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CAMPAIGN A WINNER FOR CHARITY-ADS FOCUS ON DISABLED

TEXT:

The dog days of summer haven't slowed activity in the advertising community. Here's a roundup of tidbits and happenings:

Awards

The National Easter Seal Society in Chicago is thrilled by the recognition its 1988 fund drive campaign has received. Created as a public service by Campbell-Mithun-Esty, Minneapolis, the campaign has received more awards than any promotion in the organization's history.

The print and broadcast promotion focuses on the abilities of the physically disabled.

Among the laurels are the Clio, RadioBest, One Show, Women in Communication's Clarion Award and the Social Service Communicators' Helen Cody Baker Award.

It's just that kind of response that makes an advertising agency so willing to donate its creative talent and resources for projects like these. If the cause receives recognition, the ad shop does, too. Campbell-Mithun-Esty has handled the account since last year.

Another charity note: Colle & McVoy, Bloomington, is providing consulting services for the Minneapolis office of the United Negro College Fund's 1988 regional corporate campaign fund drive. The agency said its goals are to increase UNCF's visibility statewide and help it meet its \$750,000 goal. UNCF, founded in 1944, conducts an annual drive to raise funds for its 42-member, historically black institutions of higher education across the country.

Client clash

Martin/Williams, Minneapolis, is taking on the second half of the promotion of the Minnesota Department of Health's non-smoking program. The two-year account, estimated at \$1.7 million, was previously handled by Campbell-Mithun. That agency had to drop the account because of its recent merger with William Esty Co., New York. Esty handles the multimillion-dollar ad contract for smoking giant Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co.

Changes

Dori Molitor has joined Waters & Co., a Minnetonka-based packaged goods marketing firm, as a partner and vice president. The agency's name has been changed to WatersMolitor Inc. Todd Waters is the firm's president.

The name also has been changed at Kosmo Carlson Gang Advertising & Public Relations, St. Paul. The agency is now Gang & Carlson.

Jim Kosmo, former agency president and CEO, has quit the shop and sold his shares to partner Charles Carlson. Kosmo said the reason for the split was personal - the business had grown too big and he wanted to simplify his life. He's now running his family-owned graphic arts shop, Kosmo Art Department, in the Bremer Building in downtown St. Paul. His former agency is now headed by Carlson, who is agency president, and Stuart Gang, agency chairman. It has relocated to offices in the Mears Park building in downtown St. Paul.

Accounts

*Kenny Advertising Group, Minneapolis, has added the Minnesota Connection, a consortium of direct mail suppliers, to its client roster.

*Padilla Speer Beardsley, Minneapolis, has been hired as the public relations firm for Allen-Bradley Co., Milwaukee.

*Kamstra Communications, St. Paul, has been hired to provide marketing services for The Family Handyman, a former Webb Co. publication now owned by Reader's Digest Association.

*G.R. Barron and Co., St. Paul, has added the University of Minnesota's College of Agriculture and Webway Inc., St. Cloud, makers of photo albums, to its client roster.

*Simons Allyn Marketing Communications, Minneapolis, has added 3M Quality Management Services Division to its client roster.

*Minda Associates, Minneapolis, has been named agency of record for the Airport Hilton in Bloomington. The firm will provide advertising and public relations work for the hotel.

*Carmichael Lynch, Minneapolis, has been named agency of record for TimeManagement Inc., Minneapolis. The account was previously handled by McCool & Co., Minneapolis. The agency also is developing a public service project for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Boat and Water Safety Section.

*Wiken Promotion & Advertising, Wayzata, has been named agency of record for Princeton, N.J.-based Squibb Mark's Theragran vitamins.

*The Filmmakers Inc., Minneapolis, has been selected for the second time to produce the annual campaign contribution film for the Minneapolis and St. Paul United Ways.

*Alpine Marketing Communications, Edina, has added Winfield Developments Inc. and Northstar Industries Inc. to its client roster.

Names

Jacqueline Hanson has been promoted to senior account executive and Julie Hilbert has been named assistant account executive at Bozell Jacobs Kenyon & Eckhardt, Minneapolis. ... Emilie Nelson has joined MRC Public Relations, Golden Valley as account supervisor. ... Steve Michels-Boyce has been hired as art director at Gelbach Lee, St. Paul. ...

Mary Dalso Reiter has been promoted to account supervisor at Sable Advertising Systems, New Hope. ...

At Campbell-Mithun-Esty, Minneapolis: Beth Blake has been promoted to account executive, David DeSmith has been promoted to creative supervisor, and Christine Martin has been promoted to broadcast buyer; Liz Sheridan and Bob Stern have joined as assistant account executives and **Anne Barber Dunlap** and Ed Mathie have joined as account assistants; Jay Kaskel has joined the firm as a senior copywriter. ...

Harry Prestanski has been named vice president, managing director, of Carmichael Lynch's public relations division and Fred Keller has been named associate director; Amy Westerman has joined the agency as assistant broadcast buyer and Jack Steinmann has been promoted to

assistant broadcast production manager; Bill VanDeLaarschot and Kelly Brown have joined the firm's CL Direct staff and Gregg Bender has been promoted to account executive. ...

Tom Bleakly has joined BBDO, Minneapolis, as senior art director and John Holden has joined the agency's Creative Design Center. ...

David Nickel has joined Eric Kercheval Consulting, Minneapolis, as senior vice president in charge of its recently created advertising search firm.

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**51 / 51 - Monday, January 1, 1996****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Metro**Page:** 3E**Illustration:** Photo**Dunlap****Dateline:** MINNEAPOLIS**WOMAN, 31, MISSING AFTER VISIT TO MALL**

A Minneapolis man said Sunday that his wife disappeared during the weekend after a shopping trip to the Mall of America.

Anne B. **Dunlap**, 31, was last seen Saturday, driving a two-door, maroon 1987 Toyota Celica, license 055 FDB. She was wearing bluejeans, a plum sweater and a black leather jacket.

Her husband, **Brad**, was distributing fliers with his wife's photo and said Sunday that he feared for her safety. ``We haven't heard from her at all," he said of her absence. ``It's like she just disappeared. ... It's just not like Anne."

She is a marketing manager at Pillsbury, and the couple lives in Minneapolis. **Dunlap** said that his wife had planned to shop for shoes at Nordstrom's at the Mall of America and that clerks remembered seeing her. **Dunlap** asked Sunday that anyone who might have seen her call the Minneapolis police.

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**50 / 51 - Tuesday, January 2, 1996****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Metro**Page:** 2D**BODY FOUND IN TRUNK OF CAR MAY BE THAT OF MISSING WOMAN**

A body found in a car trunk Monday morning may be that of Anne B. **Dunlap**, 31, whose husband **Brad** reported her missing after she failed to return from a trip to the Mall of America on Saturday.

The body of a white woman was taken out of a car towed to the Minneapolis Police Forensic Garage at 49 Colfax Ave. N., the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's office said. **Dunlap's** car was found in the parking lot of the Kmart on 10 W. Lake St. in Minneapolis. It could not be immediately confirmed that **Dunlap's** car was the one in which the body was found.

However, a police homicide officer told the Pioneer Press on Monday night that police are assuming the body is that of **Dunlap**. Family members were not available for comment. An autopsy is planned for today.

Brad Dunlap approached media outlets and passed out fliers with his wife's photo when she didn't come back from her shopping trip last weekend. Anne **Dunlap** was a marketing manager at Pillsbury.

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Illustration: Photo

Anne Dunlap

FRIENDS OF ANNE DUNLAP BEGIN SECOND CAMPAIGN: TO FIND KILLER

Anne Dunlap's friends and family, who had spent most of New Year's Day tacking up missing person's posters across the Minneapolis area, turned their attention Tuesday to mourning her and to seeking her killer.

"She had no enemies," said Christine Fruechte, who knew **Dunlap** from their days at the Campbell Mithun Esty advertising agency. "That's what was so shocking."

Fruechte said she and others from the agency would now put up posters offering up to \$75,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the slaying. It was during a massive effort to distribute the missing person fliers that friends spotted **Dunlap's** car in a store parking lot in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis police spent much of Tuesday running down leads and interviewing people. The Hennepin County medical examiner's office said **Dunlap**, 31, was stabbed repeatedly in the head and neck.

Lt. Mark Ellenberg, head of the Minneapolis Police Department's homicide unit, confirmed that police executed a search warrant late Monday at the home of the victim's parents in Minneapolis, where she and her husband, Brad, were living. They also questioned him for several hours, he said.

"We did talk to the husband, but we talked to a lot of people," Ellenberg said. "That doesn't mean anything that we talked to him or did a search warrant at the house."

Police also played down earlier reports that **Anne Dunlap** was last seen at the Nordstrom store at the Mall of America Saturday afternoon. Ellenberg said there are conflicting reports about whether she actually arrived there. Bloomington Police Chief Robert Lutz said there is no evidence placing her at the mall.

Dunlap's car was found about 8 a.m. Monday by her running friends in the Kmart parking lot at 10 W. Lake St., about three miles from her parents' Lake Calhoun home. The friends were there distributing the missing person fliers, said **Dunlap's** father, Donn **Barber**. Police brought dogs to track a scent and then towed the car to the police forensic garage about three hours later, he said.

When they opened the trunk, they found **Dunlap's** body inside.

"I'm numb," said Brad **Dunlap**, her husband of eight years. "We are putting a reward together through a number of sources. We want to find out who did this. It's totally unbelievable. It makes us all feel really empty. I feel like I have no life left."

Donn and Louise Barbers' home has been the nerve center the past two days for the search for **Dunlap** and now the search for her killer. Donn **Barber** estimated about 175 people showed up New Year's Day to distribute missing person posters.

Tuesday, print and television reporters filed into the house at 30-minute intervals to interview the family. Friends and other relatives answered the phone, provided information and coordinated food deliveries, some of which was donated by Pillsbury, where **Dunlap** had worked the past two years in marketing.

Dunlap was born and reared in Minneapolis, the middle of three children, her father said. She graduated from Minneapolis Southwest High School and attended the University of Minnesota, where she received an undergraduate marketing degree and a master's of business administration.

She was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority, where she met Jill Swenson, who became one of her closest friends and the maid of honor at her wedding.

“She was gregarious and had a way to bring people together,” Swenson said. “She was strong-willed, not to be manipulated, not to be taken advantage of.”

All of her friends and co-workers at Campbell, where she worked for seven years, and at Pillsbury described her the same way. Bubbly and smart. A marathon runner, but cautious about her personal safety. And happily married to her college sweetheart, now a sales manager for a graphics company.

Swenson said **Dunlap** was running with her and other women Saturday morning about 8 when they passed Brad, who was running solo. All the women commented that they all wanted someone like Brad, who adored her, Swenson said.

“They had a natural chemistry,” Swenson said. “It was the envy of us in college and they were the envy of us today.”

Barber said the couple had moved back into the family home two months ago because the house they were renting was sold and their new home on 7 acres in Medina was under construction and wouldn't be ready until March.

Saturday, **Dunlap** ran, showered, and went to the home of one of the runners for a holiday brunch, Swenson said. She arrived home shortly after 2 p.m. and told her husband she was going to Nordstrom to buy some shoes to correct a slight foot defect, **Barber** said.

She was expected to return by 4:30 p.m. Then the couple planned to pick up salt for their aquarium and go out to dinner, **Barber** said.

About 8 p.m., Brad **Dunlap** called his in-laws at their lake cabin and they returned home. In the meantime, **Dunlap** had called police and 14 hospitals looking for her, **Barber** said. The family drove to the Mall of America and spent nearly two hours looking for her car, returning home about midnight, **Barber** said.

Dunlap also went out to their new home site with a flashlight on the chance she drove there and was hurt. At 4 a.m., the family took other routes to the Mall of America in case her car was concealed by a ditch.

Monday morning, Donna Wiederkehr received a call from a Campbell co-worker telling her about **Dunlap's** disappearance. Wiederkehr said she called 35 people, then went to the house and distributed fliers.

“Brad had the whole city laid out in quads,” she said. “By the end of the day, we had a big part of the city covered. We were really optimistic. We (put) a lot of energy into doing it.”

It was easy to get volunteers, Fruechte said.

“**Anne** touched a lot of people here,” she said “She was always bubbly, giggling. But she was a tough cookie who wouldn't let anybody push her over.”

Staff writer Wayne Wangstad contributed to this report.

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**48 / 51 - Thursday, January 4, 1996****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Metro**Page:** 6B**Source:** Charles Laszewski, Staff writer**POLICE DEFEND DELAY IN OPENING TRUNK OF CAR//BODY OF WOMAN FOUND THREE HOURS AFTER AUTO LOCATED**

Minneapolis police were saying little Wednesday about their investigation into the slaying of Anne **Dunlap**, but did say there were good reasons for waiting a few hours to open the trunk where her body was found.

Dunlap, 31, was reported missing Saturday evening by her husband, **Brad Dunlap**. Her car was discovered about 8 a.m. Monday in the Kmart parking lot at 10 W. Lake St. in Minneapolis. Three hours later, the car's trunk was opened at the police forensic garage and her body was discovered. She had been stabbed numerous times.

Deputy Police Chiefs William Jones, in charge of investigations, and Gregory Hestness, in charge of patrol, said there was no reason to think anyone was in the trunk who might need medical attention.

``When the car is considered evidence, it is best to do it in a controlled environment," Jones said of the examination. ``If there was an indication somebody was in danger, we will act to save life and property."

Lt. Mark Ellenberg, head of the homicide unit, said it was a judgment call by the investigators whether to open the trunk at the scene. It was the correct decision because **Dunlap** had been dead a long time, Ellenberg said. The medical examiner said no attempt was made to pin down a precise time of death because it is an inexact science.

Ellenberg said the investigators decided not to open the trunk based on a number of things they knew, although he declined to elaborate.

Dunlap was last seen early Saturday afternoon and told her husband she was going to the Mall of America to buy shoes. It is unclear whether she ever made it to the mall. When she failed to return home, her husband made a missing person's report to police about 7:40 p.m. Saturday.

Monday, **Brad Dunlap** coordinated a search of Minneapolis and suburbs. About 175 friends and family put up fliers with her photo on it. One of the couples tacking up the fliers at the Kmart discovered the car.

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Anne **Dunlap's** friends were organizing a 10-mile run in her memory for Saturday morning.

POLICE SEARCH VICTIM'S HOME AGAIN, REPORTEDLY SEIZE HUSBAND'S VEHICLE

Minneapolis police investigators once again searched the house where Anne **Dunlap** was living before her stabbing death and also reportedly seized her husband's car Thursday.

Police still were saying very little about the investigation into the slaying of the 31-year-old woman, who was found in the trunk of her car on New Year's Day after her husband, **Brad**, reported her missing Saturday night.

Investigators searched the home of **Dunlap's** parents near Lake Calhoun in South Minneapolis the night the body was found a couple of miles away in the Kmart parking lot at 10 W. Lake St. They returned with another search warrant Thursday morning and reportedly seized **Brad Dunlap's** car.

The Dunlaps were living with her parents for a few months while their new home was being built in Medina.

Beyond that, police spokeswoman Penny Parrish said she could not comment on whether investigators had determined where the slaying occurred or what other items police may have sought.

And even though **Brad Dunlap** has been interviewed extensively by police, Parrish insisted no one has been ruled out as a suspect.

``We just continue to work this very diligently," she said. ``We are talking to a lot of people."

A \$75,000 reward posted by friends and several businesses has generated more than 50 tips to both CrimeStoppers and the homicide unit, Parrish said. ``I don't know how many are turning up useful information," she said.

Meanwhile, **Dunlap's** friends were organizing a 10-mile run in her memory for Saturday morning.

Dan Finanger, a coach with the Northwest Running Club, where **Dunlap** was a regular, said they are ``dedicating this particular run to her."

Dunlap, who ran marathons and participated in triathlons, ran nearly every Saturday with members of the club, starting from the Cedar Lake Road club, near Interstate 394 and Highway 100, and winding around Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun.

Besides the club runners, Saturday's event will be open to anyone ``who wants to support Anne, **Brad** and the family," Finanger said. The run will begin at 9 a.m., but before that, some of her friends will say a few words about **Dunlap**, he said. Reward posters will be available for people to take to their neighborhoods, he added.

The funeral also will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark, 519 Oak Grove St. in Minneapolis. Burial will be in Lakewood Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 tonight at the Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel.

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**31 / 32 - Saturday, January 6, 1996****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Metro**Page:** 1E**Source:** From Staff Reports**Illustration:** Photo**HUNT FOR DUNLAP'S KILLER HITS THE WEB**

The search for **Anne Dunlap's** killer has taken a high-tech turn.

Dunlap's brother, Paul **Barber**, used an Internet account at the University of Minnesota to create a page on the World Wide Web asking for help finding his sister's killer.

