc Gordon at the Falls Medical Center.

There will be an open house in honor of Sylvia Engbretson's (Miss Sylvia) 60th birthday Dec. 3, 2 to 4, at Uncle Barney's.

40 YEARS AGO

A complete ban of all extracurricular activities by Minnesota public high schools during the 15-day Christmas vacation sched-

ule was announced in Minneapolis today by officials. The action was taken because of the fuel shortage facing public school districts in the state.

A girl was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Oveson.

Winning jobs on the Bronco hockey cheerleading squad are Holly Julien (mascot), Dawn Mohelski, Anne Sheehy, Michelle Einarson, Sue Jensen, Kathy Gaines and Melody Johnson.

50 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Einarson, 1019 Second St., entertained at two Thanks-

giving dinners Thursday. At 1 o'clock, members of Mrs. Einarson's family were guests and at 6 o'clock members of Mr. Einarson's family were honored.

Doris Aklestad, a member of the Mando billing department for some time, has transferred to a new position in the insurance department.

Elizabeth Forsythe, who formerly worked in the Mando maintenance engineering department, rejoined the company and at present is assigned to the office service billing department.

Mrs. Ellen Breneman recently left the Mando chem lab office staff for more im-

portant duties at home. Mrs. Breneman was replaced by Miss Laurel Hunter who transferred from the main office service department.

60 YEARS AGO

A son was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. James Walkoviak; weight, 6 pounds, 11 ounces; name chosen, Len-nard James.

Entertaining Thanksgiving guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Misner, 1016 Eighth St. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Valentine and daughter, Betty; Mrs. Irvin Misner, John Sullivan and Shirley Holmstad.

Mrs. Pete Pike of Calexico, Calif., was honored in absentia at a stork shower at the home of Mrs. Keith Lovejoy, 303 Eighth St. Mr. and Mrs. Pike left the Falls in August and Mr. Pike is now employed as a border patrolman.

Kayo Mastin, Leonard Pickar and Raymond E. Griffith have been called up to fill the county's December draft quota.

70 YEARS AGO

Miss Beverly Gylland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gylland, left Sunday for Minneapolis where she will be employed.

At home for the Thanksgiving weekend, Miss Kathleen Bigler of St. Paul, visited her mother, Mrs. E.G. Bigler, who is a patient at Littlefork Hospital, and other relatives.

Miss Amy Tucker of Minneapolis has been hired to fill the vacancy in the English department at the high school at Indus. Mrs. Ed Frohrip of this city has been substitute teacher there since school started.

Returning yesterday from a one-month visit at Santa Ana, Calif., was Miss Lorraine Schultz. She visited her friend, Jack Murray, a gunner in the Marine Corps.

COMMUNITY

Her name — really — is Happy Thanksgiving

BY RICHARD CHIN
St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — This week you can wish happy Thanksgiving and happy birthday to Happy Thanksgiving.

If that sentence didn't make much sense, it's probably because you don't know Happy Thanksgiving Reynolds, a family physician from Minneapolis, who was born 43 years ago in late November.

"I was the child of hippies," Reynolds said. And not just the occasional bell-bottom, bead-wearing hippies, according to Reynolds. They were a hard-core, to-fu-making, co-op founding couple who didn't have a name picked out for their new

baby because they believed in letting the universe help choose the name on the day of her birth.

"It was total universe magic time for them," Reynolds told the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

So when the day happened to be Thanksgiving, the universe seemed to be deciding that Reynolds' first and middle names should be Happy Thanksgiving. The first snowfall of the season also occurred that day, Reynolds said.

"I narrowly missed the name Snow," she said.

Reynolds said her name has been an "unintentional gift."

She isn't shy about using her full name in her professional life. After medical

school, "I said, 'You know what, I'm Dr. Happy Thanksgiving Reynolds.' That's just who I am."

She's gotten job interviews because people want to meet someone named Happy Thanksgiving. "I'm someone you're not going to forget based on the name," she said.

Christmas Eve Oberlander feels something similar about her name.

"It's been wonderful," said the interior designer from Lake Minnetonka. "I've always loved my name."

Oberlander was born 14 minutes before midnight on December 24 almost 67 years ago in Fargo, N.D. Her parents thought that was meaningful enough to name her for the occasion.

"They were fun like that,"

she said.

Depending on the situation, she sometimes goes by Chris, Chrissie or Christie. "One of my brother's friends called me Tree. After Christmas tree," she said.

But she said family members generally call her Christmas.

"I think if I had been shy about it, I might have been cheesed off by it, but I always loved it," she said. "I always get a very positive reaction."

Oberlander said while she's met plenty of Hollys and Noels, she's never met another Christmas Eve.

But another child born on Dec. 24, 1946, the same day as Oberlander, ended up named Mary Christmas.

Mary Christmas Pierson, a Minneapolis resident born in Burlington, Wis., said most of the time she's just Mary Pierson, but "every time someone sees a driver's license or anything like that, like a library card, they always make some kind of comment. Most of the time, it's a positive one."

