

Watched good HBO movie on windy Saturday

Just when you think the winter is over and it's finally time to play golf again, the wind blows so hard that you still can't stand to be outside!

That was last weekend. I had the perfect Saturday planned. The ladies were off to two showers, and I could be out on the course all day, guilt free!

Then came the wind blowing at 40 mph. So, there I sat inside watching movies all day Saturday.

I don't want to sound like an advertiser for HBO, but I must admit the best movie I watched last Saturday was an original made by HBO.

The movie was called *61*. It was about the home-run race between Roger Maris and Micky Mantle in the year 1961 and for the record of 61 home runs in one season previously set by the great Babe Ruth.

The movie was written and directed by Billy Crystal, and what a great job he did. I had read some articles before watching this movie and it turns out that Billy Crystal was good friends of Micky Mantle, and before his death he told Billy to make this movie and not to hide anything about the true Micky Mantle.

This has to be one of the greater stories about the game of baseball. Personally, I'm not a huge fan of baseball, but this was not a story of baseball but about two of its heroes.

Arne's World



by Arne Vermaat

I never realized before this movie how much of a womanizer and drinker Mantle was, and how much Yankee fans hated Roger Maris and didn't want him to break Babe's record. They wanted Micky to do it.

If you get HBO, make sure you see when this is playing again. And if you don't get HBO, don't worry: It'll be on video before you can say Mark Maguire.

Announce Tulip Fest worship

ORANGE CITY — The Community Tulip Festival Worship Service will be held on Sunday, May 20, at 11 a.m. at the Windmill Park Square in downtown Orange City.

Pastor Tim Ouwinga of First Christian Reformed Church will be the morning speaker.

An offering will be taken for the Friendship Bible Ministries, Hope Haven International and local benevolence.

Those attending are asked to bring lawn chairs.

Coffee and juice will be served before the service at the Windmill.

In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at the First Reformed Church.

Alton Council hears plans for development

By PAULA JO TOP
Correspondent

ALTON — The Alton City Council met in special session on Monday, May 7.

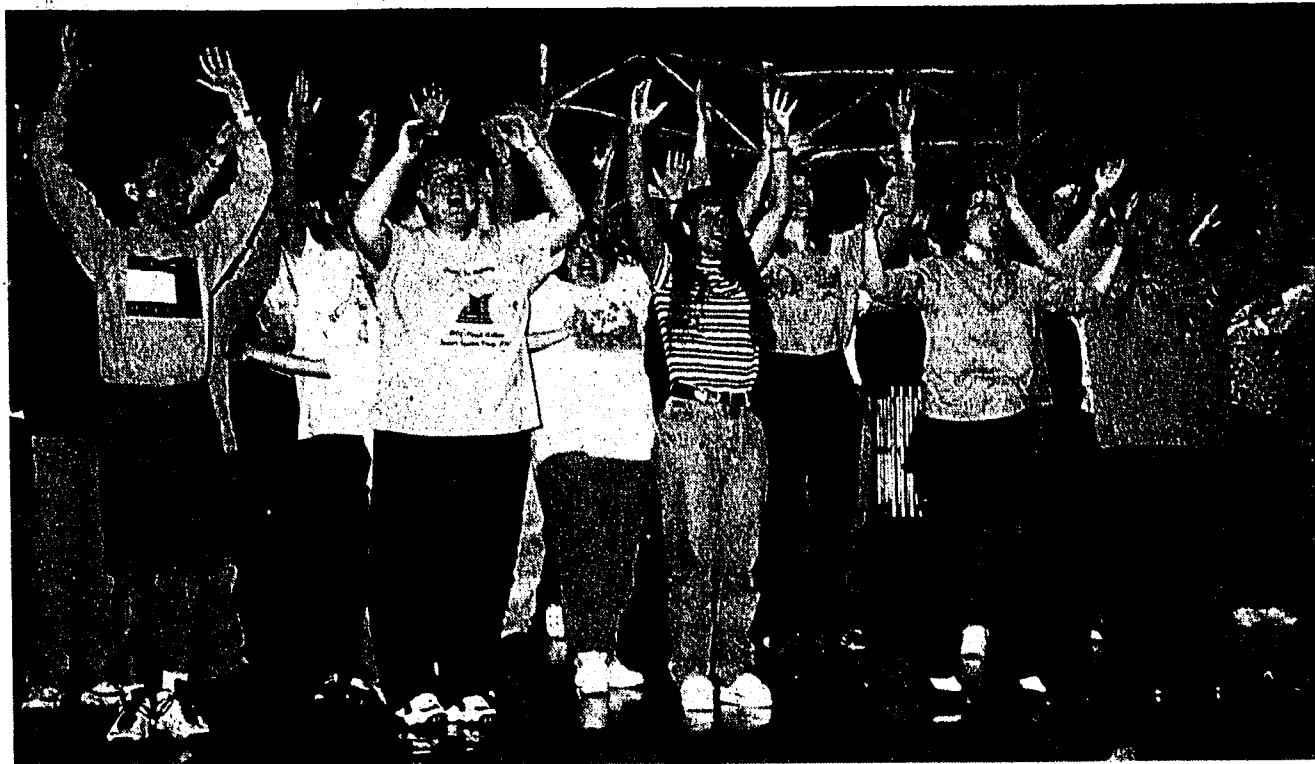
Present at the meeting were Mayor Norman Beltman, council members Dale Oltmans, Mark Pottebaum, Wanda Korthals, Ron Minten, Skip Hein, city clerk Dennis Dokter, and development director Pam Hein.