Police also are asking for the public's help in finding the store where **Dunlap** bought a bottle of mineral water found in her car.

Barber set up the Web page on Jan. 1 to elicit information on his sister's whereabouts.

The Web page - a combination of text and graphics available through the Internet - includes a color picture of her and a link to a second black and white picture, her physical description and the details of the \$75,000 reward posted by friends and several businesses. There is information on when she was last seen and asks the user to call CrimeStoppers.

Computer users will see a blinking headline, 'Help Find My Sister's Killer,' when they call up **Barber's** home page (<http://www.umn.edu/nlhome/m028/barbe016>). Clicking on the headline will take you to his plea for help.

There is also a link to a story on the St. Paul Pioneer Press' online service, PioneerPlanet. That story, about police searching the victim's home, originally was published Friday in the newspaper.

A counter on the page says there have been 419 "visits" by computer users since the page was created.

The focus of the Web page changed from finding her to finding her killer after **Dunlap's** body was found Monday in the trunk of her car, parked in a Kmart parking lot in South Minneapolis. The Web page now supplements paper fliers posted all over the Twin Cities.

Meanwhile, Minneapolis police investigators on Friday asked for help from the public in locating the store where **Anne Dunlap** may have bought a bottle of mineral water.

Police recovered the bottle from **Dunlap's** car after her body was found in the car's trunk on Jan. 1.

The clear plastic one-liter bottle of Chippewa Springs Water had a distinctive typographical error on the price sticker. A yellow sticker indicated the price for the water was \$169 instead of \$1.69.

Police asked that if anyone knows where the bottle is from, they should call investigators at 673-3410.

FUNERAL TODAY

The funeral for **Anne Dunlap** is at 1 p.m today at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark, 519 Oak

Grove St. in Minneapolis. A memorial run begins at 8:30 a.m. from the Northwest Running Club, on Cedar Lake Road, near Interstate 394.

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Source: Tracey Kaplan, Staff Writer

Illustration: 2 Photos: Scott Takushi/Pioneer Press 1) Members of the running club Forever Fuschia, of which **Anne Dunlap** was a former captain, huddle for a moment of silence before the start of a 10-mile memorial run for **Dunlap** on Saturday morning. The runners began at the Northwest Racquet, Swim and Health Club in St. Louis Park and circled Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun. It was the same 10-miler that **Dunlap** had run a week earlier, shortly before her disappearance. 2) Brad **Dunlap**, husband of the slain **Anne Barber Dunlap**, leaves the funeral services Saturday.

RUN, SERVICES MARK **DUNLAP'S** IMPACT

The slaying of Minneapolis resident **Anne Dunlap** prompted the Pillsbury Co. to announce Saturday that it will no longer advertise its products on television shows that contain violence.

Dunlap, 31, worked as a marketing manager for Pillsbury, one of the largest companies in Minnesota. Her body was found in the trunk of her car New Year's Day. Police are still searching for her killer.

A Pillsbury spokeswoman made the announcement at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark, where a funeral service for **Dunlap** was held Saturday. She and other mourners asked the media to refrain from questioning them there.

Nearly 500 people attended the hourlong service. **Dunlap** was remembered as a cheerful, direct woman with sparkling blue eyes and a passion for staying healthy that motivated her to run marathons.

“She was deeply in love with her husband,” a friend told the mourners in a short eulogy.

Her hardest friends also mourned her with a 10-mile, early-morning memorial run that started at the Northwest Racquet Club, where she trained. **Dunlap's** parents and husband, Brad **Dunlap**, waved and cheered them on.

Bundled in jackets and frost-covered hats, the group ran the same 10-mile route **Dunlap** often paced. Many of them cried as they passed her family.

In **Dunlap's** honor, the runners renamed her team “Forever Fuschia.” It had been called “Fireball Fuschia,” because the members ran a nine-minute mile.

Minneapolis police have refused to comment about their investigation. But a spokeswoman said they have received more than 100 phone calls after requesting the public to help them find out where and when **Dunlap** purchased a plastic water bottle found in her car.

“The location is the key that may lead us to other things,” said Penny Parrish, a police department spokeswoman.

The one-liter Chippewa Spring Water bottle had a yellow price tag that read “\$169” without a decimal, police said.

Dunlap was last seen Dec. 30 at her parents' Minneapolis home, where she and her

husband had been living for the past two months, police said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**29 / 32 - Tuesday, January 9, 1996****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Metro**Page:** 3B**Source:** James Romenesko, Staff Writer**CONDOLENCES EXCEED CLUES ON WEB PAGE TO FIND **DUNLAP**
KILLER**

The Internet's World Wide Web isn't yet ready to displace "America's Most Wanted." A Web page advertising a \$75,000 reward and seeking information on the murder of **Anne Dunlap** has resulted in a few tips, but more condolence notes, says the victim's brother, Paul **Barber**, who set up the page.

Neither **Barber** nor Minneapolis police would comment Tuesday on the tips.

Barber, 34, a systems engineer for Norwest Banks, said more than 625 people have accessed the page (<http://www.umn.edu/nlhome/m028/barbe016/annemiss.html>) since New Year's Day.

"I've received e-mail from Europe and from around the United States," he said. "Mostly they're just condolences."

Barber said he initially posted a message about his sister's disappearance to the newsgroup alt.missing-adults. He set up the Web page on January 1 after her body was found in the trunk of her car, parked in a Kmart parking lot in South Minneapolis.

"I figured it was something I could easily do," he said. **Barber** has had a personal Web page for about a year.

Barber acknowledged that getting legitimate tips from Internet users was a shot in the dark. "But then the whole thing is right now - there aren't many clues," he said.

While police have quizzed the victim's husband and searched his belongings, **Barber** said he doesn't believe his brother-in-law is involved. "There's really no way he did it, and I hope we can move on [and find the killer]."

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**45 / 51 - Wednesday, January 10, 1996****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Metro**Page:** 3B**Source:** Charles Laszewski, Staff Writer**POLICE ON **DUNLAP** CASE FIND '\$169' DRINK'S SOURCE**

Minneapolis police said Tuesday they have found the store where someone bought a bottle of spring water that later turned up in the car of slaying victim Anne **Dunlap**.

But police were saying almost nothing else about the case.

Police received more than 100 calls from residents since they announced Friday they were looking for the store that sold a one liter bottle of Chippewa Springs Water with a yellow price sticker that read \$169.

After visiting dozens of stores since Saturday, police think they have found the one that sold the bottle, but refused to name it or its location, police spokeswoman Penny Parrish said.

``Although they found the store, they haven't answered the questions of when it was purchased and who purchased it," Parrish said. ``It potentially could be a lead. It might not."

Lt. Mark Ellenberg, head of the homicide unit, declined to comment on whether investigators have found blood which would indicate where the slaying occurred. He also refused to comment on other reports that **Dunlap** had, in fact, made it to the Mall of America the day she was reported missing or whether anything had turned up on a videotape from the Kmart where **Dunlap's** car was found.

``We are not commenting on the case," Ellenberg said.

Dunlap disappeared Dec. 30. She told her husband, **Brad Dunlap**, she was going shopping at the Mall of America. When she did not return by that evening, her husband called police. By New Year's Day, he had organized a search for her.

Friends found the car at the Kmart lot on Lake Street and when police opened the trunk later, they found **Dunlap's** body. She had been stabbed in the head and the neck.

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**44 / 51 - Thursday, January 11, 1996****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Main**Page:** 1A**Source:** Brian Lambert, Staff Columnist**ARE MEDIA OVERFEEDING OUR CURIOSITY IN **DUNLAP** KILLING?**

Even WCCO-TV's veteran police reporter Caroline Lowe is amazed. Like every other reporter in town she has spent the better part of the last 11 days answering the same question: "Did he do it?" "He" being **Brad Dunlap**, "it" being the murder of his wife, Anne.

"There's just a tremendous interest in this story," says Lowe, with no hint of overstatement.

"I can't tell you the last time I've worked on a case with this kind of interest. Even as long as I've been covering the police I find myself totally intrigued by this one. A lot of it is that it's a mystery. It's a mental adventure, totally intriguing."

Indeed it is, in the lurid, macabre, pulpy way we've come to judge all "good crime stories." And indeed, the case has created an extraordinary, competitive frenzy among local newsrooms, not all of it particularly edifying.

The particulars and reasons are worth examining.

What is evident is that Anne **Dunlap's** murder is different from most, although not so much as the coverage would lead you to believe.

It is different in that, as authorities said early on and KARE-TV's acting news director Tom Lindner reiterated recently in defense of his newsroom's avid pursuit of the story, "nothing in her lifestyle would have predicted the way she died."

Or, as KSTP-TV reporter Jay Kolls put it: "This is, on the surface, a perfect family. It isn't thug killing thug, like most of the other 90 murders we covered last year" in Minneapolis.

Her death is different in its original, and now disputed, connection to the Mall of America with its connotations of entertainment, comfort and security.

But it is most different, as Kolls alludes, in her status as a white, 31-year-old, middle- to upper middle-class career woman. Very unlike the "average" drug dealer shootout, **Dunlap's** is a Prime Demographic Murder Case. All media institutions, broadcast and newspapers alike, vigorously court the attention of women exactly like Anne **Dunlap**. As Bill Babcock, a University of Minnesota journalism professor, and Matthew Little, the retired president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP, point out, all media newsrooms are well-populated by her peers.

That aspect may be very catalytic in creating the storm of coverage and interest.

There is also, as Lowe says, the undeniable element of mystery surrounding this case. But then there are plenty of unsolved killings on the books that never acquired the frenzied interest this one has.

But is the combination of class and mystery reason enough for reporters and editors to give the story as much airtime and ink as it has received?

Most newsrooms take the attitude they're merely working overtime to feed the beast of public curiosity. Others say they created the beast.

It is Little's opinion that, "if under the same circumstances the victim and family were black, middle class and all that, I don't believe for a second it would get anywhere near this amount of attention. I think it would be just written off as another black killing.

"The media tends to reduce killings in the black community to statistical stories," he says. "But when the victims are of some prominence, white and middle- or upper middle-class like this one, then they become people stories."

It wasn't lost on Little that **Dunlap's** body was found in a car parked in the Lake Street Kmart, in an inner city neighborhood. Echoes of the hoaxes by Susan Smith in Union, S.C., blaming a black man for the abduction of her children, and Charles Stuart in Boston, claiming a black man shot and wounded him and killed his pregnant wife, were all too familiar.

"Oh, it's very much a prime demographics issue," says Babcock, who is also the new director of the Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law at the university. "The story is a perfect fit with most newsrooms, which goes to prove, I think, that it's always easier to see a story if it looks like you.

"Reporters tend to report on what we understand, so I'm not so surprised by how much we're getting on this one," he says. "What bothers me is the explanation we're getting that there's something bizarre about this story.

"I don't see that," Babcock says. "Maybe I'll be proven wrong. But I think it's time broadcasters in particular quit pretending there's something so strange here and admit they're pandering to some demographic that they need in this tremendously competitive market."

Market competition is clearly a major factor in the furious trade in information, misinformation and innuendo. Minneapolis City Hall is rife with rumors and, as is often the case, everyone wants to be an authoritative source on a story with as much heat attached to it as **Dunlap's** murder.

Lowe of WCCO-TV says: "Real information has been very difficult to come by. I think that's adding to the frenzy. And at the same time, there's just an incredible amount of inaccurate information floating around. Really a lot. I think I've spent as much time keeping stuff off the air as on."

An example of the sort of questionable nuggets of information was Jay Kolls' report Monday night, which KSTP inevitably hyped as an "exclusive." Kolls insisted that the broken tip of a knife was embedded in **Dunlap's** forehead and that investigators had finally connected her through receipts to the Mall of America.

KSTP was confident enough in Kolls' information to repeat the story again at noon Tuesday. But even as late as Wednesday afternoon, no other reporter in town could find a source to confirm the same details. Kolls' competitors weren't shy about insisting he was flat out wrong and that he had been under pressure to "push" the story.

"No way," said Kolls. "There was no pressure at all. Obviously I'm not going to say where I got that, but it came from a source that has been right on about everything else.

"But look, this is a situation where you could have two or three great sources all confirming the same information, and they could absolutely turn out to be wrong," he says. "But what are you going to do?"

Babcock says: "What you do is insist that every source be on the record. No unnamed sources. That usually clears up 95 percent of those problems."

Kolls says his sources are known to his bosses at Channel 5 and counters by wondering what WCCO thought it was doing reporting, as it did last weekend, that Anne and **Brad Dunlap** had sought marriage counseling and that she had recently had an increase in her life insurance coverage?

"To me," he said, "that sounds like you're building a case against **Brad** without him even being charged."

Meanwhile, Lowe grows impatient with the righteous tone of other media colleagues.

"John Williams (of WCCO-AM) has Esme Murphy (of WCCO-TV) on to talk about whether

we've been fair to **Brad Dunlap** and if we're paying too much attention to this? And my response is, "If there isn't a tremendous amount of interest in this case, why are you doing two day's worth of shows about it?"

As for the two daily newspapers, which have been somewhat more restrained in the amount and substance of what they've published, Lowe wonders if it isn't because they haven't worked the story well enough to know what she knows. "If they did, I can't believe they wouldn't be going with it, too," she said.

Walker Lundy, editor at the St. Paul Pioneer Press, is plainly uncomfortable with the way some television reports have painted **Brad Dunlap** as the prime suspect. "We don't have anyone telling us he's a prime suspect. In fact, we have people telling us he's not a prime suspect."

As for possibly losing the competition, Lundy says: "If the things they're reporting are true, then I guess we are being beaten. But if they're not, I think that's very irresponsible."

Tim McGuire, editor of the Minneapolis-based Star Tribune, says: "We think we know everything that is out there, and we've printed everything we know to be true. But there's an awful lot of speculation and innuendo, and we've been told more than one fact reported on television is just plain wrong."

Whetted by a year and a half of the very pulpy, upscale O.J. Simpson drama, it isn't hard to imagine the media and public appetite for a trial and anything more on this story.

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DUNLAP WAS AT THE MEGAMALL ON DAY SHE DISAPPEARED, INVESTIGATOR SAYS

Anne **Dunlap** did go to the Mall of America the day she disappeared, a private investigator working on the case said Thursday.

“She was at the Mall of America,” said Bill O’Keefe, the private investigator hired by **Brad Dunlap’s** lawyer. “I have eyewitnesses who will testify Anne **Dunlap** was at the Mall of America Saturday afternoon.”

O’Keefe said that ever since her body was found New Year’s Day, there have been conflicting stories about whether Anne **Dunlap** ever got to the mall.

“The family has been twisting in the wind, the husband has been twisting in the wind to a certain extent,” O’Keefe said. “But I have no doubt that she was at the Mall of America.”

O’Keefe would not go into great detail about the witnesses, but he said there were more than two, that they could describe **Dunlap** right down to the shoes she was wearing the day she went to purchase shoes at the Nordstrom store, and that one clerk said **Dunlap** mentioned she was building a house. The Dunlaps were building a house in Medina.

Officials of both Nordstrom and Macy’s told the Pioneer Press last week that employees reported seeing **Dunlap** in the store, but there was some uncertainty in their reports.

O’Keefe disagreed that his work contradicted Minneapolis police reports. He said he did not hear police say **Dunlap** had never been to the mall, only the media reporting she had not been there.

“We have no qualms with the police,” O’Keefe said. “The fact is, we don’t know what they are doing.”

Police could not be reached for comment Thursday night. As recently as Tuesday, Lt. Mark Ellenberg, head of the homicide unit, declined to comment on other reports that **Dunlap** had made it to the Mall of America the day she was reported missing.

But Bloomington Police Chief Robert Lutz, one day after **Dunlap’s** body was found in the trunk of her car in a Minneapolis parking lot, said “there is no direct link between this crime and the city of Bloomington. I do not believe she is missing from there.”

O’Keefe said he did not know what impact his findings would have on the investigation into finding **Dunlap’s** killer, though it verifies **Brad Dunlap’s** version of where his wife went after leaving her parents’ Lake Calhoun-area home sometime after 2 p.m. Dec. 30.

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**42 / 51 - Saturday, January 13, 1996****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Editorial**Page:** 11A**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Readers continue discussion of abortion funding ruling

The recent decision by the Minnesota Supreme Court requiring us all to pay for abortions raised the issue of "abortion on demand" to a very personal one for me. I have always objected to the killing of innocent human life, but was not personally involved in those decisions. The Supreme Court decision has added a new dimension to the abortion issue; now my tax dollars are used to promote and carry out the abortions. The Supreme Court has made me a party to those acts, and made it a matter for my conscience.

