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Riverview Corridor faces uphill battle

Funding conflict arises at Capitol, residents debate light rail's benefits

by Jane McClure

A study of mass transit options in the Riverview Corridor is hitting bumps in the road at the Minnesota Capitol and in the Highland Park and West 7th neighborhoods of St. Paul.

As the 1999 session of the Minnesota Legislature winds down this month, funding for the Riverview Corridor and other possible light-rail transit (LRT) and commuter rail projects remains in question. The Senate's transportation funding bill includes $40 million for the Hiawatha Corridor, an LRT line that would stretch from downtown Minneapolis to the Mall of America. The bill also contains $3 million to match federal dollars for an ongoing study of the Riverview Corridor—which would extend from St. Paul's East Side through downtown and the West 7th and Highland Park neighborhoods before crossing the river into Minneapolis—and for further study of the Central Corridor between the two downtowns.

"Our intent is to make sure that if Minneapolis obtains funding for the Hiawatha Corridor, that St. Paul and the east metro area not be left out," said state Senator Dick Cohen of Highland Park, who helped work on the transportation bill.

However, the House transportation funding bill contains no appropriation for Hiawatha, Riverview, Central

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Great Scot. It was a bonny day indeed for Highland Park's own Ed McCormick, who served as a staff major to help lead the Parade of Tartans and Massed Bands during last Saturday's Scottish Country Fair at Macalester College. *Photo by Brad Stauffer.*

Local schools upgrade safety efforts in wake of Colorado calamity

by Michael Werner

The tragedy in Littleton, Colorado that left 15 people dead sent a nation into mourning. It also sent local school administrators scrambling to determine what additional steps they could take to make students safer.

All public high schools in St. Paul currently have an armed police officer on duty and all use hall monitors to alert school officials to outsiders and general disturbances. Visitors to all schools are required to register at the office immmediately on entering the building.

In response to the tragedy in Colorado, the nine police officers who work as liaisons in the high schools are now wearing uniforms to increase their visibility. (Officers have worked in city schools since the late 1980s, but until now wore civilian clothing.) The district is also adding two more liaison officers.

Police also will be increasing the frequency of patrols in school parking lots and surrounding neighborhoods. The changes came after a meeting with Mayor Norm Coleman, Police Chief Bill Finney and new school superintendent Patricia Harvey.

John Longtin, the principal at Henry Sibley High School, was so disturbed by the massacre at Columbine High School that he drafted a school crisis plan that same evening. The plan instructs faculty and staff on how to deal with hostage situations and armed intruders.

At Highland Park Senior High School, principal Joann Knuth said the administration also is moving swiftly to develop emergency response procedures. When complete, the school plans to conduct practice drills.

"God forbid that something were to happen here as in Colorado," Knuth said. "But if it did, we'll have a plan in place and we'll be able to execute it quickly and effectively."

Central High School principal Mary Mackbee said she also has been reviewing security measures. Central is one of three high schools in the district with magnetic doors. During school hours, all but two entrances are magnetically sealed to prevent unwelcome visitors. The other two entrances are closely monitored by school staff.

Paul Paulson, the safety and security supervisor for the St. Paul Public Schools, believes that teachers can help avoid a school crisis by listening carefully to their students and taking

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City Council maverick Mike Harris decides to step down

by Chris Smith

True to the words that helped get him elected to the St. Paul City Council six years ago, Mike Harris will announce this week that he will not seek re-election.

"I feel elective office is a public service," said the Ward 3 representative. "It's important to participate, but if you stay around too long it's not healthy. It clouds your judgment and you lose touch."

Harris, 38, was first elected in November 1993. He ran as an independent, pledging to take no money from political action committees and refusing all endorsements. His message of controlling property taxes, imposing fiscal discipline and improving access to city services resonated with the voters of the ward, which includes the Macalester-Groveland and Highland Park neighborhoods. The voters returned him for two more terms.

"I feel real good about what we've done," Harris said. "If you look at the difference from six years ago, I think the city and the neighborhoods are in much better shape."

In each of Harris' years on the council, the city's portion of the property tax levy stayed even or decreased. He said he tried to use his background as an executive with United Health Care to bring a more business-like approach to the city budget.

One of his first major battles was to halt the city's previous policy of paying retirees' health care premiums. Although unpopular with some, Harris said it saved the city millions. "I've always tried to ask, 'Why are we doing it this way?'" he said. "I've always kept my customer, the voter, in mind. I look at things and think, 'What would my neighbors think?'"

At the same time the city was holding the line on taxes, Harris supported extending library hours, improving recreation centers and park facilities, and increasing street

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their actions seriously. "Ten years ago, some of the warning signs we get from students now would've been brushed off as a kid thing," he said. "We don't do that anymore."

Cretin-Derham Hall is also showing that it takes threats of violence seriously. When the school recently discovered that a sophomore had created a student hit list, school administrators reacted swiftly and severely.

"We're determined to provide the safest school we can," said dean of students Andrew Bischoff, "but we're certainly not immune to anything. We're at risk as much as anyone."

In the wake of the Columbine shooting, Cretin-Derham Hall has implemented tighter security measures. The Friday after the shooting, the school began locking all of its exterior doors except for its two main entrances. Greeters are posted at those entrances and anyone entering the building is required to sign in.

Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis made improved security an issue long before the Columbine shootings occurred, according to principal Fred Meyer. Three armed police officers can be found in the building at any one time and three hall monitors are assigned to each floor. Students are required to wear identification badges as they enter the building and the school is considering purchasing hand-held metal detectors, which Meyer said would be used primarily at school dances.

Roosevelt also relies heavily on students to ensure security. The administration offers a $30 reward to any student who reports a classmate carrying a weapon.

"When I first started the system four years ago, I paid out a lot of rewards," Meyer said. "But we've had very few weapons violations in the last year. I believe strongly it's because of that."

Michael Obsatz, an associate professor of sociology at Macalester College and author of the award-winning book *Raising Nonviolent Children in a Violent World,* said violence is pervading schools across the nation and broad initiatives are needed to stem the tide. "We have to start understanding that kids need a lot of tools to cope with life and they need a safe place to talk about how they're feeling," Obsatz said. "The key is to be proactive."

Schools appear to be getting the message by initiating new programs to address the psychological well-being of their students. At Roosevelt, Meyer implemented a program called RISE (Roosevelt Inspiring Students to Excellence) three years ago. All 9th-graders are required to take the class, which deals with the issues of racism, harassment, violence prevention and anger management.

"Every school in the nation should have it," Meyer said. "I put it in because I felt that there are a lot of underlying issues going on in high schools that are not addressed in the classroom."



Assistant principal Joseph Purvis uses a walkie-talkie while on security detail at Central High School. *Photo by Brad Stauffer.*

The rash of school violence has heightened St. Thomas Academy's awareness of safety as well. However, rather than enacting elaborate security measures, headmaster John Greving said the school has chosen to build on student-teacher interaction.

"There has to be an environment where students are willing to sit down and say, 'Here's what I think, here's what's bothering me,'" Greving said. "Maybe that would contribute to reducing the likelihood of these kinds of tragedies happening."

St. Paul Academy also touts human development efforts as essential for ensuring school safety. Among those efforts is the Peer Helpers Program, where students can turn for help and advice from those their own age.

"All too often in school it's about getting good grades," said SPA spokesperson Colin Sokolowski. "For us it's equally if not more important that our students turn out to be good human beings."

Central, SPA teens trained to teach alternatives to violence

by Michael Werner

Anger can be a difficult emotion for teenagers to deal with. Though some may choose destructive outlets to vent it, one group of local students is now teaching others that there is a better way.

Last month, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners honored nine students from St. Paul Academy and Central High School for their work in the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP). The teens were the first youngsters in the state to complete the program, which is sponsored by Friends for a Non-Violent World and teaches young adults the skills to resolve problems peacefully.

Each student completed 60 hours of intensive study over the course of three weekends to qualify as AVP trainers. The project was divided into workshops that developed the students' skills in conflict resolution, gave them a better understanding of racial and religious prejudices and helped them learn to better-communicate and cooperate with one another.

"We spend a lot of time building trust and trying to make people feel confident in themselves," said Emily Hughes, executive director of Friends for a Non-Violent World. "If you don't feel strong in yourself, you're not going to have the courage to take the risk and do something differently."

The students who completed the AVP training included Alex Blodgett and Rolando Castellanos of St. Paul Academy, and Rayouna Hampton, Cassie McCain, Elisha Watkins, Amber Harrilal, Tanesha Glass, Washington Nguyen and Hal Allen of Central. They said that going through the program has prepared them to better handle stress and conflict in their own lives as well.

Glass, a freshman, said her disagreements with family members have taken a different tone since the training. "I stop and think more about others' points of view instead of just mine," she said.

"It's helped me live a more peaceful life," said Castellanos, a sophomore, "and I have better relationships. That in itself is good."

Blodgett, also a sophomore, said she believes the AVP workshops could have helped the perpetrators of the Littleton, Colorado, attack. "They would've gotten a better understanding of other people's lives," she said. "I think they would've learned to manage their anger better. It really opened my eyes and I think it would've opened theirs, too."

The AVP has grown a great deal since its founding in New York's Greenhaven Prison 25 years ago. Today, the project spans the globe. The nine area teens will now serve as facilitators for other AVP workshops in the state. They join a group of more than 70 adult facilitators in Minnesota.

The local teens plan to help facilitate AVP workshops at their respective schools next fall and they appear eager to accept the challenge.

"I really want to bring it to St. Paul Academy next year and get more people involved," Blodgett said. "And I'd really like to continue it jointly with Central because I think bringing the two schools together is a really good idea."



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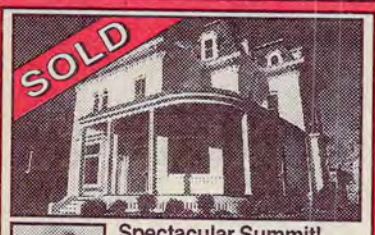
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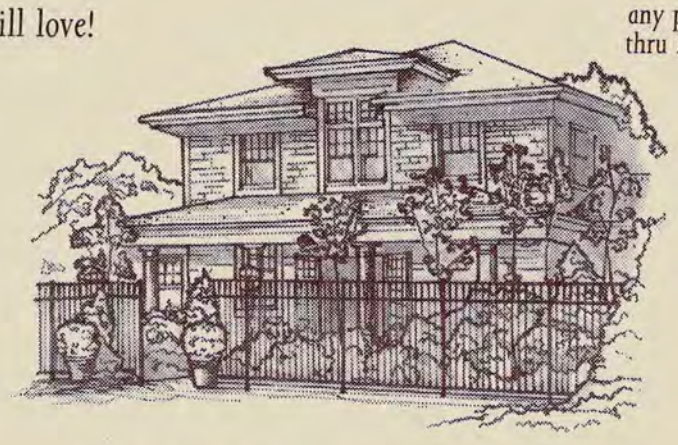
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or any other LRT corridor. It also has a provision that would block metropolitan counties from levying additional property taxes for LRT construction and a privision that would ban Hennepin County from using its cash reserves to pay for LRT. The county has about $33 million in reserves that could be tapped for the Hiawatha Corridor.

Construction costs are estimated at $456 million for the Hiawatha Corridor and $270 million for the Riverview Corridor. No current cost estimates are available for the Central Corridor.

Meranwhile, Highland area residents have been raising questions about the costs and benefits of the Riverview Corridor. Almost 80 people were present for a discussion of the corridor during the Highland District Council's annual meeting on April 21. Ramsey County commissioners Rafael Ortega and Tony Bennett defended transit study of in the Riverview Corridor, while St. Paul City Council members Mike Harris and Chris Coleman said they want to see bus service improved before LRT is considered.

"It's just ridiculous that it takes 45 minutes to get to downtown St. Paul from Highland by bus," Harris said. He and Coleman argued that the Central Corridor, which would link downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis, should be the county's top priority for light rail because that is where traffic congestion is the greatest.

Bennett and Ortega said the County Board supports the Central Corridor, but only as part of a "transit triangle" that would include the Riverview and Hiawatha corridors. The triangle was recommended earlier this year by a city-county transit task force.

"The county's position is that we need to look at both transit corridors (in Ramsey County)," Bennett said.

According to him, Ramsey County agreed to support the Hiawatha Corridor in exchange for Hennepin County's support of Riverview. "Hennepin County is upset because we've broken the deal by putting the Central Corridor back into the mix," he said.

Hennepin County commissioner and regional rail authority chairman Peter McLaughlin has been blunt in his opposition to resurrecting Central Corridor, which was studied extensively in the 1980s and early '90s.

Coleman questioned why the Hiawatha Corridor should be a priority. "Hennepin County is not going to deal with its transit needs by building the Hiawatha Corridor," he said. He predicted that existing bus routes that serve the area would be rerouted to bring

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paving.

"I think the record speaks for itself," he said. "The economic outlook is bright, both for the city as a whole and for the neighborhoods. There's been fantastic growth."

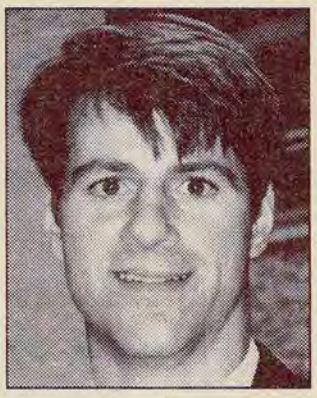
Harris also feels the city is operating more smoothly now. "In 1993, it seemed like every time you picked up the paper, there was some kind of crazy thing going on," he said. "There were lawsuits and infighting. That's all improved. We've been conducting ourselves in a professional manner. We've been making sure we get the right information and looking at how we do things."

Though Harris said his desire to avoid becoming a career politician was his primary motive for stepping down from the council, his growing family was also a factor. He now has three children ranging in age from 7 to 1.

"This has been a very significant time commitment," he said. "I've also been working full time all along. I'm looking forward to being able to spend more time at home with my wife and kids. Seanne (his wife) has been just great. I've had a lot of supporters, but I could not have done this without her."

The switch to four-year council terms did not figure in his decision, he said, but it did not help. "That would've been 10 years if I served another term," he said. "I don't think anyone should be in any elective office that long. Eight years would have been too long, too."

Harris said the timing of his announcement was simply a matter of how long it took him to make up his mind. "This is actually early



Mike Harris

for me," he said. "Since I'm not part of a party system and don't have to court delegates, I didn't have to make my decision any earlier."

Harris still has over eight months remaining in his term. He said his focus in the interim will be on the next city budget, finalizing the Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan, working for more improvements to parks and recreation centers, and deciding the future of Ayd Mill Road.

Though there are several people considering running for the seat, Harris said he has not thought about endorsing anyone yet. "Right now I'm just focusing on saying 'I'm done,'" he said.

The only candidate officially in the running is attorney Mitch Gordon of Highland Park. Gordon, in his first bid for public office, earned the DFL Party endorsement at the ward convention on April 14. He was uncontested within the party.

Gordon is a former Highland District Council member and has worked on several local DFL campaigns. He is backed by area DFL legislators Dick Cohen and Matt Entenza.

John Krenick, a former city chair for the Republican Party, has said he is considering running. A special education teacher at Murray Junior High, Krenick moved to Highland about three years ago.

Krenick has previously run for the St. Paul School Board and state representative, and has worked on several campaigns. Although he has not yet decided about running for the council, he said he is seeking endorsements.

Matt Anfang, a Highland Park resident and public policy manager for the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, said previously that he would run as an independent if Harris did not seek reelection. "I think Mike Harris has done a good job and it's important to maintain a voice of reason on the council," he said. "I wouldn't run against Mike, but at the same time I wouldn't do everything just like he has."

Another person who has expressed interest in the Ward 3 position is Harris' brother, Patrick, a Macalester-Groveland resident and aide to Ramsey County Commissioner Sue Haigh. He said he plans to leave Haigh's employ soon and become a consultant while he considers other job offers.

Patrick Harris is a former president of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council and current board member of Catholic Charities. He is single and said his basic political philosophy matches his brother's, although his details and approach might be different. He said he will likely make up his mind in the next few weeks about running for the seat.

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riders to the LRT line. He said that would hurt, not improve, existing transit service.

Harris was more blunt: "I'd go tell Peter McLaughlin that he's got to be crazy. We've got to do the Central Corridor."

Concerns raised by area residents at the April 21 meeting centered on construction and operating costs, environmental impacts of an expanded Highway 5 bridge and the potential loss of private property and on-street parking along West 7th Street. Most audience members expressed skepticism, if not outright opposition, to LRT, especially the notion of building a light-rail line along West 7th. That street, together with the Canadian Pacific Railroad right-of-way, I-35E and Shepard Road, is under consideration for either light-rail or improved bus transit as part of the Riverview study. The study, which has been under way for about six months and is expected to be completed in early 2000, will also look at a "no-build" option and transportation management improvements.

One of the most contentious issues involving the Riverview Corridor is how an LRT line would cross the Mississippi River. Bennett's statement that the current Highway 5 bridge could be widened or rebuilt as a double-decked overpass drew protests from the audience.

"I think we have to ask, what problem are we trying to solve here?" said Highland District Council member Paul Heinerscheid. He said light rail in the Riverview Corridor would not solve urban and suburban traffic congestion in the area.

Several other speakers also questioned the benefits of the Riverview Corridor transit route. "I don't think the primary responsibility of elected officials in St. Paul should be looking at how to benefit the Mall of America," said Coleman. His comment drew a round of applause from the audience.

"I think this system is starting in the wrong spot," said Highland resident Rick Dagenais. According to him, an LRT line should be built between the western suburbs and downtown Minneapolis, since that area has the highest potential transit ridership and the most traffic congestion in the Twin Cities.

Highland resident Walter Kruger said he does not know why people are insisting on light rail. He said existing railroad tracks and commuter trains should be used "before we spend billions on light rail."

Bennett and Ortega argued that the Riverview Corridor would meet a growing need to transit alternatives in area neighborhoods. They also said the project needs to be viewed as a way to spur business and housing development in the neighborhoods along the corridor. "This isn't just about transit," Ortega said.

Still, Coleman and Harris remain skeptical. "I don't understand how we've gotten so far with the Riverview Corridor," Coleman said. "I've yet to encounter anyone along West 7th Street who is begging for LRT. The neighborhood sees the Riverview Corridor as another pass-through between here and downtown that would destroy the neighborhood just like I-35E did."

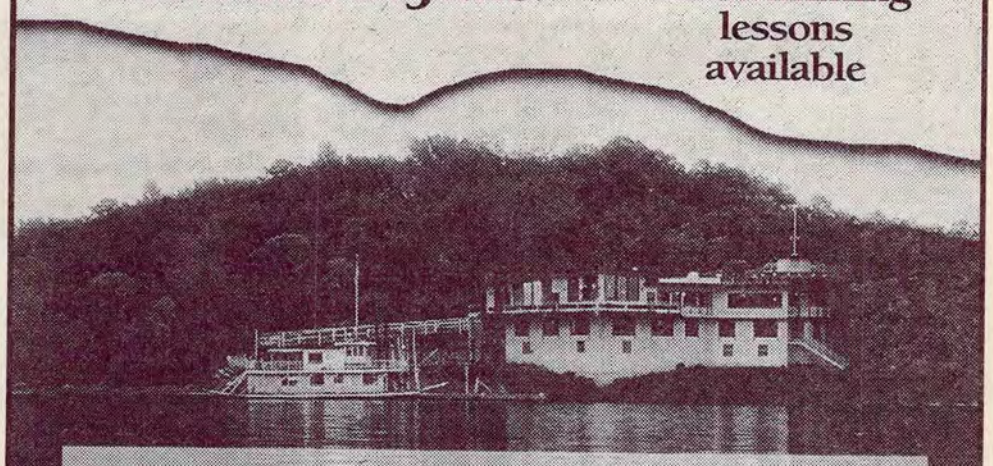
The elected officials did agree that better coordination of transit is needed. Ortega said it is hard to look at one transit corridor at a time and that it is also difficult to have seven county regional rail authorities operating in the Twin Cities. Transit planning is further fragmented by having the Metropolitan Council governing the bus system and the Minnesota Department of Transportation handling the roads. Ortega said the oversight issues need to be resolved before a comprehensive transit plan can take shape.

Coleman agreed. "Right now," he said, "we're doing things in such a piecemeal fashion that St. Paul is ultimately going to be the loser."

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MISCH-MASCH MICHAEL MISCHKE

What passes for progress in St. Paul

On the eve of the 5th annual Millard Fillmore Dinner—"Where the Community Gathers to Celebrate St. Paul's Renaissance"—it may be instructive to re-examine what passes for progress in the Capital City these days.

For in truth, much of what you hear and read about St. Paul's "renaissance" is nothing more than virtual development, the kind of renaissance one comes to believe is upon us if only because one has so often been told it is so.

Much like the "renaissance" we have been told has occurred on St. Paul's riverfront (do you see any evidence of it other than a dock and the unfinished Science Museum?), we were told late last month about the city's new "aggressive housing agenda." The announcement was made on April 20 in tandem with Mayor Norm Coleman's veto of the City Council's proposal to spend $6 million from the city's budget reserve to address the growing crisis in low-income housing.

