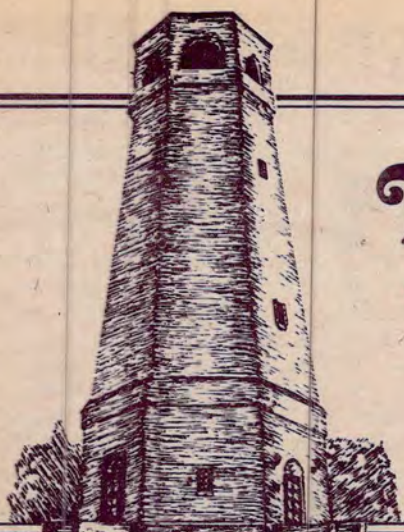




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State, city propose compromise on widening, repairing of St. Clair

by T.D. Mischke

The District 14 Community Council will meet to discuss the fate of St. Clair Avenue on Thursday, March 17.

At this point, the only given is that St. Clair will be torn up as part of St. Paul's sewer separation project. The question that remains is how it will be put back together.

The District 14 council, the city of St. Paul and the Minnesota Department of Transportation have been wrestling

with that question for more than a year now. District 14 residents would like to see the avenue repaved upon completion of the sewer project, and because St. Clair is a Municipal State Aid route, the city is eligible to receive state funds for the project.

St. Clair, however, does not meet the MSA route standards for width, and the state has said it will fund reconstruction only if the avenue is widened at least 4 feet in some areas and 8 feet in

others. District 14 is firmly opposed to any widening and, until recently, it appeared the city would file a contested case suit against the state. The city's argument is that the widening is unnecessary and unwise, and that the state should grant a variance allowing for the reconstruction without any widening.

Recently, however, a new wrinkle was added to an already complicated picture.

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Rabbi's resignation may lead to split in Mount Zion congregation

by Dale Mischke

Dissatisfaction over the handling of events that led to the resignation of Rabbi Stacy Offner last month has prompted some members of Mount Zion Temple to consider establishing a new Jewish Reform congregation.

About 50 members of the Mount Zion congregation have set up a steering committee to study procedures for establishing a new congregation and to consider the services that could be offered by a congregation so much smaller than Mount Zion's 850 households.

A meeting for prospective

members of the new congregation has been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 17, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave.

Offner resigned February 12 as Mount Zion's junior rabbi, 3½ years into a five-year contract. While Judith Rose, president of Mount Zion's board of trustees, has said it was irreconcilable differences with senior Rabbi Leigh Lerner that led to Offner's signing a resignation agreement, Offner has said her leaving was ultimately due to her lesbian orientation.

Offner was unavailable for comment last week, but in a

story in the February 26 *American Jewish World*, she called herself the victim of a human rights violation.

Some disaffected members of the Mount Zion congregation agree with Offner, and believe it was her sexual orientation that ultimately forced her to resign. But Les Novak, a member of the congregation's board of trustees, said he believes Offner's homosexuality had only an indirect effect on her deteriorating relationship with Rabbi Lerner.

"Rabbi Offner was an excellent pulpit rabbi," Novak

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Cretin-Derham Hall fans raise their arms in a salute during Cretin's state hockey tournament game against Edina High School. The Raiders lost that game, but no Cretin team had ever done better. For more on the Raiders' thrilling finish, turn to page 39.

Council aide turns trained ear to residents of Ward 3

by Terry Andrews

Mary Ann Hecht remembers a conversation she had with a priest at a party not so long ago. She was describing her job as director of the Mayor's Complaint Office, explaining how she had to be a sympathetic listener and problem-solver for some of the 11,000 people who called each year to voice their complaints. The priest finally said, "Gosh, your job sounds a lot like mine."

These days Hecht has a new job. Since January she has been legislative aide to Bob Long, newly elected St. Paul City Council member from Ward 3. But her days of fielding phone calls are not forgotten. And she's found that the years in the Mayor's Complaint Office provided her with invaluable

experience and know-how, the qualifications that prompted Long to offer her the position as his aide.

"Mary Ann knows more about the internal operations of city government than anyone I know," Long said. "As a new member of the City Council, that's exactly what I wanted."

Hecht, 36, has a long background in state and local government. In college, while completing a bachelor's degree in American studies at the University of Minnesota, she worked in the office of Congressman Joe Karth. She also worked for the Minnesota Legislature for three years. And the fact that she is a long-time resident of Highland Park made her an even more natural choice for

Long. "She knows the ins and outs of Highland Park, and she has expertise in handling neighborhood concerns," he said. "She knows exactly who to call to handle a specific problem. It allows us to be responsive."

While Hecht has strong opinions about the way city government should work, she said she has no interest in running for office herself. She recalled telling the late Eileen Weida, who finished the last six months of Vic Tedesco's term on the City Council, that stepping in for someone else is the best way to serve in office. "You have six months to do and say whatever you want," she told Weida. "I would never get re-elected if I said what I wanted."

What would she say? "I'm not laying in the weeds thinking about this a great deal," she

said, "but one of the problems with people who live in cities is that they live right on top of one another. We all get mad about the dog that barks. But we have to realize that in a city, a 40-foot lot won't have the same isolation as an 80-acre farm. We won't have the same peace and quiet. But everyone has a hot issue. 'I don't like the person who lives next door to me because _____.' Fill in the blank. These are lifestyle things, the basic things a community is about."

Hecht said those views sometime get her into trouble because people think she isn't taking the laws seriously. "But I feel we have to be tolerant of our neighbors," she said. "We have to be careful not to introduce ordi-

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Highland residents threaten court fight over air traffic

by T. D. Mischke

A proposal to increase air traffic over Highland Park advanced one more step last week amid threats by area anti-noise activists to take their battle into the courts.

The latest step was taken March 7 by the Operations and Environmental Committee of the Metropolitan Airports Commission. The committee voted unanimously to recommend to the full MAC board that a six-month test of a new runway distribution plan at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport be implemented without further delay.

The committee rejected a request from the St. Paul Airport Noise Coalition (SPANC) that the test be postponed to allow completion of a study assessing the environmental

effects of the test on the Highland area. If adopted, the new runway distribution plan would increase air traffic—and noise—over Highland by 800 to 1,200 percent.

According to members of the anti-noise coalition, the unanimous vote underlines the determination of MAC officials to begin the test as soon as possible. The environmental assessment worksheet that coalition members asked for would delay testing until July, officials said. In the absence of such an assessment, testing could begin as early as May 1.

Jan DelCalzo, a member of the Operations and Environmental Committee, said, "In the past, MAC has been accused of moving too slow," and asked his fellow committee members not to make that mistake again.

Such sentiments, however, did not sit well with SPANC members, who say the measure is being pushed through the various committees without adequate regard to the concerns of Highland Park. And that, say members of SPANC, is why they are prepared to take the matter to court.

"We're still hoping the full board of MAC will go along with our request for an environmental assessment worksheet prior to the start of any testing," said Ward 3 City Councilmember Bob Long. "But I think realistically, the way things are going that won't happen. And if that's the case, we're ready to go to court."

Long, together with state Senator Dick Cohen and state Representative Howard Orenstein, have been regularly

attending airport meetings and working with SPANC to fight what they say is a hasty decision on the part of MAC members.

"They're trying to railroad this whole thing through," Long said. "If it really is such a good test, it should be able to withstand the scrutiny of an environmental study."

Members of the airports commission have repeatedly said the goal of the runway redistribution plan is to provide some relief to the residents of South Minneapolis, who now bear the brunt of airport traffic, by routing more planes over Highland and the Bloomington-Richfield area. MAC has also said it is important to conduct the test during the "open window months" of late spring, summer and early fall, when the noise from air traffic is

most noticeable.

Currently, for every plane that flies over Highland, 40 pass over South Minneapolis. MAC officials say the redistribution would attempt to reduce that ratio to six to one.

"You cannot rationalize that 40-to-1 ratio," Minneapolis Alderman Steve Cramer argued last week. "It still won't be fair at six to one, but that drop will make an important difference to South Minneapolis. Cramer also argued that an environmental assessment will not yield any new information.

"We know about as much now as we're going to," he said. "I think we ought to get on with it."