[Steve Young} had it right in his Jan. 3 column when he said the court decision had added religious freedom to the abortion debate. I now face the same question as many who came to this county in our early history: Should they forego their religious principles and practices and bow to the king, or leave their homeland? How was their dilemma different from the one I and other Roman Catholics (and believers of many other religious faiths) now face?

How is our dilemma different from those Germans who indirectly supported the Nazi Holocaust by failing to act? The world was quick to condemn them and their churches for their silence and inaction.

If efforts to reverse the resent abortion funding policy are unsuccessful, I will take up residence in one of the 39 states that have not adopted such an outrageous policy, so I can practice my faith in peace.

Gene Waldorf

St. Paul

D.J. Tice (Jan. 3 column) hit the nail nicely on the head when he concluded that our state's Supreme Court had indulged in a little constitutional hocus-pocus to extract an abortion right, accompanied with a mandatory requirement of payment for that service, in our state's constitution. To date, no one had dared to even suggest that the matter was even thought of at the various early debates of our state's constitution. To infer it borders on the absurd and invites ridicule of our judicial system.

How is it that the same court that was confronted last year with a case involving the express, written Minnesota constitutional right to a free public education and could not find a way to require funding for such a right, can now insist on such funding for a right that is not written into the constitution?

We have every reason to be concerned in this state when five individuals take it upon themselves to rewrite, in the name of judicial construction, a document that ordinarily, on its terms, requires a majority of the voters in this state to change. That our state's constitution can be so readily ignored, or rewritten, ought to frighten people.

FRITZ KNAAK
Forest Lake

Fiddling on population

During recent weeks the press and TV have bombarded the public with flashbacks on the important events of 1995 and predictions for the future. In all this coverage perhaps the most significant event largely escaped notice.

Stuck away on Page 7A Dec. 28 was this headline: ``World Population has a growth spurt in 1995," followed by ``The world's population grew this year by 100 million people, to 5.75 billion. It was the largest increase ever." Here was a world's record that will affect all of us, yet the media paid no attention to it in their recap of major events.

The Population Institute, which released this report on population growth, pointed out that 90 percent of the increase is in poor nations and that effective birth control policies and practices could stabilize the world's population at 8 billion by 2015. But without family planning the population could soar to 14 billion, more than double our present population - which already is having growing pains.

It is important to balance our budget and to bring peace around the world wherever possible, but how much more important it is to stabilize world population growth. The media seem to be fiddling while Rome burns, and the public follows suit.

Arthur S. Hawkins
Hugo

Harassment by media

The local TV news media have never been shy about sticking their cameras in the faces of anyone accused of a crime. Last week was no exception. Channel 9 went so far as to chase Minnesota Viking Jim Harris down a courtroom hall as he tried in vain to elude the media from their harassment.

The media defend this conduct saying it's their constitutional right to free speech. Somewhere common decency should kick in. After all Mr. Harris, by law, is still an innocent man. Only he and the alleged victim know what transpired that night.

After the murder of Anne **Dunlap** the media have been on the heels of her husband, even going so far as to take pictures of their unfinished home in Medina. When **Brad Dunlap** declined to talk to reporters, the wording was that he ``refused" to be interviewed, implying that he was uncooperative.

It's time the TV news crews pull their cameras back, way back, and report the news with good investigative journalism and writers. Seeing a family in crisis on camera does not enhance any story one bit.

Jim Steiner
Shoreview

Dissent within church

A number of readers (Jan. 6 letters) responded to Clark Morphew's Dec. 30 column on women Catholic priests by suggesting that those who contest the present Vatican stance on women priests are no longer Catholic. This seems a bit harsh, in view of the long history of responsible dissent in the church going back to the great St. Paul, who said, `` I opposed Peter

to his face because he was wrong."

Catholic history is replete with reversals in teaching. ... At the beginning of this century there were numerous condemnations of modern methods of biblical interpretation. Pope Pius XII reversed most of these strictures in his 1943 encyclical. One could go on with examples of these kinds of reversals - Galileo, the Inquisition, etc., etc. - but my point is not to blame or ridicule these past things, but rather to indicate that our divine institution has a human side. It sometimes works toward the truth through trial and error.

And since Catholic biblical scholars (and I believe that includes the Pontifical Biblical Commission) say that there is no scriptural impediment to women's ordination, it is my sincere, respectful but dissenting view that in the long run women will be ordained to the Catholic priesthood.

I know that Cardinal Ratzinger has used the word "infallible" in discussing this matter, but even in terms of theoretical infallibility the conditions have not been met.

The Rev. Fred Mertz

St. Paul

For the Catholic Church's ordinary teaching authority to declare the ban on women's ordination an infallible teaching suggested that something was not thought through at the Vatican. This less-definitive infallibility, called ordinary papal magisterium, relies on the understanding that the teaching is supported by the bishops worldwide and has enjoyed a substantial consensus - throughout church history, in the contemporary Catholic church, in other Christian history.

This is not true regarding women's ordination. Catholics - lay, theologian, religious, ordained - in significant numbers question the intelligence and justice of this ban. We know that no clear-cut reason exists to discourage female ordination; New Testament examination by a papal commission stated this. Other Christian churches have studied the issue with care (recently the Anglicans) and ordain women. The injustice and moral cowardice of this teaching cries out for correction. Finally, there is an avenue for legitimate dissent against a teaching that secures minimal support.

Catholics are expected to maintain an open attitude toward a teaching, be sincere in their effort to understand the Vatican's reasoning, work to convince themselves of its truth and move toward intellectual acceptance. But if a thinking Catholic has done what the church asks and still has serious doubt, that Catholic's lack of assent cannot be judged as disobedience to the teaching authority. And such dissent can lead the church away from error.

I intend to help stay the authority's proclivity toward error on this issue.

Eugenie de Rosier

St. Paul

River's important role

The aquarium project under way at the Mall of America (Dec. 16 story) properly recognizes the importance of the Mississippi River by featuring it as part of the exhibit.

Twenty years ago the river had two species of fish. It was almost a dead river. Thanks to the Clean Water Act and dedicated actions of the Minnesota DNR, the river now abounds with 30 species of native fish including walleye, bass, catfish, paddlefish, sturgeon, gar and Northern pike, to name a few. The DNR considers the river between the Ford Dam and Hastings as one of the top five trophy walleye waters of the state.

The vegetative environment of the river valley is also important. It serves as a major flyway for migratory birds, particularly 28 species of warblers. Bald eagles, herons, egrets, pheasants, falcons and osprey are examples of larger birds now living in the river valley.

To enhance this wildlife habitat while making the river valley more inviting for people and business, Greening the Great River Park project is well on the way to planting 25,000 native trees, shrubs, prairie grasses and wild flowers from bluff to bluff between the High Bridge and Holman Field.

Hundreds of individuals and businesses have already volunteered their time and made financial contributions to the project. For more information or to join this wonderful partnership call 224-9885.

Ruby Hunt

St. Paul

Hunt chairs the board of advisers for Greening the Great River Park.

Revealing profile

I am just so glad that Tom Prichard of the Minnesota Family Council (Jan. 7) is around to tell us how to deal with the poor ("those who are just lazy and don't want to work") and other social problems. Here is a white, Republican, upper-middle class man whose family "set up a trust fund that (Prichard) was able to use for travel during his college years."

According to the article, he participated in a program called "Semester at Sea," in which students visit exotic ports-of-call and "take classes aboard their cruise ship."

The proposition that someone, whose own background is so far removed from that of "real" people should be in a position to tell those people what it is they should and shouldn't do is absurd. That absurdity underlies the Republican Party and the so-called Christian right.

Dave Vail

White Bear Lake

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DUNLAP'S PARENTS TRYING TO COPE WITH PUBLICITY, LOSS, SUSPICION

Donn and Louise **Barber** uncomfortably find themselves near the center of a Twin Cities murder mystery.

Their daughter, **Anne Barber Dunlap**, disappeared on Dec. 30. Her body, slashed and stabbed, was found on New Year's Day in the trunk of her car, which had been parked in a Kmart lot.

The parents have been flushed out of an unassuming upper-middle-class life by a murder case that has riveted the community.

Their home on the south end of Lake Calhoun - where **Anne** and her husband Brad **Dunlap** were living while they built their first home - has been lighted with banks of TV news crews almost every night since **Anne Dunlap's** body was found.

Police have said little on the record about the case since then, and no suspect has been publicly identified.

Louise **Barber** says she thinks her daughter was abducted during a trip to the Mall of America. Donn **Barber** says he believes ``it was a random act of violence."

What the Barbers don't believe is that their son-in-law had anything to do with it.

Their lawyer, Bill Mauzy, said they agreed to an interview with the Star Tribune of Minneapolis Friday night to let the public know that they know Brad **Dunlap** like a son and that they know he is not the killer.

The Barbers said that when Brad **Dunlap** walked into their house late on Jan. 1 - after being interviewed by police for five hours - he collapsed into uncontrollable sobbing. When he finally spoke after 20 minutes, he said, ``She's dead, and they say I did it," Louise **Barber** said Friday.

Dunlap, through his own lawyer, has declined interviews. But the Barbers said that, to them, he has denied any involvement in their daughter's disappearance or death.

``They had everything going for them, Donn **Barber** said. ``This is the end of all his hopes and dreams."

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DUNLAP CASE BRINGS OUT MEDIA'S WORST

In the annals of journalism, Twin Cities news coverage of the murder of Anne **Dunlap** is setting new standards for salacious hype. Rife with speculation, chock full of gossip and reliant upon second- and third-hand ``sources," the unceasing sleaze has given pandering a good name.

I love it. You do, too.

You must. After all, as the TV stations tell us, they don't make a move without considering what it is that we, the simpering masses, are salivating to know: Should we wear our warm mittens tomorrow? Could we help a cuddly lost animal? Would we like to know that the broken tip of a knife was found embedded in the murdered woman's skull?

We should, we could and we would. It's ``our" news and we like it down and dirty. And the **Dunlap** case has been right up our alley.

Dunlap's body was discovered New Year's Day in the trunk of her car, which was found in a Kmart parking lot in Minneapolis. The hype began immediately, with Channel 4 anchor Don Shelby urgently asking reporter Jonathan Elias why the police waited to open the trunk until **Dunlap's** car had been towed to the impound lot, implying that she might have been alive when her car was found. Perhaps the cops didn't want to open the trunk of a missing and possibly dead woman in front of an assembly of reporters, her relatives and a passing throng of Kmart shoppers. That would make good sense, wouldn't it? But good sense doesn't always make a blip on our screens.

By the time the New Year's bowl games wrapped up, the TV stations were reporting that **Dunlap** was dead (her parents had turned off their set and thus did not have to hear from the ``Your News" that their daughter was dead) and **Brad Dunlap** was already the prime suspect. You could infer it from the video.

The stations repeatedly broadcast tape of the husband appealing for help in locating his missing wife, even after she was confirmed dead. It was as if we were all nudging each other, giving each other the high sign: ``Keep your eye on this guy; he looks suspicious." Since then, the Journalism Overkill Mill has been in full operation.

We have been told that the murdered woman was missing her wedding ring, that she had not been sexually assaulted, that a large insurance policy (take your pick anywhere between \$1 million and \$1.8 million) had been taken out on her life, that there are rumors that **Brad Dunlap** is gay. Newspapers, too, have been treading the edge. The rumor that **Brad** is gay was disclosed in a backhanded fashion by the Minneapolis newspaper, which quoted Anne **Dunlap's** parents as denying what had been, until then, an unreported rumor.

We have heard ``sources" tell us that police are focusing on **Brad Dunlap** and we have

heard his friends say he is being unfairly smeared by an extraordinary, ex-judicial media blitz. Everyone's right: He is both.

An Englishman passing through the Twin Cities and catching the nightly **Dunlap** Report would faint away. In England, few of the details of a murder case emerge before trial. Here, in the **Dunlap** case, highly titillating but extremely irrelevant or out-of-context pieces of information have been dropped into the nightly newsmix. And the man has not even been charged with anything.

Not even the coverage of the O.J. Simpson murder trial, which left us, perhaps, with an insatiable taste for juicy murder stories, exceeded the Twin Cities' fixation on the **Dunlap** case. Now there are reports - uncovered by my colleague Brian Lambert in Saturday's Pioneer Press - that some TV stations have eavesdropped electronically on phone conversations involving **Brad Dunlap**.

Have we no shame?

I don't just mean us bozos in the news business. I mean you, too.

You want 24-hour **Dunlap** coverage, don't you? Why are we watching this stuff? Why are we so hungry for the latest grisly bit of pseudo-information from undocumented sources about the murder of someone which - despite the incredibly hype - hardly has caused panic in the streets? Is it because we don't have the patience to let the police finish their investigation? Or is it because we love to be pandered to?

Oh, well. No more questions.

Pass me the TV clicker. I wonder what's new in the **Dunlap** thing.

Tonight, Our News gets down in the gutter with us.

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Donald and Cherie **Dunlap**, shown at their home in Wilmington, N.C., say their son Brad has been devastated by his wife's death, and could never have killed her. Brad's wife, **Anne Barber Dunlap**, was found slain in Minneapolis, on Jan. 1. The Dunlaps keep the couple's wedding photo, at left, on display.

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Brad **Dunlap**, right front, and wife **Anne**, right rear, celebrate the 87th birthday party of his grandmother Wanonah Walkup, left front, in this family photo taken in March 1995. Cherie **Dunlap**, Brad's mother is seated behind Walkup.

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Brad **Dunlap** and **Anne Barber** pose on Brad's motorcycle in 1985, while they were still dating. Cherie **Dunlap**, Brad's mother, says Brad was `crazy for' **Anne** right from the start.

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'IF YOU KNEW MY SON ...'// DESPITE POLICE SUSPICIONS, BRAD DUNLAP'S IN-LAWS AND FRIENDS HAVE CATEGORICALLY STATED HE WOULD NOT AND COULD NOT HAVE SHATTERED HIS OWN DREAMS BY BRUTALLY MURDERING HIS WIFE, ANNE BARBER DUNLAP, FOUND SLAIN JAN. 1. NOW, DUNLAP'S PARENTS SPEAK PUBLICLY ABOUT THEIR CASE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Brad **Dunlap** is devastated by the slaying of his wife and is frequently overwhelmed by waves of loneliness and tears.

That's the picture that emerges in interviews with friends and relatives, including his parents. Discussing the case for the first time publicly, they spoke at length with the Pioneer Press about their son, daughter-in-law **Anne Barber Dunlap** and her still unsolved murder.

Rays of sunshine broke through the clouds Friday morning and brightened the living room of Don and Cherie **Dunlap**, also penetrating some of the gloom and despair they have felt since their daughter-in-law's body was found in the trunk of her car Jan. 1.

"I feel better when the sun is out," said Don **Dunlap**, a semi-retired engineer for American Hoist & Derrick in this coastal town of about 60,000 near the South Carolina border.

The burden is all the heavier because their son remains a chief suspect in the case.

The Dunlaps understand that Minneapolis police had to focus on their son when his wife was found stabbed to death, after disappearing two days earlier. After all, they said, many women are murdered by husbands or lovers.

But it has been three weeks since her body was discovered, and they say it is time that police look elsewhere for the killer.

“Our son is incapable of doing such a thing,” Don **Dunlap** said. “It just mystifies me the police are still thinking Brad did it. We are just concerned that the real criminal is getting away. When they finally do (look elsewhere) the leads will be so cold.”

Police have been tight-lipped about the case. At least five search warrants executed in connection with the case, including one at Brad **Dunlap's** office, another at a storage locker the couple rented, and two at the south Minneapolis home of **Anne's** parents, where the couple was staying when she disappeared Dec. 30 during a shopping trip.

And on the day friends spotted the car containing **Anne Dunlap's** body, police detectives interrogated Brad **Dunlap** for more than five hours. **Dunlap** came away from the session knowing the police had pegged him as a prime suspect.

At one point, police seized **Dunlap's** Jeep, which has since been returned, his mother said.

A source familiar with the homicide investigation said the case against **Dunlap** is built largely on circumstantial evidence and a little physical evidence, most of which can be explained. In particular, police found small amounts of blood in **Anne's** parents' house, where the couple had been living; but the Barbers have publicly stated the blood is theirs, the result of recent household accidents.

According to his parents and others, Brad and **Anne Dunlap** were alone at her parents' home when she left on a shopping trip that Brad told police included a stop at the Mall of America. The Dunlaps said their son later left the house to buy salt for their tropical fish aquarium, but could not find a store open. **Dunlap's** parents and friends have declined to comment further on his activities or whereabouts that day.

BREAKING DOWN MOTIVES

Police appear to be focusing on three possible motives for **Anne Dunlap's** death: a life insurance payoff, marital problems or a romantic triangle.