I am not criticizing the veto. The mayor was told by city Budget Director Joe Reid that drawing from the budget reserve was not prudent fiscal management, and I have no reason to believe otherwise.

But to herald as an "aggressive agenda" what is little more than a plan-to-develop-a-plan-to-look-into-the-problem strikes me as overstatement in the extreme. More telling of Coleman's need to put a positive spin on his veto was council member Jerry Blakey's comment: "The mayor has joined the Council in saying housing is a problem.... I was stunned!"

"Spending more money without a strategic plan will not solve the problem," Coleman stated in a press release. "The only way to solve this problem is to bring people together and find a way to build new units. My vision will do just that."

Unfortunately, that vision includes neither a budget nor a funding source to achieve Coleman's goal of building and rehabbing 2,000 housing units by the year 2000 and building another 2,500 units by 2001.

Where Coleman's housing agenda does attempt to be specific, it is not so specific after all upon examination. Coleman identifies eight sites across the city for building those 2,500 units by 2001. All sites are in very early stages of discussion, many have huge hurdles to surmount if they ever do get built, and in some cases Coleman has merely lifted the housing plans that others have been working on for years.

The inclusion on that list of the former Koch-Mobil Oil tank farm near West 7th and I-35E is delicious irony. The West 7th/Fort Road Federation has been working since 1976 to get those abandoned 66 acres cleaned up for housing. In 1995 the federation hooked up with Brighton Development Corporation of Minneapolis to create the concept they call River Bluff Village, a new but traditionally designed neighborhood of 480-560 single-family homes, townhomes and apartments for residents of all income levels. In this market, you don't think Realtors are drooling at the prospect?

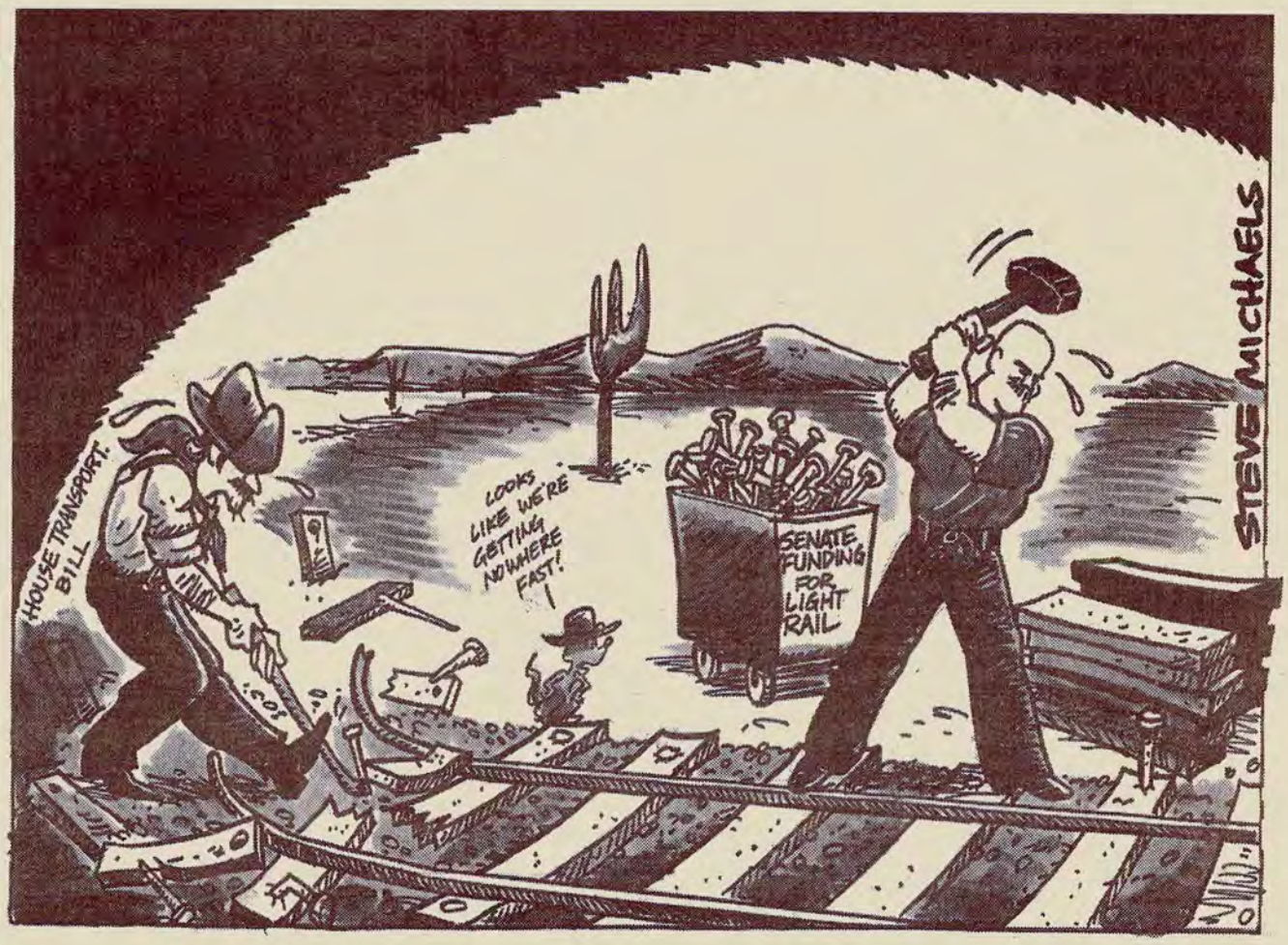
The ink was still wet on the architectural renderings when Coleman himself attempted to thwart the federation's plans and instead convey most of the property to Plastics Inc., which was being pushed out by the new Science Museum. The City Council blocked Coleman that time, and ever since the Coleman administration has been more of an impediment than a catalyst in getting that housing built.

Guns in the schools

I don't get it. In response to questions from reporters concerning the prior day's tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, Governor Jesse Ventura makes the observation that if someone at the school had had a gun with which to subdue the two teen-age attackers, perhaps not as many innocent people would have fallen victim to their horrific act. For this Ventura gets lambasted, and the following day he feels compelled to apologize for his remarks.

Granted, linking concealed-carry laws and Columbine on the day after the shooting wasn't particularly politic, but don't we have police officers with loaded guns in every public high school in St. Paul and Minneapolis?

That's what I thought.



Veto would be penny-wisdom at its most foolish

by Judith R. Kinkead

Have you ever canoed the St. Croix River between Minnesota and Wisconsin? Have you viewed the St. Croix River Valley from places like Interstate Park, Afton State Park or Carpenter Nature Center in Minnesota or enjoyed the recreational opportunities to be found in St. Croix Falls, Hudson's Birkmose Park or Kinnickinnic State Park in Wisconsin? Have you driven along the Mississippi River through Red Wing, Wabasha and La Crosse?

These are just some of the areas that are at risk if Governor Jesse Ventura uses his line-item veto power to eliminate the $185,000 that it costs each year to operate the Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission.

In 1965 Minnesota Governor Karl Rolvaag and Wisconsin Governor Warren Knowles established the commission by signing a compact that addressed the 127 miles of the St. Croix and the 138 miles of the Mississippi that the two states share. The commission was assigned the task of coordinating the management of these stretches of the two rivers. This was shortly before the St. Croix was named one of eight rivers in the United States to be protected by the national Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Now Ventura and Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson appear to be turning their backs on these rivers.

The commission is made up of 10 unpaid citizens who come from towns and cities along the St. Croix and Mississippi. Commissioners are appointed by the two governors and are served by five staff members who work out of a small office in Hudson. The commission has no paid lobbyists.

The purpose of the commission is to bring together citizens and government officials of these neighboring states to address shared problems such as border disputes, land-use conflicts, law enforcement issues and cases of irresponsible stewardship of the rivers. Where there is confusion or overlapping jurisdictional issues, the commission dives in to try to clarify the situation. Like you, commission members have a low tolerance for bureaucratic and technical jargon.

Recent examples of the commission's work include negotiating settlements between disagreeing agencies and citizens without having to resort to costly lawsuits, working to enact uniform laws between the two states, preventing the spread of zebra mussels in the rivers, organizing an electronic town hall forum on river issues, and organizing citizens to monitor the level of nutrients like phosphorus that promote unhealthy and unsightly algae growth in the rivers.

Neither Minnesota nor Wisconsin has ever allocated the resources to adequately oversee the management of either river, nor does either state propose to remedy the situation now.

Estimates for replacing the commission with other state agencies have indicated that costs would increase with the loss of the economies of scale. The elimination of such a low-cost, citizen-driven agency would be tragic, especially when both governors Ventura and Thompson seem to put such a high value on citizen representation.

If the future of the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers is important to you, Governor Ventura needs to hear from you now.

The writer is a Highland Park resident and member of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission.

House K-12 education bill is fair to all students

To the editor:

The Minnesota House of Representatives approved a K-12 education funding bill last week that targets the bulk of a 6.3 percent increase to the area where it will make the most difference—the per-pupil funding formula. The formula boost, the largest in almost nine years, increases funding to Minnesota schools by almost $1 billion over the next two years. More than $2 million will be shared by schools in Districts 191, 196 and 197 as compensatory and equity per-pupil funding adjustments.

By directing the new funding predominantly to the per-pupil funding formula, suburban schools that have often been neglected in favor of urban schools are assured that new dollars will be divided equally. Overall, spending on the formula will increase to $3,700 per pupil in 2000 and to $3,875 in 2001.

In a year of cutting excess spending and reevaluating

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legislative priorities, the Republican House and the governor admirably positioned K-12 education at the top of the list. At $7.8 billion, this is the largest funding item in the entire state budget. The bill contains $106 million for class-size reduction starting with grades K-3 and $90 million in new money for special education.

It is an outstanding bill, but unfortunately it may get a cool reception in the state Senate. Senator Larry Pogemiller (DFL-Minneapolis), chair of the Senate K-12 Education Budget Committee, has said that he wants the new spending to be controlled by the state and targeted to programs the state wants to fund. Senator Pogemiller also has authored legislation to weaken the parental rights clause. This provision has given Minnesota parents the right to choose an alternative means of educating their child when they object to specific classroom material or a Profile of Learning packet.

House and Senate differences ensure that the bill will be forced into conference commitee. I will monitor the committee actions and will try to ensure that the final bill is the fairest possible to our kids.

Representative Tim Wilkin
District 38B

Cleaning up the river bluff

To the editor:

A recent article on the Desnoyer Park Improvement Association's proposal for the Mississippi River bluff (*Villager*, April 21) left the impression that the association advocates cutting down trees. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our proposal calls for action "to repair or mitigate negative manmade impacts on the bluff ecosystem, to clear deadfall trees and underbrush, as appropriate, away from established trails and to remove unauthorized structures and places of concealment in adjacent areas." As homeowners with a long-term commitment to our neighborhood, we are working closely with the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation to ensure that the environmental quality of the river bluff is protected and enhanced.

The river bluff in Desnoyer Park has been seriously impacted by illegal activity, including flagrant sexual misconduct and the use of drugs, alcohol and firearms. As a neighborhood, we are working to develop a positive, constructive and environmentally sensitive program to reduce or eliminate these illegal uses. We appreciate the support we have received from St. Paul City Council member Jay Benanav, the Division of Parks and Recreation, the park rangers, the St. Paul police and other public agencies and the cooperation of OutFront Minnesota, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender support organization. We expect equal support from our community council and the *Villager*.

Jack P. Maloney
Merriam Park

Editor's note: If the article left the impression that the Desnoyer Park Improvement Association advocates cutting down trees, it is because the bulk of the discussion at the April 14 meeting of the Merriam Park Community Council centered on just that. (Mr. Maloney was not at that meeting.) Concerns about the potential loss of vegetation were among the reasons the council ultimately voted to table the river bluff improvement proposal until its next meeting on May 12.

Wage war against violence

Dear editor,

The horror at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, should never have happened. It did happen because of the availability of weapons in our society. There have always been angry people and violence. What would have been a brawl before has turned into mass murder because these angry young people had access to terrible weapons.

If there is a battle to be fought in our society today, let it be the battle against violence. We need a stringent anti-violence code that applies to movies, television, magazines and other media. This must include news reports that emphasize violent acts. Gun control laws and enforcement must be a top priority. Schools must have the power to prohibit violent games, weapons and hostile clothing.

In recent years, when acts of terrible violence have occurred, acquaintances of the perpetrators have always said, "We never took them seriously." It is time to start taking troubled people seriously. It is time to make weapons unavailable and to wage a battle against violence.

Meg Malde-Arnosti
Macalester-Groveland

A fair time was had by all

To the editor.

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council would like to thank attendees, volunteers and sponsors for making the 7th annual Highland/Macalester-Groveland Home Improvement Fair a great success. Feedback from the fair has been positive and excellent suggestions were made to improve the event next year.

We would also like to congratulate our five door-prize winners. Kathi Holle of West St. Paul and Martha Dorow of Macalester-Groveland each won a $35 gift certificate at Reddy Rents. Brian Dahl of Minneapolis won a $25 gift certificate at Northwest Architectural Salvage. Susan Peterson of Macalester-Groveland won a combination storm door from Grand Avenue Ace Hardware. George Moy of Macalester-Groveland won a keyless entry system from Great Garage Door Company.

We hope to see all of you again next year at the fair.

Jessica Bakkene, Housing Coordinator
Macalester-Groveland Community Council

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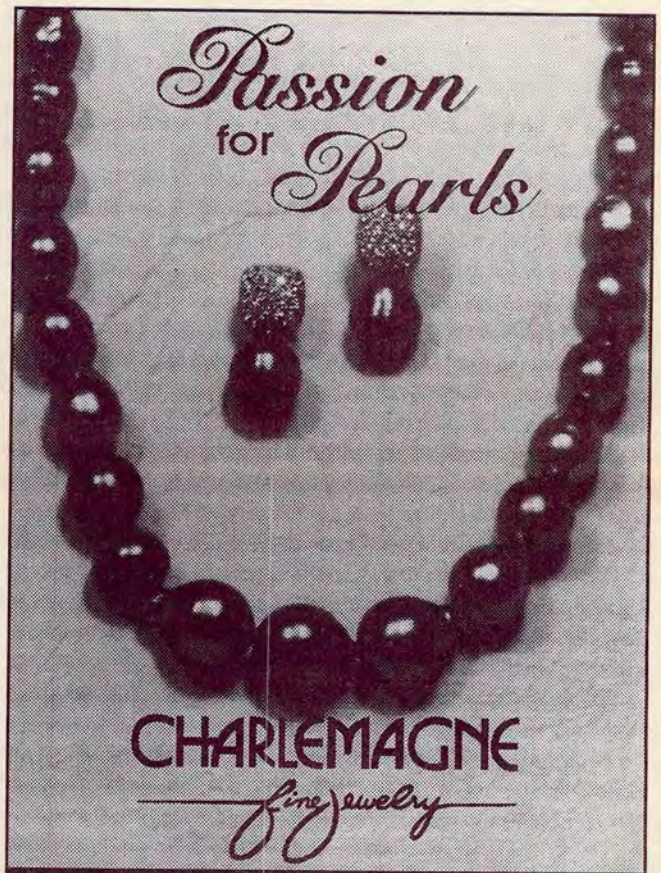
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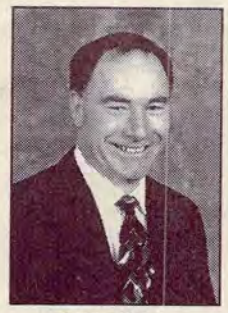
Low back pain is a very common health problem (80 percent of Americans will be troubled by low back pain at some point in their lives) and is responsible for the largest amount of disability and work loss among people of all age groups. At chiropractic clinics, back and neck pain are the most frequently treated conditions. Major attention is given to identifying the causes of each patient's problems so that the most effective treatment approach can be applied.

What are the most common causes of back pain?

- TEARING OF FIBERS within muscles or ligaments.
- MISALIGNED SPINAL VERTEBRAE produced back pain or pain radiating to the leg by irritating nerves within the structures which surround spinal joints.
- PROTRUDING or RUPTURED SPINAL DISC can exert pressure on the sciatic nerve and cause intense pain to radiate down the leg.
- SPINAL ARTHRITIS of the wear and tear variety (osteoarthiritis or degenerative arthiritis) develops as part of the aging process, but can also occur with poor posture, scoliosis, misalignment of vertebrae or continued improper use of the back.
- POOR POSTURE, which can have a number of causes, results in a spinal joint strain and abnormal muscle tension, and is usually accompanied by misalignment of vertebrae.

What are the measures commonly taken?

- Corrective spinal manipulation along with improving posture and the way the back is used;
- Stretching and strengthening exercises;
- Back supports may be appropriate;
- Physiotherapy;
- Traction therapy.



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Dog owners seek city parks where their pets can run free

A request to study places in St. Paul where dog owners could let their pets run without a leash had its chain yanked on April 28 by the St. Paul City Council. However, dog owners need not start howling yet.

A resolution that would have established a committee to study off-leash areas was withdrawn that day because of technical problems with the wording. City Council research director Gerald Strathman said he will work with St. Paul Parks and Recreation staff to submit a revised resolution.

A group calling itself Responsible Owners of Mannerly Pets (ROMP) is lobbying for St. Paul to designate off-leash areas in some city parks. Ramsey County currently has two such areas: in Battle Creek Regional Park in Maplewood and in Rice Creek Park in Shoreview.

More than 70 members of ROMP turned out for a St. Paul Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in February to push for the off-leash areas. The commission passed a resolution on April 14 asking that a committee be appointed to study the issue. The group would be composed of two parks commission members, two ROMP members, two members of Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County, one Parks and Recreation employee and one citizen from each of the seven City Council wards.

The committee would assess the need for off-leash areas, current park facilities, legal and liability issues and rules of operation for off-leash areas. The committee would report back to the Parks and Recreation Commission, which would then make its recommendation to the City Council.

Governor signs bill banning plan to phase out billboards

Local units of government in Minnesota will no longer be able to use amortization as a way to phase out billboards, junk yards and other potentially undesirable land uses. A bill banning the use of amortization for those purposes was signed into law on April 23 by Governor Jesse Ventura. The new law states that amortization can only be used to regulate "adult entertainment."

Amortization involves the writing off of the value of a piece of property over a period of time. The property owner may or may not be compensated by the governmental unit for the loss of property after that time.

Foes of amortization claim it is too restrictive and can be unfair to businesses. Supporters say it is one of the few tools cities have to bring about desired land-use changes.

NEWS BRIEFLY



From her kids, to the one who's on the way. The 27 students in the 1st-grade class of Kristin Smejkal (left) at St. Mark's School surprised her last week with a quilt in honor of her baby due May 31. Each of the students designed a square and seven of their mothers sewed them together. *Photo by Terry Faust.*

Both the St. Paul and Minneapolis city councils voted to oppose the bill, as did the Minnesota League of Cities. Numerous business groups, including the billboard industry, supported the bill.

Now that the bill has been signed, a St. Paul Planning Commission task force is expected to resume its work on proposed changes in the city's billboard regulations. The task force had been considering ways to amortize billboards in residential areas, the Mississippi River corridor, historic districts, special sign districts, downtown, small neighborhood commercial areas and large commercial areas within a prescribed distance of residential areas.

The St. Paul Planning Commission will hear an update on billboard regulations when it meets on May 7 at City Hall.

In anticipation of the law being signed by the governor, the anti-billboard group Scenic Minnesota had scrapped the petition drive it launched last February. The petition called for the use of amortization to reduce the number of billboards in St. Paul. The group has since redrafted the petition in hopes of getting 5,000 registered St. Paul voters to sign it by August 1 so the question can be placed on the November ballot.

The proposed ballot initiative calls for removing billboards in the city within five years and banning the construction of new billboards. Instead of using amortization, billboard foes want to see the signs declared a public nuisance.

St. Paul takes shine to STAR projects that help housing

The St. Paul City Council adopted changes to the Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) program on April 28 as part of an effort to maintain existing housing and build new dwellings.

The council opted to give more favorable consideration to proposals to maintain, improve and increase the city's housing stock during the 1999-2000 STAR funding cycles for large loans and grants. The change was recommended by the STAR board, which had been reviewing the program's guidelines since December. Adoption of the new guidelines means that competition for 1999 large grants and loans can move ahead. Application deadlines will be announced soon.

Neighborhood STAR funds are awarded in separate annual small-grant and large-grant- and-loan cycles. A few years ago, the city began awarding some loans and grants year-round so projects could move ahead more quickly.

On April 28, the council added a limited grant component to the year-round program. The new guidelines state that grants will be considered provided that the project demonstrates a need to be funded outside of the annual funding cycle, the project would not be possible without the grant, and the amount of the grant does not exceed 25 percent of the total project cost.

City Council considers plan to inspect rental housing

A proposal to inspect and register all one- and two-unit non-homesteaded rental properties in St. Paul will be considered by the St. Paul City Council at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5. The proposed ordinance is intended to encourage better maintenance of those properties.