Janet Leach, political action chairperson for SPANC, disagreed. She said a comprehensive study should include a look at the economic

effects of the airport test, particularly the potentially damaging effect such a test would have on property values.

"I don't feel we're being listened to," Leach said. "It appears they've already made up their minds to go ahead with this."

Leach said SPANC's next move will be to seek a meeting with Governor Rudy Perpich, who is responsible for appointing most of the airports commissioners. The coalition will ask him to make an appeal to MAC on their behalf for a full environmental assessment prior to any testing.

Leach also said SPANC intends to begin fund-raising efforts, both to pay for expenses incurred to date and to cover the costs of any legal action that may be necessary.

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nances that reflect a tendency to a more controlled environment."

She gave as an example the story of a woman she describes as intelligent, fun and bright. "Her children are grown, and she's upset that the neighbor's children are too noisy and won't stay in their yard. Part of me wants to scream, but you have to be sympathetic," Hecht said. "We rush to make judgments about people, but there are probably lots of things going on with them that we don't know about. We all have problems."

In the Mayor's Complaint Office, Hecht fielded the usual calls about unplowed streets, garbage that was not picked up, and barking dogs. There were regular callers who knew the number by heart. She said she and the other three workers who answered the phones were "the front-line, hands-on people that people didn't have to wait for someone to call them back."

When it comes right down to it, she said, government is in the business of providing services. At the same time, she added, it is physically impossible to respond to every call that comes in: "It was necessary to sort out what we could and couldn't respond to."

Hecht found she was able to help many callers by simply referring them to the right person. She sometimes encouraged callers with complaints to go (gently) to the source. "People take more kindly to hearing about the problem from a neighbor than an inspector. Some people have the moxie to deal with issues themselves," she said. "They'll call for some background or advice on strategy, or

"One woman called me in early May when there were still darkened humps of ice on the street to complain about a neighbor not cutting the grass."

—Mary Ann Hecht

to make sure their response isn't inappropriate."

Some callers during her 10 years of listening to complaints tried the patience of the usually calm Hecht. "One woman called me in early May when there were still darkened humps of ice on the street to complain about a neighbor not cutting the grass. I didn't want to jump right in, but I didn't think the grass had had much of an opportunity to grow. I listened and it turned out not to be a problem of uncut grass. The grass was even cut by a lawn service. The problem was that the lawn service did not cut it in the same direction as everyone else on the street. I explained there was not a code violation involved, and that it sounded like a matter of esthetics. Then she yelled and screamed at



Mary Ann Hecht, legislative aide to City Councilmember Bob Long

me. I was so angry I had to go out and walk around the block to calm down."

The office fields some 2,500 complaints about unshoveled sidewalks each winter. That's a lot of phone calls," Hecht said. And receiving that many telephone calls during the day makes her avoid the phone altogether at home. "I hate telephones. I won't answer the phone at home. My friends are used to that."

Hecht's transition to legislative aide went smoothly. After his election, Long called her to offer her the position. "I thought it might be a good change— hectic in a different kind of way. Bob is a high-energy kind of person," she said. "He goes a mile a minute. I work 10-hour days, and then take some work home." So far, she hasn't minded the pace. "Bob likes

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A pedestrian attempts to cross this stretch of St. Clair east of Snelling. The state variance committee determined that the increase of traffic on St. Clair east of Snelling warrants widening the avenue.

St. Clair Avenue (cont'd from page 1)

The District 14 Community Council has learned of a proposed compromise between the city and state. The compromise would allow St. Clair to be widened at bus stops and major intersections and, in return, state funds would be used to complete reconstruction of the avenue.

According to District 14 Community Organizer Kathie Tarnowski, District 14 must decide whether to accept or reject this compromise.

"I think basically if District 14 backs it, it will happen. If we don't, chances are it probably won't," she said.

The main point of contention between the parties has been why St. Clair must be widened.

The state has argued that it's a matter of safety. According to Roy Hanson, Mn/DOT assistant state aid engineer, it's generally believed that "a wider street is a safer street, and the state has set certain minimum width standards." Hanson said a wider street makes it easier for buses to pull over for stops and makes it easier for cars traveling behind them to pass without moving into oncoming traffic. He added that drivers turning from

a wider avenue are in less danger from passing vehicles.

District 14, however, counters that, statistically, St. Clair is already a very safe street to travel on and that there's no evidence that its width has been responsible for traffic problems. Furthermore, bus traffic along St. Clair is limited to 49 buses a week—far less than on most of St. Paul's MSA routes.

District 14 thinks that a wider street has, in fact, the potential to be less safe, Tarnowski said.

"There are a lot of people who walk along that street," she said. "A lot of children go to school along that street. You're talking about bringing the street closer to the sidewalk and closer to people's homes."

"At some of the busier intersections there is no boulevard at all," she said. In many instances there is only a small stretch of blacktop between the sidewalk and street and many of the businesses come right up to the sidewalk. A widened street would bring the avenue very close to those businesses, she said.

Tarnowski also pointed out

an esthetic reason to oppose widening the street because of the potential loss of many boulevard trees.

"There really isn't any reason not to grant a variance for St. Clair," Tarnowski said. "There is no strong argument for doing so and many for not doing so."

At the Mn/DOT variance hearing held last December, a state variance committee agreed that from Cretin to Snelling a wider street was not necessary, and the committee agreed to recommend a variance for that portion. But east of Snelling, the committee said, traffic increases enough to warrant widening the avenue, so a full variance was rejected.

Without the variance, the city will not be able to use its state allocated funds to repave St. Clair and will instead need local funds. Tarnowski said the street could always be patched up after the sewer work, but "the street would probably need to be repaved in a few years anyway and why rip it up again?"

The District 14 meeting will be held March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St.

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said, "and she and Rabbi Lerner did work well as a team for three years. But when their working relationship deteriorated, it became an intolerable situation."

Novak was the chairman of a special concerns committee set up by the Mount Zion board in early January to make sure Offner was treated fairly and to find out why her relationship with Lerner—which had been characterized as harmonious for so long—had deteriorated.

"If our committee could have achieved a reconciliation between the two rabbis, that would have been great," Novak said. "I think it's unfortunate the special concerns committee wasn't set up sooner." But by the time it had looked into problems between the two rabbis, he said, "the relationship had already deteriorated to the point where they couldn't work together for another year and a half."

Offner was hired as an assistant rabbi at Mount Zion in July 1984, following her ordination from Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. She was the first woman pulpit rabbi in Minnesota. In July 1987 she was promoted to associate rabbi, a term that would have ended in June 1989.

Glenn Dorfman, a member of the Mount Zion congregation and part of the group looking into forming a new Reform congregation, believes it was Offner's sexual orientation that led to her resigning. "There is no data prior to June 1 (1987) that there was any dissatisfaction with Rabbi Offner," Dorfman said, referring to the time Offner moved in with her lover, another member of the congregation.

But Novak disagreed. "Rabbi Lerner recommended her promotion" to associate rabbi in July 1987, Novak said, "and he knew she was a homosexual at that time."

Last August, Novak continued, Mount Zion was buzzing with rumors about Offner's private life. That month the board of trustees sent a letter to the entire congregation, saying her private life was her business and that the board stood behind her.

It appears it was after Offner's installation as associate

rabbi in September that the relationship between Offner and Lerner began to deteriorate, members of the board have said.

Novak said his committee, while reviewing problems between Lerner and Offner, found four instances last fall in which Offner had conducted herself improperly as a rabbi, but that these "in and of themselves would not have given rise to the termination of her contract." There were other reasons for the problems between Offner and Lerner, Novak said.

"The congregation has never been through this before. It'll be important if we can learn from the situation."

—Les Novak

Lerner told the committee that last fall he was spending two to three hours of every working day talking to members of the congregation who were troubled by rumors about Rabbi Offner's private life. These conversations were keeping Lerner from his rabbinic duties, Novak said, and may have affected his working relationship with Offner.

Lerner told the committee that in October he informed Offner that he wouldn't be recommending the renewal of her contract in 1989.

It is customary that assistant rabbis stay no longer than five years with the same congregation, Novak said, and Lerner informed her early, figuring that as a lesbian, she might need more time to find a new pulpit. This information, however, may have contributed to a straining of relations between the two rabbis, Novak added.