"Even TSA agents, they will look at that passport, they'll chuckle and get that slight smile on their face," she said.

As a child, she enjoyed the extra attention teachers sometimes would give her because of her name, but she said her "little rough-neck Midwestern farm kid" classmates weren't so kind to "little Mary Christmas."

"All my teachers loved it, and all my classmates made fun of it," she said.

In her mid-20s, Pierson

gave herself the nickname Kitty, not because she didn't like Mary, but in honor of a favorite aunt, Catherine. She later shortened that to Kit, because "I worked at a veterinary hospital for a while, and that became a problem because there were so many kitties around."

But, Mary Christmas said, "In general, it's been a good name."

"I think they thought it would be fun," said Merry Eve Daher of her parents' decision to name her in honor of when she showed up, just before midnight Dec. 31, 1955. Daher, a Burnsville resident, said her parents also may have run out of ideas after naming six previous children.

But she said, "My youngest sister was born on Valentine's Day, and she was named Jo Ellen."

"I was supposed to be named something else," said Easter Marie Anderson of Pine Island. Anderson said her parents were planning to name her Sabrina.

But when the nurse told Anderson's mother that she had the first baby born on Easter 1964 at the hospital in Sun Prairie, Wis., "She said, 'Easter. That would be a good name.'"

"I can tell you there wasn't a lot of thought to it," Anderson said. " 'Easter.' It's been an interesting ride, I'll tell you that."

Her maiden name was actually Easter Ebnetter.

"That was a tongue twister," she said. "I was happy to become an Anderson, be-

cause that was a mouthful."

She said she frequently has to correct people who can't believe she's Easter.

"It's always Esther. Everyone always thinks it's Esther," Anderson said. "The next question is, 'How did you get that name?'"

As a nurse, Anderson sometimes works on holidays. One Christmas day, the phone at work rang and she answered, "This is Easter."

"All I hear on the other end of the phone was laughter," she said.

She has a brother who was born on Thanksgiving. "He didn't get a funny name," she said. And her daughter was born on March 17. "There was no way I was going to name my daughter after a holiday," she said.

Not Patrick Garza. Most people don't know that Patrick is his middle name. But the Red Wing man was born on March 17, 1952, and his full name is Saint Patrick Garza.

"I think it was mostly because my mother had a girl's name in mind, and when I came out a boy, I think she was at a loss for a name," Garza said.

He said coming from a Hispanic Catholic family, "if you were born on a saint's day, it's kind of an automatic thing."

"I was just thankful I wasn't born on Halloween," he said.

But for the most part, Garza doesn't refer to himself as Saint.

"It's just something I try to avoid, really," he said. "It's hard to live up to, so I just go by Patrick Garza."

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Charges against five dismissed in fish poaching case

BY AMY FORLITI
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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Indictments against five people accused of poaching walleye and other fish from the Leech Lake and Red Lake reservations and selling them on the black market were dismissed Monday by a federal judge who said treaties with the Chippewa Indians protect their rights to fish on tribal lands.

U.S. District Judge John Tunheim wrote that an 1837 treaty guarantees those hunting and fishing privileges. He said Congress hasn't abolished fishing rights outlined in the treaty or in subsequent treaties, and those rights preclude prosecution under federal wildlife protection laws.

Tunheim's ruling is contrary to one from U.S. District Judge Richard Kyle, who last month adopted a magistrate's recommendations to allow a similar case to proceed. Attorneys for two defendants awaiting trial are now asking Kyle to reconsider.

"We now have the seemingly situation of 5 Indian defendants having their cases dismissed for violation of treaty rights ... and two other defendants, who enjoy the protection of the exact same treaties, awaiting trial for the exact same conduct," wrote defense attorneys for Red Lake members Thomas Sumner and Brian Holthusen.

A total of 10 people were indicted in federal court April for allegedly transporting and selling fish illegally. In addition to the five dismissed Monday, one defendant has pleaded guilty and cases against four are pending.

About two dozen others were charged in state and tribal courts, in what state authorities called the worst fish black marketing case in the last 20 years. In the federal case alone, the fair market value of the fish was estimated by authorities to be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Tunheim's ruling rejects recommendations by U.S.

Magistrate Judge Leo Brisbois, who found that treaty rights do not exempt defendants from wildlife protection laws.

Brisbois said that while the defendants generally have the right to fish, their right is subject to regulation by the tribes, and the federal government has current jurisdiction in enforcing wildlife regulations.

Tunheim disagreed, saying treaties are to be interpreted liberally in favor of American Indians, and generally, tribal members have exclusive treaty rights to hunt and fish on reservations unless those rights are relinquished.

Tunheim dismissed indictments against Michael Brown, Jerry Reyes and Marc Lyons, all members of the Leech Lake Band of Chippewa, and Frederick Tibbetts, a member of White Earth. All were accused of using gill nets to take fish from lakes within the Leech Lake Reservation, then selling those fish for commercial purposes.