The ordinance has the support of some neighborhood groups. However, some landlords claim it is too onerous and could force them out of business. Under the terms of the ordinance, landlords would be charged an initial registration fee of $100 per single-family dwelling and $125 per non-homesteaded duplex. Annual inspection fees of $20 per unit would be charged in subsequent years.

The city now requires all owners of rental buildings with three or more units to be issued certificates of occupancy and have their buildings inspected annually. Owners of non-homesteaded single-family homes and duplexes are not subject to building inspections.

A similar ordinance was proposed by council members Dan Bostrom and Bobbi Megard in 1997, but they could not muster the votes to pass it. The new proposal is also getting a mixed reaction from City Council members. The council postponed final adoption of the ordinance on April 28 so Bostrom could make some amendments.

More than 40 people turned out for a public hearing on the ordinance on April 14. The St. Paul Association of Realtors, Minnesota Multi-Family Housing Association and St. Paul Association of Responsible Landlords (SPARL) all oppose the ordinance. They contend the ordinance would create more problems than it would solve and want the city to look at different ways to deal with problem properties.

Of the 5,600 one- and two-unit rental properties in St. Paul, only a few hundred can be considered problem properties, said SPARL president Paul Schmidt. "This proposal seems to me to be aimed at shutting (that rental property) down," he said.

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Low-risk reading of chemical fumes fails to calm neighborhood's fears

by Jane McClure

Chemical fumes released by a Merriam Park electroplating company on March 22 may have posed a short-term health risk to neighborhood residents, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has determined. However, air quality tests taken during the March 22 accident at Cooperative Plating, 271 N. Snelling Ave., indicate that it is unlikely anyone was exposed to the fumes long enough to suffer acute health effects, according to MPCA spokeswoman Kathy Carlson.

Carlson and Cooperative Plating representatives described what happened on March 22 as a one-time incident. "I know that doesn't make the neighbors feel any better," Carlson said, "but the test results tell us that this emission did not have the health impacts some had feared."

However, Merriam Park and Snelling-Hamline neighbors remain skeptical. Some have asked state officials for a more in-depth health study, possibly through a neighborhood health survey. Neighbor Doni Hamann complained that Cooperative Plating "merely reacts from crisis to crisis." She said she would like to see more done to prevent accidents at the plant.

The neighbors will present their concerns at a meeting of the Merriam Park Community Issues Committee at 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 10, at the Merriam Park Community Center. MPCA and local and state health officials will be on hand along with representatives of Cooperative Plating. The meeting will include information on Cooperative Plating's five-year participation in Voluntary Investigation and Cleanup, an MPCA program that assists companies with the cleanup of polluted property.

The MPCA data were based on air sampling and information from the St. Paul Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Team. The Fire Department was called to Cooperative Plating at 3:55 p.m. on March 22 and took the first air sample at 4:30 p.m. The color and odor of the fumes indicated that nitric acid was present, the Fire Department reported.

The nitric acid had been poured into a 3,000-gallon waste collection tank inside the plant. The tank is believed to have contained metal shavings that broke down after coming into contact with the acid.

The gas emitted from the plant was nitrogen dioxide. The first reading showed 2.47 parts per million (ppm) in the air. Subsequent readings showed 0.5, 0.5 and 0.8 ppm. "That indicated that the emissions were dissipating very quickly, and that's good news," Carlson said.

A concentration of 20 ppm of nitrogen dioxide in the air would constitute an immediate danger to health and life, according to the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health. However, being exposed to as little as 1 ppm of nitrogen dioxide for a period of 15 minutes or longer would also pose a health threat, Carlson said.

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She said she has heard from neighbors of Cooperative Plating who suffered bouts of coughing, chest pain and irritation of the eyes and lungs in connection with the March 22 incident.

Carlson has been studying Minnesota Department of Health reports on Cooperative Plating from 1996. At that time, the state informed Cooperative Plating that it had to reduce the emissions of two chemicals, trichloroethylene and hexavalent chromium, which are considered potentially carcinogenic by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Since then, Cooperative Plating has reduced its trichloroethylene emissions by altering plant procedures and has stopped using hexavalent chromium altogether in favor of a less toxic chromium product.

"I think we've seen some progress at Cooperative Plating," Carlson said. "The company is doing more to work with us and reduce pollution levels."

In 1988, the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission—now known as Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES)—fined Cooperative Plating $162,000 after an inspection turned up heavy metals in the sewers and damage to sewer lines in the neighborhood. In the past few weeks MCES inspected the sewer lines again and found no evidence of chemicals being dumped.

Cooperative Plating has also changed its chemical handling procedures since the March 22 accident and is looking at other steps to prevent the release of fumes, according to plant manager Mike Marschio.

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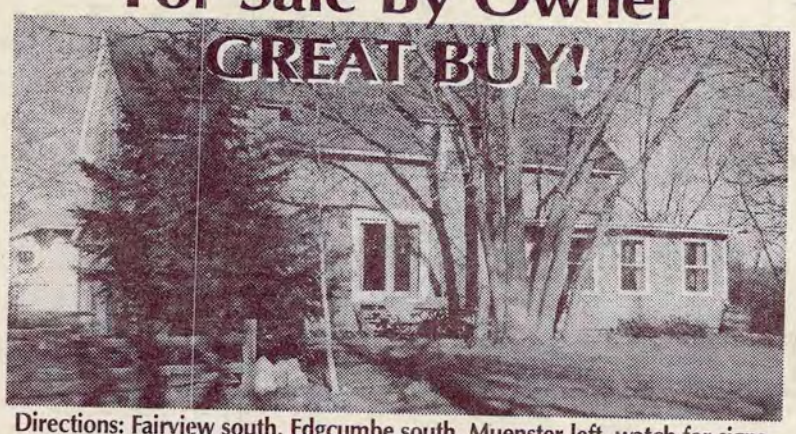
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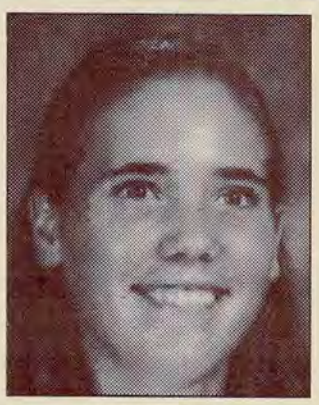
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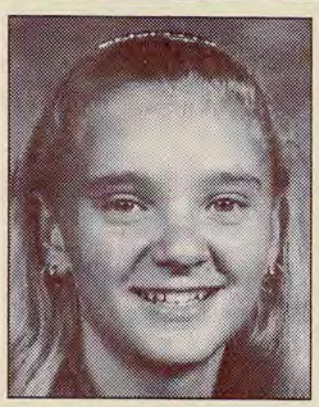
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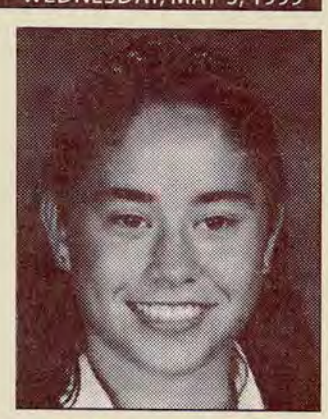

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Athena Awards honor achievements of area's best female athletes

by John Wadell

Thirty-one of the St. Paul area's top female athletes were honored for their achievements both on and off the field when the fifth annual Athena Awards were presented last week at the Sheraton Midway.

The Athena Award was started by the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce 27 years ago as a way to support high school girls athletics in the Mill City. In 1995, those who were involved in girls sports in St. Paul decided it was about time to honor the best and brightest female athletes east of the river.

Winners of the St. Paul Area Athena Awards for 1999 from schools in the *Villager* area include the following:

Laura Ashley of Henry Sibley. Ashley, a Mendota Heights resident, has been involved in soccer for five years (captain, all-Midwest region, all-state, team MVP, leading scorer in Minnesota during 1997 state champion season, offensive player of the year, school record holder for scoring, member of 1998 State Cup championship team), basketball for four years (captain, all-state honorable mention, two-time state participant) and track for four years (captain, all-state, three-time state participant, MVP, school record holder in five events) for the Warriors. She is a National Merit commended student, National Honor Society president, Triple "A" award winner for Region 3AA and leading scorer on the school's Math Team. She also received six superior ratings in the school band, coaches youth soccer and basketball and co-chaired the National Honor Society blood drive. Ashley plans to play Division I soccer at Dartmouth College.

Christina Beshoar Gosack of Central High School. Beshoar Gosack, a Macalester-Groveland resident, has been involved in cross country running for four years (captain, all-conference, state participant), Nordic skiing for three years (all-conference, state participant) and track and field for five years for the Minutemaids. She is a member of the school's National Honor Society and Earth Corps, is a National Merit commended scholar and volunteers for Habitat for Humanity. She plans to attend either the University of Michigan or Wisconsin, Smith College or Northwestern University.

Kyra Hamilton of St. Paul Academy and Summit School. Hamilton, a Merriam Park resident, has been involved in cross country running for four years (captain, all-state, conference record holder), Nordic skiing for four years (captain, all-state, section champion, girls metro skier of the year, Junior Nationals qualifier), track and field for four years (captain, all-state, section champion in 1600 and 3200, school record holder in high jump) and diving for one year for the Spartans. She has been on her school's honor roll and involved in piano competitions. She plans to attend Whitman College to ski, run and study chemistry.

Jill Reinhardt of Highland Park Senior High School. Reinhardt, a West 7th area resident, has been involved in volleyball for four years (captain, all-conference), basketball for four years (captain, all-conference honorable mention) and softball for four years for the Scots. She has been on the school's honor roll and coaches at Palace Playground. Reinhardt plans to attend college to study nursing or business.

Mollie Shearen of Visitation School. Shearen, a White Bear Lake resident, has been involved in golf for four years (captain, all-conference MVP, two-time state participant), and four years in soccer (captain, all-conference) for the Blazers. She was coordinator of the school's blood drive and a member of the honor roll. Shearen plans to attend the University of Iowa.

Brianna Valento of Cretin-Derham Hall. Valento, a Macalester-Groveland resident, has been involved in soccer for four years (captain, all-state, all-tournament, MVP), basketball for three years (state champion team) and track for one year (all-conference honorable mention) for the Raiders. She has participated in campus ministry, social service and the Choice (alcohol free) programs at her school. She also has been on the school's honor role and volunteers at the Dorothy Day Center. Valento plans to attend Kansas University on a soccer scholarship.

Minneapolis winners to be lauded on May 7

The 27th annual Minneapolis Athena Awards will be presented to the top 53 female athletes in the city during a ceremony at 11:45 a.m. Friday, May 7, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Local young women who will be receiving the awards include:

Kelly Thao of Roosevelt Senior High School. Thao, a Minneapolis resident, placed first in the conference in doubles tennis, was the conference's consolation winner in singles and doubles badminton, and was named the Teddies' best defensive soccer player. She has been involved in the National Honor Society, student council, Asian Club and League of Women Leadership Program. She plans to major in pre-med in college.

Cara MacKenzie Jones of Minnehaha Academy. Jones, a Minneapolis resident, was captain of the academy's 1998 Class A state champion soccer team and captain of the Redhawks' basketball and softball squads her senior year. She also attended the AAU national basketball championships in Indianapolis with her 17-and-under Minnesota Powerplay team. At school, she is involved in band and orchestra, president of the National Honor Society, a National Merit commended scholar, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a volunteer tutor at Cooper Elementary. She plans to attend Carleton College.

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Firm files suit to fill empty desks at Capitol Hill with kids on waiting list

Meanwhile, School Board looks to increase 3rd-grade spots

by Michael Werner

Capitol Hill, a popular gifted and talented elementary magnet school in the Summit-University neighborhood, has been a little too popular this year.

The Center for Individual Rights (CIR), a nonprofit, public interest law firm based in Washington, D.C., has filed a lawsuit on behalf of four white students who are claiming that the St. Paul school district has violated their civil rights by denying them admission to Capitol Hill on account of their race. Twenty-five seats have remained empty in the 1st grade at the school this year despite a waiting list of more than 50 eligible children. All of the students on the waiting list are white.

"We and other parents have tried for months to get the School Board to do the right thing by filling these empty desks with students on the waiting list," said Barbara Jacobs, a parent of one of the children suing for a spot at Capitol Hill. "We didn't get anywhere. The lawsuit is the last resort."

School district officials say the 1st-grade seats were left empty to maintain a state-mandated racial balance. Schools are required to keep their minority populations within 15 percent of the district's minority percentage. Capitol Hill has a 48 percent minority population compared to 63 percent districtwide. In the 1st grade at Capitol Hill, only 27 students in the class of 75 are students of color, or 36 percent.

Attorneys from CIR claim that denying admission to children based on their race violates the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment and civil rights laws.

"It's a strong case," said Terry Pell, senior counsel for CIR. "There's little question that reserving seats for certain racial groups is unconstitutional."

CIR plans to ask a judge for a temporary restraining order that would require school officials to admit children from the waiting list. That motion is expected to be heard sometime this month.

In an attempt to address the problem, the St. Paul School Board offered a proposal to add classroom space to Capitol Hill with the intent of increasing 3rd-grade enrollment by 50 percent next fall. The board targeted 3rd-grade because the school district recently finished using a modified version of the Charlotte/Discover assessment method to identify gifted and talented 2nd-grade students districtwide. Previously, only students entering Capitol Hill were tested and the district was having a hard time attracting students of color to Capitol Hill.

The district tested approximately 7,000 kindergartners and 2nd-graders this winter and 1,367 were identified as gifted and talented. Of those identified, 51 percent are students of color. The board hopes it will be able to convince some of those students to attend Capitol Hill in order to improve the school's racial mix.

Parents and staff complained about adding classrooms to Capitol Hill because the expansion would be at the expense of the Benjamin E. Mays and Museum Magnet schools. All three schools are located within the Rondo Education Center at 560 Concordia Ave. At the School Board's April 15 meeting, representatives of the three schools turned out to oppose the plan.

"It doesn't make any sense for the board to enact this proposal," said Alain Baudry, a father of two children at Capitol Hill. "It tears at the very fabric that makes these communities so successful."

Under the weight of parent and staff opposition, the board altered its proposal. The new plan will not involve any new classrooms for Capitol Hill, but will expand 3rd-grade admissions by 20 to 40 percent. The school will be given a year to phase in the plan.

"There are two needs here," said board member Greg Filice. "One is the need of the school, which parents and staff don't want to be bigger. The other is the district's need for additional space for kids who take the (Charlotte/Discover) test in 2nd grade. I think this is the best plan that meets both of those needs."

Capitol Hill principal Mary Dybvig also approved of the compromise. "It's a positive that the recommendation by the staff and the Capitol Hill community was listened to and respected," she said. "At the same time, the board members were able to accomplish some of their objectives, too."

School Board member Tom Conlon, meanwhile, advocates filling open 1st-grade seats at Capitol Hill with students on the waiting list. "The lawsuit could've been avoided if we had placed the students who had passed the test and wanted to get in," he said.

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On to the bees in D.C.

Hard work, little luck send Parker to nat'l spelling bee

by Catherine Condon

The first word Emily Parker was asked to spell in the Minnesota State Spelling Bee last month was "dumbbell."

The irony was not lost on the audience. By the end of the four-hour competition, the 14-year-old Macalester-Groveland resident had outspelled 41 other Minnesota youngsters to win the event. For her efforts, Parker received a trophy, a dictionary, a $100 savings bond, word processing software and a trip for two to Washington, D.C., where she will compete with nearly 250 other state champions in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee from May 30 to June 5.

"I felt great," said Parker, an 8th-grader at Murray Junior High School. "It was really exciting."

Parker actually had tied for third place in a school competition leading up to the state spelling bee. However, on the day of the city bee, the first-place winner was ill.

"During fifth hour, they came looking for the second-place girl, but she'd gone home sick during fourth hour," Parker said. Parker and the school's other third-place winner then competed in a hasty tie-breaker. Parker won.

After winning the city bee, Parker advanced to the Twin Cities region semifinal. She earned a berth in the state contest after emerging as one of the top 12 in the region.

In the weeks preceding the contest, Parker spent up to five hours a day prepping. She read newspapers and magazines and devoured the Paideia, a 3,500-word study guide distributed to all city-level winners. "It has almost all the words that will be used in competition," she said. "Basically, I just memorized that. I went over it all the time."

She frequently visited the national spelling bee Web site (www.spellingbee.com), which features the Paideia in audio form. "You can hear the words



Emily Parker

and write them down as you hear them as sort of a test," she said. "I went through all the categories and wrote them all down. I think that helped."

The state bee came down to the wire in the last 30 minutes when Parker and 7th-grader Elizabeth Petersen of Little Falls squared off for 17 rounds—each round becoming progressively more difficult. Parker hung in by correctly spelling such words as "neurasthenic," "capote," "Aurelian" and "gigue," while Petersen answered back by correctly spelling such words as "daguerreotypes," "ephemerid" and "myrmecologist."

"It was really a nail-biter," said Parker's father, Walt. "It was like a prize fight."

"After the first round, they don't go in order," added mother Peggy. "They just call student numbers. You never know when you're going to be at the lectern. And that held even to the last two (competitors)."

The last several words that Parker was asked to spell, including "ectoplasm," "retrocedence" and "formicary," were not listed in the Paideia. "I saw all of the judges talking to each other for a while," Parker said. "I knew (the words) weren't going to be from the Paideia anymore. It made me nervous."

Petersen faltered on "epilithic" and Parker correctly spelled the next two words—"archetype" and "garnishee"—to notch the win.

Spelling talent runs in the Parker family. Her brother Dan, a sophomore at Central High School, placed third in the 1996 and 1997 state competitions. "I went to all his spelling bees," said Parker, who was a Groveland Elementary School student at the time her brother began competing. "I sat in the audience and wrote down all the words."

Parker, who will attend Central next fall, also enjoys the ballet and playing the flute. She attended several St. Paul Academy drama camps in past summers and this year plans to travel with her grandmother to the Stratford Theatre Festival in Ontario as well as spend four weeks at Camp Lake Hubert near Brainerd. Despite her enthusiasm for the arts, she is considering a career in the medical field.

The number of students representing each state at the national bee varies; Minnesota is one of the few that will send just one student. The competition lasts just two days, leaving time for tours, barbecues, ice cream socials and other activities. Included in the grand prize package is $10,000 and airline tickets to anywhere in the U.S.

To prepare for the national bee, Parker is studying the Paideia's most advanced category as well as a word list that is furnished to national contestants. "You're pretty much guaranteed, if you memorize those, to go on to the second round," she said. From the second round on, she said, judges choose words from a much larger resource: an unabridged dictionary.

"You can look (competitors) up in the newspapers and find out how tough their competition was before," said Parker, "but I don't think I'll get that much into it. I just want to do my best."

Worldly-wise Berker takes top honors in geography

by Dave Page

To get things rolling in her 7th-grade geography class at Highland Park Junior High School every year, teacher Martha Johnson distributes the outline of a world map and gives her students five minutes to write in the names of as many countries as they can. After that, she gives them another 10 minutes to check their answers and fill in the rest of the map.

This year, student Mehmet Kuhner Berker raised his hand and told Johnson the map was not correct. Some of the newest countries in the Balkans had been left out, he said.

Johnson told the 13-year-old to draw in the countries if he wished and then go ahead and see if he could finish the project.

"Mehmet didn't open his book for the entire 15 minutes," Johnson recalled. "When the time was up, he had correctly identified 162 countries."

Thus, Johnson was thrilled but not surprised when Berker—called Memo by his friends—took first place in the state Geography Bee held on April 9 at Macalester College. For his victory, he took home $100 and a new atlas. He will also represent Minnesota at the national Geography Bee on May 25 and 26 at the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C.

Johnson, with one of her students in the state competition for the first time, recalled that she was more nervous than Berker was. "Memo was cool as a cucumber," she said.

Over 100 students in grades 4-8 won local geography bees in their schools and passed a written exam in order to reach the state finals. Because Berker is in the Spanish Immersion Program at Highland, he studies geography in Spanish, but that didn't stop him from breezing through the competition.



Mehmet Berker

The preliminary round consisted of eight oral questions in physical geography, economic geography, current events and political geography. Berker missed one question, but survived a closed-door elimination round in order to advance to the semifinals with nine other students, including Alex Browne, an 8th-grader at Ramsey Junior High School, who finished third in the state and received a $50 prize.

With former Mayor George Latimer reading the questions, Berker survived the cut to two finalists. In the sudden-death round to determine the champion, he correctly answered the question, "Which Southern European member of the European Union was not allowed to adopt the new Euro currency because the country has not met the economic requirements?" The answer was Greece.

Berker lives with his parents, Laurel Kuhner and Ali Berker, on Virginia Street in Ramsey Hill. When he was younger, the family enjoyed quizzing each other on geography questions. The study in their home is still full of maps and atlases.

Kuhner and Berker plan to travel with their son to Washington, D.C., in order to cheer him on during the national competition. The first prize is a $25,000 college scholarship.