The full board of trustees wasn't informed of the rabbis' problems until its meeting in December, and that

may have been too late for the board to reconcile their differences, Novak said.

According to Jay Benanav, a member of Mount Zion, three-fourths of the congregation didn't know of the rabbis' problems until after Offner had resigned. "There was a total disregard for the Mount Zion membership," said Benanav, who is among those planning a new congregation. "The matter was handled in secrecy and handled poorly. A small group of people attempted to control the situation, and it got out of control."

Janice Goldstein, a member of Mount Zion's board, said she, too, was displeased with the lack of openness on the part of Mount Zion's leadership both before the December board meeting and after it. "The problems were couched in confidentiality, and I'm not sure they needed to be," she said.

"The congregation has never been through this before," Novak said. "It'll be important if we can learn from the situation. Rather than let the rabbis work it out—which didn't work—the board should have gotten involved sooner."

Lisa Schlesinger, a member of Mount Zion and of the group that is planning a new congregation, said, "the experience has shown me what I really want in a religious community: a congregation sincerely interested in the ideas of its members."

"Mount Zion offers many advantages because of its size," Schlesinger said, "but a small congregation has its benefits, too. It gives you an opportunity to interact with a greater number of members, and to be aware of one another's needs."

Jeff Davies, a member of Mount Zion for the last nine years, said he has been looking for a smaller alternative to Mount Zion for some time, and is excited about the potential for a new Reform congregation in St. Paul.

The controversy over Offner's resignation was just the catalyst for a separation that would have come about eventually, Davies said. "It's a natural process," he explained. "Something gets big and a section of it breaks away."

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to have lots of balls in the air, juggling lots of issues. He's real enthusiastic. He just loves what he's doing. There's something real healthy about that."

Her desk in City Hall is piled with paper and telephone messages. "I try to sort some of these things out," she said, trying to describe what she does in the course of her work. "It's like being a traffic control person. Bob does an incredible job of returning phone calls, but there's no way he can be successful if he comes back here at 5:00 after an all-day meeting and has 15 or 20 calls to return. He'll be here two hours at night returning calls, and he'll give some to me."

Hecht attends some City Council meetings and listens to the rest through a "squawk box" in her office. "It allows me not to be there but know what's going on and what's coming up," she said.

In the course of her work, Hecht said, she draws frequently on her years of city government experience. "It's not a struggle for me to know where to go to get answers to questions," she said. "I've got some history with other people in city government, too. A lot

of transactions are based on the trust and respect that develop between people. I've not been disappointed too often. And in spite of the fact that we sometimes disagree, I have a lot of respect for the people who work for the city. Most of them take a great deal of pride in their work and have a commitment to making things better."

She also believes, in spite of the number of sometimes angry, sometimes frivolous complaints she's listened to over the years, that most city dwellers "go with the flow." She holds that philosophy herself. "I curse like everybody else when I hit a pothole. But this time of the year there's nothing that can be done about them. It has to be dry to repair them."

"This is the corniest thing I'm going to say," she continued, "but there are days I just thank God my parents instilled in me common sense and an understanding of give and take and how it fits into the scheme of things. You can beat yourself up for the people you can't get along with. But generally you'll get what you give. That's what a city's about, what life's about."

Senate Files

by Sen. Dick Cohen
District 64



SPENDING CONCERNS

As the 1988 legislative session progresses, I am increasingly hesitant to spend money now and commit future legislatures to pay for the cost of our actions. Disturbing news has surfaced recently that even if the current Legislature does not spend one penny more, the state budget could face a shortfall approaching \$1 billion.

If the governor's initiatives are enacted this session, the potential problem could loom much larger. Perpich, if you recall, has advocated spending an additional \$29 million for public elementary and secondary education programs and \$33 million on post-secondary programs. In addition, he has recommended that the state authorize \$422 million in bonding to finance the development of Olympic training facilities, a Japanese language village, a timber wolf center and a variety of other items. Some \$336 million of this would finance construction at higher educational institutions.

Clearly, some of the initiatives under consideration have merit. Quality education, the reinstatement of certain tax preferences—including those for some pensioners, volunteer workers and units of government—and widespread property tax relief are and should be priorities. Unfortunately, these items are also extremely expensive to the state, and at this time I wonder whether the state can afford them.

One of the binds the Legislature has been caught in stems from the poor quality of financial information disseminated by the state departments of finance and revenue. State budget and economic forecasts are typically inaccurate, and the fiscal notes supplied by the administration that accompany major pieces of legislation fluctuate from week to week. This lack of confidence by legislators in the information the administration provides highlights a dire need for a legislative budget office. As envisioned when I put the idea on paper, a legislative budget office would function in much the same way as does the Congressional Budget Office to provide lawmakers with accurate, unbiased information upon which to base policy decisions.

That issue aside, the major question facing the 1988 Legislature is: Should we increase state spending on education, roads, tax preferences and a host of other good programs and thus force a tax increase to pay for these items, or should we hold the line and refrain from providing increased support for existing programs and new initiatives?

I need your help—your views on this issue—and strongly urge you to call me at 296-5931 or write to me in Room G-27 Capitol, St. Paul, MN 55155. In addition, I would like to discuss this during my library office hours that I keep at the Highland Park and Merriam Park branch libraries. Hours at the Highland branch, 1974 Ford Pkwy., are 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. I'm at the Merriam Park branch, 1831 Marshall Ave., from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month.

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Viewpoint

Misch-Masch Jr. muses on tourneys, traffic, and, oddly, taxes

by Michael Mischke
Executive Editor

Your friendly neighborhood newspaper publisher, in a rare migratory mood, has for the past fortnight forsaken these climes in favor of Phoenix's. As a result, he has relinquished this, his customary space, with the admonition that the following disclaimer appear prominently as a preface:

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Welcome to "Son of Misch-Masch."

SO HOW HARD was it to get tickets to last week's Minnesota State High School Hockey Tournament? Very, to which the surreptitious buying and selling that took place on the sidewalk outside the Civic Center will attest. But a more telling testament was turned in last week by a prominent member of this state's sporting fraternity, who claims to have been able to secure market-rate seats to every major athletic event that Minnesota has ever hosted. Every one, that is, *except* the state hockey tourney.

That says something of the demand for tickets, certainly, but also something of the supply. You're left with precious little in the way of walk-up trade when you subtract from the total Civic Center seating the 50 percent that goes to season ticketholders (some of whom have been hanging onto those seats since the late '40s) and the allotment that goes to tourney-bound schools, all other high schools in the state, members of all of the state's regional committees, and certain well-placed politicians up at the Capitol.

If you did get in, consider yourself fortunate for having had the privilege to experience one of the more joyous celebrations of the competitive spirit, made all the more inspiring because the competitors were there solely for the love of the game.

THERE WAS MORE than a little suspicion in evidence at the inaugural meeting of the Ayd Mill Road (Short Line) Task Force on the evening of March 1. The task force, spun off by the St. Paul Planning Commission in response to a chorus of calls for the direct connection of I-35E and newly named Ayd Mill Road, has been commissioned to collect and analyze all pertinent data on existing and projected traffic patterns in the area. The group will ultimately identify any and all alternatives to the present state of affairs, which, if you've witnessed it, is not a pretty

sight. Greatly increased traffic on local residential streets, including bumper-to-bumper rush-hour jams at Lexington Parkway and Randolph Avenue, has resulted in greatly increased consternation among residents living in the no-man's land between I-35E's Randolph exit and Ayd Mill Road.

The suspicion some neighbors and committee members brought to the March 1 meeting was that the task force was just a ruse, that the skids had already been greased for a direct connection between the two roadways. Evidence of greasy fingers was pretty scant (one task force member actually cited as proof a Rand-McNally road map that showed a direct connection), and the suspicion might easily have been dismissed were it not for one thing: a direct connection is the only thing that makes sense.

What *doesn't* make sense is the status quo: thousands of northbound motorists exiting 35E at Randolph each morning, heading west to Lexington, north to Jefferson, east to Ayd Mill Road, northwest to the Midway area, and then reversing the process each evening. Short of that serpentine route, they're using Lexington, Hamline or Snelling as their north-south connectors, in all cases affecting many more residents and creating much more pollution than would be the case if the previously planned direct connection between 35E and Ayd Mill Road were made.