But Don and Cherie **Dunlap** insist those angles lead only to dead ends. For example:

***Anne** and Brad each had recently purchased \$1 million life insurance policies naming the other as the beneficiary. Brad's parents said the couple did so on the advice of a financial planner shortly before they proceeded with construction of their \$250,000 home in Medina.

Don **Dunlap** said the couple hoped the policy would build equity that later could be used to help pay for educating the children they planned to have. And if anything happened to either of them, they wanted the other to be able to pay off the house with money left over.

The amount of insurance they purchased was not unreasonable, given the couple's combined income, which was well above \$100,000, according to the Dunlaps.

“I don't think it was anything unusual,” Don **Dunlap** said.

“They were really thinking years and years ahead,” his wife added.

*The marriage was solid, and, contrary to some news reports, the couple had not sought marriage counseling.

“Seriously, we know of no time they were at a marriage counselor,” Don **Dunlap** said. “We saw them at Christmastime and you never saw two kids more excited.”

The couple's friends and colleagues agree.

Martin Cassidy, a salesman who works closely with Brad at Environmental Graphics, a Hopkins firm specializing in wall graphics and murals, also discounted that rumor. Cassidy said **Dunlap** would have told him if the couple had been having having problems.

“I know everything about the guy,” Cassidy said. “He couldn't keep a secret. He never

would say one bad thing" about his wife or their marriage.

*It is inconceivable that either **Anne** or Brad could have been having an extramarital affair, according to his parents and others who know the couple.

Police searched phone records at **Dunlap's** office, looking for frequently called numbers that might indicate he had a lover.

"Absolutely not, on either side," said Don **Dunlap**, referring to the possibility either **Anne** or Brad was romantically involved with someone else. "If you knew my son and how much he loved **Anne**, you wouldn't even think that."

Others gave a more practical reason why they dismiss the possibility of an affair: **Dunlap** didn't have the time.

Ted Yoch, a vice president at Environmental Graphics, said Brad's routine was to get up at 5:30 a.m., run between 5 and 15 miles at his club, work about 12 hours, then go home to **Anne**. Other friends confirmed Yoch's description.

"The media can't find anything wrong with him," his colleague Cassidy said. "You guys are going to be surprised and find out it wasn't him. Everybody will feel sorry and that's the way it should be."

NO TRACE OF TROUBLE

Nothing in **Dunlap's** Midwestern upbringing or in his married life hints that he could have methodically planned or brutally stabbed his wife, or coldly manipulated the investigation of his wife's death.

Records show that police were never called to any of the addresses where the couple had lived. His friends say they never heard him raise his voice toward his wife or speak of her in a demeaning manner.

Dunlap was born in LaCrosse, Wis., on March 4, 1963. His father was working as an engineer at Trane Co., a manufacturer of heating and air conditioning equipment.

The family lived just across the Mississippi River in La Crescent, Minn. until Brad **Dunlap** was six. At that time they moved to Iowa, where they lived outside of Des Moines for the next 10 years.

It was there that **Dunlap's** love for sports blossomed, nurtured by his parents. His father, in particular, shared the passion, often coaching the teams on which his only child played.

There was a large field behind the house, and Don **Dunlap** recalled mentioning to a neighbor who worked for Caterpillar Inc. that if they could level it, the neighborhood children would have a fine ball field.

"A couple days later, here he comes with a road grader," **Dunlap** said with a chuckle. "We planted grass and put up a backstop. I had people stopping by and asking if they could rent it for company picnics."

Another neighbor had a tennis court where Brad and a neighbor boy spent many afternoons playing. **Dunlap** was good enough to win a doubles tournament in St. Louis Park in 1983, one of 10 sports trophies the Dunlaps intended to give Brad when he and **Anne** moved into their new home.

His father hunted occasionally, so he enrolled Brad in a gun safety program and a neighbor took him to a skeet club to practice shooting a couple of times. But "he just wasn't interested in it," his dad said. His mother recalled that when he was about 13, Brad spent much of the summer fishing with a friend, but that interest also faded.

Mostly his life revolved around basketball, football and his best sport, baseball.

In 1979, toward the end of Brad's sophomore year in high school, his father took a new job with American Hoist & Derrick in the Twin Cities. (The older Dunlaps moved to North Carolina in the mid-80s.) At Don's suggestion, Brad moved into an apartment with his father so he could begin attending Orono High School in March and meet some friends before his mother joined the family in the summer, after their house sold.

Cherie **Dunlap** said they worried it might be a tough transition for Brad, ``but it wasn't a problem at all."

Orono High School was much smaller than the one he had attended in West Des Moines, but Brad adjusted quickly. He made the football team, was a substitute on the basketball team and a star on the baseball team, where he pitched, played third base, the outfield and even caught.

Orono High classmate Steve Olson remembers meeting Brad in geometry class that March.

``He was a really friendly and outgoing person," Olson said. His parents said Brad had many friends throughout his childhood. They said they raised him to be respectful, honest and to love God. Other than the normal tiffs that occur in every family, ``he never gave us a moment's worry," Don **Dunlap** said. Brad's love of sports and selection of good kids as his friends was a big reason for their serenity, he added.

He also was not one to get into schoolyard scrapes, his parents said.

``He's a great negotiator," his father said. ``He was never in a fight. He talks his way out of trouble."

Indeed, all those who have known him for years say they have never seen him lose control. Whether at work or in other areas of his life, they said **Dunlap** analyzed the situation and moved on.

Dave Gale, who once worked for **Dunlap** as a salesman at Environmental Graphics, said he has only known three or four people like his former boss.

If there was a conflict at the job, Brad remained objective, dissected the situation and solved the problem.

``I had some experience where I strayed and was not doing what I should," Gale said.

``Instead of coming down on me, like most people would, he took me aside and said `This is where we have got to be and we have to get a plan to get you there.'"

``There are no godlike qualities to this person," Gale added. ``He's just a good person."

THIS GREAT GIRL'

After high school, **Dunlap** and Olson set out to find a college to attend, with the intention of rooming together. They agreed on Winona State University.

Mike Wylde met **Dunlap** there. They both tried out - unsuccessfully - for the baseball team and lived on the same floor in the dormitory.

After two years at Winona, Olson, Wylde and **Dunlap** transferred to the University of Minnesota. **Dunlap** and Wylde pledged at the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and graduated in 1986. It was through the fraternity that he met **Anne Barber**.

His fraternity and her sorority had a mixer. They met, talked and became friends, Wylde said. Soon they were dating and the relationship quickly became serious, he said.

Cherie **Dunlap** said her son dated regularly in high school and college, but it was different with **Anne**. He came home and told them he had met ``this great girl with a great personality. He was crazy for her," his mother said.

They were married Aug. 29, 1987, in Minneapolis, with Wylde as best man. Their honeymoon, reflecting their status as young graduates, was in Wisconsin Dells.

After graduating with a degree in economics, **Dunlap** began selling insurance for the Paul Revere company, while **Anne** finished her master's degree in business, his father said. Brad **Dunlap** and a co-worker, Judy Bradford, eventually set up their own company, Bradford & **Dunlap**, in the late 1980s and for three years sold group health and life insurance plans to companies.

It wasn't as successful as he hoped and after the third year, Bradford bought out his interest in the firm and **Dunlap** went to work at Environmental Graphics.

In the meantime, **Anne** was establishing her career, first at Campbell Mithun Esty advertising agency and more recently at Pillsbury, where she was a marketing executive at the time of her

death.

As he and **Anne** settled into married life, Brad **Dunlap** continued to pursue his interest in sports, including a few new activities.

He took up golf, shooting in the low 90s, and running, where he qualified for the Boston Marathon two years ago. **Anne** also became a serious runner.

He no longer played baseball, but occasionally participated in softball leagues and even coached a Burnsville American Legion team a few years ago with his Wylde, his college buddy. Although they were asked back the following year, it took too much time, Wylde said.

The couple also was close to **Anne's** parents, Donn and Louise **Barber**, and spent nearly every summer weekend at the Barbers' cabin in Annandale. They also vacationed together several times in Mexico.

“He was very fortunate that they had access to all these things,” Cherie **Dunlap** said.

A DREAM SHATTERED

With their careers established, Brad and **Anne Dunlap** were moving into another phase of their lives. They were building a house in Medina near Brad's old neighborhood, where they intended to live the rest of their lives, his parents said.

And they were planning to have children soon, they added.

Now all that has changed.

The Dunlaps say an overwhelming sense of grief and loneliness has set in for their son now that friends and relatives have returned to their homes after **Anne's** funeral.

“He's ...,” Wylde said, struggling for words to describe his friend's state of mind since his wife's death, “a lot of crying, stunned, shocked, ‘Why did this happen,’ and ‘God, I want to get the people who did this.’ He's grieving heavily, he's suffering heavily.”

Cherie **Dunlap** said her son has returned to work part time, but says he has no motivation.

“He's lost,” she said. “The loneliness is more than you can comprehend. His friends will be there and it will hit him. They had such a beautiful future and it's been taken away.”

Staff writers Tracey Kaplan and Dennis Lien contributed to this story.

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**26 / 32 - Friday, January 26, 1996****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Metro**Page:** 1B**Source:** Bill Gardner, Staff Writer**PARENTS OF ANNE DUNLAP WITHDRAW BULK OF REWARD**

The parents of **Anne Dunlap** are withdrawing \$65,000 in reward money offered to find the person who killed their daughter because they feel it may generate false tips that could hinder the investigation, their attorney announced Thursday.

Dunlap's parents, Donn and Louise **Barber**, continue to support the Minneapolis Police Department's investigation of the case, attorney William Mauzy said. The Barbers have criticized police for focusing much of their attention on **Dunlap's** husband, Brad.

A reward of about \$75,000 was posted by the Barbers and others shortly after **Dunlap's** body was found in the trunk of her car on New Year's Day. The reward has generated numerous tips to both CrimeStoppers and the police homicide unit.

Holly Bauman of CrimeStoppers said the **Dunlap** reward is the largest she has worked with in the Twin Cities. Bauman added that she had never heard of a reward offer being revoked.

Mauzy announced the revocation of the reward in a fax to the news media. He was not available to explain what led to the decision.

“The reward was originally offered with hopes that someone would come forward with information leading to the arrest of the murderer; unfortunately, this has not occurred,” Mauzy wrote in his fax.

Mauzy said the \$65,000 represents money offered by the Barbers and friends and companies associated with the Barbers. The remaining \$10,000 in reward money is not affected.

Penny Parrish, police spokeswoman, said the revocation of the reward shouldn't have any affect on the investigation.

“It's not going to make any difference in what we do,” Parrish said. “We're going to follow up every lead we get, whether it's from the tip line or somewhere else.”

Reward posters had been placed throughout the Twin Cities and also on the Internet World Wide Web.

The revocation of the reward does not affect leads already developed, Mauzy said.

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POLICE WORRY **DUNLAP** CASE MAY NEVER BE SOLVED

Police are concerned that they may never solve the killing of **Anne Dunlap**, whose body was found in the trunk of her car on Jan. 1.

Her husband, Brad **Dunlap**, remains the prime suspect, the Star Tribune reported Sunday. But he has not been charged with any crime.

"I think he's been maligned by something he did not do," said **Dunlap's** attorney, Paul Engh. Through his attorney, **Dunlap** has maintained his innocence.

Shortly after **Anne Dunlap's** body was found, her husband was questioned by police for more than five hours.

"During five hours of questioning, he adamantly denied he killed his wife," Engh said.

Since the initial questioning, police say Brad **Dunlap** has been uncooperative.

"He won't come in with his lawyer and answer questions at this point," said Lt. Mark Ellenberg, head of the homicide unit. "`**Anne's** friends have all cooperated with us. But their mutual friends won't talk to us without lawyers, and it's frustrating."

Authorities close to the investigation say the case has stalled partly because of a lack of evidence concretely establishing the crime scene or linking Brad **Dunlap**, 32, to the slaying.

Investigators think **Anne Dunlap**, 31, probably was killed after she had been placed in the trunk, probably after being stunned. It's less clear where the car was when she was killed, but police appear to have focused on the garage at the home of her parents, Donn and Louise **Barber**, in Minneapolis. **Anne** and Brad **Dunlap** had been living there.

Soon after **Anne Dunlap's** body was found, police searched the garage and obtained bloodstains and a rug. They also examined knives inside the house.

Police also looked at the couple's relationship. Friends and relatives have described it as a storybook marriage. But a former business associate of Brad **Dunlap**, Judy Bradford, said the couple had received counseling over a period of years.

"It dealt with a lot of things," Bradford said, referring to the counseling. "`Personal items, very personal."

Bradford said repeatedly, however, that she does not believe that **Dunlap** could have killed his wife and that she is stunned that police continue to view him as the main suspect. She described him as "`a gentle soul."

Bill Mauzy, the attorney for **Anne Dunlap's** parents, confirmed Friday that **Anne** and Brad **Dunlap** had received counseling.

"I can say the parents were aware that they were attending a few counseling sessions as a couple," he said. "`It seemed to them to have nothing to do with any dissatisfaction with their marriage."

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**36 / 51 - Wednesday, February 7, 1996****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Express**Page:** 10F**Source:** Brian Lambert, Staff Columnist**LOCAL TV NEWS IS SWEEPED BACK TO **DUNLAP** CASE**

To the surprise of absolutely no one, the first full week of the February sweeps has inspired each local TV newsroom to return to the Anne **Dunlap** murder case - with a vengeance.

KARE (Channel 11) and KSTP (Channel 5) ran long, mostly news-free pieces Sunday night, with WCCO (Channel 4) and KMSP (Channel 9) scheduling theirs for Monday. (This Wednesday column has a Monday-afternoon deadline, so I'm not in a position to compare them all at this time.)

In terms of entertainment, it would seem KARE won the first battle of this sweeps-month round of coverage (re-coverage?) by leaning heavily on FBI agent/author John Douglas' ("Mind Hunter") analysis of the case thus far.

Douglas' take on information known to the public was: Whoever murdered **Dunlap** wanted the body found. The lack of defensive wounds suggests she knew and trusted her attacker. The killer, if he/she feels targeted, will feign a suicide attempt, and so on.

To which you say, "Well, what is this? Yet more case-building against **Brad Dunlap**?"

"No," says KARE assistant news director Tom Lindner, "it's just saying she knew her attacker."

Oh, I see.

As for other news ...

Ex-KSTP government reporter Kerri Miller has been snatched up by KARE. The amount of time it took KARE to decide it could use Miller can be measured in minutes. The deal was all but sealed more than a week ago, but the usual new-employee screening stuff kept it from going official until late last Friday.

KARE's Lindner says to look for Miller's first appearance on his airwaves "this Friday and over the weekend around the 12th, down in Iowa," referring to our neighbor's presidential caucuses.

If you missed "Co-ed Call Girl," you may have already missed the nadir of this particular sweeps period.

Starring Tori Spelling as a sweet, innocent, hard-working, premed student who suddenly, inexplicably - like totally out of left field, y'know - decides to pick up a few thousand bucks by sleeping with high-rolling Hollywood lizards in her spare time, it ranks as an instant classic.

It ran Tuesday night on CBS, the network of Edward R. Murrow. I suppose I should have said something in advance, but as a general rule, I like to avoid pandering to our worst instincts. Not that that stopped me from grabbing it out of a pile of four dozen February sweeps cassettes and wasting an hour and a half of my busy time.

Without giving away too much (Tori certainly didn't), let me say that just when you think CBS

has finally got a grip on what ails it - the lack of imaginative, quality programming like ``Northern Exposure" used to be - it proves us wrong by sliding further into the Foxlike soft-porn ooze with something like ``Co-ed Call Girl." With it, CBS enthusiastically revisited well-established (low) standards for leering, salacious suggestion and, most offensive of all, Tori Spelling's acting.

To watch Spelling giggle and cluck and twist her hair in one scene (earnest premed student) then lick her lips and bat her eyelashes in the next (high-priced pleasure machine) is to experience something that should be an example to young drama students everywhere. As in: Don't try this unless your daddy's rich enough to buy you another job.

I mention it only because it seems to me the sort of thing that will become a kind of legendary analogy. Like, ``Not since Tori Spelling in `Co-ed Call Girl' have we laughed so hard ..."

Dan Hertsgaard and Jerry Peterson are out at WCCO-AM. They leave with three administrative staffers in the latest round of layoffs at the Good Neighbor. General Manager Jim Gustafson denies any new budget pressure from new owner Westinghouse and says, ``These moves were planned some time ago, but we consciously waited to execute them until after the holidays."

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An investigator with the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension gathers his equipment Tuesday after obtaining samples from the garage at the home of **Anne Barber Dunlap's** parents.