"I have a feeling he might win it," Johnson said.


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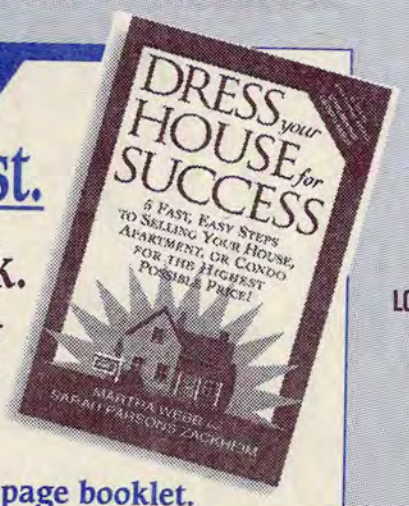
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Mississippi Market sprouts new store

Natural foods outlet attracts a new generation to the concept of co-ops

by Leslie Walters

When Mississippi Market opened its second food co-operative at Selby Avenue and Dale Street on April 21, member services manager Jean Andreasen put out 60 new member packets. All 60 were quickly swept up and within a week membership in the co-op had climbed from 2,892 to 2,994.

"I wasn't prepared for that jump in membership," Andreasen said. "I mean, it's wonderful. It just took me by surprise."

For Andreasen, the jump suggests that more people understand what a food co-operative is today than they did 20 years ago when Mississippi Market first opened at 1459 St. Clair Ave. The co-op was founded by people who wanted a product that was not available in the marketplace, Andreasen said, "and they had the chutzpah to figure out how to get it."

A co-op, which is owned and governed by its members, "is all about democracy in the marketplace," Andreasen said. "You don't see a lot of democracy in the marketplace anymore. It's a hard thing for people to wrap their mind around because it's kind of intangible. The Selby store has made it more tangible."

With 7,400 square feet of retail space, the Selby store is twice as big as the Mississippi Market store at 1810 Randolph Ave. Its produce cooler alone is about the size of the co-op's original St. Clair store, according to Alan Mathewson, general manager for both stores. That means a greater selection of the organically grown fruits and vegetables for which Mississippi Market is known, he said.

The Selby store has the equivalent of 65 full-time jobs, or more than twice the Randolph store, Mathewson said. It also has a larger freezer section and a greater volume and variety of prepared foods. Mathewson expects prepared food to be about 20 percent of the Selby store's sales, compared to 11 percent at the Randolph store.

The co-op will close its kitchen at the Randolph store and begin preparing food for both stores at the Selby location "where food prep will be much more efficient," Mathewson said. The two stores will also allow the co-op to purchase products in greater volume, which should mean lower prices, he said.

Co-op members and non-members are charged the same prices, barring any special member discounts. Membership is open to anyone who purchases 15 shares of stock at $6.00 a share. Members elect a board of directors and receive a patronage rebate at the end of the year based on profits and the amount that member has spent at the co-op during the year. In the past two years, the profit has gone toward developing the new store, but in 1996 Mississippi Market returned about $40,000 to its members, Mathewson said.

The co-op used about $300,000 of its own reserves in developing the new Selby store, Mathewson said. The $4.3 million project received a $300,000 grant and an $800,000 low-interest loan from the city of St. Paul. The rest was borrowed from Liberty State and three other banks. Mississippi Market occupies the entire first floor of the two-story building and leases most of the second floor to the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium and Rondo Land Trust.

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Produce manager Dylan Beardall was busy stocking the coolers at Mississippi Market's new store at Selby and Dale prior to its April 21 opening. *Photo by Mike Long.*

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Andreasen traced the growth of the co-op to a decision in 1988 to begin paying its cashiers. Before then, all co-op employees were volunteers who received a discount on purchases. "It made sense to have paid cashiers," Andreasen said. "It allowed the co-op to get a better handle on profit margins and to be more fiscally responsible as a business. We needed to prove that if we were to get loans."

Mississippi Market moved from St. Clair to Randolph Avenue eight years ago, and three years later it was bidding on a larger store, the former R.C. Dick's at Grand and Fairview avenues. The co-op lost out in that bid to Whole Foods, another "natural foods" store that eventually cut into the co-op's profits.

"The kind of growth we experienced between 1991 and 1995 didn't continue once Whole Foods opened," Mathewson said. The introduction of organic foods at Lunds and Kowalski's stores also cut into Mississippi Market's growth, he said, but sales never dropped. "Even with Whole Foods in the picture, we've probably done more sales per square foot out of the Randolph location than any other retail grocery store (in the Twin Cities), including Cub and Rainbow Foods."

Andreasen said the competition was healthy for Mississippi Market. "Once we knew that (Whole Foods) would be here, we had to start examining ourselves and our strengths as a business," she said. "For a long time we thought of ourselves as a natural foods store that happened to be structured as a cooperative."

The natural foods industry has grown 200 percent over the past 10 years, according to Andreasen. With increasing competition from other natural foods stores, she said, Mississippi Market began to emphasize its character as a locally owned co-op.

"If Whole Foods had moved into the neighborhood 10 years ago when we were still on St. Clair, there's a good possibility we would not still be in business," she said. "We didn't have the savvy at that time."

Co-op customers are not looking for the same experience they were 10 or 15 years ago, Andreasen said. "We still want good value, convenience and service," she said. "But as choices become more complicated, we're also looking for people to give us honest information about the products that we buy. As a business, we've succeeded in doing that."

Mississippi Market will celebrate the grand opening of its Selby store on Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Northern Brewer is relocating its retail and mail order beer- and wine-making supply business in May to larger quarters at 1150 Grand Ave., one block west of its current location. Company president Christopher Farley said the new shop will have nearly three times the floor space of its current location, including a classroom, a separate mail order department, and an enclosed grain room with two motorized mills and some 50 varieties of malt.

The Milestone Group, 1691 Lincoln Ave., has welcomed partners Jean Craig and Mary Pat Raimondi to the management, marketing and communications consulting firm. The Milestone Group, which was started by Sue Hall, also includes Christine Hammes and Linda Giesen. All five partners live in and around the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood.

Local employers can now list their job openings with the West End Work Resource Hub located at Sibley Manor, 1315 W. Maynard Drive, and the Salvation Army, 401 West 7th St. Individuals looking for a new job or a change in careers are invited to use the hub's employment resource room. For information, call the hub at 651-224-4316 or the Vocational Improvement Program of Jewish Family Service at 651-698-0767.

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City Council overrides mayor's veto to adopt 20-year plan for housing

Mayor pushing to get 2,200 new units built in 3 years

by Jane McClure

How the city of St. Paul will attempt to meet a wide range of housing needs in the next two decades could be determined in the next few weeks. Last week the City Council adopted a 20-year housing plan even as Mayor Norm Coleman announced an initiative to build 2,200 new housing units in the next three years.

The new homes to which Coleman referred would all be located in areas that have already been earmarked for development. They include 875 new units in the Shepard-Davern area of Highland Park and 300 units near Shepard Road and Otto Avenue where the West 7th/Fort Road Federation and Brighton Development have proposed to build a new neighborhood called River Bluff Village. Other homes would be added in the neighborhood near Minnesota Brewing, downtown, on Dayton's Bluff and the West Side flats.

Kimberly said the city needs to look at the factors that have discouraged private housing construction.

Some of these housing developments still face significant hurdles. The Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan is still awaiting City Council approval. River Bluff Village, which was proposed three years ago, has been held up by pollution cleanup at the former fuel tank farm and the property owners' desire to sell the land for commercial rather than residential use.

According to Coleman, the city needs to get beyond debating housing and start acting. However, the mayor has yet to indicate how much his initiative would cost, what the city's roll would be or how the city would pay for it.

Coleman announced his plan at the same time he vetoed a $6 million proposal for low-income housing that the City Council adopted on April 14. Coleman called the City Council's plan to tap $6 million of the city's $49 million budget reserve too risky.

Advocates of low-income housing, unhappy with the veto, staged a protest at the Dorothy Day Center on April 28. They also presented Deputy Mayor Susan Kimberly with a petition demanding that more be done to provide low-income housing in St. Paul.

Kimberly, who has been working with city staff on housing issues, admitted that the goal of 2,200 housing units is ambitious and called the plan "a work in progress."

"What we need to do is stop talking about housing and start producing more units," she said. "We need to determine what it will take to get this housing built and get the plan implemented."

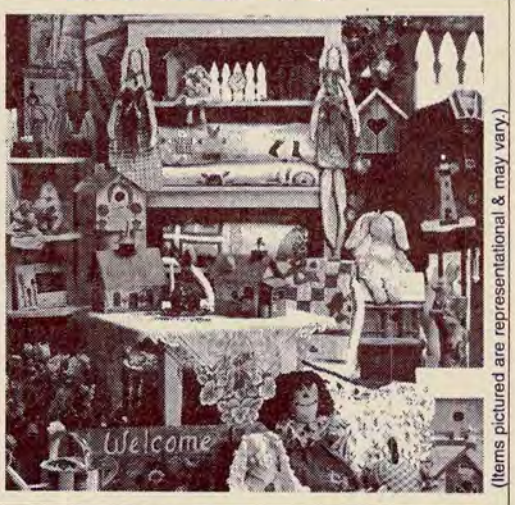
According to Kimberly, the city has not been particularly involved in housing construction since the early 1980s. She said the city needs to look at the factors that have discouraged private housing construction—from funding restrictions to regulatory policies to pollution cleanup.

The City Council adopted the 10-year housing plan on a 7-0 vote, overriding Coleman's earlier veto. The plan calls for building 6,000 new housing units in the next 20 years—especially smaller, higher-end options for elderly residents who want to move out of their large single-family homes yet stay in the city near their children and grandchildren. New housing, rehabilitated housing and additions to existing homes are all part of the plan.

The plan states that 10 percent of the new housing units should be affordable to households with income at or below 50 percent of the Twin Cities median annual household income of $63,600. Another 10 percent should be affordable to households with incomes at or below 30 percent of that median.

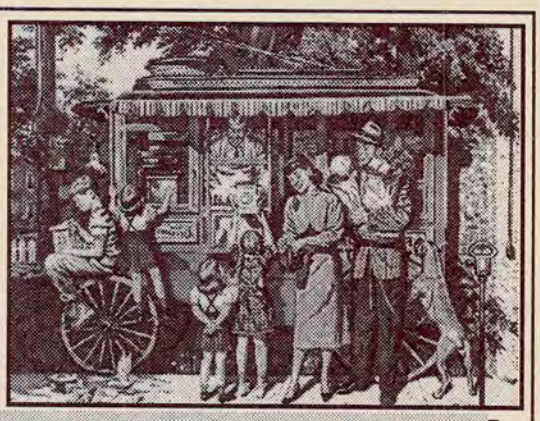
Coleman had wanted to target households making less than 60 percent of the median income. However, Kimberly said the mayor can live with the housing plan because of a policy introduced on April 21 by City Council member Mike Harris. Rather than meet the affordable housing guidelines with every housing project, the policy requires the city to meet the guidelines over the course of each year. The policy also calls for the City Council to get regular reports on the city's progress in meeting its housing goals.

Harris introduced a number of other proposals meant to cut the costs of housing construction, including a plan to cut developer fees and a call for standard housing designs that could be used citywide. Those proposals will be voted on when the City Council meets on Wednesday, May 5.

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Board says *sí* to students wanting to continue Spanish at Highland

by Michael Werner

The St. Paul School Board voted unanimously on April 27 to allow six students from outside of Highland Park Junior and Senior High Schools' attendance area to continue their language studies in Highland's popular Spanish immersion programs next fall.

The ruling affects two 6th-graders from Adams Magnet School and four 8th-graders from Highland Junior High. Adams is the city's only public elementary school to offer a Spanish immersion program. All subjects in kindergarten and 1st grade are taught in Spanish, while English reading and language arts begin in the 2nd grade. The object is for students to be bilingual by the time they finish 6th grade.

In order for students in the St. Paul school district to continue Spanish immersion at the secondary level, they must attend Highland. In the past, students outside of Highland's attendance area had no problem getting into the immersion program because the junior and senior highs were struggling with low enrollments. However, junior and senior high schools have experienced a resurgence in poularity and their enrollments have reached capacity. As a result, Spanish immersion students living outside of Highland's attendance area were being turned away for the 1999-2000 school year.

A throng of parents, students and teachers wearing shirts that read "Save Spanish Immersion K-12" packed the April 27 School Board meeting to show their support for the immersion programs at Adams and Highland and to protest the district's admission policy. Many of those in attendance feared that denying students access to Spanish immersion programs at the junior and senior high level would weaken the Adams program and deter future elementary students from applying there.

After the board's decision, Charles Underwood, who teaches at Adams and whose son was among those who will now be able to attend Highland, exclaimed, "¡Qué lucha!"—Spanish for "What a fight!"

Underwood said his son Erik was raised in a bilingual home and the Spanish immersion program is central to his education. "It's an important part of his heritage," he said. "I'm incredibly pleased."

School Board member Al Oertwig expressed his support for the Spanish immersion programs and said he would like to see a long-term policy developed to alleviate future problems. "I always intended that students would be able to continue in these programs all the way from kindergarten to 12th grade," he said.

Several possible long-term solutions include granting Spanish immersion students priority when applying to Highland Junior or Senior Highs, shifting Highland's attendance boundaries or moving the Spanish immersion program to another building that has more space.

"We don't have a lot of space in this district," said School Board member Greg Filice. "Whenever we make a decision in one place, it tends to affect educational options for some place else. The thing that drives us all the time is to keep students' needs first and to make sure we don't hurt somebody else when we make a decision that applies to one particular program."

Forum takes swing at ballpark issue

CityCare will sponsor a forum on "Do the Minnesota Twins Belong in St. Paul?" at 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 24, at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar St.

Nationally known stadium financing expert Mark Rosentraub, author of *Major League Losers: The Real Cost of Sports and Who's Paying for It*, will be the keynote speaker. He will be joined by a panel composed of Minnesota Sports Facility Commission executive director Bill Lester and Stadium Managers Association president Julian Loscalzo, founder of Save the Met and FANS (Fans Answer to a New Stadium). The panel will be moderated by *Star Tribune* sports writer Jay Weiner. Mayor Norm Coleman also has been invited to participate.

CityCare, the St. Paul Citizens Alliance for Responsible Economics, is a nonpartisan coalition of residents, organizations and businesses that promotes fiscal responsibility in city planning, development and governance. Sponsors of the May 24 forum include the *Elysians Fields Quarterly*, FANS, the Hungry Mind bookstore and the Minnesota Alliance for Progressive Action.

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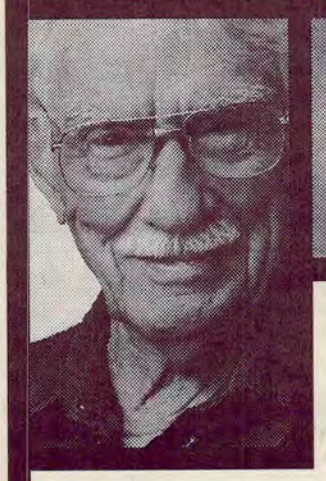
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Those who see panhandlers are asked to call police with a description of the person, location and time they were seen. For details, call Christine Yanchar at 651-644-1085.

BOARD VACANCY

There is one open seat on the Snelling-Hamline Community Council's board of directors. The position is open to anyone who lives or represents a business within the Snelling-Hamline neighborhood. The election will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at Liberty State Bank. For information, call 651-644-1085.

BIKE SAFETY RODEO

The 15th annual Bike Safety Rodeo and Clinic will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, in the Liberty State Bank parking lot at Snelling and Dayton avenues. Children and adults may participate in bike rodeo testing, bike registration and inspections. Refreshments and prizes, including bike giveaways, will be part of the festivities. Bikes are available for those who do not bring their own. In case of rain, the rodeo and clinic will be held on May 15.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS

A few open garden plots are still available at the Snelling-Hamline community garden at Hamline Avenue and Ayd Mill Road. The Snelling-Hamline Community Council provides the 15-by-20-foot plots, water, annual tilling and a compost pile at a cost of $20 per year per plot to local gardeners. Contracts are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority is given to those who had a plot last year. For information, call Karen Dalton at 651-644-1085.

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Health Start gets board's permission to issue birth control in high schools

by Michael Werner

Beginning this fall, teen-agers will be able to pick up birth control pills, condoms and spermicides at free health clinics inside St. Paul's public high schools.

The St. Paul School Board voted 5-2 on April 20 to accept the controversial proposal, reversing an earlier decision that would have allowed each high school to decide whether to let the clinic in its building dispense contraceptives.

The board also called on Health Start, the nonprofit organization that runs the clinics, to create a consent form that would give parents the power to prevent their children from receiving contraceptives. Minneapolis public schools have a similar policy despite the fact that state law allows health care professionals to dispense birth control to minors without parental consent.

The request by Health Start to allow the distribution of contraceptives in the schools generated a firestorm of controversy. More than 150 people packed a School Board meeting on April 5 to debate the issue. The meeting lasted nearly five hours and resulted in the board voting 5-1 to allow individual schools to decide whether contraceptives would be dispensed to students in their buildings. The following day, the board agreed to postpone the final vote until chairwoman Mary Thornton Phillips recovered from surgery.

An equally large crowd filled the board room for the April 20 meeting, with a majority of parents once again showing up to oppose the plan and many health care professionals and students speaking to support it.

"Sexual activity is not a choice the children in my house are given to make," said Thomas Swift, a father of two. "Now we hear that you folks are going to make it easier and more convenient for them to do this. I don't want it to be convenient for my kids. We've got some other people who want this. I invite them to provide contraceptives in their own homes."

Leora Maccabee, a sophomore at Central High School, argued that providing birth control to students would not encourage teens to have sex. "I strongly believe that a decision to restrict our access to birth control will harm our health and safety," she said. "As a socially concerned body of our community, St. Paul schools need to take action and provide a safe and convenient location for teens to receive birth control."

Health Start has been providing health care to students in St. Paul public schools for over 25 years. It is not part of the St. Paul school system, but the district does provide space for its free clinics in all seven public high schools and two alternative schools. In 1998 Health Start served more than 3,400 teens. In addition to reproductive health care, Health Start provides care for minor injuries and illnesses, nutrition counseling, social work and health education programs.

The clinics currently can only write prescriptions for contraceptives or provide vouchers for condoms that students can redeem at other clinics off campus. Studies conducted by Health Start have indicated that nearly 30 percent of girls and 80 percent of boys receiving prescriptions or vouchers never pick up the products. Health Start officials have cited St. Paul's teen pregnancy rate, which is more than twice the state average, and high rates of sexually transmitted disease as reasons for proposing the new policy.

Despite the board's ruling, the birth control debate may not be finished. The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners is considering a resolution to revoke Health Start's funding. Ramsey County currently allocates $160,000 in local property taxes and $600,000 in federal funds to Health Start. Under the resolution, Health Start would only receive the funding if it does not distribute birth control in the schools.

"I think we need a higher standard for our kids," said commissioner Dino Guerin, who brought the resolution forward. "I don't think it's appropriate to pass out birth control in the schools."

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Volunteers are being asked to bring shovels, buckets and work gloves. Registration will take place at 9:00 a.m.—rain or shine. Food and refreshments will be served to registered volunteers, and Elmer the Elm Tree will be on hand to entertain the kids.

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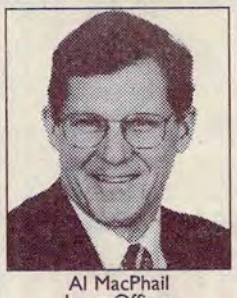
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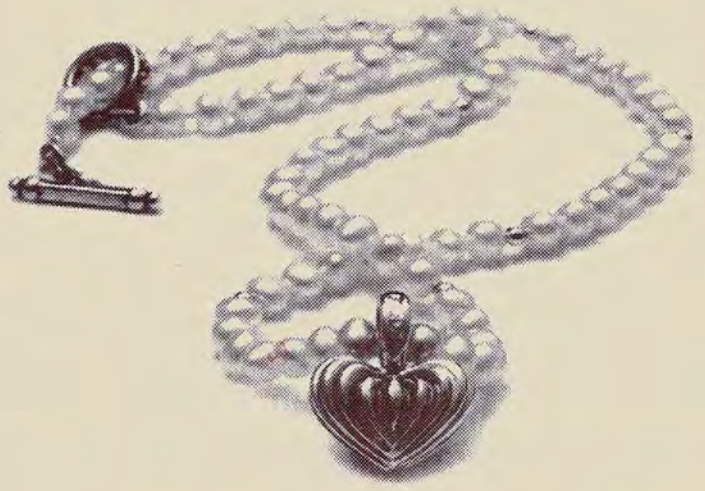
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Village Guild charter members Dorothy Reid (left) and Ady Ingebrand (right) join guild president Joyce Kaminski and vice president Priscilla Swartz in planning for their benefit garage sale on May 7. *Photo by Terry Faust.*

Village Guild celebrates 35th year as hospital charity with push for $3,500

by Leslie Walters

When Joyce Kaminski's son Kevin was 1 month old, he contracted a deadly bacterial infection. Doctors did not hold out much hope. "They said he'd never live," Kaminski recalled. "He did. They said he'd never walk; he does. They said he'd be retarded; he isn't."