August Schippman of Spirit Lake, who has designed residential and industrial developments, showed plans for developing 25 acres along Jefferson Street.

The council favored single-family dwellings with some multi-family dwellings in the development.

"The City intends to pursue the full development project unless other developers come forward within the next two weeks," said Hein.

The project will also be discussed at next week's regular City Council meeting on Monday, May 14.



Yee-haw!

Rehearsals for the Tulip Festival Night Show State Fair reach their peak this week as directors and cast prepare for the Wednesday evening, May 16, opening of the show. (Photo submitted)

Tulip Festival night show coming together in final week

ORANGE CITY — Orange City's town hall is abuzz, as a large cast, orchestra, and crew put together the finishing touches for this year's Tulip Festival Night Show, *State Fair* by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Stage Director Keith Allen is excited to see the whole show being pieced together with props, costumes, sets, and music. "This is just a fun and exciting show, and it's great to see everyone dedicating their time and skills to put the production together," he says.

This year's cast is made up of both familiar faces and newcomers. Tom Hydeen and Donna Muilenburg lead off the group as Abel and Melissa Frake, a farm couple intent on winning some prizes at the 1946 Iowa State Fair. Their children, Wayne and Margy, performed by Ryan Kreykes and Julie Korver, are out for a different sort of adventure at the fair, and end up finding a mixture of

romance and heartache on the Midway.

Emily Arden, performed by Kathy Brogan, is a singer at the fair who befriends Wayne. Her musical acts include the "Fairtones," a group of backup singers performed by Sara Goebel, Gena Koning, Barb Romkema, and Sharon Vermeer. Also adding musical harmonies throughout the show are the quartet members Hank, Jake, Lem and Clay, performed by Mike Noteboom, PJ Van Kley, Tim Van Gelder, and Mark Larson.

Pat, a news reporter on assignment at the fair, is played by Charlie Couch. He, along with his photographer sidekick Charlie (Kent Anderson), tries to win Margy's affections, much to the disappointment of Vivian and Jean (Becky Sheridan and Lisa Johnson), two performers who prefer Pat's wild and care-free nature. Margy has to decide where her feelings lead her, toward Pat, or to Harry (Derrick Muilenburg), who has

already asked for her hand in marriage.

Several other members of the chorus take on various roles throughout the show, from barkers and vendors and fairgoers, to competitors in the pickles and mincemeat competition. Included in the chorus are Peggy Baker, Amanda Feekes, Mary Holcomb, Connie Julius, Beth LeTendre, Joey Mouw, Junia Punt, Nancy Siebersma, Michelle Van Ormeren, Brandon Callenius, Brent Hulstein, Dick Miske (choreographer), Joshua Roetman, Darryl Turnwall, Bill Van Marel, Doug Julius, and the children Joel Brogan, Erin Brogan, Caleb Haverdink, Cassie Huizenga, Shauna Muilenburg, Ben Sedlacek, and Todd Vande Griend.

Tickets are going fast. For more information or to reserve a seat, contact the Orange City Chamber of Commerce at 712-737-4510.

Letters to the editor

Urge stronger defense

Editor:

I pray that the American people will remember America was caught unprepared in the last great wars One and Two! The next war could be over in minutes with modern weaponry! We will not have time to prepare, and our cities could be destroyed with "push-button" weapons!

Urge our lawmakers to prepare our defense and offensive weapons now!

I am an old veteran who has been in the conflict and witnessed that there are no "Sunday-school" rules in the game of war! There are no nice ways to kill people! Unarmed captured soldiers on both sides were killed! (No space for stories.)

Wars with today's weaponry would be no comparison to past weapons! No cost is too great to be prepared! Man must learn from history, or chances are it can repeat!

Call your lawmaker today and urge for stronger defense and offense in our Army and Navy!

Please take time to remember the veterans this Memorial Day. Some paid the supreme sacrifice that you are here today!

May God bless America!

Sincerely,
Arie J. Olivier
Sioux Center

Hopes politics is kept out

Dear Editor:

Where's the public show of dissatisfaction toward the atrocious behavior of Lawrence Vander Esch?

When the Democratic President "lied" about his sexual behavior, several Sioux County Republicans rightfully wrote letters to local papers. Where are those critics now? Is not Lawrence Vander Esch "lying" when he files written statements saying he is not guilty when he was practically caught in the act?

How can local citizens remain so complacent when the acts are committed against youth in our community?