What *doesn't* make sense is the ill-considered hue and cry going up for a direct connection between the I-35E parkway and I-94 near the St. Paul Cathedral. As if motorists will actually travel that far out of their way to risk life, limb and any semblance of sanity in negotiating Spaghetti Junction at rush hour.

And, finally, what *doesn't* make sense is this fantasy of some overly fertile minds: that Ayd Mill Road be plowed under altogether so that a "linear park" might sprout up alongside the railroad tracks.

It might seem premature, but a direct connection between 35E and Ayd Mill Road seems even at this early juncture a foregone conclusion. The pertinent issues that will still need tackling are, of course, prodigious:

- **What do you do to the north end of Ayd Mill Road?** Obviously, you don't dump all that traffic under the Selby Avenue bridge, as is now being done. But do you connect Ayd Mill Road with I-94 as was proposed in the '60s? Or do you perhaps abbreviate Ayd Mill Road and send all traffic north at Hamline Avenue where the adjacent property is almost exclusively commercial?

- **How should the interchanges at St. Clair, Grand and Hamline be redesigned?** The existing configurations are among the most lethal in the city. More traffic

will only make them more so.

- **And finally, who is going to foot the bill for the construction? And how?**

IT IS THE plaintive cry of the homeowner or small-business owner that you hear most often when the talk gets around to property taxes. But if they only knew, renters too would be adding their voices to those calling for property tax reform.

According to figures from the Minnesota House of Representatives Research Department, apartment property taxes are expected to increase an average of 13.5 percent in 1988. That, coupled with the effects of last year's Federal Tax Reform Act, is certain to result in higher rents. The problem is all the more serious since rental housing shelters a high percentage of this state's low- and moderate-income families.

"Property taxes are now the highest operating cost in managing rental housing," says John Horner, the general counsel for the Minnesota Multi-Housing Association (MMHA), "and Minnesota's property taxes on rental housing are the highest in the country."

According to the MMHA, an average of 18 to 20 cents of every dollar that is spent for rent goes toward the tax bill, though that figure can climb to as high as 30 percent. The national average is a little under 9 percent.

"We're long past the stage where tinkering will cure the problems with our property tax system," says Horner. Let's hope the Legislature sees things similarly as property tax reform heats up in the House and Senate.

ON THE LOCAL development front, look for construction to begin soon on two buildings that are scheduled to undergo major refurbishing in the months ahead.

Jack Farrell, president of Haskell's, reports that the firm closed last week on the former Kelly's Restaurant building on Ford Parkway in Highland Village. Plans call for converting the former first-floor bar and restaurant into retail space for a transplanted Haskell's liquore store. (Haskell's hopes to be out of its current Highland Village location and into its new one by June 1.) The second and third floors of the building are expected to see a major overhaul as the one-time Ford Motor Company parts plant and later potato chip factory is converted to deluxe office space. Beyond its existing off-street parking, Haskell's plans to add parking indoors on the basement level.

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The Village Post



The injustice of airport noise

To the editor:

Some fallacious reasoning has been clouding the central issue in the debate over whether St. Paul should absorb more of the noisy garbage dumped by Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Even many prospective victims seem to assume that selected Minnesotans have a patriotic duty to accept a "fair share" of airport noise. On the contrary, all those who use and benefit from the airport, especially the noise generators, have a duty to bear the true costs of the air traffic system to the extent that they benefit from it.

Excessive airport noise is not just pollution, but also unjust and pernicious discrimination that we are no more obligated to endure than other forms of discrimination based on circumstances beyond our control. Most of those living under overcrowded air traffic lanes did not choose to do so with conditions as they have been since deregulation took effect. They are living sacrifices to the golden idols of economic development and corporate profit. Slaves to inept planning, they have involuntarily given free (of charge) the easements over and around their homes that subsidize the costs of others doing business. That payment has been not only in dollars (lost property values) but also in more precious commodities like health and time to enjoy home and family. No one can ever reimburse the latter costs.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission has for years been trying to maintain a fool's paradise, passing the buck to federal agencies by claiming it lacks authority to enact effective noise controls. MAC's tactics are strikingly similar to the bureaucratic shell games used to stall action on behalf of other persecuted minorities. The current attempt to distrib-

ute the injustice over a broader base makes it no less unfair.

MAC should devote less energy to promoting itself through ad campaigns and contributions to sympathetic public relations groups, and more energy to seeing that real justice is done. Those suffering from airport noise, and those who realize that noise is everyone's problem, must band together to stand up for basic rights rather than quibble about which neighborhood should give more of its lifeblood. The judgment day has come when either a new airport or effective and enforceable noise and traffic limits must be bought and paid for—not by the victims of the problem, but by those who now benefit from creating it.

Winston Kaehler
1712 Palace Ave.

What airport noise problem?

Dear editors:

I don't like people complaining about the noise at the airport. I've lived here for 50 years, and I've lived also in the Highland area, and the noise never bothered me. Besides, people that built their homes in these areas knew that this was going to happen down the road. If you built another airport, where would you build it? If you're going to build it in the suburbs, you're going to have the same problem a few years down the road. What are you going to do then?

Why don't you let the airports commission do their job? They reduced the noise 20 decibels already. Quit being crybabies; let people do their jobs. Why don't you let the airports commission give both parties (St. Paul and Minneapolis) a three-month report on the airport noise? That way you'll know how much they've made progress.

John A. Clinkenbeard
1564 Selby Ave.

Of dogs and other animals

Dear editor,

Recently, when I visited my favorite park, Crosby Farm Park, I was surprised and disappointed to see new signs enforcing the city dog leash law.

I've been taking my dog to Crosby for three years. For us it's a place to relax and explore; to fetch sticks and swim, all unbothered by the usual demands and clamor of the city.

Now I see that freedom to walk unencumbered has been taken away, due, perhaps, to the irresponsibility of some. I suggest that there are more harmful animals that should instead be under control: those park users who leave broken beer bottles and litter on walkways; bicyclists and skiers who travel at breakneck speeds, heedless of children and pedestrians; those who vandalize park property and parked cars. Can the city honestly say these "animals" are less of a threat than an unleashed dog?

People should be able to have a playful romp with their dogs in the woods. Why isn't there a park designated for city dogs who need a place to run? It's logical that such a place continue to be Crosby. Help repeal the leash law there by writing or calling your City Council members. It's just one park out of dozens of others available to residents.

Susan Donohue
1541 Fairmount Ave.

The last word on ARC

To the editor:

I want to thank the *Highland Villager* and Kevin Driscoll for the very laudatory article about me in the February 24 issue.

The article leaves a couple of false impressions which I would like to clear up. I have not resigned from the board of the Minnesota Association for Retarded Citizens. Rather, after completing two terms as president, I was delighted to pass the gavel into the capable hands of the new president, Mickey Prince of Rochester. I would not want your readers to think that I resigned over a disagreement with the organization that has supported and nurtured me and that continues to present me with irresistible challenges. I continue to serve on the boards of both ARC Minnesota and ARC St. Paul.

The other issue is the use of the initials MR. As newcomers to the field of human services will attest, volunteers and professionals alike use a bewildering array of acronyms and

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initials as shorthand designations of agencies and conditions. One of these is MR, shorthand for mental retardation, as CP is shorthand for cerebral palsy. Those initials can never be used to sum up the personhood of children and adults who happen to have those conditions, because the condition is only one aspect of a complex human being. Defining an individual by his/her condition is as dehumanizing as defining the boundaries of an individual's life by an I.Q. score.

An important function of the ARC movement is to educate the general public about the condition of mental retardation and about the people who have that condition. Over the years, the *Highland Villager* has been a splendid ally in that educational effort. Thank you!

Betty Hubbard, Past President
ARC Minnesota

Thanks for a penitent thief

To the editor:

Last fall we wrote a letter to your readers in which we asked those who had removed the lawn ornaments from our front lawn to please return them. These two items represented a reminder of 25 wonderful years of marriage given to each other.

We are pleased to publicly say thank you. Your gift, the act of recently returning that which was taken, was deeply appreciated. Our wish for you is one of continued positive experience.