Kaminski credits Kevin's remarkable recovery to the staff at St. Paul Children's Hospital, where he stayed for several months. "It was phenomenal," she said of the care her son received. "From that time on I always said, when and if I had the time, I'd do anything for Children's Hospital."

She has and continues to do so. Last week Kaminski and Priscilla Swartz were knitting tiny woolen hats for babies being cared for in the Neonatal Unit at Children's Hospital. So far this year, these women and the 25 other members of the Village Guild have made 82 such hats, some as small as a walnut.

Kaminski and Swartz are the guild's president and vice president, respectively. Since 1964 guild members have volunteered their time and talents to the Children's Hospital Organization (CHO) and its many charities. These include the Children's Diabetes Association, the Encourage Program for children with chronic illnesses, and financial assistance for underinsured patients.

This year the guild will celebrate its 35th anniversary by holding a spring garage sale in addition to its usual fund-raisers, such as a spring bridge tournament and fall bazaar. Traditionally, the guild raises about $2,000 a year. "Our goal is to make $3,500 in our 35th year," said Dorothy Reid, a charter member of the guild.

The garage sale will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7, at Kaminski's home at 1667 Eleanor Ave. According to her, the sale will feature quality merchandise. "There'll be no clothes that we wouldn't buy ourselves," Kaminski said. "Think of it as grandmas getting rid of things—books, jewelry, small furniture, miscellaneous."

Susan Bratnober of Highland Park and Ady Ingebrand, a former Highland resident now living in Edina, are also charter members of the guild. "I'm not sure which one of us thought it up," said Ingebrand, but the two of them, together with Reid and seven other Highland area women, "got it all going in the spirit of helping the community. We were stay-at-home moms bursting with talent and the need for friendship."

"We don't always make money the hard way," said guild member Betsy Guthmann of Mendota Heights. For a while, the group organized tours and charged themselves for the activity, donating the money to the CHO. "That's how we saw the Amish in Harmony," Guthmann said.

The women have also charged themselves to attend their annual Christmas party, held at a member's home, and donated that money to the CHO. Birthday, anniversary and death memorials are also made to the CHO. Members have donated their time as well, decorating Children's Hospital wards and working in its gift shop among other things.

The Village Guild is the second oldest of the CHO's 19 guilds, which over the years have raised $2,186,108 for the CHO.

"Somebody asked me recently, 'What do you get from it?'" Kaminski said. "I said, 'If you have to ask that, you're missing the point of being a volunteer.'"

Guild members have gotten a lot for their efforts, according to Guthmann. "We see the people we're doing something for and how much it means to them, and we get twice as much back," she said.

"The (guild) is a wonderful group," said Kaminski.

"See if you're still saying that after the garage sale," laughed Guthmann.

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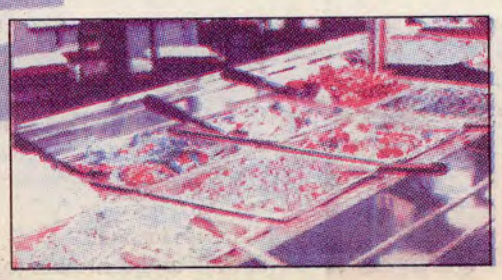
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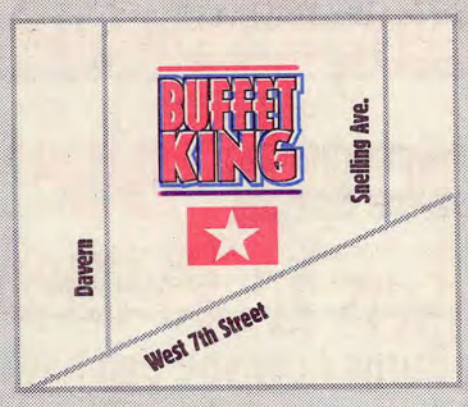
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The Highland District COUNCIL CAPSULE

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The Highland District Council held elections during its annual meeting on April 21. Those elected at the meeting include Tanya Refshauge in Grid 1, Scott Bunin in Grid 3, Sally Couser in Grid 9, and Angie Kline and John Grzybek as at-large members.

Grids 5, 6 and 7 remain vacant. An election will be held to fill those seats at the district council meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. To hold an election in a grid, at least three residents or property owners from that area must be present and willing to vote. If no election takes place, the board may appoint an individual to represent the grid.

The board also plans to appoint two alternates at the May 20 meeting and will elect officers. For information, call the district council office at 651-298-5138.

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR GRID 11

Due to a procedural issue raised at the annual meeting, a special election for Grid 11 will be held at the May 20 board meeting. A grid representative shall be nominated and elected by residents and property owners of Grid 11, according to the council's governing by-laws. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy., with the election of the Grid 11 representative to take place soon thereafter. For information, call 651- 298-5138.

TREE FUND

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Highland, Mac-Grove to host spring cleanup May 8

The joint Highland/Macalester-Groveland spring cleanup will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 8, in the parking lot of Highland Park Senior High School, 1015 S. Snelling Ave.

Items that will be accepted include the following: scrap metal; bikes, lawn mowers and snow blowers; white cement blocks and concrete; mattresses and box springs; construction debris; TVs, VCRs and audio equipment; old windows, asphalt and patio blocks; tires (separate fee required); usable building materials; usable household goods, furniture, doors, lights, plumbing fixtures, flooring and small working appliances; lumber, plywood and paneling; refuse material not listed above; dry carpet and pads.

Items that will not be accepted include car batteries, paint, chemicals, hazardous materials, textiles or major appliances.

Those dropping off items at the site will be charged $5.00 per carload and $10 per pickup truck. There will be an additional charge of $1.50 per car tire and $2.50 per light truck tire. Larger tires will be assessed by size. Only household quantities will be accepted.

Brush and branches 10 inches or less in diameter may be dropped off at the Highland Ice Arena parking lot at Snelling Avenue and Ford Parkway during the cleanup. No root balls will be accepted. The cost is $5.00 per carload and $10 for trucks.

An appliance pickup will take place between 8:00 a.m. and noon on Monday, May 17. Dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, freezers, furnaces, garbage disposals and other appliances should be placed on the curb. The cost is $15 for the first appliance and $8.00 for each additional one. Those with air conditioners will be charged $23 per unit. To register for the pickup, call 651-454-9215.

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Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

NEW PHONE, FAX NUMBERS

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council has a new telephone and fax number. The phone number is now 651-695-4000 and the fax number is 651-695-4004. The office is still at the Edgcumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St.

COUNCIL MEETS ON MAY 20

The May meeting of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at the Edgcumbe Recreation Center. Topping the agenda will be a caucus by residents of Grid 7 (the area bounded by Saratoga Street and Summit, Hamline and St. Clair avenues) to elect one of their own to the council's board of directors. A new board representative is also being sought for area religious institutions and schools. For information, call Kathie Tarnowski at 651-695-4000.

PLANT EXCHANGE SET MAY 8

The community council's Plant Share will be held on Saturday, May 8, at five sites in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood. The annual event is held to encourage gardeners to exchange perennials and gardening know-how with their neighbors. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. Volunteers are needed to help out at the Plant Share sites. To volunteer or to find out the nearest site, call the community council at 651-695-4000.

GROVELAND PLAYGROUND DESIGN PLANNED

The committee working on the design of a new children's play area at the Groveland Recreation Center will meet at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at Groveland, 2045 St. Clair Ave. Anyone interested is invited. For information, call Kathie Tarnowski at the community council office at 651-695-4000.

TEEN-AGE MUSICIANS, ARTISTS SOUGHT

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will once again present the Battle of the Bands and Young Art Fair as part of Grand Old Day on Sunday, June 6.

The Battle of the Bands is open to local musicians ages 12-19. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, and must be accompanied by a $25 check and a demo tape. They may be sent to the community council at 320 S. Griggs St. or dropped off at Zimmerman Dry Goods, 1656 Grand Ave.

The Young Art Fair is open to artists in grades 7-12. Entries and a $10 fee are due by May 14 at the community council office. All entries must be handcrafted by the entrant and "show-ready," which means mounted, matted or framed. For information, call 651-695-4000.

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Task force OKs amended Shepard-Davern plan

by Jane McClure

After more than a year's work, a neighborhood task force last week approved the Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan, but not before adopting a number of amendments recommended by the Highland District Council.

The plan, which has yet to be reviewed by the St. Paul Planning Commission and City Council, offers a guide for redevelopment in the area bounded by Shepard Road, West 7th and Homer streets. Among other things, it calls for new housing, more retail and hospitality businesses, new pedestrian-friendly parkways and better access to Crosby Farm Park.

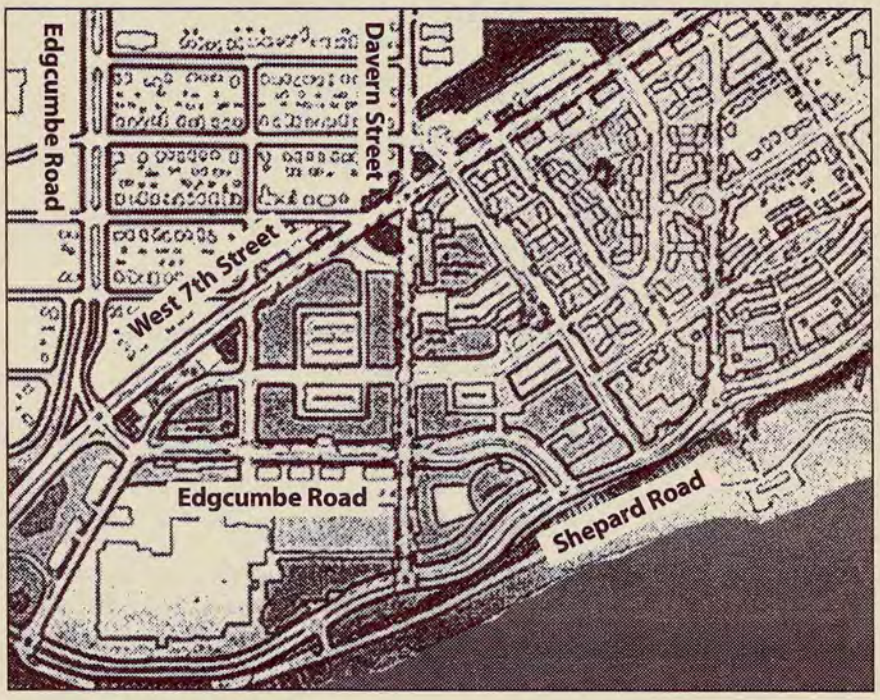
However, residents of the area have been receiving mixed messages on the plan from real estate agents and others. "People are being told that they have no choice and that they'll have to sell their homes," said Rockwood Avenue resident Judy Mickelson.

That is not the case. Redevelopment in the Shepard-Davern area will only happen if there are willing property sellers and buyers, according to Amy Filice, Southwest Team leader for the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development. "This plan is only a vision for what could happen," she said.

Some of the confusion has been generated by a separate proposal to redevelop the portion of the neighborhood bounded by Norfolk Avenue, West 7th and Davern streets. Ron Christenson of Christenson Building Corporation of Minneapolis and former Thorpe Brothers Realty owner Sam Thorpe want to remove more than 40 homes and two businesses and replace them with a $50 million office, retail and housing development.

Christenson has worked with city officials to bring his proposal into line with the proposed small area plan. However, the city has no formal agreements with Christenson, according to Filice.

"Until the small area plan is adopted by the City Council, we don't even have a plan," said Highland District Council president Shawn Bartsh.



The Shepard-Davern plan suggests a realignment of the streets in the area.

The district council has proposed the following amendments to the small area plan:

- Make housing a priority, especially along the Mississippi River, and if any housing is removed, address how it will be replaced.

The plan calls for the creation of up to 1,500 new housing units as either row houses, luxury apartments or townhouses. Just how much housing is created may hinge on whether the usual 40-foot building height restriction within the Mississippi River corridor applies. If it does, the number of potential housing units could drop by as much as 350.

- Thoroughly study the plan to create an at-grade intersection at Edgcumbe Road and West 7th Street before dismantling the freeway-style entrance and exit ramps there.

"I just don't think we have enough information to make a decision on this yet," said Highland District Council member Paul Heinerscheid.

The Shepard-Davern plan calls for extending Edgcumbe Road to Shepard Road along present-day Norfolk Avenue.

According to former district council transportation chairman Rick Dagenais, 48,000 vehicles cross the Highway 5 bridge each day. "People who use that route on a regular basis know that traffic can back up, but they can avoid backups by exiting at Edgcumbe Road," he said.

Dagenais and others agreed that with an at-grade intersection at Edgcumbe Road, Highway 5 traffic may be encouraged to use Mississippi River Boulevard instead. "There just aren't a lot of north-south streets in the area," Dagenais said.

- The plan should reflect a transportation policy that does not remove or impair parking along West 7th.

West 7th is one of several routes through the Shepard-Davern area that are being considered for a River Corridor light-rail transit line. District council members said they support mass transit, but they do not want to endorse

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the concept of light-rail transit in the Shepard-Davern area. The council instead has asked Metro Transit to develop more bus commuter routes within the Highland, Macalester-Groveland and Grand Avenue areas and to work with employers to encourage mass transit use.

• Improve pedestrian safety along West 7th between the river and St. Paul Avenue, construct sidewalks where there now are none and enhance existing bicycle trails.

• Rebuild Davern Street to carry more traffic.

• Protect the river bluff and park land below it from development and forbid any new bridges or the widening of existing bridges over the river.

As part of the Riverview Corridor study, Ramsey County is looking at the possibility of widening the Highway 5 bridge for light-rail transit or a dedicated busway.

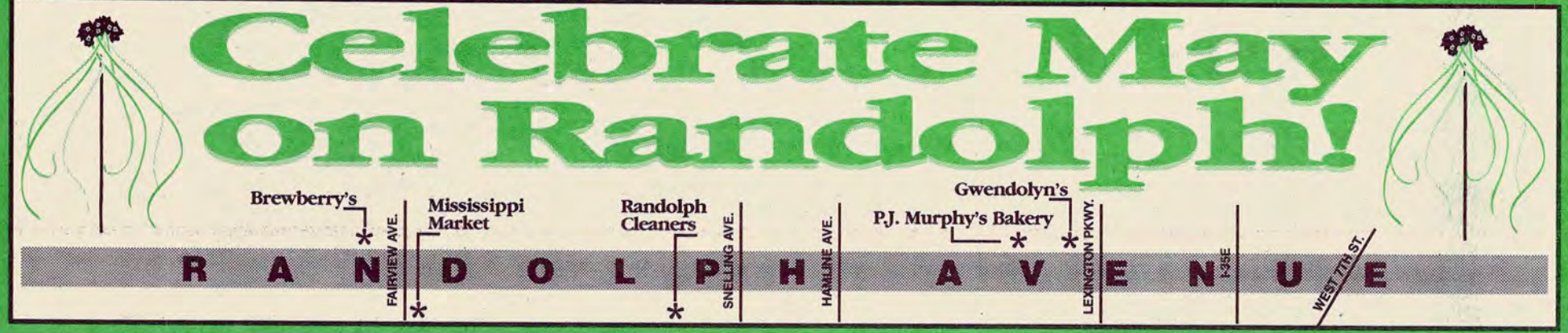
• Separate the West 7th Gateway project from the overall Shepard-Davern plan.

The gateway project, which preceded the Shepard-Davern plan, has already raised more than $1 million in city, state and federal funds for landscaping, lighting and traffic improvements along West 7th between the Highway 5 bridge and downtown St. Paul. "We need to make it clear that the gateway project will happen whether or not anything else in this small area plan does," Bartsh said.

• Recognize the proposed Shepard-Davern special sign district.

The Shepard-Davern neighborhood is part of an interim special sign district that prohibits building any new billboards in the area. Work is now under way to make the sign district permanent. Special sign district status would not only ban new billboards but encourage the eventual removal of existing billboards.

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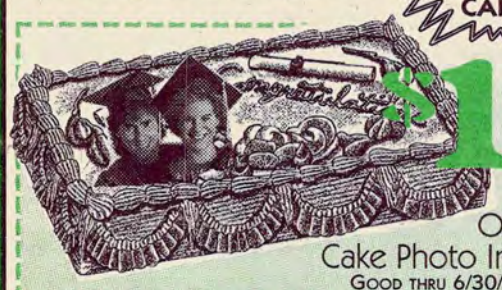
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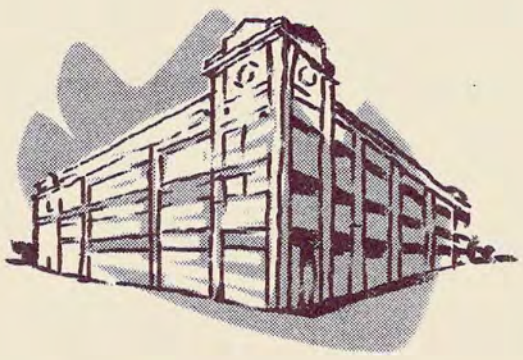
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Curb appeal

More area gardeners are transforming their boulevards into oases of beauty

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

There was a time not long ago when boulevard gardening in these parts consisted mainly of stately concentric circles of cannas, coleus and wax begonias on the Summit Avenue medians. However, over the past couple of years more and more urban gardeners have been seen playing in the dirt between the public sidewalk and the curb. Some residents have gone so far as to plant every possible square foot in their yards and boulevards.

Both St. Paul and Minneapolis encourage boulevard gardening, but certain restrictions apply. Boulevard plants in St. Paul cannot exceed 24 inches in height (try telling that to an enthusiastic day lily). In Minneapolis the height requirement was recently raised to 36 inches, or 18 inches within 20 feet of an intersection.

Wellesley Avenue residents Chuck Depies and Lynn Nordquist started their boulevard garden 3 years ago when they got tired of mowing the front yard. Their boulevard is now home to more than 10 varieties of plants, including liatris, purple coneflowers, white daisies, miniature hollyhocks, cranesbills, two kinds of sedum, thyme and sundrops.

"Once you get it going, it's easy to maintain," Depies said. "I'm glad we did it. I wish more people would."

Boulevard gardening presents some special challenges. The soil tends to be alkaline because of winter salt build-up, so perennials need to be salt-tolerant. The boulevard may also be hotter because of its proximity to pavement and sidewalk, possibly clogged with tree roots, and either very shady or very sunny. Boulevard plants are also more likely to be subjected to an occasional trampling from pets and children, so they need to be sturdy.

"The boulevard is the entrance to your home, the first thing visitors see," said Jeni Holt, manager of Mother Earth Gardens in Minneapolis. According to her, planning is essential to ensure a beautiful garden throughout the growing season. She recommends reading plant labels and making sure to keep site conditions in mind when selecting plants.



White bleeding hearts show their spring colors in Macalester-Groveland botanist Bill Peters' gardens, which extend all the way to the boulevard. *Photo by Mike Long.*

Flowers that will cope well under less than optimum conditions include yarrow, day lilies, hostas and native prairie grass called

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Sure sign of spring is when plant sales begin popping up all over

Gardeners pining for some new perennials or itching to get their hands on some impatiens will find the following area plant sales, swaps and other events in full bloom during the next few weeks:

"Blooms and Brew," a plant sale and roastathon, will be held from 8:00 a.m. Saturday, May 8, to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the Roastery, 769 S. Cleveland Ave. Shop owner Jeremy Raths will roast coffee beans for 30 hours straight to raise funds for the Clare House, a Macalester-Groveland residence that provides care for adults living with HIV/AIDS. The daytime plant sale will be staffed by Clare House volunteers. Those attending will be able to sample the rare Kopi Luwak coffee, which is brewed from beans that travel through the digestive tracts of the Indonesian palm civet before being collected. Call Lynn at Clare House at 651-222-3577.

Como Park Conservatory will conduct a perennial and bulb sale from 8:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 15. The perennials are being grown by conservatory gardeners and the bulbs will be pulled directly from the spring flower show in the sunken garden. Some 5,500 perennials and 13,500 bulbs will be available. Admission is free before 10:00 a.m. Call 651-487-8260.

Friends School of Minnesota, 1365 Englewood Ave., will hold its annual plant sale from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 7, and from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 8-9. This year's sale is dubbed the "Year of the Rose" and will feature a wide variety of shrub, climbing, tea, miniature and tree roses. Hundreds of species of other plants also will be available, including native wildflowers and prairie plants, annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, lilies, hanging baskets, vines, ground covers, water plants, trees and shrubs. Call 612-917-0636.

The Garden Club of Ramsey County will hold its annual plant sale from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at Highland Catholic School, 2017 Bohland Ave. The sale

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little blue stem. Taller varieties should be planted in the middle of a boulevard garden and shorter ones around the perimeter.