Now it appears that Vander Esch's actions may relate to reaching a plea agreement. By pleading "not guilty," he threatens to expose the identities of some of the innocent victims if he is brought to trial. He appears to be positioning himself for a "soft" plea agreement.

It is evident that the families of these

youth did not trust the Republican dominance in Sioux County, as they contacted the DCI to get initially involved. Even Mark Schouten apparently doesn't trust his own bias, as he has asked Chuck Thoman of Sioux City to take the lead in this case.

As a former elementary principle of some of these excellent students who have been abused by Vander Esch (You will note that I do not state "Mr." Vander Esch, as "Mr." should only precede people of distinction), I feel it is imperative that he gets the maximum punishment allowed. It appears the abuse has been occurring for many years, and he should be imprisoned for as many.

Hoping that politics is kept out of this decision, I remain,

Sincerely,
Vincent L. Huls
Boydton

Supervisors approve wages

ORANGE CITY — One of the actions of the Sioux County Board of Supervisors at their meeting on Monday, May 7, was to formally approve salaries and hourly wages for county elected officers and employees for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The Sioux County Compensation Board recommended wage increases based on cost of living for county elected officials. Deputies in those offices may receive up to 80 percent of the salary of the elected officials. In the sheriff's office, two deputies may receive up to 85 percent; the same is true of the assistant county attorney. Those salaries, up to the limits, are at the discretion of the elected officials.

Board members may, by law, accept or reject recommendations of compensation boards for elected officials, or reduce the

recommended salaries by the same percentage.

The board of supervisors sets other salaries, including those offices which report directly to the board and the secretarial schedule.

Salary increases were based on a 3.4 percent increase, with selected salaries adjusted as individual circumstances dictated.

The supervisors approved the recommendation of the compensation board, made earlier during budgeting. Salaries approved range from \$24,110 for supervisors to \$76,570 for the county attorney.

Other salaries range from \$26,203 for a full-time assistant in the auditor's office to \$67,000 for the county engineer. Per-hour rates approved ranged from \$9.92 for clerical help to \$13.46 per hour for an office manager.

Board canvasses Sioux Center election

ORANGE CITY — The All Seasons Recreation Center project in Sioux Center got a real boost in the Sioux Center Community School District election on Tuesday, May 1. The Sioux County Board of Supervisors canvassed the election at a Monday, May 7, meeting at the courthouse in Orange City.

The bond issue question, which needed 60 percent voting in favor to pass, authorizes the school district to issue general obligation bonds not to exceed \$2,275,000 to help fund construction of the center.

Of the 1,873 votes cast, 1,443 were cast in favor, 77.0422 percent. Voting against the measure were 430, 22.9578 percent.

In Precinct One, 1,074 voted. In Precinct Two, 758 voted. A total of 41 absentee votes were cast. A total of 38.17 percent of 4,907 registered voters turned out.

The votes canvassed and approved unanimously by the board included one special and late absentee votes that were received and properly postmarked.

More than 20 teams show interest in Relay For Life

HULL — More than 20 teams have indicated they'll be participating in the fourth Sioux County Relay for Life June 22 and 23 in Hull. Nearly all those teams will have a representative at a team captain's rally in the Hull Community Center on Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in learning more about the team event to fight cancer is invited to the captain's meeting. Relay for Life continues to recruit more teams.

Last year, more than \$50,000 was raised in Sioux County. The funds help fight cancer through research, education, service and advocacy programs

handled by the American Cancer Society.

Local contacts include Bev Thoene of Alton (756-8877), Mary Ellen Klein of Granville (712-727-3326), Marilyn Klein of Hospers (752-8110), and Pete Pals (737-2931 or 737-2512) and John Buntsma (737-8464), both of Orange City.

Four corporate sponsors are signed, to date, including Orange City Health System, MED-TEC of Orange City, Coilcraft of Hawarden and Interstate Electric of Sioux Center.

For more information, contact Buntsma or the area ACS office toll free

Chosen for Girls' State

ORANGE CITY — Kimberly Pals of Orange City has been chosen by Unit Number 329 of Orange City to attend the annual session of the Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, to be held June 10-15 on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

Pals, a junior at Unity Christian High School in Orange City, will be one of 320 attending.

Previously chosen was Natalie Hooegeven of MOC-Floyd Valley High School, also in Orange City.

Those attending will learn about the Iowa political system. Throughout the week, they will file nomination papers, conduct political campaigns, make speeches and prepare campaign materials as they learn about city, county and state government.

The girls will also hear several motivational speakers and speakers from various local and state government offices.

On Friday evening, June 15, the newly elected officials will be inaugurated.

Pals is involved in cross country, Chamber Choir, Dutch Dozen, Instruments of Praise and SPICE Chapel Committee. She is also class president.



KIMBERLY PALS

Those attending Girls State are chosen on the basis of interest, leadership and scholastic qualities. The event is sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary.



In the pit

The orchestra works out a portion of the score during rehearsals last week of the Tulip Festival Night Show State Fair. (Photo submitted)