POLICE SEARCH HOUSE AGAIN AFTER VICTIM'S BLOOD VERIFIED//INVESTIGATION FOCUSES ON PARENTS' GARAGE

The blood of **Anne Barber Dunlap** was found in the garage of her parents' Minneapolis home, prompting police to obtain another search warrant Tuesday and to pore over the house a third time.

Investigators for the Minneapolis police and the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension spent several hours Tuesday afternoon videotaping the garage, particularly its door to the house, and hauling items and evidence collection kits from the house.

Police Sgt. Don Smulski told reporters outside the home of Donn and Louise **Barber** that they obtained the latest search warrant because of what they found during a search Jan. 2.

"We recovered bloodlike substances in the house," Smulski said of the Jan. 2 search, adding that the BCA recently determined it was human blood. "It was consistent with **Anne Dunlap**. We went back in to search for more evidence."

The earlier samples came from the garage. It's significant because police said Tuesday they are working on the theory that **Anne Dunlap** was somehow stunned and then placed in the trunk of her car where she was repeatedly stabbed in the head and neck.

Dunlap was reported missing by her husband, Brad, when she did not return from a shopping trip Dec. 30. At the time, the couple were living with the Barbers near Lake Calhoun in South Minneapolis, while their new home was being built in Medina.

Anne Dunlap's body was found Jan. 1 in a pool of blood in the trunk of her car in the Kmart parking lot on Lake Street, a couple of miles from her parents house.

"I think it's significant," Lt. Mark Ellenberg, head of the Minneapolis homicide unit, said of Tuesday's work. "But arrests aren't imminent."

From the beginning, Brad **Dunlap** has appeared to be the police's prime suspect, even though **Anne's** friends and parents have steadfastly insisted he could not have done it.

While there has been circumstantial evidence pointing to him, such as million-dollar life insurance policies and blood on the garage door, it has been explained away by relatives. Brad **Dunlap's** parents said the life insurance policies were the kind that can be used to pay for college education for the children they were planning, as well as to pay for the house, which cost more than \$250,000.

The Barbers also said the blood was theirs from household accidents.

But Smulski said Tuesday that the blood tests done by the BCA lab specifically excluded Donn and Louise **Barber** and Brad **Dunlap** as the sources. According to police, the lab results were fairly standard blood tests and took some time to complete. More work is being done on that blood, including DNA tests.

Neither Brad **Dunlap** nor his lawyer was available for comment Tuesday. The private investigator hired by **Dunlap**, Bill O'Keefe, was outside the house with news reporters and said he knew little about what was going on inside.

"We've got to examine who they got to sign the search warrant, what the search warrant requests and what they took," O'Keefe said.

He also said the blood that was removed during the earlier search was a very tiny amount, suggesting it could have gotten there a number of ways other than from a homicide.

Louise **Barber** was at the house Tuesday when police arrived to start the search, but was seen driving away a short time later.

FBI spokeswoman Coleen Rowley confirmed that Minneapolis police had asked the bureau for help in the **Dunlap** case, basically with its lab and perhaps with its unit which draws up profiles of the killer based on the crime. Ellenberg declined to elaborate on what help police have asked from the FBI.

Staff writer Dennis Lien also contributed to this report.

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**34 / 51 - Wednesday, February 14, 1996****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Express**Page:** 12F**Source:** Brian Lambert, Staff Columnist**WHAT SWEEPS REALLY NEED IS SOME HARD NEWS**

I think I'm getting the hang of this sweeps-month thing. TV news directors sweat and frown and shout a lot, but getting a crowd to watch TV news every February, May and November isn't thermonuclear dynamics. In fact, after watching WCCO's Super Sweeps Sex Survey, KARE's repeated plunges into bad iced tea and KSTP's hourly breakthrough scoops on the **Dunlap** murder case, I'm not so sure sweeps month programming even qualifies as light housework.

So, based on what we've seen already, I've got some ideas for sure-fire, ratings-grabbing stories that none of our powerhouse TV newshounds have covered yet ... in precisely this way.

Team E-Coli. Unless I'm wrong, there are germs in everything, even an Anchor Mom's lipstick. With that in mind, we create Total Team Coverage, exploiting every ghastly germ with a potential (make that ``conceivable'') fatal effect on our prime demographic group; i.e., any woman under the age of 42 eating lunch at the Galleria in Edina.

Now that we know we can't trust iced tea in a sweeps period, what about pesto? Tortellini? Thai curry soup? Raspberry vinaigrette dressing? Cappucino? Bacterial build-up on cell-phone mouthpieces? It's an idea with maximum water-cooler potential. If upper-middle-class suburbanites aren't safe at hyphenated Italian restaurants, where are they safe?

Wardrobe note: Think matching Team E-Coli blazers. Probably a cool, executive blue, unless research shows we're home free with something in the red range. (Watch any intestinal connotations, please.) Get graphics to cook up a logo, preferably with a viewer-friendly ebola visual reference.

Snowmobile Anchor Sex. Minnesotans love snowmobiles. They love sex, and they love TV anchors. (At least, they'd better, or the consultants are ripping us off for hundreds of thousands a year.)

Concept: Anchors in high-fashion snowmobile suits - something Yukon Jack-ish for the guys, minimal-but-visible beard growth, and the usual tight, white and furry stuff for the women - survey the sexual attitudes of active Minnesotans on the hottest trails in the state. It's a story with great crossover appeal. You know, community out-reach and raw libido.

Sample questions: What's sexier? A fully revved 180-horse Polaris or Don Shelby? Would you ride 22 miles flat-out in 40-below windchill if Diana Pierce was waiting for you at the Hole-in-the-Wall Casino? And, of all the anchors in town, who's is the last face you remember as you plunge through the ice with no hope of survival?

Brad Dunlap's Greatest Convenience-Store Videos. **Dunlap** has credit cards. He buys gasoline, Dr. Pepper and beef jerky, just like every other guy. So we do a search of every purchase he's ever made. SuperAmerica, Tom Thumb, Nordstrom, Blue Boy's Tricks and Treats, I don't care. Then we go get their security tape, run it back to the day **Dunlap** was in,

and slap it on the air with some phony-baloney psychologist telling us how guilty he looks because he's picking doughnut crumbs out of his teeth while waiting in line.

Obviously we concentrate on anything shot after midnight. Our prime demos go to sleep a half hour into Jay Leno, so anyone up later looks like a criminal. Better yet, if we can get a hooker or a pimp to say they were standing right next to **Dunlap** when he ate the jerky, we can do a big-time promotable, ``major breakthrough, exclusive," silhouette interview number.

Finally, Runaway Du Jour. If we need a home run at the end of the book, we pay the sports guy's sister's college roommate \$1,000 to disappear down to the Florida Keys for a weekend. We pick up a ``hot tip" and send a crew and the family down for a live ``reunion."

Note: Send the weather woman, too. We can do another coral-reef thing, or something. Cool blue bikini.

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DUNLAP'S BROTHER STILL COLLECTS CLUES ON WEB PAGE

Paul **Barber** won't give up in his Internet search for the killer of his sister, **Anne Dunlap**.

While her husband, Brad, remains the chief suspect, **Barber** believes somebody else did it. He continues to update his page on the World Wide Web and solicit tips relating to the murder.

"I'm trying to keep it going, and hopefully it will supplement other things that are out there, like the posters," he says.

Barber put up his Web page shortly after his sister's body was found New Year's Day in the trunk of her car, which was parked in a Minneapolis Kmart lot.

Barber's Web page now has a JavaScript ticker running across the bottom that reads "Help find my sister's killer(s)." As news stories on the case are published, he adds them to his online archive. He's even included a story about police saying the case may never be solved.

"I don't censor," he says. "I just put them all up there and let people make their own decisions. I put a disclaimer at the top: Don't believe everything you read."

E-mail from people who stumble on his page trickles in, says **Barber**, a 34-year-old systems engineer for Norwest Banks. About 3,000 Web users have checked out the page in just over two months.

People send him theories about what happened to his sister. "One was from a Los Angeles psychic, but the problem was that his hypothesis mentioned something about a person living four houses from the megamall. I don't think he knows how big the mall is. But I passed it along."

Barber says he watched the February sweeps television coverage of his sister's murder with a critical eye.

Barber says he can offer only one clue in the case: "Anne had a personality that seemed to attract oddball types who'd try to be her friend all the time. I don't know why, and I don't have any examples, but there are a few (of these people) out there. There were people from high school who would maybe call five years out."

Barber went to his parents' home Monday for Brad's 33rd birthday party, a small gathering of family members.

"It was a tough day for him," he says. "We didn't talk about (the murder investigation) too much. It obviously came up once in a while. We just talked about typical stuff - like what did you do at work?"

His parents, Donn and Louise, have left the state occasionally to escape publicity.

Barber is leaving for Florida next week with his girlfriend, Edna Harder, his first vacation since the murder. Harder won the trip in an employee drawing at Norwest Bank, where she works in customer service. "She found out she won it around the first of the year, so it was

good news on top of bad."

Brad continues to keep a low profile around the Twin Cities.

"If your picture was flashed all over the newspapers and television, you probably wouldn't want people looking at you and whispering, and he does get that - people whispering. He's doing as good as he can be. He's a real optimistic person in general," Barber says.

Family members haven't wavered in their defense of Brad, Barber says.

"All friends and family support him 100 percent."

Barber's page is at <http://www.tc.umn.edu/nlhome/m028/barbe016/annemiss.html>

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**CYNICISM RUNS RAMPANT AS CALLERS JOIN SWEEPS FRAY IN
DUNLAP CASE**

As Rush Limbaugh likes to say, "Folks, I'm not making this up." (Although, come to think of it, that's usually a good sign that he is ...)

Last week, in response to a reader's call, I asked which local TV newsroom you thought would be the first to further exploit the as-yet-unsolved Anne **Dunlap** murder case for sweeps-month ratings gain, and why. (The May Nielsen sweeps begin Thursday.)

You have spoken. Loudly. And, at the risk of characterizing your attitudes, I can only say that as a surly white male and former altar boy, I am horrified by your cynicism. Many of you, including five of the six quoted below, should be locked away somewhere and forced to watch an endless Randall Carlisle newscast. Only that would be appropriate justice for your dark and uncharitable view of our electronic watchdogs.

Anyway, fabulous prizes will soon be in the mail to the following:

Ms. L.R. of St. Paul, who says, "Channel 4 and Channel 5 will both run the first Anne **Dunlap** story, because as soon as Channel 4 promos whatever they're going to do, one of Channel 5's spies will root it out, and they'll slap together something similar and have it on the air as soon as 4's story breaks."

Mr. M (no last name) of St. Paul: "Channel 4 will be first to run an Anne **Dunlap** story, because, unless I'm mistaken, they were the ones that flogged the John Thompson story [the North Dakota kid whose arms were torn off in a farm accident] the longest, to the point of showing us his first trip to Hardee's."

Mr. S.M. of St. Paul: "It has to be KSTP [Channel 5]. I mean, my God, what won't they do? But mainly, they'll grab at the **Dunlap** story to pump up their anchor team of, you know, Dad and his prom date."

Mr. M.W. of Pine River: "Channel 5 will be first. They'll do it as a way to give Kalley King further journalistic credibility. There, I managed to say it with a straight face."

Mr. G.G. of Woodbury (I think): "Absolutely, when it comes to shameless, sensationalism and light-weight, puff journalism, it has to be KARE, Channel 11. They'll be the first."

(I'm not sure what it means, but KMSP (Channel 9) didn't receive a single **Dunlap**-exploitation vote.)

Your lack of respect was most startling. Very few seem to appreciate how much these companies pay researchers, groomers, consultants and advertising wizards to build precisely the kind of journalistic stature and integrity you feel free to dismiss so glibly. Shame on you. Get with the program. Believe the hype.

But as proof that a person cannot facilitate mudslinging without getting splattered himself, I

also received a call from ...

Ms. J. (no last name) of St. Paul. She began by saying, "I normally enjoy reading your column," a sure sign I was about to have my liver filleted and fed back to me.

"But you've sunk to an all-time low. How dare you use the **Dunlap** family and their daughter's tragedy for a contest! I think this is despicable. The television stations did nothing last winter but hype themselves. I even considered calling (the Pioneer Press') Bulletin Board suggesting we might as well lay off the police since KARE 11 and Channel 4 were doing all the investigating for us.

"But shame on you for stooping to their low. I pray to God that **Brad Dunlap** is eventually found guilty, after all the media has done to make his life a living hell. But, mainly, I think you should all just rot in hell, the hell of journalism.

"I'm just appalled at you."

Obviously Ms. J. didn't appreciate the pre-emptive qualities of my little contest. But she makes a good point. Unfortunately, she didn't leave a mailing address, either, so I can't send her the grand prize.

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POLICE MAKE DUNLAP WALK THROUGH CONVENIENCE STORE//CLERK THOUGHT HE SAW HIM BUY BOTTLE OF WATER

Under the watch of Minneapolis homicide detectives Thursday, Brad **Dunlap** was made to walk through a suburban convenience store where he may have been sighted the day his wife, **Anne Barber Dunlap**, was killed.

After obtaining a search warrant, police asked **Dunlap** to enter the Plymouth store, walk back to a cooler where bottles of mineral water are displayed, and then to the front counter.

A bottle of water police believe was purchased from the Tom Thumb store was discovered in the car in which **Anne Dunlap's** body was found Jan. 1. The body, repeatedly stabbed, was in the trunk of her car, which was in the parking lot of a Minneapolis Kmart store.

Police later traced the bottle to the convenience store, where a clerk said he thought he saw Brad **Dunlap** in the store the day his wife was killed. A videotape from the store's surveillance camera captured a man, who the clerk thinks was **Dunlap**, walking to the cooler just after 6 p.m. on Dec. 30.

Authorities have not established that the man on the tape was **Dunlap**. Police recorded their own tape Thursday so they could compare the image of **Dunlap** with the unidentified man on the store's tape.

Brad **Dunlap**, 33, has maintained his innocence, and has not been charged in the case.

Anne Dunlap, 31, was last seen alive early the afternoon of Dec. 30. Her husband has said that they were supposed to meet at about 4:30 p.m. before going out to dinner.

If police could prove that Brad **Dunlap** purchased the water bottle found in her car, and did so the evening of Dec. 30, it might show that he was with his wife hours after he said he last saw her.

Police would not comment specifically on the walk-through. Lt. Mark Ellenberg, head of the homicide unit, would say only that "there hasn't been any significant progress on the case recently."

The investigation stalled within weeks of **Anne Dunlap's** death, despite three intensive searches of the Lake Calhoun-area home of her parents, where the couple had been living. Brad **Dunlap** was questioned immediately after his wife's body was found, but authorities later criticized his unwillingness to answer further questions about his whereabouts.

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**23 / 37 - Thursday, May 30, 1996****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Metro**Page:** 1B**Source:** KATHERINE LANPHER, STAFF COLUMNIST**Memo:** THE RACE

Runners can register in person at Marathon Sports in Minneapolis for \$10. Race-day registration at the site is \$15. The 10K race begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K race begins at 9:30 a.m.; both races start at the Lake Harriet Band Shell. For more information, or to volunteer, call 943-8133. Proceeds will go to charity.

RACE RECALLS A FRIEND WHO'D GO THE DISTANCE

The women who used to run with **Anne Barber Dunlap** have learned a lot about grief since the January morning when their friend's abandoned car was found in a Minneapolis parking lot.

The car was towed to a forensic garage. When police opened the trunk, they found **Dunlap's** body.

Much has been made of **Dunlap's** slaying. Her friends, however, prefer to make something of her life, of the woman who exchanged confidences with them as they ran laps, the woman who would help them run the final miles of a marathon.

Jill Swenson was a close friend of **Dunlap's**, a college roommate, the maid of honor at her wedding and also one of her running teammates.

There is a closeness that develops among women who run together. You talk and laugh as you run, and, after a while, you know your running partners very well, an intimacy forged in athleticism.

In the wake of **Dunlap's** death, the surviving members of Forever Fuchsia - the name of the women's running team - have found they have become even closer.

They have learned, says Swenson, about the alchemy of grief, how it is more easily borne when you try to transform it into something positive.

To that end, the core members of Forever Fuchsia organized the **Anne Barber Dunlap** Memorial Race, which will be Saturday on a course around Lake Harriet.

The memorial race will have awards for the three top overall winners, as well as separate winners in age groups and the top three mother-daughter and sister teams. The race is intended for women runners; men who want to participate are urged to do so as volunteers, but can run if they choose.

The morning is designed to celebrate women who run - and it's appropriate, says Swenson, who recalled how **Dunlap** coaxed her into her first marathon.

In 1994, Swenson had just moved back to the Twin Cities after a stint in Chicago; within two days of her arrival, her old friend **Dunlap** had her up at 5:30 a.m. for a training run.