For blooming variety, take note of when each plant is expected to show its colors. Other attractive perennials include sedum, coral bells and hardy shrub roses. Include some early spring flowering bulbs to chase away the last grungy snow and a couple varieties of early June iris to assure the neighbors that summer is really here. Roots of these perennials will help hold the soil in place all year. Flowering herbs, such as catnip, chives and basil, make a beautiful and fragrant addition to the garden, and are hardy, low-maintenance plants that do well in poor soil.

Annuals provide swatches of color throughout the summer. Portulaca, which seeds itself year after year, comes in a profusion of colors and hugs the ground. Crystal light zinnias grow in 10-inch high mounds and work overtime showing off their daisy-like blossoms. Tough but lovely marigolds bloom in a variety of colors and grow from 8 inches to more than 2 feet.

Before digging, make sure to check with the utility company to learn the location of underground sewer and electrical lines.

Preparing the soil is the first step to ensure a great garden. Remove the sod layer and dispose of it at a compost site or kill undesired vegetation with two applications of glypho-sate used according to the directions on the package. Tracy Tomforde, manager of Minnehaha Falls Nursery and Garden Store in Minneapolis, suggests testing the soil with a kit that is available at most garden stores. If testing results warrant it, the soil may be amended with gypsum. Till the soil at least a foot deep, get rid of rocks, and add organic matter such as composted manure or peat moss. Add coarse sand if the soil is mostly clay.

To prevent erosion, keep the surface of the garden a couple of inches below the curb or maintain a 6-inch ground cover border around the perimeter. Grass works just fine, but so does creeping thyme, lambs ears, pussytoes, lilies of the valley or low-growing artemisia.

Depending on where you live, some additions to a boulevard garden, including shrubs, timbers, bricks, non-organic mulch and garden chemicals, require the permission of the city forester.

Mulch will help prevent erosion, conserve water and protect the roots of the newly planted garden. Use mulches that do not float easily, such as shredded cypress or red cedar, and be sure to water the garden well in its early weeks. A couple of long, slow waterings a week—with a soaker hose if possible—are better than a short sprinkle each evening.

Cathy Milostan, who lives in the Longfellow neighborhood of Minneapolis, won an award for her boulevard garden in a program sponsored by the Minneapolis Neighborhood Environment Committee. Milostan planted nearly her entire front and back yards with annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees. Spirea, dusty miller, trailing verbena, ivy geraniums, snow-on-the-mountain, monarda, astilbe and anemones fairly roll off her tongue as she identifies each plant. In a few weeks, her boulevard will be ablaze with Stella D'oro day lilies, ribbon grass and the yellow flowers of Herman's pride lamium.

"I live for this time of year," she said.

Plant sales grow in popularity/from previous page

will feature annuals, perennials, herbs, bulbs and houseplants grown commercially and by club members. Call 651-695-1877.

The Longfellow Garden Club will hold a plant swap at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at the Longfellow Community Center, 36th Avenue and 35th Street, Minneapolis.

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will hold its annual Plant Share on Saturday, May 8, at five neighborhood sites. The event offers area gardeners a chance to share their perennials and backyard know-how. Master gardeners also will be on hand to answer questions. A $1.00 donation will be requested of those who do not bring plants to share. For information on Plant Share locations, call the council office at 651-698-7973.

The Mendota Heights Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at 1295 Dodd Road. The sale will feature perennials, herbs and garden supplies. Call 651-454-3337.

Minnehaha Academy, 4200 W. River Pkwy., Minneapolis, will host its Best Blooming Sale and Garden Extravaganza from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 8. Master gardeners and members of the Minnesota Herb Society will present gardening seminars, kids can decorate a flowerpot as a Mother's Day gift or start an herb garden, and visitors can bring in their plants for an examination at a plant health clinic. There is a charge for some of the activities. Call 612-729-8324.

Mississippi Market Food Co-op, 1810 Randolph Ave., will hold its annual plant sale beginning May 8 and continuing through Memorial Day weekend. A large selection of vegetables, herbs, flowering annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, patio pots and more will be offered. Call 651-690-0507.

Ramsey County master gardeners will hold their spring plant sale from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 22, at the county "Barn," 2020 White Bear Ave. in Maplewood. The sale will feature choice perennials and annuals. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer questions about prairie planting, ground covers for difficult sites and plant selection. Proceeds will support the county's free Plant Diagnostic Clinic, which assists residents in identifying plant pests and diseases. Call 651-704-2070.

The St. Paul Farmers Market will offer flower and vegetable bedding plants and more from 1:15 to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays, beginning this week, in the parking lot at St. Luke's Church, 1079 Summit Ave. Call 651-227-6856.

The St. Paul Open School, 90 S. Western Ave., will hold its annual plant sale from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 7, and from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 8. Annuals, perennials and vegetable plants will be sold. Call 651-293-8670.

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Longfellow group suggests growing your own veggies to prepare for Y2K

If the year 2000 brings disruptions in the food supply, we'll all have to think seriously about where our food comes from, who grows it and how little control we have over it.

A small garden can provide fresh vegetables for you and your family and friends to enjoy during the growing season. You can also grow food to fill up whatever freezer space you have—an amount you think you can consume by the first of next year in case there are problems with electricity. The same small garden can provide several months of vegetables that will keep in a cool basement, including potatoes, carrots, beets, turnips and parsnips.

If you have a little more garden space, try winter squash. Anyone who has access to a food dehydrator can dry tomatoes, peppers, etc. Canning also is a good option for preserving pickles and other vegetables.

Before digging up some of your yard, remember to call 651-454-0002 to have the location of any buried utility lines marked. If you don't have a big enough yard for a garden, go in with a neighbor who has extra space or find the nearest community garden site. The same thing goes if you have a really shady yard. Those who don't have yard space may also want to consider container gardening.

Make your garden only as large as you think you can take care of. Unless you have reason to believe the soil is contaminated with lead, don't worry too much about soil composition or testing.

Wait until the soil is dry enough to work with. If you can take a handful of dirt and make a ball that holds together, it's too wet.

Cool weather crops that can be started now include parsley, lettuce, peas, spinach and radishes. These seeds are sown directly in the soil (though lettuce is often transplanted from seedlings started inside). Other vegetables that do fine in cool weather are potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, bok choy, collards and kale. You can sow carrots, beets, onions and turnips soon after the early vegetables.

It's already too late to start warm weather vegetables inside, so a trip to the Farmer's Market may be in order. There you can buy inexpensive tomato, eggplant and pepper plants as well as lettuce, cabbage and broccoli.

Because a small number of companies control the majority of seeds available around the world, gardeners may want to practice saving seeds. Those who want to go that route should ask for open-pollinated, non-hybrid plants such as Brandywine tomatoes and California wonder or purple beauty peppers.

Warm weather vegetables, especially eggplant, should not be put out until there is no longer a danger of frost. Also, wait until at least the second half of May to sow beans and even later for winter and summer squash and melons.

One way to get a lot out of a garden plot is to make sure that little space lies idle. Avoid planting everything at once. This wastes space and gives you more of one vegetable than you can use at a time. You can plant succession crops of almost everything and fall crops of most of the cool weather vegetables.

Self-sufficiency does not happen overnight. However, by starting to grow some of our own food we can begin to regain some control over our lives. Besides, it's fun.

Editor's note: This piece was submitted by the Longfellow Year 2000 Preparedness Group, which is encouraging area residents to take steps toward self-sufficiency in view of the Y2K problem.

Spring gardening classes, bus tour offered

The Sustainable Resources Center is offering several free gardening classes this spring. The schedule is as follows:

"Hands on with Native Plants." Help uncover spring wildflower gardens, identify and discuss native plants, and divide overgrown plants and plant new specimens. Workshops will be held at several locations, including from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, at the demonstration garden at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy., and on Tuesday and Thursday, June 8 and 10, at the Standish Garden, 3817 S. 26th Ave., Minneapolis.

"Let Me Tell You 'Bout the Birds and the Bees and the Flowers and the Trees...of a Native Habitat." Learn about the insects and animals that depend on native plants for their existence, and find out how your yard can become the butterfly magnet on your block. A workshop will be held from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at the Highland Park Library's demonstration garden.

"Birdscaping." Attract birds to your yard through landscaping with native plants, water features, birdhouses and brush piles. Workshops will be offered from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, at the Highland Park Library's demonstration garden, and on Tuesday, June 22, at the Standish Garden.

A bus tour of sustainable Twin Cities landscapes will be offered from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 26. Tour-goers will visit the lush prairie and woodland grounds of a bed-and-breakfast estate, see a charming urban yard that has been transformed with native plants, trek through a suburban savanna with native trees, grasses and wildflowers, and visit a restored prairie overlooking the Minnesota River Valley.

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THE KIOSK

Wednesday/May 5

NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO correspondent Jacki Lyden will discuss U.S. policy in Iraq since the end of the Persian Gulf war at 7:00 this evening in Macalester College's Weyerhaeuser Chapel. Free tickets are available at Mississippi Market, 1810 Randolph Ave.

A SUPPORT GROUP for people affected by depression will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening and on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Call 651-698-0751.

Thursday/May 6

LIBERTY STATE BANK will present its 15th annual complimentary business seminar from 7:00 to 9:30 this morning at the Sheraton Midway Hotel, 400 N. Hamline Ave. This year's seminar will feature talks by four "Successful Women in Business": Kristen Larson Rieser of Grand Foods, Beth MacDonald of MacDonald Montessori, Vickie Ndikum Pinder of State Farm Insurance and Pa Houa Vang of Accountable Employment Services. The free seminar will include a continental breakfast. For reservations, call 651-646-8681.

THE STERLING TOASTMASTERS will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 this evening and every Thursday at the Lexington Library, 1080 University Ave. Call 651-458-0871.

A BOOK EXCHANGE FUND-RAISER will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. There will also be a preview and sale from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 5. Admission to the preview is $5.00 and $2.00 for the all-day exchange. Books cost $1.00. Call 651-698-0751.

Friday/May 7

A CARNIVAL will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 this evening at Horace Mann Elementary School, 2001 Eleanor Ave. There will be games, prizes, rides, food and a silent auction. Call 651-293-8965.

A FUND-RAISER for the Creative Arts School, 1037 University Ave.,will be held from 6:00 to 10:00 this evening. There will be a spaghetti dinner from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., a silent auction from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and student performances from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Call 651-292-3480.

A GARAGE SALE will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. today at the Jean Lyle Children's Center, 130 N. Howell Ave. There will be a bag sale during the last hour.

THE SIMPLE LIVING GROUP will meet at 7:00 this evening and the first Wednesday of each month at Minnehaha United Church of Christ, 4001 S. 38th Ave., Minneapolis. Call 612-729-7556.

Saturday/May 8

A BIKE SAFETY RODEO will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 this afternoon at Liberty State Bank, 176 N. Snelling Ave. In case of rain, the rodeo will be held on May 15.



Cue the qeej

Xao Xiong dressed in traditional Hmong attire and played the qeej, a bamboo and wooden mouth organ that is considered one of the oldest harmonic instruments in the world, for those attending "A Celebration of Cultures" on April 27 at Groveland Park Elementary School. Each class in the school explored the culture of a different country and children had their passports stamped as they visited the various booths. Below, Ellen Breen in a Danish costume, got her passport stamped by Danny Butterfosse while visiting a display on Africa. The celebration also featured baked goods, crafts and international items by artists and vendors. *Photos by Terry Faust.*



A SNELLING AVENUE DESIGN Workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today at Hamline University. The workshop will give participants an opportunity to share their ideas for improved lighting, landscaping, transportation and safety on Snelling Avenue in preparation for the annual Mayor's Design Forum to be held in October. The entire length of Snelling Avenue in St. Paul—from West 7th Street to the northern city limits—will be the focus of the workshop. To participate, call Public Art St. Paul at 651-290-0921.

A SPRING LUNCHEON will be served by the Council of Catholic Women beginning at 11:00 this morning at St. Columba Parish, 1327 Lafond Ave. The guest speaker will be master gardener Tom Hutsell. The cost is $7.00. For reservations, call 651-645-2583.

A FOOD DRIVE will be held today across the Twin Cities. Nonperishable food items may be put out by the mailbox and carriers will pick them up when they deliver the mail. For information, call 651-771-0533.

A RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. tomorrow at the Cleveland Avenue United Methodist Church, 225 S. Cleveland Ave. For information, call 651-699-2350.

A SALAD LUNCHEON and Fashion Show will take place at noon today at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 S. 37th Ave., Minneapolis. The cost is $5.00.

A CONSTITUENT FORUM will be held by State Representative Michael Paymar from 9:30 to 11:30 this morning in the Village View Room at the Hillcrest Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

A HIKE to spot migrating birds along the Mississippi River will be held at 7:30 this morning at Crosby Farm Regional Park. Admission is free. To register, call 651-222-2193.

Sunday/May 9

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet at 2:30 this afternoon at the VFW Club, 1323 Hwy. 13, Mendota, for a walk around the neighborhood. For information, call Chuck at 651-644-7502.

A FORUM on "Coping with Violence at Home and Around the World" will be led by Bishop Lowell Erdahl at 9:00 this morning at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1935 St. Clair Ave. For information, call 651-699-6886.

A PANEL DISCUSSION to explore the special efforts local Jewish organizations have made to welcome and include Jewish gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in the Twin Cities will take place from 10:00 a.m. to noon today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For information, call 612-374-8638.

Tuesday/May 11

A FAMILY ISSUES PARENTING GROUP will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The topic of discussion will be on a new approach to praise. Admission is free. To register, call 651-698-0751.

A NEW PARENTS AND BABIES GROUP will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 this morning at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The meeting will focus on "Music for Baby and You." Admission is free. To register, call 651-698-0751.

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet at 7:30 this evening at Carbone's Restaurant, at Randolph Ave. and Davern St. For information, call Rachael at 651-644-3770.

Wednesday/May 12

THE HIGHLAND MAC-GROVELAND Family Center, 2390 W. 7th St., is offering a series of cooking and nutrition programs for parents of young children. The series will conclude with "Pumping Iron" from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening. This session will provide parents with recipes high in iron that prevent anemia. Admission is free. To register, call 651-695-3790.

Friday/May 14

A COUNTRY FOLK ART and Craft Show will be held from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. today, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. tomorrow and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Admission is $6.00 on Friday, $5.00 on Saturday and Sunday and $2.00 for children under 10. One paid admission is good for all 3 days.

Saturday/May 15

"KIDS DAY" EVENTS will be offered from noon to 3:00 p.m. today at the Langford Chiropractic Clinic at 730 S. Cleveland Ave. The day is being held in conjunction with "Kids Day America," a health, safety and environmental awareness event. Drs. Anne Langford and Heather Karls will be offering free fingerprinting and child ID cards for children, a special appearance by "The Count" from Sesame Street, a visit from the Fire Department and Sparky the fire dog, free spinal exams, and free balloons, snacks, giveaways and prize drawings every half hour. Proceeds benefit the Ramsey County Children's Crisis Nursery. Admission is free.

A NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE will be held in the Desnoyer Park area beginning at 9:00 this morning. Location maps may be picked up at the Recreation Center, 525 Pelham Blvd.

A RUMMAGE SALE will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today at the Family Tree, 1619 Dayton Ave. Donations are still needed. For information or to donate items, call 651-645-0478.

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Sunday/May 16

A SEMINAR on traveling in Israel will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is $4.00, or $3.00 for JCC members. Call 651-698-0751.

Tuesday/May 18

AN OPEN HOUSE will be held by the St. Paul Department of Public Works from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. today at the Dale Street Yards. There will be display booths, entertainment, games, prizes, giveaways and food.

FOSTERING CROSS-CULTURAL understanding in an increasingly diverse metropolitan area will be explored in a free public forum from 5:00 to 8:30 this evening in the Banquet and Conference Center at Bandana Square. For information, call Kate Murphy at the Wilder Foundation at 651-642-2083.

Wednesday/May 19

AN INFORMATIONAL FORUM on Y2K will be held at 7:00 this evening at the Longfellow Park Building on 35th Street between 36th and 37th avenues in Minneapolis. Call 612-721-0115.

Thursday/May 20

THE MOMS CLUB will meet from 10:15 to 11:30 this morning for a member appreciation and award ceremony. Call Allison at 651-917-3823.

LA LECHE LEAGUE (St. Paul Metro chapter) will meet at 7:00 this evening. The discussion will focus on the art of breastfeeding and avoiding difficulties. Call Barb at 651-645-8516.

Saturday/May 22

THE LEXINGTON-HAMLINE Shuffle, a spring garden tour, will take place from 1:00 to 4:00 this afternoon. Guides will be available at 1130 Marshall Ave. during the free tour. Call 651-645-3207.

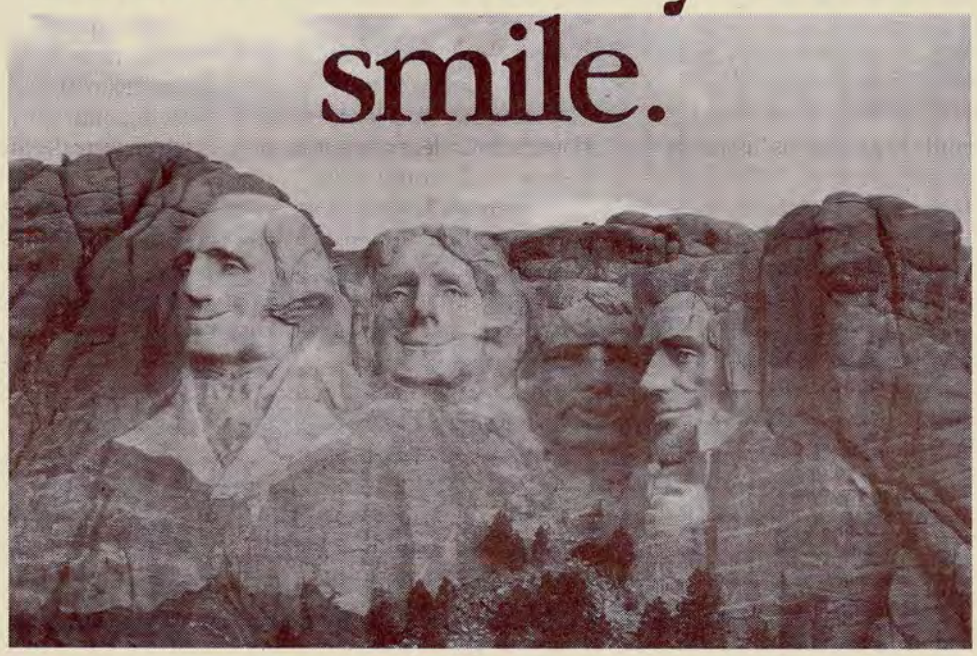
A GREEK FESTIVAL will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. today and tomorrow at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 1111 Summit Ave. There will be food, arts, music and dance. For tickets, call 651-699-0373.

Tuesday/May 25

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet at 7:30 this evening at the intersection of Summit Ave. and East River Road for a walk around the neighborhood. Call Chuck at 651-644-7502.

AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP on women's friendships will take place from 10:00 a.m. to noon today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is $10, or $5.00 for JCC members. For reservations, call 651-698-0751.

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ON THE TOWN

A primer for couch potatoes

Manual in media literacy hits the air waves in June

by Bob Gilbert



John Forde views the title sequence of "Mental Engineering," the program that he will be bringing to KTCA-TV Channel 2 beginning June 13. *Photo by Brad Stauffer.*

John Forde's television habits are somewhat unconventional. With remote in hand and VCR at the ready, he channel-surfs past TV's best programs in search of its most manipulative commercials. It's all part of his work as host of "Mental Engineering," the television show that exposes TV's dirty little secret—that the big name stars, sensational news and blockbuster movies are only bait to reel in viewers for the high-impact advertisements that interrupt programs and prey on the public psyche.

The Macalester-Groveland resident first produced the program two years ago on cable access television. It is now shown locally at 7:30 p.m. Sundays on Media One and Paragon cable Channel 33, but beginning June 13 KTCA-TV Channel 2 will broadcast "Mental Engineering" at 11:00 p.m. on Sundays, and KTCI-TV Channel 17 will rebroadcast it at 8:30 p.m. the following Friday. It is already being shown over public television stations in Washington, D.C., Denver, Los Angeles and New Orleans.

According to Forde, "Mental Engineering" is the first television program to focus on the intentions of TV advertising, a $270 billion a year industry. The average American watches one hour of television commercials a day, he said. That is not new, he said, but no one has been willing to address the topic until now because TV ads are commercial broadcasting's bread and butter.

"Television's commercial motive is a zone of silence that no one ever talks about," Forde said. "Americans voluntarily sit in front of a television and have it beaten into them day after day that they are consumers, they are consumers. The ads never suggest that they are spiritual beings, that they are workers or individuals. All the other roles in life are subordinated.

"On our show, we try to take the viewers' perspective, not as pro-consumers or anti-consumers but as individuals beyond the mind set of consumerism," he said. "A big problem in American society today is voluntary slavery. We put our nose to the grindstone and put blinders on. That's reinforced continuously on television. As a result, people ignore their own spiritual and emotional issues."