Truman and Carole Sunde
2115 Wellesley Ave.

Neighborhood gratitude

Dear editor:

Hooray for John Drew! The reported sale and proposed renovation of the building at 760 Mount Curve Blvd. is very good news. This building has been more than an eyesore for several years. While commendations are in order for everyone who cooperated in this project, John Drew's initiative deserves special recognition. The neighborhood happily offers congratulations on a job well done.

Jeanne Fleming
574 Mount Curve Blvd.

Volunteer support appreciated

Dear editor:

March 20-26 has been proclaimed by Governor Rudy Perpich as Home Delivered Meals Week. To celebrate that week, we wish to say thank you to the 22 area churches in southwest St. Paul and to their volunteers who support Southwest Area Meals. Our program sends about 80 meals a day to residents of the area who need a hot meal. Without the financial and volunteer help from all of you, our program could not function.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to deliver meals, or knows of someone who needs meals, please call us at 690-3256.

Betty Jorgensen, Director
Southwest Area Meals

A boater eyes Dixie

Dear editor:

I have some advice for Highland senior citizens like myself who are about to buy a fishing boat trailer.

I had a boat and motor after selling my cabin. I found a very plain trailer at a marina store, 800-pound capacity, with a price tag of \$375. This was enough to drop tears on the check, but they really flowed when Perpich's taxes hit me.

The sales tax was \$22.50, which is usual. Then \$44.50 was attached to the bill for a documentation fee plus a two-year license tag. This is \$67 and an 18 percent fee over the boat cost and is a one-time soaking on a new boat. After two years the usual license fee takes over.

My advice is to buy a used boat, make sure that it was registered by the owner and, preferably, buy it directly from the owner.

Minnesota is worried about businesses leaving the state. Marinas can't move because the same deals by agreement are found in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin. All five states have moaning buyers.

But what's to keep seniors from moving south? Seven states have no income tax. Old folks may be looking toward Dixie.

Harold J. Mason
1861 Munster Ave.

Care to vent your views? We welcome all opinions, but reserve the right to edit for length. Send your signed letters with your address to the Highland Villager, 757 S. Snelling Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116.

The purchase price of the property was not disclosed, but Farrell says more than \$500,000 will be spent by Haskell's in restoring the building.

OXFORD SQUARE, previously known as the Summit Hill Mall at Grand Avenue and Oxford Street, is also on the verge of major reconstruction. Site plan approval is still pending, but Minneapolis developer Ross Fefercorn hopes to be able to instill new vitality in the mall, which for the past few years has been viewed as something of a stepchild among its six sister malls on Grand.

Central to Fefercorn's plans are the elimination of the southeast corner of the building and the construction of an off-street parking lot in its place. The design would permit much greater street-level visibility for new and existing tenants and give the mall a Grand Avenue entrance for the first time.

A greatly refurbished exterior and interior are also expected to help make a once struggling and forlorn commercial development an attractive addition to the Grand Avenue business scene.

IT LOOKED A LOT more like spring than it does today when we set out to create the special spring home improvement section that you'll find within this edition. Old Man Winter's blustering last weekend may have set the season back a bit, but if there are pot holes in the streets and painted shamrocks on the cheeks, can spring be far behind?

ORDINARILY, I find it hard to get too worked up over issues related to the separation of church and state. Except where one's personal religious beliefs become the target for the rantings of some intolerant—and intolerable—Machiavellian misfit, I've always believed it a self-evidently good idea to mix a little ethics with our politics. On the other hand, it may be an even better idea to keep religion out.

As one of my favorite, if slightly fevered, political spectators recently observed:

"Politics and religion are provinces abounding with frauds. The fraud who might prevail in both provinces will be an unsurpassed menace to freedom and to much else, for he will be claiming the sanctions of God and sanctions of Caesar. This is why the political campaigns of the Rev. Jackson and the Rev. Robertson deserve so little encouragement. The pretensions of ordinary politicians are oppressive enough; the pretensions of the political divine would be intolerable."

—R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

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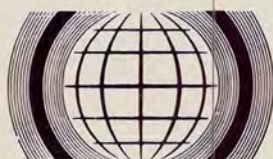
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Legislative Report

by Rep. Howard Orenstein
District 64B



BILL WOULD BAN SESSION FUND-RAISERS

Should legislators be allowed to solicit or receive campaign contributions from lobbyists during the legislative session? I have always said, "No," and have personally never accepted campaign funds from lobbyists during the legislative session. However, the practice is currently allowed by law. Therefore, I was honored when House leadership appointed me chairman of a special subcommittee to hold hearings on this important ethical question.

Last month my subcommittee heard a bill to outlaw "session fund-raisers." We heard testimony indicating that some lobbyists consider session solicitation a "shakedown"—that there may be an unstated understanding that contributions may be tied to votes. I have not encountered any such instances of vote buying and am not suggesting that it goes on, but the process is open to abuse and, in my opinion, should be curbed. The legislation we heard would put to rest any suspicion or appearance of impropriety.

At our hearing, the League of Women Voters, Common Cause and the state Ethical Practices Board supported the legislation to stop session fund-raisers. With my support, the bill then advanced to the next committee level, where it has also been approved. The bill is now awaiting action on the House floor.

Even though I don't solicit campaign funds from lobbyists during the legislative session, on three occasions since I took office last year, I have received unsolicited checks from lobbyists. While I politely returned the checks and know that no improper influence was intended, I found it interesting just how hard it is *not* to get the money even when you don't want it. My committee's legislation would certainly set us on a better course.

'U' BUDGET AUDITS RECOMMENDED

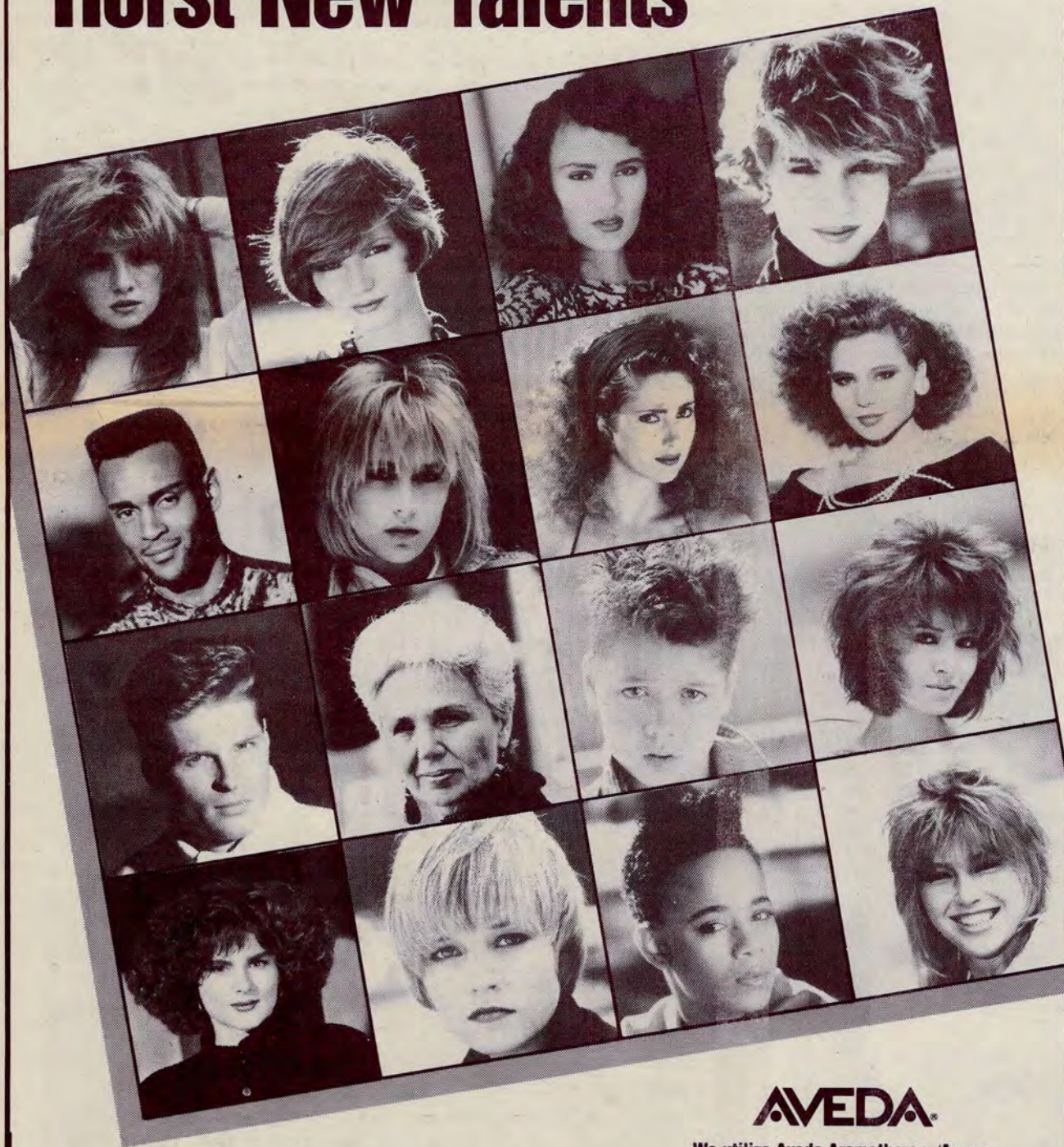
I introduced legislation last week to set tough new oversight standards for University of Minnesota renovation projects. My bill would require an independent fiscal audit of the university's books as well as a "management audit" to find out why so much money has been spent with so little control.