Swenson's first marathon was the 1995 Grandma's in Duluth, and she protested in the weeks before that it would also be her last. But that night, at a celebratory dinner, **Dunlap** overheard Swenson talking about how her time had been ``OK for my first marathon."

Dunlap laughed. "I knew you'd be hooked."

Swenson hasn't run a marathon without her friend. On both of her marathons, **Dunlap** "ran her in," a term for the fresh runner who joins you late in the race to keep your spirits and your steps from flagging.

At her last marathon, the Twin Cities, Swenson found the last miles to be tough. She remembers her steps faltering on Summit Avenue and how she told **Dunlap**: "You go ahead."

Instead, **Dunlap** slowed her pace.

"If I have to walk, if I have to crawl to that finish line, I'm not leaving your side," **Dunlap** told Swenson. "I'm not leaving, I'm right here."

It is hard for Swenson and the others to think of **Dunlap** as dead. They remember seeing her on the day she disappeared, her brightness and her chatter.

"If you really think about it," Swenson says, "you can't handle it."

So she thinks of the friend who wouldn't leave her, who followed her to the finish.

"That's the part I'll miss," she says.

Katherine Lanpher's column appears Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**28 / 51 - Sunday, July 14, 1996****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Metro**Page:** 4B**Source:** WAYNE WANGSTAD, STAFF WRITER**Memo:** See related story**BRAD DUNLAP** SEEKING PAYOFF OF \$1 MILLION ON WIFE'S POLICY**DECADES AGO, ANOTHER SUSPECT TRIED TO COLLECT ON INSURANCE**

The circumstances surrounding **Brad Dunlap's** insurance claim for his wife's \$1 million policy raise an issue that was posed more than 30 years ago in one of the most highly publicized murder cases in Minnesota, the slaying of Carol Thompson.

Although **Dunlap** has not been accused of any crime, he is considered a suspect in his wife's slaying, a status that could cause an insurance company to deny benefits under a life insurance policy.

Minnesota law and life insurance contracts prohibit a person from receiving life insurance proceeds after intentionally causing the death of another - committing murder - a concern that arose after Thompson, 34, was fatally stabbed in the bathtub of her Highland Park home on March 6, 1963.

Three months later, her 35-year-old husband, attorney T. Eugene Thompson, filed a claim for \$1,055,000 against nine companies who had written accidental death coverage on the mother of four.

Thompson was indicted, convicted of murder for hiring the killer, and sentenced to life in prison for the murder. But it was not until 10 years after the slaying that the insurance matter was resolved.

When the insurance companies refused to pay off on the policies, Thompson filed a civil suit in Ramsey County District Court in an effort to collect.

Thompson's attorney contended that a defendant in a criminal trial might jeopardize his constitutional rights if he had to plan and conduct a criminal defense while at the same time facing future civil actions using the same facts and evidence. Another trial in civil court would be necessary to establish guilt if the insurance companies were to have grounds for refusing payment, the attorney contended.

A Ramsey County judge agreed and denied an insurance company motion to dismiss the case, which brought the matter before the Minnesota Supreme Court.

The high court ruled, though, that the facts and issues of Thompson's criminal guilt were conclusive and that the issues should not be reopened in civil litigation.

The ruling also cited state law that provides that someone who "feloniously" takes the life of another shall not profit from his own wrong, according to accounts published at the time.

While the insurance companies never paid Thompson a cent, the question remained about whether the money should be paid to the estate of Carol Thompson, which meant it would

automatically go to her children.

Her estate filed a civil lawsuit, but in April 1973, the companies agreed to an out-of-court settlement of \$448,405. The four children received \$67,256.25 after attorney fees, and Thompson's estate received \$44,867.50.

During an interview after the settlement was revealed, T. Eugene Thompson declared his children could have collected the full amount had the lawsuit gone to trial.

Thompson steadfastly maintained he was innocent, and claimed the insurance companies were aware of new evidence that would clear him and settled to avoid losing the civil lawsuit.

Despite claims of innocence, Thompson's murder conviction was upheld by the Minnesota Supreme Court.

On March 15, 1983 - 20 years and 12 days after his wife was slain - Thompson was paroled from prison. He still lives in the Twin Cities area and was back in the public spotlight last month when he was called for jury duty, seated for a theft case but then excused just before the trial began when it was discovered that state law prevents felons from serving on juries until they have completed parole.

Thompson, who was sentenced to a life prison term, theoretically will be on parole until he dies.

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Map

Key locations in the **Anne Dunlap** killing

- 1) Northwest Racquet and Health Club: Where **Anne** went to go running the morning of Dec. 30.
- 2) Mall of America: Where Brad said his wife had gone to buy shoes about 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 30.
- 3) Aqua Pets: The tropical fish store where Brad **Dunlap** said he went while waiting for his wife to return on Dec. 30.
- 4) Tom Thumb Superette: Where the spring water bottle found in **Anne's** car was purchased. It is unclear when it was purchased.
- 5) Pillsbury: Where **Anne Dunlap** worked as a marketing executive.
- 6) Environmental Graphics: Brad **Dunlap's** office.
- 7) Home site: Where Brad and **Anne** were building their ``dream home." Kmart: Lake Street store where **Anne's** Toyota was discovered Jan. 1. Her body was found later that day in the trunk.

Barber home: Brad and **Anne Dunlap** had been living with her parents before the murder. **Dunlap** still lives there. He says he was home alone when she vanished. Her parents were away at their cabin in Annandale, Minn.

[See microfilm for complete information.] Research by Tim Nelson, staff writer

Memo: INSIDE

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BRAD DUNLAP SEEKING PAYOFF OF \$1 MILLION ON WIFE'S POLICY//HE'S STILL A SUSPECT IN SLAYING, BUT HER FAMILY SUPPORTS CLAIM

Brad **Dunlap**, who remains a key suspect in the nearly 7-month-old slaying of his wife, has filed a claim for the \$1 million insurance policy on her life and also stopped construction of their expensive dream home in Medina.

Anne Dunlap's family supported Brad **Dunlap** in filing the claim and will share in the insurance proceeds, according to Donn **Barber**, **Anne Dunlap's** father, and Paul Engh, a

Minneapolis attorney who represents Brad **Dunlap**.

Dunlap also is considering establishing a scholarship fund in **Anne Dunlap's** name, **Barber** and Engh said last week.

Barber said he and his wife, Louise, and other family members continue to support **Dunlap's** innocence. **Dunlap** still lives at the Barbers' home on Richfield Road near Lake Calhoun in South Minneapolis, **Barber** said.

When **Anne Dunlap** disappeared Dec. 30, she and her husband were living with the Barbers while their new home was being built. Police were told she left the home to go shopping at the Mall of America in Bloomington. Friends found her car on Jan. 1 in a Kmart store parking lot on Lake Street in Minneapolis.

When police opened the trunk, they found **Dunlap's** body. Her throat had been slashed, and there were knife wounds to her head.

While Minneapolis police say **Dunlap** is a suspect in the slaying of his 31-year-old wife, he has not been charged with any crime and has steadfastly maintained he did not kill his wife.

Lt. Dale Barsness, who was named head of the Minneapolis homicide unit about two weeks ago, said there have been no developments in the investigation.

Asked whether **Dunlap** is still a primary suspect, Barsness replied: "That's pretty much the way it is still shaking out."

Only one officer is currently assigned to the investigation, but Barsness said others will be added if police get new leads.

Dunlap's lawyer, when asked how **Dunlap** can prove his innocence, said: "All he can do is deny (he killed her). ... I'm not sure what he can do - what would you do?"

"He hopes police catch the fellow or fellows who did it. We believe she was at the mall (when she was abducted and slain); the cops believe contrary to that," Engh said.

It could not be determined whether the Chubb Group of Insurance accepted or rejected **Dunlap's** claim for payment. **Anne Dunlap** also was eligible for more than \$70,000 of free insurance through her employer, the Pillsbury Co., which declined to reveal whether a claim had been filed.

Richard Stein, Chubb Insurance vice president, said the company has 60 days to accept or reject the claim after a death certificate is received. Stein said his company and Minneapolis police do not want him commenting on the claim's status.

If Chubb Insurance rejects **Dunlap's** claim, **Dunlap** could file a complaint with the Minnesota Commerce Department's enforcement division. He also could file a civil lawsuit for the money, which means the insurance company would have the burden of proving that **Dunlap** is not entitled to the money.

Dunlap has been a licensed insurance agent since August 1986, and his license remains in effect through October 1997. He left the insurance business in 1993, an insurance publication reported.

According to **Dunlap's** parents, Don and Cherie **Dunlap** of Wilmington, N.C., **Anne** and Brad **Dunlap** had both increased their life insurance to \$1 million on advice of a financial planner. The increased coverage was obtained in anticipation of the couple starting a family and building their new home.

In earlier interviews, the Dunlaps said their son was devastated by his wife's death.

Brad **Dunlap** initially cooperated in a five-hour interview with Minneapolis police and also provided interviews with reporters. He subsequently hired Engh and has declined to discuss the slaying with Minneapolis investigators.

Dunlap, however, was cordial when contacted by a reporter last week at Environmental Graphics in Hopkins, where he is a sales manager. **Dunlap** declined to discuss the insurance policy and said, "I'm trying to get on with my life as best I can."

So far this year, **Dunlap** has run in Grandma's Marathon and the Boston Marathon. In June, he handed out carnations to finishers of a 10-kilometer run held in his wife's honor.

The Barbers initially offered a \$65,000 reward in the investigation, but then withdrew it, explaining they were concerned it might lead to false information that might impede police efforts. The Pillsbury Co. continues to offer a \$10,000 reward through Crimestoppers.

About two months ago, Biermann Homes of Hastings sold the **Dunlap** homesite on Katrinka Road in Medina to another contractor. Eric Biermann, who works for the company, said **Dunlap** "didn't have an interest in it anymore. ... He said he and his wife designed it together, and he didn't want to live there after what went on."

The home had an estimated cost of \$231,000, while the seven acres of land on which it was to be built cost another \$89,000.

Meanwhile, Paul **Barber**, **Anne Dunlap's** brother, said he has received 3,800 queries or accesses on the Web page he established Jan. 1 in his quest to find his sister's killer.

Barber said he is not monitoring the page for information and is asking people to call police. "I have no idea how much it is generating in the way of leads, and I am not sure police are keeping track of it," he said.

Homicide investigators searched the **Barber** home several times, at one point taking what they said were blood samples and later lifting portions of a garage floor to see whether blood might have seeped through cracks in the concrete.

Police said one blood spot apparently was from **Anne Dunlap**.

Police also took Brad **Dunlap** to a Plymouth convenience store where a water bottle found in **Anne Dunlap's** car was purchased. A clerk in that store told police he thought Brad **Dunlap** had been in the store the same day his wife vanished, but the police have not disclosed any further information about the possible sighting.

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Anne **Dunlap** was found dead on New Year's Day this year.**DUNLAP SUES TO GET WIFE'S INSURANCE**

Brad Dunlap, whose wife, Anne, was slain in one of the most publicized homicides this year, has filed suit against Chubb Life Insurance Co. in an attempt to collect her \$1 million life insurance policy.

Dunlap's lawyers filed the suit in U.S. District Court in Minneapolis on Monday, claiming that Chubb had received proof of **Dunlap's** death earlier this summer but has failed to pay the beneficiary, **Brad**.

The suit demands Chubb pay the \$1 million, plus any interest, court costs and anything else the court deems proper.

Dunlap said Tuesday that "I'm very removed from this" and is letting his lawyers handle it.

"I'm trying to move on with my life, and I have professionals that handle these things for me," **Dunlap** said, adding he did not know why Chubb has not paid off.

Dunlap's lawyer, James Crist also declined to elaborate on the lawsuit.

"Neither Mr. **Dunlap** nor his counsel anticipate sharing details of the suit," Crist said Tuesday.

Anne **Dunlap** left her parents' home near Lake Calhoun in the afternoon of Dec. 30, telling her husband she was going to the Mall of America. When she did not return, **Dunlap** filed a missing persons report and organized friends to search the metro area for her car and put up missing person posters.

Her car was found in the parking lot of a Kmart store on Lake Street on New Year's Day. When police opened the trunk, they found Anne **Dunlap's** body inside. Her throat had been slashed, and there were knife wounds to her head.

Brad Dunlap quickly became the prime suspect and was interviewed for five hours by police. But he has steadfastly maintained he had nothing to do with his wife's death and has never been arrested. There have been no developments in the case for months, with only one investigator working part time on it, Minneapolis police spokeswoman Penny Parish said.

Linda Frawley, a Chubb spokeswoman in Concord, N.H., said the company has two years from the time a life insurance policy is purchased to review it. She said it is almost like a warranty for the insurance company.

"We are pursuing a normal claims review in a contested period," she said. "If a claim is filed within two years of going into effect, we review it. We will review the claims and all the information and hope to resolve this."

Frawley declined to say when the policy was taken out on Anne **Dunlap**, but family members

said the couple both had their life insurance raised to \$1 million less than a year before the slaying. They did so on the advice of a financial planner, his parents Don and Cherie **Dunlap** said, in anticipation of starting a family and because they were building a home in Medina worth more than \$300,000.

When asked if the company has not paid off the policy because Anne **Dunlap** was slain and police consider her husband a suspect, Frawley said ``that would be speculation and would be inappropriate."

The Dunlaps were living with her parents at the time of her death because workers were just beginning construction of their new house. **Dunlap** has since sold that house and continues to live with his in-laws, who along with friends of the couple, have never wavered in their belief that someone else killed Anne.

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TV NEWS HITS NEW LOWS IN NON-NEWS **DUNLAP** FRENZY

Some things are irresistible.

Like Anne **Dunlap** and a sweeps month. Frankly, I was amazed our local TV news hounds laid off the **Dunlap** case during the May sweeps.

After artificially resuscitating interest last February, a month after the murder and two weeks after the case had settled into its present holding pattern, each station has kept a close eye on the others looking to see who would crack first and force a competitive charge back into the story.

Fairly regularly I get calls from one station or another wondering if, by any chance, I was hearing anything about (insert name of competing station) doing something on **Dunlap** for sweeps.

In May they held. In November they cracked.

Marking the "crucial" 45-week anniversary of the killing, and the third week of an unusually content-free sweeps month, KARE broke first, launching a series of promos hyping a Wednesday night interview with Anne's family. Before KARE's piece could air, KSTP, taking the briefest pause in its morbid mantra of dangerous schoolroom air, dangerous sleds, dangerous weather and dangerous roads, struck with its own **Dunlap** piece.

Then, the night of KARE's interview, WCCO suddenly decided it too had something to say on the story. 'CCO breathlessly reported what anyone watching the case has known for months, namely that **Brad Dunlap** will have to give a deposition in an attempt to collect on the \$1 million insurance policy.

KARE's story was a slickly-produced model of pre-emptive cynicism.

By couching its story in the context of media "fairness" to **Brad Dunlap** (to the point of dropping Olympic bombing suspect Richard Jewell's name in its promos), KARE was able to reap the best/worst of both worlds. On one hand it nakedly exploited the story, again, for no good reason other than unsolved upscale murders always play well in sweeps periods. On the other hand, it appeared to have taken high moral ground by giving **Brad** the benefit of the doubt. It was conceptual brilliance worthy of a couple dozen regional Emmys.

Of the commercial newsrooms, only KMSP stayed away. Channel 9 news director Dana Benson laughed when asked if he thought he'd been beaten on the latest big break in the story.

"We've reported that **Brad** filed for the insurance," said Benson. "We keep our eye on it. We just didn't think there was enough there for a sweeps story."

Neither does Lt. Dale Barsness, head of the Minneapolis Police Homicide Unit.

"We were prepared for it," says Barsness, referring to the not-so fresh round of TV news reports.

``We knew it was coming, given it's sweeps month, and they're all going to resurrect whatever they can to get their ratings up. We anticipate another round at the end of the year, at the time of the real anniversary."''

Barsness called KARE's ``**Brad** Reconsidered" piece (my title, not theirs), ``Very one-sided, very biased" and essentially news-free.

Said Barsness, ``Obviously we've not come out with any new information. The case is where it's been for months. It's at a standstill. We're still waiting for forensic work to come back from the labs.

``But we understand what's going on. This case has been a circus from the get-go, and will be again. It's a very competitive situation. They're all trying to beat the other with sensationalism."''

The forensic work Barsness refers to is handled by a handful of overworked labs on a first-come first-served basis. It may be weeks more before that information is returned to the Twin Cities.

You can bet (almost) every TV newsroom in town is praying the labs stall until the start of the February sweeps.

Brian Lambert is the staff broadcast critic.