For each half-hour show, Forde and his four panelists view four commercials in their entirety and then analyze them. Panelists have included Macalester College communications professor Leola Johnson, writer Greg Fideler, comedian Tim Mitchell who writes for David Letterman, former University of Minnesota Medical School dean Pearl Rosenberg, Brian Lambert of the St. Paul Pioneer Press and Kristin Tillotson of the Star Tribune.

On one show, they lambasted a Buick commercial that begins with a young family driving through a deep green forest. The family looks up longingly toward the trees while a narrator asks, "Do the rich have more friends than the rest of us? Are they more deserving of a comfortable seat? Are they more entitled to brake safely on a rainy day?"

Forde began the discussion by asking his panelists, "Why are the rich such a powerful demon figure?"

"The rich are what we're supposed to aspire to," Johnson said. "What's interesting in this commercial is the play of the twin approaches to the rich—class envy and class hatred."

"The rest of us look at the rich and see our flaws," Fideler said. "They make us feel like crap."

Mitchell thought the commercial represented Buick's feeble attempt to become the car of the proletariat.

"We like to think the central organizing principle of the mind is cognition," Forde said. "But the true central organizing principle of the mind is emotion. Most of television is designed to get the heart rate up. It's almost like endorphin surfing. They're messing with your blood chemistry."

According to Professor Clay Steinman, head of the Communications Department at Macalester College and author of the new book, Consuming Environments: Television and Commercial Culture, Forde's show is a genuine public service. "It gives people the important media literacy skills that television doesn't supply," he said.

Forde, who graduated from Macalester, drove a school bus for 20 years. He earned a master's degree in psychology at St. Mary's University in Minneapolis, but decided he would rather work in the media than work with sick people. (Though he is not so sure that the two are mutually exclusive.) He read the news as a volunteer for public radio station KFAI for two years and then did a stint on KSTP-AM radio with former morning show host David Brauer. In 1997 he enrolled in a class in cable television production and that year taped a pilot of his show.

In his first 18 shows, Forde said he learned what it takes to make good television. He sunk his life savings into the next 14 shows, which were deemed good enough by the Public Broadcasting Service to be made available to its 380 public television outlets. According to Forde, the show currently reaches 10 million households nationwide.

Forde is now looking for an underwriter to help pay for future episodes. He does not shrink from soliciting the same corporations whose commercials he bashes.

"Perhaps a few corporations will recognize the advantage of candor," Forde said. "Underwriting 'Mental Engineering' is a way of gaining the viewers' trust." By sponsoring the program, he said, a corporation could proclaim, "We know we're going to be successful, even though we're going straight against the wind."

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Music

The Orchestra of St. Catherine will perform "The Key of D," their final performance of the season, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, in the O'Shaughnessy on the campus of St. Kate's. Admission is free. For information, call 651-690-6690.

A concert will be performed by the Central High School bands and orchestra at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 6, in the auditorium at the school, 275 N. Lexington Pkwy. Admission is $3.00, or $2.00 for students.

Helios will perform "Milhaud Meets Mingus," a concert of classical and jazz music, at 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 7, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Admission is $10, or $5.00 for students and seniors. Call 651-642-1893.

Ex Machina will perform "Delirio Amoroso: Handel's Miniature Operas for Italian Households" at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, 511 Groveland Ave., Minneapolis. For tickets, priced at $10 and $15, call 651-455-8086.

Music in the Park Series will continue with the following concerts at 7:00 p.m. on Sundays at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave: pianist Thelma Hunter, along with violinist Michael Sutton and cellist Joseph Johnson on May 9. For tickets, priced at $12 in advance or $15 at the door, call 651-645-5699.

The Singer's Voice, an autobiographical music series hosted by Dan Chouinard, will continue at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Dakota Bar & Grille in Bandana Square with the following: Arne Fogel will perform the music of Fred Astaire on May 9; Mary Jane Alm, Pat Frederick, Bruce Henry and Gwen Matthews will perform the music of Burt Bacharach on May 16; and Deborah DelMastro, who stars in the Ordway's *Always, Patsy Cline,* will perform on May 23. Call 651-642-1442.

The Vintage Restaurant and Wine Bar, 579 Selby Ave., will offer live music at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays and at 9:00 p.m. on Mondays through Wednesdays. The schedule will include the following performers: Scott Marrs on May 9; Dan Schwartz on May 10; Paul Frantzich on May 11; Justin Roth on May 16; Dan Schwartz on May 17; Andru Thomas on May 18; Amy Holland on May 23; Dan Schwartz on May 24; Michael Monroe on May 25; and the Steve Westby Quartet on May 26. There is no cover charge.

The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra will perform a musical tribute to Frank Sinatra at 3:00 Sunday, May 9, at the Fitzgerald Theater, 10 E. Exchange St. For tickets, priced from $15 to $19, call 612-989-5151.

"Love Songs for Mother's Day," a multicultural program of secular and sacred choral music to celebrate mothers, will be performed at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 9, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Concert Hall at Macalester College. For tickets, priced at $5.00, call 651-696-6520.

A duo organ concert by James and Marilyn Biery will be performed at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Admission is free.

The Macalester College Pipe Band and Highland Dancers will perform at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at St. Paul's Church On The Hill, 1524 Summit Ave.

The St. Paul Civic Symphony will present its season finale at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 9, in Landmark Center. Admission is free. Call 651-696-6189.

The Society for the Doctrinal Affectation of Baroque Music will perform at 8:00 p.m. Monday, May 10, at the St. Paul Seminary, 2260 Summit Ave., on the campus of the University of St. Thomas. Admission is free. For information or to join this new group, call 651-962-5858.



Ragamala Music and Dance Theater will present "From Temple to Theater," a three-day festival of East Indian music and dance, on Friday through Sunday, May 14-16, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. "Remembering Uday Shankar" will be performed at 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 14, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 16; and Alarmel Valli (pictured) will perform a classical temple dance at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 15. A festival of food, crafts and activities of India will be set up outside the O'Shaughnessy prior to the performances. For tickets, priced from $10 to $21, call 651-690-6700.

"A Musical Collage" will be performed by the College of St. Catherine Women's Choir at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, in the Jeanne d'Arc Auditorium at the College of St. Catherine. Admission is free.

The Minnesota Guitar Society will perform a classical guitarathon at 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 14, in Sundin Hall at Hamline University. For tickets, priced at $10, or $8.00 for students and seniors, call 612-418-6219.

Kantorei will perform the music of Leonard Bernstein and Yehezkiel Braun at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Ave. Admission is $10, or $5.00 for students and seniors.

Violinist Joseph Silverstein will perform with the Chamber Music Society of Minnesota at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 16, in the Ted Mann Concert Hall at the University of Minnesota. Admission is free, but tickets are required and may be picked up at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Call 651-698-0751.

The Prospect Park Players will perform "Americans and Paris," a concert of music from the Roaring '20s, at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 16, in Sundin Hall at Hamline University. For tickets, priced at $15, call 612-331-8345.

Womynperformhers will present a chamber music concert of women composers at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at Landmark Center. Admission is $5.00. Call 612-822-9236.

The St. Paul Early Music Series will present Belladonna performing music from 17th and 18th century Germany at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 901 Portland Ave. Admission is $10 and $15. Call 651-699-1808.

Books

"Untold Stories," a series of programs on the Twin Cities labor history, will include the following: a book discussion on *Irene: Selected Writings of Irene Paull* by Gayla Ellis and Kevin FitzPatrick at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at the Lexington Library, 1080 W. University Ave.; "Some Activists, Adversaries and Advocates in Twin City Black Labor History" by Dave Riehle and Art McWatt at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave.; A walking tour of historic downtown labor sites will be led by Dave Riehle at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at Landmark Center (meet at the Rice Park entrance); and "Mayor William Mahoney, the Labor Press and Politics in St. Paul" by Barb Kucera and Peter Rachleff at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, in Room 317 of Landmark Center. Admission is free. Call 651-222-3242.

Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy., will offer the following events for adults: Bill Peter will discuss and sign copies of his book *I'm Moving: Eliminating the Anxiety of Buying and Selling a Home* at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 6; Jacquelin Fletcher and Candis Fancher, two of the contributing authors to *Chocolate for a Mother's Heart,* will share stories and chocolate at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 8; Como Park golf pro John Shimpach will demonstrate some golf swings and give advice at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 13; a slide show and discussion on Rome will be given at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, May 16; the Wednesday Night Book Club will discuss Joseph Skibell's *A Blessing on the Moon* at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 19; and a poetry circle, led by Linda McKay, author of *Shadow Mothers,* will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 19. Admission is free. Call 651-690-9443.

The Hungry Mind Bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted): Elizabeth Strout will read from her novel *Amy and Isabelle* on Thursday, May 6; Barbara Gowdy will read from her novel *The White Bone* on Friday, May 7; Marjorie Dorner will read from her novel *Seasons of Sun and Rain* at 7:00 p.m. on Satur-



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day, May 8; Tracy Kidder will discuss his book *Home Town* at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 10; Louise Rafkin will read from her memoir *Other People's Dirt* on Thursday, May 13; G.K. Wuori will read from his novel *Nude in the Tub* on Friday, May 14; David Treuer will read from his new novel *The Hiawatha* at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 15; Edward Hirsch will discuss his new book *How to Read a Poem* at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 16; Pauline Boss will discuss her book *Ambiguous Loss* on Monday, May 17; Diane Ackerman will discuss her book *Deep Play* on Tuesday, May 18; April Sinclair will read from her new novel *I left My Back Door Open* on Wednesday, May 19; David Kennedy will discuss his book *Freedom From Fear* on Thursday, May 20; and Debra DiBlasi will read from her book of stories *Prayers of an Accidental Nature* on Tuesday, May 25. Call 651-699-0587.

Roy Saurez, host of NPR's "Talk of the Nation," will discuss his book *The Old Neighborhood* at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar St. Admission is free.

"Race and the Literary Imagination," a six-part series of books representing cultural diversity, will conclude with the five participating authors reading from their own works at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The authors include Mary Moore Easter, George Rabasa, David Mura, Bill Holm and Heid Erdrich. Admission is free. Call 651-296-6126.

Dance

The Ethnic Dance Theatre will perform at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, May 6-8, and Thursday and Friday, May 13-14, in the E.M. Pearson Theater at Concordia University. There also will be a special Silver Gala performance at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, which will include Ballet Mexicano, Joe Chvala and the Flying Foot Forum, Jawahir Dance Company, Nritya Jyoti Dance Theatre and Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre. For tickets, priced from $12 to $25, call 612-782-3970.

Nritya Jyoti Dance Theatre will present the premier of "Mother, Daughter–On the Border," featuring the mother-daughter team of Rita and Semonti Mustaphi, at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 6-9, at the Hennepin Center for the Arts, 528 S. Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis. For tickets, priced at $12, or $10 for students and seniors, call 612-573-4753.



Minnehaha Academy students Michelle Haley and Kevin Manthie shop at Reidy's Market, 3904 S. 42nd Ave. S., Minneapolis, in this scene from *How We Got Here.* The 20-minute drama was written, acted and filmed by 70 Minnehaha Academy students under the direction of theater teacher Ann Sorenson. It will receive its premiere at 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 14, at the Riverview Theater, 3800 S. 42nd Ave., Minneapolis. Admission is $5.00 for adults and $4.00 for students. For information, call 612-729-8321.

A special "Swing Night" will be held from 8:00 p.m. to midnight on Friday, May 14, at the Wabasha Street Caves, 215 S. Wabasha St. Swing Beat will provide the music for the dance. Dance lessons will be given at 7:15 p.m. Admission is $8.00. Call 651-224-1191.

The Twin City Ballroom, 265 W. 7th St., will hold dances, featuring the waltz, foxtrot, tango, hustle, Latin and swing dancing, from 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. on Sundays, May 16 and 23 and from 10:00 to 11:30 p.m. on every Friday during May. Lessons will be given an hour before the dance. Admission is $5.00. Call 651-771-4718.

Family

Preschool storytimes for children ages 3-5 are being held on Fridays until May 21 at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. There will be a storytime for day-care groups at 10:00 a.m. and one for families at 10:45 a.m. To register, call 651-642-0385.

A showcase of music, drama and studio arts by Cretin-Derham Hall students will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, in the old building of the school, 550 S. Albert St. Admission is free. For information, call 651-690-2443.

Young Dance will perform "In Bloom" at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, May 6; at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 7; and at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, in the Student Center Theater on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota. For tickets, priced at $3.00 for Thursday's show, and $10 for adults and $5.00 for seniors, students and children for the other shows, call 612-827-0650.

The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., will offer the following activities for children at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays: Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen will read from her book *Elizabeti's Doll* on May 8; author/illustrator Michael McCurdy will present his books and demonstrate his art on May 15; and Wendy McCormick will introduce her first book *Daddy, Will You Miss Me?* on May 22. For information, call 651-224-8320.

The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra will perform *Little Red Riding Hood* in a special concert for families at 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced at $15.50 for adults and $9.50 for children, call 651-291-1144.

ArtScraps, 1459 St. Clair Ave., will offer the following Super Scrapper Saturdays for children ages 4 and up from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m: children can make a gift of flowers out of recycled materials on May 8. To register, call 651-698-2787.

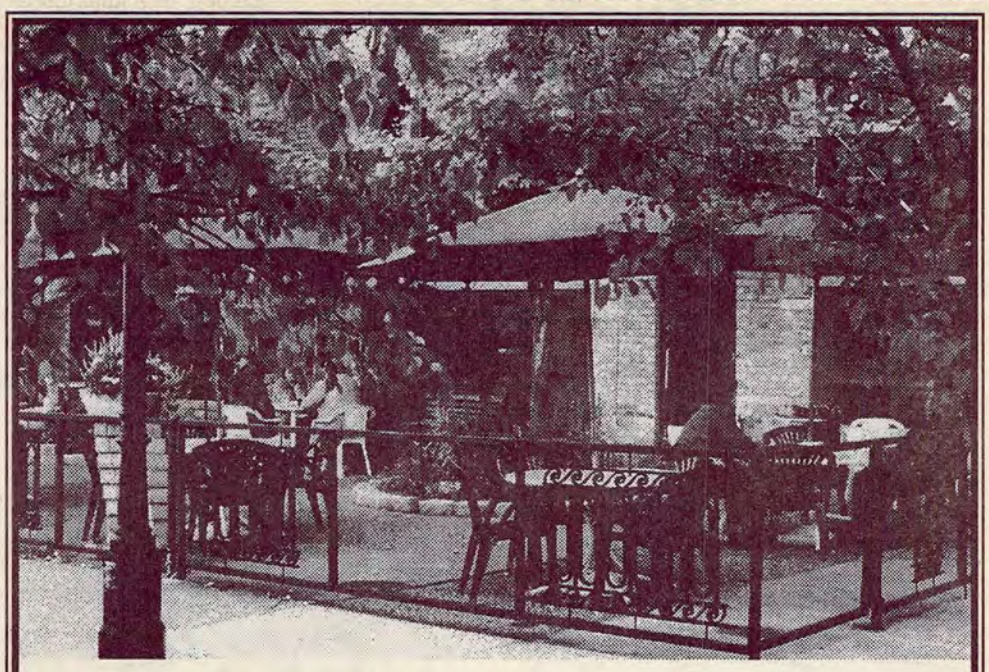
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"Sundays at Landmark," a family-oriented event series, continues with the following programs at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays at Landmark Center: the St. Paul Civic Symphony on May 9; the Bach Society with "Opera Choruses" on May 16; and a celebration of National Tap Dance Day, featuring tap-dance legend Skip Cunningham, on May 23. Call 651-292-3225.

Barnes & Noble Highland will offer the following children's storytime activities for children ages 3 and older at 10:00 a.m. on Mondays: stories about sports will be read on May 10; stories about horses will be read on May 17; and stories of adventure will be read on May 24. Admission is free. Call 651-690-9443.

The Nokomis Community Library, 5100 S. 34th Ave., Minneapolis, will offer storytimes for toddlers at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, May 11 and 18. Preschool films *A Boy, A Dog and a Frog, Madeline's Rescue* and *Mysterious Tadpole* will be shown at 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 5. And family films *Curious George, Really Rosie* and *Curious George Goes to the Hospital* will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 24. Call 612-630-6700.

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"Redlights & Poetry," a local underground poetry collective, will perform at 10:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, at Penumbra Theatre, 270 N. Kent St. The group, which includes seven poets, two deejays, a band and a host, will present a wide variety of performances, such as jazz, poetry, hip hop, tap dance and storytelling. Admission is $8.00. For information, call 651-224-3180.

"Into the Light," a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender arts and culture series co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center and the St. Paul Companies, will take place through June 29 at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The play *From the Beginning I Did Not Speak in Secret* will be performed at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9, and at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12. Also "Our Simchas, Our Lives, Our Pride," a life cycle photo exhibit, will be on display through May 30. A film festival will also be part of the series. Upcoming films will include *Cancer in Two Voices* and *Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter* at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 25. A series pass to all events will be available for $45, or $35 for JCC members and employees of the St. Paul Companies. Call 651-698-0751.

"Bronze Blossoms," an evening of new and traditional Indonesian music and dance, will be performed by the Schubert Club Gamelan Ensemble at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 8, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced at $10, call 651-690-6700.

A Mother's Day Celebration featuring an eclectic blend of soul-stirring gospel music, storytelling and dance, will take place beginning at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the College of St. Catherine. A dance will kick off the celebration. It will take place outside near Dew Drop Pond. At 4:30 p.m. the Twin Cities Gospel Choir will perform in the auditorium of the O'Shaughnessy. For tickets to the concert, priced at $12.50 for adults and $8.00 for children 12 and younger, call 651-690-6700.

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Vikes' 'Pepper' needs too much QB seasoning

Despite their denials, the Minnesota Vikings did not want to take University of Central Florida quarterback Daunte Culpepper as the 11th choice overall in the NFL draft. Arizona defensive back Chris McAlister was the player the Vikings wanted and thought they could get. However, the team failed to trade up for him and when he slipped away, Culpepper suddenly became Dennis Green's favorite pick of all time.

I don't like the choice at all. By the time Culpepper is ready to take over the Vikings' offense, Purple McCombs' team could well be playing in his native Houston.

I'm still not convinced the Vikings made the right decision in shipping Brad Johnson to Washington. I'd be more comfortable with Johnson playing quarterback for the three years it'll take Culpepper to develop. Randall Cunningham's dream season put all this into motion, of course. Green is so enamored with Cunningham that he went out and picked up a clone in Culpepper. The Vikings picked a 250-pound third-string quarterback, but they needed a 300-pound first-string pass rusher. Florida defensive end Jevon Kearse could've stepped in immediately next to John Randle.

The defensive end the Vikings did get, on the 29th pick overall, has a tremendous upside, but Dimitrius Underwood was still a risky pick. The 6-foot-5, 290-pounder sat out the entire 1998 season at Michigan State with a severe ankle sprain. Vikings coaches are drooling over his 6 percent body fat, but he'll have a tough time putting pressure on passers.

Think back to the NFC championship game. The Vikes' front four put almost no pressure on Atlanta quarterback Chris Chandler. Defensive end was the position that most needed immediate attention.

The Vikes' second-round pick, tight end Jim Kleinsasser of North Dakota, has been touted as a "real sleeper," but that position could've been filled later in the draft. The Vikes did let tight ends Hunter Goodwin and Greg DeLong defect via free agency this winter, but the team's offensive scheme has had little to do with the tight end anyway.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Just a few things I believe to be true:

• The Washington Redskins not only made a great deal in acquiring Brad Johnson from the Vikings, they also pulled off the biggest coup in the draft. They took Mike Ditka and the New Orleans Saints for all their choices, then got the guy they

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Staying the course

Hard-driving Vis golfer seeks third state tourney berth

by Tom Cody

Mollie Shearen's plans for this summer have already been pretty much determined. After graduating from Convent of the Visitation School later this month, the Macalester-Groveland resident will head out each morning for the practice range at Keller Golf Club in Maplewood.

Shearen has already established herself as one of the finest high school golfers in the Twin Cities. This summer she intends to take her game one step further.

"I qualified for the Max-Fli Junior Championship last August in West Palm Beach," she said. "I played pretty well down there, but what I really learned was just how intense it gets at that level. I saw firsthand how serious you have to be about your game if you want to take it to the next level."

Shearen has already appeared twice in the Class A state golf tournament. She hopes to return there this spring and improve on last year's sixth-place individual finish.

Next fall she will be walking on at the University of Iowa with hopes of qualifying for its tournament team. "They have a squad of about 10 players," she said, "and seven of them play in the big events. I'm cautiously hopeful about my chances down there."

Shearen proved to be a natural golfer right from the start. "My dad (John, a two-handicapper at the White Bear Yacht Club) gave me an old set of clubs when I was 11 and turned me loose on the driving range," she said. "I could hit the ball OK from the beginning—I hit it about 210 off the tee now— but after a while I realized how difficult it was to improve to that next level."