I have also recommended that the university's Board of Regents hire its own staff to give the regents independent advice on fiscal and administrative matters. I was surprised to find out that the regents currently have no independent way to analyze or critique proposals from university administrators. If the regents raised private funds to hire an independent fiscal analyst and researcher, the regents could bring about better scrutiny of the university budget. My bill was approved by a House committee and will soon be considered by the House Appropriations Committee.

As a supporter of the university, I have been saddened by recent reports of unchecked spending. A more independent Board of Regents is a key step to restoring the university's fiscal integrity. Otherwise I fear that needed improvements at the "U" will be jeopardized, and that would only hurt students and faculty.

My next regular district constituent meeting is scheduled for April 7 from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy. I also welcome your comments by phone (296-4199) or by mail (521 State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155).

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Mystery buffs Laura Sobalvarro and Julie Stroud

Avid mystery fans' newsletter helps bring breathless readers up to date

by Terry Andrews

On a three-month, 14,000-mile road trip across the United States and Canada in the summer of 1986, Julie Stroud and Laura Sobalvarro talked about going into business together. Endlessly. They had both quit jobs to make the trip, and they knew they'd need to find work when they returned to the Twin Cities. They came up with idea after idea, but none seemed feasible. Then, last spring, finally, they hit on a rather unusual possibility—starting a mystery newsletter.

Both are avid mystery fans, so it was perfect for them. And Sobalvarro had worked at Odegard Books St. Paul for 5½ years. "I easily moved into the role of mystery section protector while I worked there," she said. "I developed a newsletter to let people know about new books, and the store doubled its sales of mystery books in the first four months. When I left Odegards I had that seed in my mind of doing another newsletter."

Stroud is president of the Macalester College Alumni Foundation. (Both Stroud and Sobalvarro, natives of St. Louis, are graduates of Macalester.) Stroud, who is good at business and administration, stepped into the role of publisher for the new venture; Sobalvarro, who had some writing experience, became the editor. Close friends for several years, they make a strong team.

The quarterly newsletter (the first issue is just out) is called *The Magnifying Glass*. The cleverly written newsletter categorizes mysteries according to style and content, and presents capsule plots. About 100 mysteries are published each month, and keeping up with them is nearly impossible, even for avid readers. Stroud and Sobalvarro, who receive advance copies from publishers, pore through them, selecting the best books and most popular authors for inclusion in their newsletter. They include synopses of 37 books in the first four-page issue, including the latest by Dick Francis, Robert Ludlum, Harold

Adams, Alistair MacLean and a host of others.

Both do this in addition to their full-time jobs. Stroud works for the public information office at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. "By day, I write about hazardous wastes," she said. "By night, about mysteries."

Stroud also handles some of the writing. She reads all the true-crime books, as well as many of the mysteries.

The newsletter is available by subscription to bookstores, which then hand it out to patrons of their stores. Stroud and Sobalvarro have already signed up stores in California and New Jersey, as well as the Midwest. Odegard Books was the first to subscribe, having experienced firsthand the response to the newsletter Sobalvarro used to write for them.

The newsletter, Sobalvarro said, will be beneficial to publishers, booksellers and readers. It will let the reading public know about new books, many of which are ignored by other publications. It will not only help sell books, it will help readers decide which books they want to buy.

"Mass-market books have a shelf life of about three months," Sobalvarro said. "Unless they make a serious impression, they have only three months to live. So what we're trying to do is be a reader's aid, to steer readers towards what's good. Most readers are like me: They don't like to take a \$17.95 stab in the dark."

Mystery readers also buy books by the handful. According to a recent survey, mysteries now outsell all other categories of books. Stroud and Sobalvarro think there is a natural market and a sure demand for their newsletter.

Both Sobalvarro and Stroud have been mystery fans for years. Stroud, 29, got started with the books of Charlotte MacLeod. "I enjoy mysteries because when you read them you can get away from everything else. And I love to try to figure out the ending." One of the most spectacular mysteries she has ever encountered is *Tourist Season* by Carl

Hiaasen. She enjoys true-crime books because "facts are always more interesting and more bizarre than fiction."

Sobalvarro, 28, said her grandmother deserves the credit for getting her started with mysteries. "The first were by Ngaio Marsh. I read all of her books, twice at least." Now when she encounters an author she likes, she said, she is "rabid until I get the newest book in my hands." That's typical of mystery readers, she said.

Both say the best part of their new business is that it lets them do what they enjoy doing. "We're still reading for pleasure," Stroud said. "It's just that the homework is enjoyable. And it provides a lot of soul satisfaction."

"A lot of people don't understand how someone can read a mystery, because basically it's about somebody getting killed," said Sobalvarro. "But there's something about sitting down with a 250-page book for three or four hours. It is so muddled to start with and then tied up in such a neat package in the end. It's so unlike life, and after you're stuck in traffic, you've had a bad meal out and a fight with your spouse, it's so comfortable to sit down with something you know will be solved. And there are some really terrific books out there as more writers have entered the field." As an example she names *Presumed Innocent* by Scott Turow. "Every now and then a mystery will come along that will enter the mainstream. People who don't normally read mysteries will read it. It transcends its genre."

Both say they have learned a lot by reading mysteries—about other cities, other cultures, and activities like horse racing, sailing and scuba diving.

They hope their venture will eventually become full-time, and they have incorporated so that they can undertake other projects, too.

"I hope that a year from now we have a good solid base of subscriptions," Stroud said. With the response they've gotten so far, they undoubtedly will.

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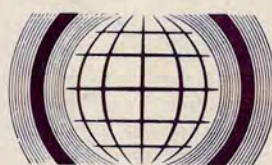
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Whether dancing or demonstrating, Whalen does his bit for the Irish

by T. D. Mischke

On a recent visit to New York, Mike Whalen left his hotel room on his way to Times Square to find out what was happening on a Saturday night. Unlike other visitors to the city, Whalen didn't end up at a theater or night-club. He wound up demonstrating against the British occupation of Northern Ireland on the steps of the Waldorf Astoria in front of Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York. Before the night was over he would spend hours trying to get a 24-year-old man, who was arrested at the demonstration, out of a New York jail.

Though this should not be construed as a typical day in the busy life of Mike Whalen, it is typical of the passion he feels for the Irish cause and an example of how it shapes the way he leads his life. Whalen, a St. Paul native, is a fourth-generation Irish-American who has been active in Irish political and cul-

Republican Army, the group that has been a thorn in the side of British political leaders for years and is mainly responsible for the military resistance to British rule. He disagrees with the accusation by some that IRA members are terrorists.

"The IRA is a legal army that's been around for a long time," Whalen says. "They're fighting the invasion of their country by the British. There is a war going on there. Two armies are fighting each other, and both are using whatever means are necessary to win."