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Anne **Dunlap****TV CRIME SHOW'S PILOT MAY TRACE **DUNLAP** CASE//SET FOR FEBRUARY AIRING, SHOW HOPES TO SOLVE HOMICIDES**

A murder case that has intrigued the Twin Cities for nearly a year may be one of the lead stories on a new TV show set to air in February.

Former Twin Cities resident Tim Johnson, who produces the CBS show "Dr. Quinn: Medicine Woman," says he plans to profile the Anne **Dunlap** murder case for the pilot of a new show called "Cold Case."

"In a nutshell, it's a reality-based version of 'Dragnet,'" Johnson says of the CBS show he is developing with a homicide detective from the Los Angeles Police Department. "The whole purpose of this show is to solve unsolved homicides."

Johnson, a Golden Valley native who now lives in Los Angeles, calls the **Dunlap** murder case and the aura surrounding it "the O.J. Simpson of the Midwest." Footage from the first few days of the search for **Dunlap**, including film of **Dunlap's** car being discovered in a Kmart parking lot Jan. 1, "is probably the most dramatic I've ever seen," he said. **Dunlap** disappeared in her car Dec. 30, 1995 and was found stabbed to death in the trunk of her Toyota Celica two days later.

Johnson already has secured the help of the Minneapolis Police Department homicide unit, although supervisor Lt. Dale Barsness said detectives will give producers "nothing new than what's been released already." But Johnson worries that he may not get help from **Dunlap's** husband, **Brad**, or from Anne **Dunlap's** family. **Brad Dunlap** has been unwilling to grant interviews since the police investigation began focusing on him as the killer, but Johnson argues that working with "Cold Case" producers would nonetheless be in **Dunlap's** interest.

"If he didn't do it, my show can help catch the murderer," Johnson says. "I would think that would be his primary focus. If my wife was killed, that would be my primary focus."

"What's interesting about 'Cold Case' is not only are we going to dramatize three unsolved murders per week, but when the viewers are done watching it, they can dial up the Internet and download the case file," he says. They can also e-mail or telephone the show with tips about the case.

Dunlap's lawyers say they haven't received any requests to work with the show's producers, and they weren't certain whether **Brad Dunlap** or Anne **Dunlap's** family would be interested in helping.

Johnson and the "Cold Case" crew are expected to be in Minneapolis in January to begin filming and interviews.

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Illustration: Photo **Dunlap****A YEAR LATER, **DUNLAP** SLAYING STILL TROUBLING//QUESTIONS
LINGER, HUSBAND UNDER A CLOUD**

A New Year's prediction: In the coming days, expect to see the **Anne Dunlap** murder case on the TV news.

No, police haven't made an arrest. And never mind that there's little new to report. Ever since **Dunlap** was found dead in the trunk of her car last New Year's Day and her husband, Brad, became a suspect, the Twin Cities media have taken any opportunity to retell the **Dunlap** tale.

Now, on the first anniversary of her slaying, expect to see more.

Why the preoccupation with the **Dunlap** case? After all, in a year of 83 homicides in Minneapolis and 29 in St. Paul, there were many compelling murder stories. The unsolved shooting of two children, Byron Phillips in Minneapolis and Davisha Gillum in St. Paul, prompted more outrage. And news that a serial killer might be murdering suspected prostitutes in Minneapolis led to the creation of a task force that cuts across jurisdictions.

Nevertheless, even those chagrined by the attention the **Dunlap** murder receives - media and nonmedia alike - sheepishly concede that the case is the most gripping whodunit around.

It's a mystery involving an educated, upper-middle-class white couple, the sort that captures readers and ratings in the Twin Cities market. As KMSP news anchor Robyne Robinson puts it, "If it was somebody who was on AFDC, who lived in a not-so-nice part of South Minneapolis, people wouldn't have cared as much. But we're talking about people who we all, in some way, envy and aspire to be, subconsciously, if not consciously. That's why we care."

And so, despite (and sometimes against) their better judgment, reporters and editors continue to push for more information about a crime story measured in degrees of titillation, not by its impact on society.

As the one-year anniversary of the slaying approaches, the media's desperation for **Dunlap** details has taken on a macabre edge:

Dunlap intrigue and Christmas spirit have become inseparable for at least one media member. Minneapolis police spokeswoman Penny Parrish says a TV manager sent her a Christmas card that ended with this reminder: If there's anything new on the **Dunlap** case, call me.

Parrish, who says media inquiries about the investigation "have been unprecedented," decided to schedule four hours' worth of half-hour sessions where reporters met privately with the homicide detective handling the case. So odd was the event that one newspaper editor compared it to kids waiting in line to meet with Santa.

If that metaphor is apt, lead investigator David Voss brought only lumps of coal that left more than a few reporters wondering what to say a year after **Dunlap's** death.

WCCO-TV reporter Caroline Lowe, one of the most respected crime reporters around, says she often questions the amount of attention the **Dunlap** slaying has received. Still, she finds herself drawn to its mystery.

It is a conflict felt by almost everyone who covers the case, and one illustrated by the annual Associated Press survey of top news stories. Despite the amount of air time and ink media members gave the **Dunlap** case, news executives failed to rank it among the state's biggest stories of the year. In fact, only four of 23 media outlets who responded to the survey ranked it in the top 10, and only one - WCCO radio - called it the top story of the year.

Explains Kit Borgman, news director at WCCO radio: "I don't think anyone can make a case that it's the most significant story of the year ... but in terms of interest, I'd still say it's No. 1.

"I think it fascinates us because it is us," she says. "It represents your white, suburban working family. We looked at the Dunlaps and saw ourselves."

Inviting the media

Part of the reason the media looked was that **Anne Dunlap's** family invited them in.

The day after her disappearance, family and friends began calling the media, asking TV stations to show **Dunlap's** picture. By the next day, Jan. 1, friends found **Dunlap's** Toyota Celica abandoned in the parking lot of the Lake Street Kmart in Minneapolis. TV cameras were there, capturing footage that one Hollywood producer called "probably the most dramatic I've ever seen."

Police subsequently towed the car to an impound lot, opened the trunk and found **Dunlap's** body. She had been stabbed to death.

Authorities questioned husband Brad for nearly five hours that day, and they searched **Anne Dunlap's** parent's home, where **Anne** and Brad had been staying until their house was built.

Two days later, after confiding in family and friends that police were focusing their investigation on him, Brad **Dunlap** quit talking to the media.

But by then, it was too late to escape the spotlight.

Although Brad **Dunlap** has neither been arrested nor charged with any crime, subsequent stories went to great lengths to "explore" his possible involvement in the killing. Many focused on a \$1 million life insurance policy he and his wife had taken out. Rumors flew and the police, as is policy in ongoing investigations, refused to confirm or dispel most of them.

Voss, who has worked the case since the car was discovered, said this month that Brad **Dunlap** is a suspect. But so are others, he said, refusing to offer more details.

Brad **Dunlap** is equally reticent. In the middle of a civil suit to collect on the life insurance policy, he speaks through lawyer Jim Crist, who offers little new information. Crist says the family believes **Anne** was abducted after she left the Mall of America on Dec. 30. They believe it was a random act, and Crist questions why the media, and to some degree the public, continue to point the finger at Brad **Dunlap** when police haven't the evidence to arrest or charge him.

Anne Dunlap's parents remain convinced that Brad had nothing to do with the murder. In fact, Brad **Dunlap** still lives in their Minneapolis home. And **Anne's** brother, Paul **Barber**, says he's "100 percent certain" that Brad **Dunlap** did not kill **Anne**.

Those close to the family say public perception of the O.J. Simpson murder trial may be one of the reasons society seems so ready to brand Brad a killer.

"It bothers me that, a year later, whomever did it is getting away with murder," WCCO's Lowe says of the **Dunlap** case. "But I think the public very quickly jumped on 'We don't believe (Brad),' and I think unfairly so."

Watched and grieving

This Christmas, the first without **Anne**, has been especially tough on **Anne's** family, Paul **Barber** says. Instead of opening presents in the family room of his parent's house, as they had done last year, the family headed to the basement to open gifts there - anything to avoid the reminders of last year's fateful holiday time.

Yet whatever the changes, a stigma remains on Brad **Dunlap**. When he shops, eyes follow him. When he walks by, people whisper. Some may point to his silence and say he has something to hide, but lawyer Crist says **Dunlap** is simply coping with the loss of his wife.

“Brad has found the grieving process this year to be more important than answering the requests from four TV stations and two major newspapers,” Crist explains. “Brad is just trying to get through the first year.”

A private investigator continues to pursue leads, like the case of the Iowa man accused of abducting a woman at a mall there and leaving her for dead in the trunk of a car. Minneapolis police say the Iowa case was a domestic assault, despite evidence that indicates it was a random attack not unlike what Crist and **Anne's** family believe happened to her.

“We don't know what the police have done in their investigation of this case,” Crist says. “But we gather whatever evidence we can and keep our ears open about crimes in other parts of the country.”

Media members aren't certain how they will handle the story next year. One, KMSP anchor Robinson, predicts that a “Brad watch” will continue indefinitely, or at least until someone is arrested and charged with the murder.

Why? “Because I think it has many of those salacious tidbits about it that get people talking. It is, first of all, a whodunit. And I think the curiosity of a whodunit always piques everyone's attention.”

Says Tom Lindner, KARE-TV news director: “It seems like anywhere you go, outside the business, they want to know what inside information you have on the **Dunlap** case.”

The answer seems to be “very little.” But don't expect the stories to stop.

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**21 / 51 - Thursday, February 13, 1997****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Metro**Page:** 9D**Source:** Blake Morrison, Staff Writer**POLICE AGAIN TAKE UP PROBE IN **DUNLAP** CASE**

Minneapolis police have resumed working full time on solving the year-old Anne **Dunlap** slaying, but the lieutenant in charge of the homicide unit said the renewed efforts weren't prompted by any new evidence.

Sgt. David Voss, who had been investigating the slaying part time since leads went cold last year, has been working on the case at the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension offices in St. Paul for a number of weeks. He would not talk about the investigation Wednesday or explain why he is back investigating it full time. A BCA agent assigned to the case also would not talk about the investigation.

But homicide supervisor Lt. Dale Barsness said the renewed focus on the investigation is not unusual.

``We go back and take a look at unsolved murders all the time," he said. ``It's not a result of new evidence or anything. We're just going over what we've got."

Police have been tight-lipped about precisely what they do have, but given that no one has been charged in the slaying, it is clear they lack enough evidence to make an arrest.

Since **Dunlap's** body was found New Year's Day last year, her husband, **Brad**, has emerged as the focus of the police investigation. But as recently as December, Voss would say only that **Brad Dunlap** was a suspect as are others he would not name.

Jim Crist, an attorney representing **Brad Dunlap**, said he's hopeful that the renewed investigation means police may find the person or people who killed Anne **Dunlap**.

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**12 / 37 - Saturday, May 17, 1997****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Metro**Page:** 10E**Source:** Associated Press**DUNLAP: POLICE, INSURER WORKING TO DENY CLAIM**

Brad **Dunlap** claims that police and his slain wife's insurance company are working together to prevent him from collecting \$1 million in life insurance benefits.

In documents filed in federal court Thursday, **Dunlap** asked for copies of all information police gave to the Chubb Life Insurance Co. of America regarding the death of his wife, **Anne Barber Dunlap**.

"Chubb has enlisted the help of the Minneapolis Police Department to support an allegation that Bradley **Dunlap** killed his wife," his attorneys wrote in a memorandum seeking the information.

Dunlap has maintained his innocence in the stabbing death of his wife, who was found in the trunk of her car Jan. 1, 1996. He has never been charged, but police have said they consider him the main suspect. He filed suit in October to collect on her life insurance policy.

Dunlap is seeking videotapes of witness interviews, interview summaries, the interview he gave police and results of forensic tests.

In response to a subpoena, the Police Department said the information is confidential. In their memorandum, **Dunlap's** attorneys said police waived any privilege claim by sharing the information with the insurance company.

The subpoena did yield an affidavit from Sgt. David Voss, the lead investigator in the case, saying it was **Dunlap's** conduct in a videotaped interview the day his wife's body was found that made him a suspect in her death.

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**DETECTIVE'S AFFIDAVIT: DUNLAP KILLED WIFE//INSURANCE FIRM
FIGHTS CLAIM BY DUNLAP TO POLICY ON WIFE**

For the first time publicly, the lead detective in the Anne **Dunlap** murder case says he's convinced husband **Brad Dunlap** is the killer.

“There is no plausible alternative explanation to Anne **Dunlap's** death other than the conclusion that Bradley **Dunlap** is the murderer,” Minneapolis police Sgt. David Voss said in an affidavit filed this month in U.S. District Court.

Brad Dunlap's lawyer calls Voss' statement “misleading and reckless.” But in the affidavit, filed by lawyers for an insurance company fighting **Brad Dunlap's** claims as beneficiary, Voss offers specific details about the investigation and police theories on the slaying.

According to the affidavit:

An autopsy indicates Anne **Dunlap** was murdered between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Dec. 30, 1995, a remarkably accurate estimate coroners are often reluctant to offer.

Anne **Dunlap's** blood was “found in three locations in the garage” of her parents' home, where she and **Brad** lived. Voss said the blood indicates the slaying occurred in the garage, although he doesn't say how much blood was found or how old the blood spots were.

After the slaying, the killer tried to clean up in the house. That's because investigators found “positive presumptive indicators of blood ... in the washtub and lint trap located in the laundry.” Voss does not indicate whose blood was found.

Brad Dunlap “has been unable to corroborate through independent and reliable sources what his activities were during the afternoon of Dec. 30, 1995.” Voss said **Dunlap** admitted that he was “in an area near where the body of Anne **Dunlap**” was found, in the trunk of her car in the parking lot of a Lake Street Kmart in Minneapolis.

Since a videotaped interview with **Dunlap** on Jan. 1, 1996 - the night his wife's body was found - Voss said **Dunlap** “has been the only plausible suspect” because of “Mr. **Dunlap's** conduct.” Voss did not elaborate and, when contacted Wednesday, he refused to discuss his investigation.

The Voss affidavit is referenced in documents filed by Chubb Life Insurance Co. this week in its efforts to stop **Dunlap** from collecting on his wife's \$1 million insurance policy.

Dunlap's attorney, Jim Crist, refused to address the specifics of Voss' statement Wednesday. But he said the statement isn't “credible and contradicts the police department's own admissions.” He offered no explanation but promised to point out inconsistencies if **Dunlap's** suit against Chubb goes to trial.

“The evidence will show that **Brad** had no involvement in his wife's abduction and murder,” Crist said.

Although Minneapolis police insist they have no new evidence that might lead to charges against **Dunlap**, they hope more information will emerge during the civil case. For **Dunlap** to collect the insurance money, he may be forced to testify under oath. That's one of the reasons police ``haven't acted more aggressively" in pushing for charges, Barsness said. **Dunlap** has refused to talk with police for more than a year.

Nonetheless, the documents filed by Chubb offer damning conclusions, claiming the company's own inquiry and Voss' affidavit offer ``the evidentiary basis for a very serious allegation, murder."

``Chubb Life makes the allegation that Bradley **Dunlap** killed Anne **Dunlap**," the documents say. ``The evidence will bear it out."

Chubb also claims - and **Dunlap's** lawyers acknowledge - that **Dunlap** signed his wife's name to the \$1 million insurance policy. But Crist says **Brad Dunlap** signed the form at Anne's direction and that she signed a similar form a week later, clearly establishing that she knew about the policy. About four months after the policy was issued, Anne **Dunlap** was found stabbed to death in the trunk of her car.

Precisely what evidence Chubb has pointing to **Dunlap's** guilt is unclear, but the company's lawyers allege in the documents that **Dunlap** ``intended to murder Anne **Dunlap** when the application for insurance ... was completed." They argue that the alleged scheme constitutes fraud and therefore voids the policy.

Chubb's lawyer, Rolf Sonnesyn, refused to comment Wednesday on ``pending litigation." Because court documents are privileged, Chubb can make the allegations without fear of being sued for defamation.

But **Dunlap's** lawyers are expected to push for more information, arguing Chubb's claims are too vague. In U.S. District Court in Duluth today, they want Magistrate Judge Raymond Erickson to order Chubb to disclose whatever evidence it has to support its allegation that **Dunlap** is the killer.

Dunlap's lawyers also are seeking all Minneapolis police investigative documents that the department shared with Chubb.

No trial date in the case has been set. Pretrial motions are being handled by the Duluth-based magistrate judge. If the case goes to trial, it is expected to be heard in U.S. District Court in Minneapolis.

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INSURANCE POLICY WAS MURDER MOTIVE, FIRM SAYS//COURT WILL DECIDE IF **DUNLAP CAN READ INVESTIGATIVE FILES**

Brad **Dunlap** was called a murderer in court for the first time Thursday in the slaying of his wife **Anne**.