"She took one of my old 3-woods and drilled it about 180 yards," said John Shearen of Mollie's first swing of a golf club. "It was easy for her at first; she has a natural swing that isn't very complicated. When she was young, people thought she must've had lessons. But



Visitation senior Mollie Shearen has established herself as one of the best high school golfers in the Twin Cities. *Photo by Terry Faust.*

what sets Mollie apart at the high school level is her distance off the tee. She said 210? She's sand-bagging you there. She hits it more like 235-240. Her short game is strong too, yet she's never really worked that hard at it."

The 5-foot-5 Shearen played in many junior events before bursting onto the golf scene at Visitation. She earned the number-one position on the varsity as a freshman and has kept it ever since.

"I shot in the high 40s (for nine holes) as a 9th-grader," she said. "Then as a sophomore, I qualified for the state tourney and finished ninth (at Wapicada in St. Cloud). I think I shot 87-83 (for 36 holes) that year at state. Last year, I won the individual region title again and shot 84-81 (at the St. Cloud Country Club) to place sixth overall in Class A.

"I've worked with a lot of people, but I probably got the most help from hanging around the pros at Keller," Shearen said. "Tom Purcell and Jim Marquardt would both watch me hit balls and give me tips. I have a long swing and I'm working on a couple of subtle changes. I

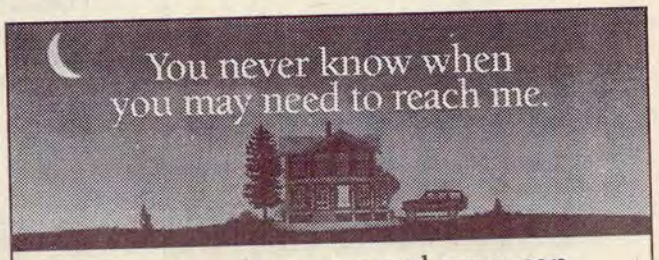
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Seiger's strong right arm keeps Sibley in conference chase

by Bill Wagner

There are two strategies when it comes to pitching: You can try to finesse the ball around the plate, working the corners and changing speeds, or you can try to blow it by the opposition.

Watching Henry Sibley High School's senior pitching ace Paula Seiger leaves no doubt which method she prefers. Her best pitch is her fastball and any opposing batter who wants to get on base had better be able to take the heat—hard, relentless heat.

Seiger likes to let fly with the old No. 1 and she'll gladly tip her cap to any hitter who can keep up with it. Thus far this spring, that hasn't happened too often.

The 5-foot-7 Seiger relies on her long arms and legs to generate the speed behind her pitches, and she keeps her strength up with a strict regimen of weight-lifting. Her fastball has been clocked at 55 mph, only 6 mph off the top prep fastpitch speed in the state.

Sibley coach Kathy Fletcher knows that she has one of the top hurlers in the metro area on her roster. The right-hander had posted a 0.93 ERA to go with 44 strikeouts and was averaging nearly seven Ks per game as of last week. However, despite her prowess on the mound, the Warriors were just 5-5.

According to Fletcher, the team has been victimized by anemic hitting and some porous defensive play. Seiger hurled all 17 innings of a 3-2 loss to South St. Paul and was beaten by Park of Cottage Grove 2-1 despite yielding just two hits.

Fletcher said she thinks Seiger, who is gunning for a third consecutive all-conference season, can be an even better pitcher if she improves her control. She only walks 3.5 hitters per game as it is, but Fletcher would like to see her cut that number down to about 1.5.



Senior Paula Seiger has done a yeoman's job on the mound for the Warriors this season. *Photo by Terry Faust.*

"She's been trying to stay ahead of the hitters," Fletcher said. "She knows that would be much to her advantage. She's also trying to mix in her changeup more often this year.

Some people who follow the St. Paul Suburban Conference say that it boils down to two pitchers—Seiger and Simley's Andrea Sweeney—when it comes to the top chucker in the league. When the two met this year, Seiger outpitched Sweeney in a 3-2 thriller.

"There's nothing complicated about the way I pitch—it's pretty simple," said Seiger, who posted a 10-7 record last year with a 1.23 ERA and 117 strikeouts. "In the past I've had trouble because I tried to rush my delivery. In the last couple of games, I've been trying to take my time and take a couple of deep breaths. It's helped a lot."

Most of Seiger's heaters are rising fastballs, which create huge problems for hitters. "I d have a dropball," she said, "but batters can hi that a little more consistently. I'm really happy with the way my changeup has come on this year. Against Woodbury the other day (a Warrior win that broke a four-game losing streak), I threw it about 10 times and it worked well because it threw the hitters' timing off."

Seiger said she has been pitching since she was 10 years old. "By the time I was 12, I noticed that batters were having trouble hitting the ball," she said. "I knew at that point that I might be pretty fast by the time I got to high school."

Ironically, Seiger might be playing her last interscholastic softball this year. She plans to attend community college this fall and said academics will be her first priority. "I don't know if I'll play in college," she said.

Still, the season is far from over. Seiger seems tireless on the mound and said she still had plenty left in her arm after 17 innings against South St. Paul. "I'm always ready to go," she said.

Offensive support at Sibley is being provided this year by sophomore centerfielder Katie Otis, who is batting .308 as Sibley's leadoff hitter and has five stolen bases. Junior designated hitter Andrea Henjum is batting .344 and senior second baseman Sarah Andrews has the team's best on-base percentage at .382.

Though they are off to a slower start than she had hoped, back-to-back wins over Woodbury and Simley has Fletcher figuring that the Warriors can still finish fairly strong in the conference. "The last two games we've played pretty well," she said.

Shearen is on course for return trip to state golf tourney /from previous page

want to hook the ball better and get the club inside more."

Visitation coach Connie Parsley points to Shearen's concentration as her greatest asset. "Mollie is so focused, so determined," she said. "Even though she is basically a scratch golfer now, she is still very coachable and willing to listen. She's a big hitter off the tee. She has a nice smooth back swing with a little hitch in it. That gets her momentum going and she really throws her weight into the tee shots. She reads greens well and has a great putting touch. She needs to develop her short iron game next."

Mollie's father agrees. "If Mollie can make strides in her wedge play from 100 yards and in, she'll be able to really improve her game," he said.

"I'm going to spend an hour a day this summer just on that short game," Mollie vowed. "I want to really crank it up this summer and play all the golf I can. I used to play soccer, but I'm done with that. If I get a job this summer, it'll be at the course. Everything else is going into the back seat for now. I've found that the physical part of the game is easier to develop than the mental part. I feel smarter out on the golf course this spring. I'm able to block things out of my mind better."

Shearen has been the medalist in the last three Visitation meets. She fired 37 and 38 in her last two events at Mendakota.

"We were second in the region last year as a team," said Parsley. "Waconia beat us to go to state. But they lost a couple of their top players, so we should have a decent shot this time. (The regionals will be played on May 25 at River Oaks in Cottage Grove.) It's awfully nice to start every tourney knowing that Mollie will be somewhere around even par."

Rounding out the Visitation golf team is sophomore Kelsey Getz, who has a nine-hole average of 42, sophomore Liz Weisbecker (44) and senior Bridget Bazal (50).

"We play the Tri-Metro conference tourney (on May 17) at River Oaks as well," Shearen said, "so that might give us a little home-course advantage going into regionals."

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Giving state a tumble. The Blue Devils and Hotshots from Highland Gymnastics recently won the Division II and V state titles, respectively, in the Midwest Amateur Gymnastics Association. Pictured, from left, are (front row) Annie Casper, Markie Crosby, Katie Poulos, Alyssa Shomion and Sarah Karalus; (middle row) Mackenzie Kigin, Kelli Goodman, Siobhan Sullivan, Joelle Kessler, Steph Mitchell and coach Katie Bougie; (back row) coach Allison Harrington, Steph Nelson, Megan Messina, Shannon Pates, Mary Puder, Briana Larson, Jonna Bjelland, Elly Casper and coach Marcy Carlson.

SPORTS SHORTS

The St. Paul Blackhawks U15 girls premier team won the seventh annual Just for Girls Soccer Tournament the weekend of April 17-18 in Des Moines, Iowa. The Blackhawks won the first game 5-4 in a shootout against West Des Moines Impala and went on to defeat teams from Overland Park, Kansas, 1-0, Plymouth, Minnesota, 4-0, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 3-2 in overtime. In the final, they topped Iowa United 1-0. The Blackhawks were last year's Minnesota State Cup champions and winners of the National Sports Center Cup. Local team members include Kate Aubrecht of Highland Park High School, Kelley Haag of Minnehaha Academy, Dena Milligan and Hannah Wright of St. Paul Academy, Britanee Pelikan and Meredith Stocking of Cretin-Derham Hall, and Danielle Wermager of Central. They are coached by O.J. Okello.

Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St., will accept registration for its summer athletic programs from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 22, in the school gym. The sports programs include softball for girls entering grades 6-9 ($85), tennis for boys and girls entering grades 5-8 ($50), baseball for boys entering grades 7-9 ($90), boys basketball for those entering grades 5-10 ($50), girls basketball for those entering grades 4-10 ($50) and football for boys entering grades 6-10 ($50). For details, call the school at 651-690-2443.

Becca Clauson of Highland Park and **Katie Wild** of Mendota Heights will compete in the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic National Championships on May 15 in Austin, Texas. They qualified for nationals as a result of their performances at the Region IV meet on April 17 at Concordia University. Competing as a Junior 15, Clauson earned a bronze medal with a score of 9.45 in the floor exercise. She placed fourth on the bars, fifth on the beam and finished fourth overall with a 36.425 in the all-around. Wild won the gold medal with a 9.25 in the floor exercise in the Junior 14 age division. She also placed fourth on the beam, fifth on the bars and 10th on the vault. Both girls are making their third appearance at nationals. They are members of the Thompson Academy of Gymnastics South.

The Highland Park Men's Golf Club has openings for the 1999 season. Membership dues are $80 and include Sunday tee times and eligibility to play in weekend club events. For details, call John Tauer at 651-698-3524.

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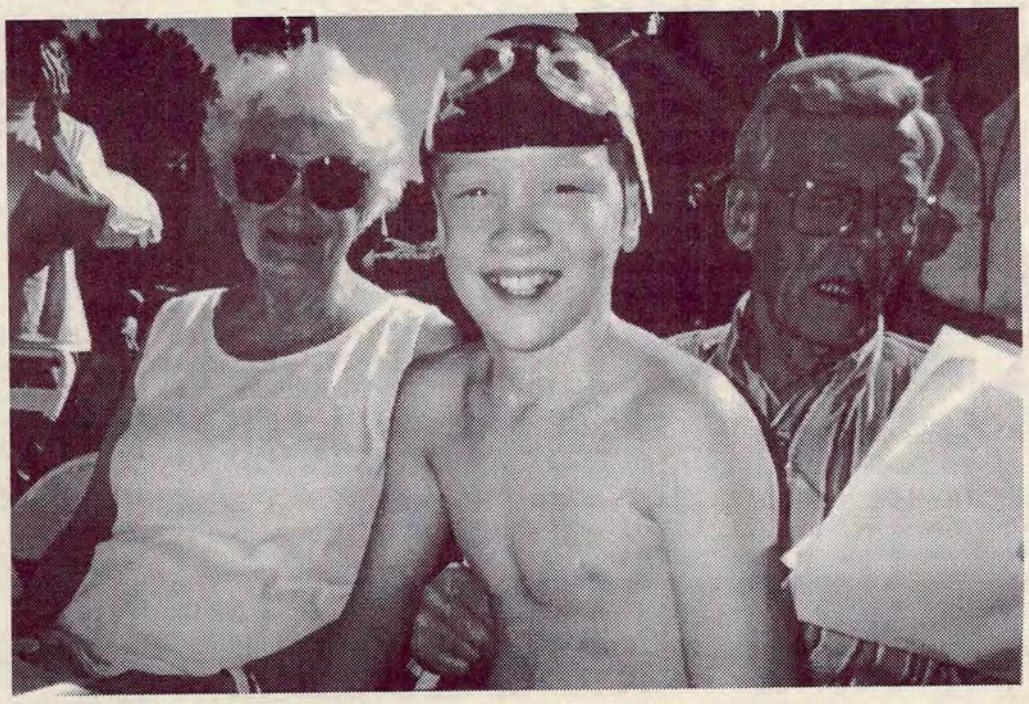
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really wanted in Georgia corner Champ Bailey. When the smoke cleared, the 'Skins were standing with an extra number-one choice next year just to sweeten the pot.

• The Twins remained within hailing distance of the .500 mark after the first month of the season. Thus far, the youngsters in the line-up have been aggressive and impressive. The Twins have already staged more late-inning rallies this season than they did all of last season. What has helped the local nine the most, perhaps, is their ignorance of their dire situation. Reality will sink in as soon as the natural law of statistics begins to take its course this summer. The team will take a beating down the stretch; the talent is simply not there. But for now, what the heck? It's springtime and ignorance is bliss.

• Did you notice that the Cleveland Indians have come out of the gate as the top team in the majors? Who was it who told you they were the class of the league when spring training broke? On the flip side, have you taken a look at the record of the Yankees? Joe Torre is the key to holding that Bronx Zoo together. If his recovery is delayed, their struggles may continue all spring and you know what that means: King George will panic, step in and dismantle the best roster in baseball.

• The Indians and the Yankees will certainly be the top two teams in the American League, but the place to be this summer is Detroit. Venerable Tiger Stadium is closing its doors this fall, making way for yet another new downtown monstrosity. Fenway Park and Wrigley Field are without a doubt the finest two places to watch a ball game in America, but Tiger Stadium isn't far behind. If you've never seen it—or, more important, if your children haven't seen it—you have one last chance. Our Ball Park Tours group has a "Last Rites" bus trip to Detroit scheduled for July 21-25. The excursion will also pay its respects to Milwaukee's doomed County Stadium. For more information, call 651-227-3437.

• Speaking of ballparks, I keep hearing about St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman's quixotic quest to bring the Twins across the river. Sure, it's a pipe dream, but I applaud the effort.

• Luke Recker has to be the straw that breaks the camel's back at Indiana University. The Hoosiers' top scorer recently transferred, becoming the seventh player to leave the program in the past five years. That's enough. Coach Bob Knight has to go. The game of basketball has passed him by. His boorish behavior is no longer considered to be eccentric or motivational. Instead, it's an embarrassment to the Big Ten and the NCAA. Do the right thing, Bob. You'd be dynamite in the booth with Digger and Dick Vitale.

• I vow to see the fledgling Minnesota Lynx in action at the Target Center this summer. The only thing that might stop me is the ongoing WNBA labor dispute. Apparently women have achieved gender equity in professional basketball; now their agents and their demands are just as silly as the men's. Nonetheless, the Lynx will eventually find an audience here, and that will put even more pressure on University of Minnesota coach Cheryl Littlejohn to produce a winner. The unprecedented growth of women's hoops in Minnesota is a two-edged sword: The fan base has grown, but so have the expectations.

• I've said it before, but with Wayne Gretzky's retirement it bears repeating: Sports fans are lucky to have been living in this era. Over the past couple of decades, we've had the pleasure of witnessing the play of Michael Jordan, Jack Nicklaus and Gretzky. All three were the best who ever played their respective sports. I was a bit too young to appreciate Jim Brown, the best player to ever lace 'em up in the NFL, and grainy newsreel footage is all I've ever seen of Babe Ruth, but I'll forever treasure memories of the other three.

• It would be an outstanding accomplishment if the Timberwolves could muster even one victory in their quarterfinal playoff series this week. The best that this makeshift squad can hope for is a great draw in the June 30 lottery. The Wolves' first-round pick, which they acquired from the New York Nets in exchange for Stephon Marbury, holds the key to their immediate future.

PREPS SPRING INTO ACTION

• The early returns for local high school baseball players are just in, and they include some gaudy offensive statistics: Kris Unise (Cretin-Derham Hall, .714); T.J. Prunty (St. Paul Academy, .667, 9 RBIs); Alex Van Heel (Central, .636); Alex Faulken (Central, .631); Chet Alexander (CDH, .600); Rob Kimlinger (CDH, .571, 9 RBIs); J.P. Gagne (CDH, .556, 6 RBIs, 2 HR); Mike Fretschel (St. Thomas Academy, .545, 6 RBIs); Willie Bartholomew (Central, .538); Brady Kestner (Central, .533); Peter Skrief (St. Paul Academy, .500); Mark Apfelbacher (SPA, .478); and Dusty Wilhelmy (STA, .451).

Top hurlers include Jon Marzolf (CDH, 3-0, 0.00 ERA); Prunty (SPA, 3-0, 0.42 ERA, 30 K); Andy Hodgson (Central, 3-0, 1.67 ERA); Dan Salmen (CDH, 1.40 ERA); and Josh Willet (Minnehaha Academy, 2.55 ERA).

• Top performances on area softball diamonds have been turned in by Christina Adams (Visitation, .642, 18 SB); Emily Petschel (Visitation, .555, 11 SB, 13 RBIs); Jenny Carnival (Visitation, .518, 11 SB); Jill Reinhardt (Highland Park, .466); Patti Vannelli (Visitation, .440, 11 SB, 12 RBIs); Lindsey Bonine (Central, .438); Kate Townley (CDH, .420, 11 RBIs); Anna McCormick (Central, .419); Shannon Fitzgerald (Visitation, .400); Angie Sund (HP, 13 RBIs); Alicia Petryk (SPA, 12 RBIs); Jenni Leslie (SPA, 10 RBIs); Katie Hermes (CDH, 10 SB). Top pitchers include Paula Seiger (Sibley, 0.93 ERA, 44 K); Libby Wilhelmy (Visitation, 6-0, 1.13 ERA, 62 K); Julie Berthiaume (CDH, 1.92 ERA); Mayda Miller (Central, 1.98 ERA); Katy Gehrig (SPA, 36 K).

• Natasha Holt of Sibley has posted top-10 track times in the 100 and 200 meter events this spring. Sibley's 4 x 200 relay team is also among the best in the metro area.

• Among the top boys tennis players are Evan Berquist (SPA); Dan Stenson (SPA); and Ben Jardine, Conor McKim and Pat Marzolf (all of CDH).

• Top area golfers include CDH's Dan Ehrmanntraut, Pat Simmer and Aaron Wright, and STA's Ryan Inman and Brian Geraty.

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MULTI-FAMILY Sale. Name-brand kids' clothing, consignment prices; plus toys, books, baby items; 1807 Walsh Lane @ Marie, Mendota Heights; Thurs., May 6, 9-1; 4-8. v

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL Village Guild Garage Sale, 9-5; Fri., May 7. Misc. household goods. No pre-sales. 1667 Eleanor. v

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MULTI-FAMILY Yard Sale. 1700 block Stanford; Sat., May 8, 9-2. v

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MOVING SALE. Household, sewing, books, typewriters, snowblower, men's 10-speed; May 14-15, 9-3, 2225 Scheffer. v

SUPER GARAGE Sale. 1966 Fairmount, May 14, 8-4; May 15, 8-1. Household, Red Wing crocks, clothing, railroad memorabilia, books, Santa Bears, collectibles. v

DESNOYER PARK Neighborhood Garage Sale. Sat., May 15, 9:00 a.m. Location maps at Recreation Center, 525 Pelham Blvd. v

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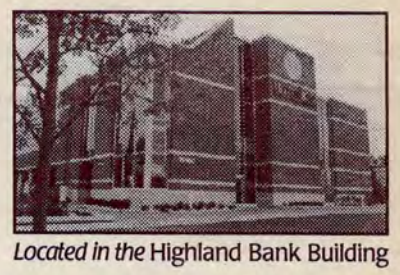
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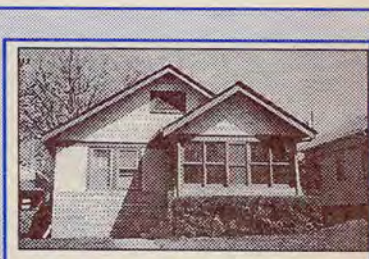
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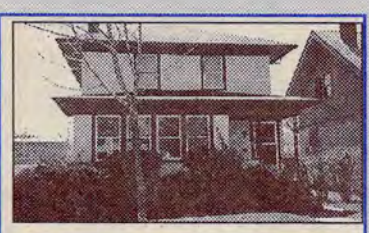
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Charming Mac/Grove 2-BR
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4-BR in Highland
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Spring into Action!
This stately looking true two-story has 4 BRs on one level! Fireplace, separate dining room, three-season porch, 2-car garage, security system and fenced yard!
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Spectacular Townhome
Mint condition throughout! Vaulted ceilings, skylite, fireplace, master bath with huge soaking tub, separate dining room walks out onto huge private deck. 2+ BRs, 2 baths.
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Bob Boland



Great Opportunity
Large 4-BR, 2-bath home in great neighborhood. Hdwd. floors, huge eat-in kit., separate DR, nat. woodwork, new front porch, newer roof. Ready for your finishing touches.
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100 Feet – Centerville Lake
Rare opportunity on Centerville Lake! Beautiful views, sunsets and unbelievable fishing! 3 BRs, eat-in kitchen, formal dining, family room with wood fireplace, walk-out!
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Sherry Schack



Clean as Can Be!
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