Whalen knows support for the IRA tends to be a controversial stand, but he argues that many opponents of a violent rebellion do not have a clear picture of what British rule has done to the Irish, nor what fighting that rule is really all about.

Whalen paints a grim picture of repression in Northern Ireland, where a third of the country's population is Catholic. He cites the lopsided unemployment rates, one of the effects of widespread discrimination against Catholics, and the psychological warfare waged by the British against the largely Catholic resistance in an effort to break their fighting spirit.

If anything becomes clear in discussing the struggles in Northern Ireland with Whalen, it is the complexity of the issue and the strong emotions it stirs. Whalen says it is an issue that cannot be understood by reading articles in the daily papers—articles, according to Whalen, that are often distorted and incomplete. Whalen has spent years studying the history of the conflict. He has made several trips to the north and south of Ireland and has met and talked to many political activists, including members of the IRA.

It was, in fact, a trip Whalen made to Ireland in 1972 that first kindled his interest in the nationalist cause.

"Growing up, I was always interested in Ireland but I never knew that much about it," he says. "I was in the service in Germany from 1968 to 1970 and during the start of the big civil rights movement in Ireland, and I started reading a lot about it in the European newspapers. In 1972 I went back to Europe and visited Ireland."

During his stay, Whalen says, he saw firsthand the hardships families of the Irish political prisoners were facing. One of the first organizations he got involved in on his return to the United States was a group that raised funds for those families.

"A lot of the money went just to pay for these families' visits with their sons or brothers," Whalen says. "Most of these families were too poor to even afford that. I started getting involved in these Irish folk dances that were held to raise money for the families, and several of us started an Irish study group where we would read and study Irish history."



Mike Whalen dances a double jig with Brenda Buckley during an Irish ceili.

As Whalen's involvement in the unification cause grew, so did Britain's determination to combat the rebellion. In 1976, Britain stopped giving political-prisoner status to those who fought in the rebellion. The rebels were then treated as convicts. This eventually led to the 1980 hunger strikes.

It was these hunger strikes, Whalen says, and the death of 10 prisoners by starvation, that dramatically raised the consciousness of many Irish-Americans in the United States. The number of people supporting the ceili fund-raisers grew dramatically.

"We were having relatives of the hunger strikers come here and speak and a lot of H-Block groups were forming (H-Block was where the prisoners were held). People saw that the British were just going to let them die."

Whalen got involved with a group called the H-Block Armagh Committee, which today is known as Minnesotans for a United Ireland. He returned to Ireland in 1982 to visit some of the prisoners and their families and to attend the trials of suspected IRA members.

He went again in 1983 and again two years ago. Through those trips he has developed a large network of friends and contacts and says he never has to worry about a place to stay. In turn, many of those friends have come to visit him, leaving Ireland for fear of being arrested by British soldiers.

He is also visited by the children and relatives of prisoners through a program he helps organize. Many of the kids have never seen

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tural affairs since the early '70s. When he's not waiting tables at the Blue Horse Restaurant in St. Paul or the North Star Hotel in Minneapolis, the 39-year-old Summit Hill resident spends much of his time immersed in the study of Irish culture and the long-standing conflict in Northern Ireland.

As a member of Minnesotans for a United Ireland, Whalen works to bring speakers to Minnesota who are in some way connected to the nationalist movement in Ireland. He also helps arrange holidays in the United States for the young brothers and sisters and sons and daughters of imprisoned Irish nationalists. Whalen, a big promoter of Irish culture, also teaches ceili dancing at weddings, in dance halls and, until recently, at St. Luke's School. More often than not, his instruction includes a bit of political education on the situation in Northern Ireland.

Whalen draws a strong connection between the cultural and the political. He argues that in many ways those fighting for a unified Ireland are fighting to retain their culture, a culture that is vastly different from that of the British.

In his support of Irish reunification, Whalen makes no secret of his support for the Irish

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their fathers or brothers outside of prison. "Some of these kids are 8 and 9 years old. When you ask them about their family, they qualify their response by stating which ones are in prison. One girl had three brothers that were all prisoners of the British, and when she would get to those members of the family she would just say, 'He's inside.'"

Whalen says there are currently some 2,000 political prisoners in Northern Ireland, including about 60 women. For simply claiming allegiance to the IRA, Whalen says, a person can be sentenced by the British to seven years in prison.

Whalen says that though the British would like to give the appearance of a defeated IRA in Northern Ireland, the army is still very much alive and the cause as strong as ever. Whalen is devoted to working for that cause for as long as the British flag flies over the Northern provinces.

In contrast to the political struggle, Whalen finds a bit of a release in the cultural side of his Irish heritage. But he is quick to point out that he's interested in the real culture of Ireland, not the St. Patrick's Day version people see in St. Paul each March.

"Dying your hair green is not a cultural expression of being Irish," Whalen says. "The St. Paul version of St. Patrick's Day seems to be something the bars came up with to sell green beer. St. Patrick's Day was originally used as a day to support the oppressed in Ireland."

On St. Patrick's Day, the organizations Whalen is involved with sponsor an Irish dance and give cultural presentations.

"Music and dance are part of what this fight is about," he says. "One of the things you fight for when you're fighting for your independence is your culture."

Whalen's dedication to the cause of the Irish nationalists and support for their struggling families is recognized by many of the local Irish-American organizations. Groups like the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the ol-

dest Irish-American organization in the nation, and Irish Northern Aid, another group that supports the reunification of the North, have become familiar with Whalen and his work.

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Leah Curtin, a member of the Hibernians, echoes that sentiment. "You know you can agree or disagree with his stand, but Mike does something about a situation, and he doesn't do it for any personal gain," she says. "He gets involved because he believes in something."

Whalen's latest involvement in the issues of Northern Ireland has him lobbying state politicians to support a bill that calls for withholding future state investments in American businesses stationed in Northern Ireland that discriminate against Catholics. According to Whalen, it is something even those opposed to the violence in Northern Ireland should be able to support.

And to those who know Whalen, it is one more example of the man's continuing dedication to the land of his ancestors. A man, Morrissey says, who has developed "a special bond with the people of Ireland."

Parade, dance, concerts, plays will ring in St. Patrick's Day

Two well-known St. Paul restaurateurs have been selected as this year's "Mr. Pat" and "Honorary Irishman" to lead the 22nd annual St. Patrick's Day celebration in St. Paul, and radio personality Chris O'Connor, formerly of "The Buck and O'Connor Show" on KDWB, will be the celebrity Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Don Ryan, general manager of the Lexington Restaurant at 1096 Grand Ave., has been named "Mr. Pat," a person of Irish background who has distinguished himself in the community. Nick Mancini, owner of Mancini's Char House at 531 W. 7th St., has been named "Honorary Irishman," representing other St. Paul ethnic groups during the St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Both men will preside over the parade, which will step out from Union Depot Place at 4th and Sibley streets at noon on Thursday, March 17, following a green stripe up 4th street as far as Rice Park.

Families wishing to march in the parade should call 224-5891 for more information. There is a \$5.00 charge for each group that participates. Buttons for the 1988 parade are now on sale at many area restaurants. Those who purchase a \$2.00 button will have a chance to win a round-trip for two to Ireland.

Other events that will be held in honor of St. Patrick's Day are listed below:

- A 9:30 St. Patrick's Day Mass, sponsored by the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

- An Irish Ceili, or dance, will be presented by Minnesotans for a United Ireland in the auditorium of St. Mark's School, 1983 Dayton Ave. Dance instruction will start at 7:00 p.m., and the dance, to live Irish folk music by Martin McHugh and Friends, will follow at 8:00. Admission is \$5.00, \$4.00 with a donation of non-perishable food, \$2.00 for senior citizens and children under 12, and free for children under 6.

- A St. Patrick's Day celebration will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Landmark Center in downtown St. Paul. There

will be Irish traditional music, songs and stories, and Irish fare will be served in the center's Gladstone Cafe. Visitors will also be taught how to dance reels and jigs. Admission is \$1.00.