However, the accusation came in a civil case over insurance fraud and the lawyer for **Anne's** father rushed to **Dunlap's** defense.

"He does not believe Brad **Dunlap** murdered **Anne Dunlap** or had anything to do with her murder," said Timothy Davis, who represents Donn **Barber**, **Anne's** father.

Dunlap's lawyers have maintained all along that he had nothing to do with his wife's stabbing death 17 months ago and Thursday they appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Raymond Erickson seeking access to Minneapolis police reports on the investigation. Robert Abdalian, one of **Dunlap's** lawyers, said police already have shared some of the investigative files with Chubb Life Insurance Co.

"We have not been privy to those documents and it is an extremely unusual situation where one side is being provided those documents by city government and police and the other side is being denied," Abdalian said. "When it is given to a third party, then they can no longer be considered confidential."

Thursday's hearing was simply more pretrial maneuvering in **Dunlap's** lawsuit against Chubb. **Dunlap** wants to collect a \$1 million life insurance policy the company issued on **Anne Dunlap's** life in September 1995. Chubb has refused to pay and in recent days has said that Brad **Dunlap** intended to kill his wife when the couple took out the policy.

Dunlap has said his wife left her parent's home the afternoon of Dec. 30, 1995 to go shopping and was not seen again until her body was discovered in the trunk of her car in the parking lot of the Kmart store on Lake Street in Minneapolis. **Dunlap** became the prime suspect but police have never had enough evidence to even arrest him, much less bring charges.

"On Aug. 18, 1995, Brad **Dunlap**, as an agent of Chubb, procured the policy, signed Ann **Dunlap's** name and intended to murder her and on Dec. 30, he completed the scheme by murdering her about 2:30 p.m. in the garage of the **Barber** home," said Rolf Sonnesyn, the lawyer representing the insurance company.

The company was asking Erickson for permission to amend its answer in the lawsuit, this time to add more specifics. In court filings, the company now wants to claim that Brad **Dunlap**, who was a life insurance agent at the time, obtained the policy for his wife by undue influence and fraud, that **Anne Dunlap** was just "an instrument of Brad **Dunlap**," in his plan to obtain

money from the insurance company through her murder.

If the court finds the insurance policy is legitimate, the company contends that **Dunlap** ``breached his fiduciary obligation" to Chubb as an agent through fraud and murder, according to the court documents.

Erickson, through his questions and statements, seemed to be leaning toward granting Chubb its request.

Then it was Abdalian's turn. His motion was for Minneapolis police to turn over the investigative files in the **Dunlap** slaying. He pointed out that Chubb already took a 16-hour, videotaped deposition of Brad **Dunlap** in February, and used some of the confidential police documents in its questioning of him.

He said he would rule on all the motions soon, perhaps as early as today. In addition, the case is scheduled to go to trial in March.

Without the documents, Abdalian said he would be unable to argue against some of the conclusions Chubb is drawing in calling **Dunlap** a murderer. However, Abdalian ridiculed part of Minneapolis police Sgt. David Voss's affidavit, saying it is no more than an expert opinion by a police officer that ``one person killed another." Further, Voss' references that forensic evidence such as blood spots ``suggest" **Dunlap** was the killer, are groundless.

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A U.S. District Court magistrate judge wants to review evidence gathered by Minneapolis police investigating the Anne **Dunlap** slaying before deciding whether to allow attorneys for **Dunlap's** husband to see it.

But Magistrate Judge Raymond Erickson said in his order that he is inclined to allow **Brad Dunlap's** lawyers access to the same information Minneapolis police provided Chubb Life Insurance Co., earlier this year.

"We are satisfied that, in order to maintain a `level playing field,' the materials disclosed to the defendant must be available to the representatives of the plaintiff and, perhaps, to the plaintiff himself," Erickson wrote.

Dunlap has sued the life insurance company, seeking to collect as beneficiary on his wife's \$1 million policy. Chubb is refusing to pay, and Erickson's order allowed the firm to amend its position to claim that **Dunlap** murdered his wife, a fraudulent act that would void the policy.

In the order issued Monday, Erickson said his review of the investigative materials should help him balance `society's need to protect the integrity of police investigations against the interests of these civil litigants in being fully informed on those facts which could well determine the outcome of this case."

Although Minneapolis police insist they have no new evidence that might lead to criminal charges against **Dunlap**, they hope the civil case will illicit more information. No trial date has been set in the civil case, but if **Dunlap** is to collect the insurance money, he may be forced to testify under oath. **Dunlap** has refused to talk with police for more than a year, after he became their only suspect. Through his lawyers, however, he insists he was not involved in his wife's death.

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**9 / 51 - Thursday, July 24, 1997****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Metro**Page:** 4D**Source:** From staff reports**BRAD DUNLAP LEAVING MINNESOTA, REPORTS SAY**

Brad Dunlap, considered the prime suspect in the 1996 murder of his wife, Anne **Dunlap**, will leave the state, according to televised reports.

Dunlap, who is in the midst of a court battle with Chubb Life Insurance Co. to collect on his wife's \$1 million policy, may relocate to the Southwest after quitting his job with a Hopkins company, WCCO-TV and KMSP-TV reported Wednesday.

Minneapolis police still do not have evidence to charge **Dunlap** in the crime, but have said they believe he is responsible for the stabbing death on Dec. 30, 1996. Anne **Dunlap's** body was found on New Year's Day in Minneapolis in the trunk of her car in a parking lot.

Dunlap has repeatedly denied any involvement in the death.

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ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**8 / 51 - Wednesday, October 1, 1997****Edition:** Metro Final**Section:** Metro**Page:** 3D**Source:** From Staff Reports**RULING SEALED IN **DUNLAP'S** BID TO SEE EVIDENCE IN WIFE'S DEATH**

The judge handling **Brad Dunlap's** lawsuit against Chubb Life Insurance company has determined whether **Dunlap's** attorneys will be allowed to examine evidence collected by Minneapolis police investigating the slaying of **Dunlap's** wife, Anne.

But precisely what Magistrate Judge Raymond Erickson ruling says is likely to remain a secret.

“The order has been issued and it is sealed,” Erickson’s law clerk confirmed Tuesday. “My lips are pretty much sealed by the court.”

Police say **Dunlap** is their only suspect in the slaying of his wife. Her body was discovered New Year's Day 1996 in the trunk of her car. But authorities have not charged him in the slaying and instead have been working with Chubb to fight **Dunlap's** efforts to collect on his wife's approximately \$1 million life insurance policy.

Dunlap's attorney, Jim Crist, could not be reached for comment Tuesday. But in hearings earlier this year in Duluth, **Dunlap's** attorneys argued that they ought to be entitled to see any documents police provided to the insurance company. Police claimed allowing **Dunlap** access to the documents could jeopardize their ongoing investigation.

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Edition: City**Section:** Main**Page:** 1A**Source:** Blake Morrison, Staff Writer**Illustration:** 2 Photos**Brad Dunlap** Anne **Dunlap****INSURANCE COMPANY, DUNLAP SETTLE SUIT//WIDOWER WILL COLLECT AN UNDISCLOSED AMOUNT**

Despite repeated attempts to implicate **Brad Dunlap** in the 1995 murder of his wife, both police and insurance company investigators appear to be coming up empty.

On Wednesday, lawyers for **Dunlap** and Chubb Life Insurance Co. announced what they called a "satisfactory" settlement that not only ends **Dunlap's** lawsuit against the company but also calls into question whether police have enough evidence to support their theories that **Dunlap** killed his wife.

Chubb had insured **Dunlap's** wife, Anne, for \$1 million, but had refused to pay the claim after she was found murdered on Jan. 1, 1996. Although **Dunlap** has never been arrested or charged in the case, the insurance company asserted he had murdered his wife.

For months, Minneapolis police have reported no new developments in their investigation into the slaying of Anne **Dunlap**, found stabbed to death in the trunk of her car.

But police had hoped investigators for Chubb might fare better. **Dunlap** sued the company in October 1996 after it failed to let him collect on his wife's insurance policy. The company challenged **Dunlap's** attempt to collect and started an investigation of its own.

Because the burden of proof is lesser in civil cases than in criminal court, Chubb lawyers may not have needed as much evidence to implicate **Dunlap** in his wife's murder as police would need to charge him criminally. But despite cooperation from police that included a sweeping affidavit by the lead homicide investigator, the company decided to settle.

A lawyer for Chubb would not discuss the company's decision. "Whatever inference people make is the inference people make. That's up to them," said Rolf Sonnesyn.

Nor would Sonnesyn or **Dunlap** lawyer James Crist share terms of the settlement. But KSTP-TV reported **Dunlap** and his wife's estate stand to collect some \$600,000 from the insurance company.

If true, the settlement represents a victory of sorts for **Dunlap**, who despite police suspicions and insurance company accusations continues to assert his innocence and enjoy the support of his wife's family and friends.

Some legal analysts called his efforts to collect on the insurance policy risky, because to do so, he had to testify under oath in a deposition and likely again at trial. **Dunlap** agreed to interviews with police early in the investigation, but he became silent after police accused him of the slaying. He recently moved to Arizona.

Attorney Crist confirmed Wednesday that **Dunlap** answered "hundreds" of questions posed

by Chubb lawyers. Police hoped that a civil case might give them new evidence to bring criminal charges.

What **Dunlap** said in the deposition remains sealed, under orders of U.S. Magistrate Raymond Erickson, Crist said. (Erickson declined to take phone inquiries Wednesday.) But an affidavit filed by Chubb last year spelled out in detail police theories on the slaying.

According to the affidavit, filed in May, homicide Sgt. David Voss said he is convinced **Dunlap** killed Anne **Dunlap**, saying ``there is no plausible alternative explanation." To support his conclusion, Voss offered specifics that he said point to **Dunlap** as the killer. He said **Dunlap** lacks an alibi between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Dec. 30, 1995, the day investigators think Anne **Dunlap** was stabbed to death. Voss also reported finding Anne **Dunlap's** blood in ``three locations of the garage" of the house where **Brad** and Anne **Dunlap** were living. Voss believes she was killed in the garage.

But Voss did not say how much blood was found, how old the blood spots may have been or how he was able to pinpoint to within a half hour Anne **Dunlap's** time of death.

Voss could not be reached Wednesday and his supervisor, homicide Lt. Dan Grout, declined to comment.

Only Police Department spokesman Penny Parrish was willing to talk about the case, calling it ``an active criminal investigation."

``Every time we get a new tip we follow it," Parrish said. ``We do not work on it 24 hours a day, seven days a week. But it doesn't just sit in a desk drawer gathering dust."

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ANNE **DUNLAP** CASE//SUSPICION OF HUSBAND SMELLS OF INJUSTICE

The American system of justice is founded on the principle that criminal suspects are presumed innocent until proved guilty. That presumption was not extended to **Brad Dunlap** after his wife Anne was found murdered on Jan. 1, 1996.

Police investigators quickly zeroed in on **Brad Dunlap** as their principal suspect. They selectively leaked snippets of evidence to favored reporters, mainly in television, in hopes of building a case against **Dunlap** and encouraging Anne's parents to turn against him. When that didn't work, they provided affidavits against **Dunlap** as he sought to collect on his wife's \$1 million insurance policy, asserting that "there is no plausible alternative explanation" for Anne **Dunlap's** murder other than her husband.

The tone of much of the media coverage reinforced that impression, leading many Minnesotans to view **Brad Dunlap** as a local version of O.J. Simpson. What was lost on many was the fact that the police and prosecutors did not have enough evidence even to charge **Dunlap** with a crime, much less win a conviction.

When women are murdered, their spouses frequently become the focus of the investigation - often with good reason. But not all spouses are guilty.

Consider the case of Kathleen Greening, who was found drowned in the bathtub of her Lauderdale home in 1982. For years a campaign led by a close friend of Greening's and amplified by members of the media focused attention on Greening's estranged husband. These suspicions continued to surface periodically until last year, when a dying inmate in the state's maximum-security prison at Oak Park Heights confessed to the Greening slaying.

The Greening case is a reminder that **Brad Dunlap** may also have been done a horrible injustice. So, too, is the fact that Chubb Insurance Co. agreed this week to a settlement of the lawsuit filed by **Dunlap** and his late wife's estate seeking to collect on Anne's insurance policy.

It is noteworthy that many of the people who knew **Brad** and Anne **Dunlap** the best, including Anne's parents, have continued to stand by him. They presume **Brad Dunlap** to be innocent. If anyone has evidence to the contrary, let that person come forward. Until then, the community also should presume **Brad Dunlap** innocent as well.

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Page: 4A**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Reader appreciated articles on Hmong culture

I deeply appreciate several recent articles about the the Hmong community in Minnesota, including staff writer Ka Vang's column on ways Hmong girls juggle cultures. The stories taught the traditional culture that Hmong families brought with them and of the nightmares many experienced before arriving here. Vang's honesty was refreshing, courageous and helpful, and her articles encouraged me to talk with neighbors about how I might support them as the first of their seven children begins the journey into adolescence.

My neighbors are a gentle, highly motivated family. The kids are great. Still, I now understand that there are additional pressures they will face. This kind of reporting can make a difference in a community.

Linda H. Feltes
St. Paul

Teens need help

I am so saddened by the slaying of yet another of our precious young teen-agers (story, Sept. 24). The influence of violent gangs is so outrageous and sad. It is now even more important for all of us to support local non-profit organizations that try to stem the tide of violence steeling our children.

There is horror, but there is also hope! It takes our participation to make the latter word, hope, the last word.

Helen Welter
St. Paul

Who do you trust?

Dennis Horgan's Sept. 26 article on sex selection of our babies addressed an extremely frightening scientific technique. I certainly agree with his questioning whether or not our culture is civilized. What every happened to ``In God we trust?"

Virginia McGough

St. Paul

Clinton and Thomas

Readers would be well served by an in-depth research project on feminist leaders who support Clinton and cite positives in his record. What did these same people say when Clarence Thomas was accused of harassment by one woman in the early 1990s? In retrospect, perhaps racism then was a larger factor than anyone wanted to admit.

Kathleen E. Langer
St. Paul

Split personality?

The honor and integrity of House Judiciary Committee Chairman, Henry Hyde has been lauded by Republicans and Democrats alike.

Perhaps your reporters could do a story about why a man of such reputed integrity would lend his good name to the service of evil. You could call it; ``Dr. Jekyll and Henry Hyde."

Michael Fields
Edina

Maturity recognized

Moving the Newman Center to the nearby parish of St. Lawrence may be the best thing that's happened to campus ministry at the University of Minnesota.

A separate Newman Center system made sense when most Catholic parishioners weren't college-educated and most Catholic university students were thrown into an unfamiliar secular world after 12 years in Catholic schools. Today's Catholic students at the university are not children who need to be protected from the temptations of secular life. They are already acting in the larger world, making tough decisions and taking on heavy responsibilities. Moving the Newman Center to a parish setting gives them the dignity they deserve as full partners in ministry.

Wende Augusta Feller
Minneapolis

Political mud-slinging

The political races speed toward November. The issues are before us: problems that must be solved and positives that should continue. Instead of any focus on those positives, however, advertisements endorsed by political parties or particular candidates have focused on the faults of their opponent.

Mudslinging and criticism have been around since atmospheric development. However, I tire of these ads that focus on faults. Is it believed that voters only consider their chronic dissatisfaction of the other candidate when they go to the polls? Of course, not all individuals running for office do this fault finding, but enough do it to provoke this letter.

We're always told to look on the bright side. Politicians, let's look at what we could do to solve our problems, face the issues, and continue the positive achievements.

Tom Kalinoff
Stillwater

Don't build it

The time has come to again consider the "no-build" option for the new bridge at Stillwater.

The existing bridge should become a toll bridge. The amount charged should be sufficient to discourage traffic and develop income to restore and maintain the present historic structure. Houlton and Stillwater residents would cross free. A right-turn lane should be created all the way South towards Oak Park Heights.

This would divert the long distance traffic to the Interstate 94 corridor to the south. This would not pose a great hardship; there aren't river crossings every six miles between New Jersey and Manhattan, an area of much greater population.

Society has greater priorities for the \$150 million in tax dollars that would be needed for this project. Education, farm problems, healthcare, urban ills and maintenance of existing transportation facilities come to mind. Making driving convenience the top priority should not be the aim in this age of environmental concerns and pressures to reduce taxes.

T. E. Warth
Marine on St Croix

Find 'real' killers

I see where **Brad Dunlap** just made a large cash settlement with the insurance Company over the death of his murdered wife, Anne. Maybe he and O.J. should team up and find the "real killers" of Ann **Dunlap** and Nichole Brown Simpson.

Margery K. English
Apple Valley

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