- A pair of St. Patrick's Day concerts will be presented by Dublin-born singer Carmel Quinn at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the Ordway Music Theatre. In addition to her numerous television appearances, Quinn has starred in the Broadway musicals *Wildcat*, *Finian's Rainbow*, *The Boy Friend* and *The Sound of Music*. She also has 10 hit albums to her credit. For tickets, ranging in price from \$10 to \$18.50, call the Ordway at 224-4222 or Dayton's at 375-2987.

- Patrick Street, one of the foremost exponents of traditional Irish music in the world, will perform on Friday, March 18, at St. Steven's School, 2123 S. Clinton Ave., Minneapolis. Patrick Street is a four-piece band that plays fresh, flowing melodies from Ireland, expressing the Irish experience both at home and abroad. They will play at 8:00 p.m., and there will be a ceilidh dance at 10:00. Tickets are \$8.50 in advance, \$9.50 at the door and half-price for children and senior citizens. Call 341-3138 for more information.

- Na Fianna (Irish Theatre) and the Rainbo Theatre will present two one-act plays and a session of music, song and dance at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, and at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, at the Rainbo Theatre, 688 Selby Ave. Na Fianna will perform *Thirst* by Flann O'Brien, a comedy set in a Dublin pub after hours. Following the music and song session, the group will present *Riders to the Sea* by J. M. Synge. Na Fianna is a newly formed theater group made up of people with a strong interest in Irish culture, some of whom are Irish-born and live in the Twin Cities. Musicians Sean and Mary O'Driscoll will lead the music session. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance or \$6.00 at the door. For reservations, call 228-0854. Tickets are available at Scanlon's Irish Pub and the Half Time Rec.

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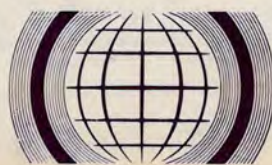
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Food expert finds her roots in the culinary paradise of northern Italy

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

"You are what you eat," says an old adage. After nearly two decades of research into food and the traditions that surround it, Lynne Rossetto Kasper would turn it around to say, "You eat what you are."

A cooking teacher, food writer, and food historian, Kasper has traveled, studied and taught in the United States and Europe. She speaks with enthusiasm and amazement about the close ties between food traditions and culture, not only of whole countries but of regions within countries. She specializes in the cuisine of Emilia-Romagna, a region of northern Italy.

"There are reams of things to learn and understand about this one small area," she said. "And it gives a completely different sense to the food that you cook. You have a great deal more respect for why things are done the way they are."

Kasper was recently named by the James Beard Foundation as one of 12 outstanding chefs for 1988. The award is made yearly to chefs who have "contributed a great deal to gastronomy," she said. On March 17 she will present a demonstration program on "Sweet Pasta of the Renaissance" at the James Beard House in New York City.

Having taught cooking classes all over the nation, Kasper earlier this year presented what she calls one of her greatest challenges—a two-day illustrated lecture and class on the cuisine, art and traditions of northern Italy for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. She also writes about food traditions and history in several national publications as well as producing a monthly column for the *New York Times*.

A theater and art major, Kasper says she simply fell into her vocation, and has developed her career through moves from New York City to Denver, Brussels, and most recently to St. Paul's Crocus Hill.



Lynne Rossetto Kasper

became more curious about food history. In places like France and Italy, she discovered, what a person eats has as much to do with individual identity as family background, economic status in the community, place of birth and personal values. Europeans seem to take their culinary heritage seriously, she said. "It isn't unusual to pick up a cookbook and find five or six paragraphs about the history of a recipe."

Working with chefs in Belgium, Italy, Switzerland and France, Kasper discovered that many of their ideas about food came from very old food texts. "The idea of mixing ginger with orange and black pepper and creating a sauce goes back to around the 1100s," she said. "Before Marco Polo even went to the East you find these kinds of wonderful combinations. All of the elements of modern cuisine, the classic sauces, the basic pastries, etc. existed in Italy during the Renaissance before France had ever seen or heard of them."

Kasper began studying Renaissance food. The first cookbooks of modern times, dating to the 1400s, were produced in Italy, and were often plagiarized and reproduced in France, she says. Finding that modern Italian differs markedly from old Italian, Kasper taught herself to read Renaissance Italian.

In the process, she discovered that Italy is a lot like America. "Layers of groups have brought their heritage," she said. "There were so many conquerors, so many alliances. In Emilia-Romagna you have influences from the Middle East, from Spain, Austria, France, Germany, Portugal, a little Chinese, and a dash of Bulgarian and Hungarian, all in layers."

The sign of a sophisticated culture is sophisticated food, and Kasper said the sign of sophisticated food is the number of steps required in producing a particular dish. A primitive way of cooking is to roast a chunk of meat on a stick over a fire. Creating a stew, on the other hand, requires many steps, beginning with understanding different cuts of meat and how to cook them. "Then," she said, "you have this thick stew and you wrap it in pastry and bake it. To make pastry you have to understand flour and how it behaves when you add fat and moisture."

Tortellini, for example, is a trademark of Bologna. It is always made by hand, Kasper says, one piece at a time. "I have this theory that tortellini is the most sophisticated form of pasta that exists." The doughnut shape of tortellini gives the same ratio of pasta to filling to sauce in each bite. "Who thought about that?" she said. "Well, it wasn't a culture that was desperate and starving, and they weren't in a hurry. They had leisure time. You don't get people developing sophisticated cuisine unless you have a lot of wealth."

In spite of her hectic schedule of teaching, writing and traveling, Kasper still often makes her own pasta. "Homemade pasta, to be made right, takes a lot of time," she said. "I'm a traditionalist, but I'm also a pragmatist. I tell my students to use your food processor and your pasta machine—and don't make homemade pasta for anyone who won't fall down and die for one more mouthful."



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The classes will be taught by COMPAS writers Phebe Hanson and Richard Solly. Hanson, a St. Paul poet, will conduct the introductory class on March 29. She will discuss the reasons people have to write and she will read excerpts from stories written by older Minnesotans

as well as poems from her own book, *Sacred Hearts*. Hanson has taught journal writing and poetry classes to students of all ages—from kindergarten to Elderhostel.

Solly will teach the subsequent classes, which will involve writing exercises, individual writing instruction and group readings. Solly, a St. Paul poet and writing instructor, has received numerous awards for his poetry. He has worked in the COMPAS statewide Writers-in-the-Schools program and he has taught classes in various schools, senior citizen centers, churches and other community locations.

The cost for "Writing Down Your Stories" is \$10; \$5.00 for Stuart Corporation building residents. Enrollment is limited. To register for the class, call Margret Swanson at 292-3260.

Church welcomes new pastor

Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Hamline and Palace avenues, has a new pastor. The Reverend Alan Thalhuber, who previously served at the Condit Presbyterian Church in Sunbury, Ohio, was installed as the new pastor on Sunday, March 6.

Thalhuber spent his childhood in the area of New Market, a small town about 30 miles south of the Twin Cities, where his father still lives. He attended St. John's University in Collegeville, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history.

After spending two years in El Salvador with the Peace Corps, Thalhuber attended Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts, where he received his master of divinity degree. He then went on to King's College, University of London, where he earned a master of theology degree



The Rev. Alan Thalhuber

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District 14 Community Council News

ELECTION TOPS AGENDA

The March 17 meeting of the District 14 Community Council will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Edgumbe Community Recreation Center, located on Griggs Street between St. Clair and Jefferson avenues. Topping the agenda for this meeting will be the election of a representative from Grid 12 (bounded by St. Clair, Snelling, Jefferson and Hamline avenues) to fill an unexpired term on the community council's board of directors. Residents of that area will caucus and elect their representative. For more information, call the District 14 Community Council office at 698-7973.

Also on the agenda will be consideration of an application for on-sale beer and wine licenses for a new restaurant named Ristorante Luci on Cleveland Avenue between James and Randolph, the former location of the Club Bar. The applicant will be on hand to discuss his plans. Interested persons are invited to participate in the discussion.

ST. CLAIR PLANS DISCUSSED

The major item on the March 17 agenda is the issue of the reconstruction of St. Clair Avenue between Cretin and Brimhall is scheduled for sewer separation in 1988, as

is Snelling between Fairmount and James. St. Clair between Brimhall and Lexington is scheduled for sewer work in 1989.

The city would like to reconstruct the streets at the same time the sewer work is being done. Even though St. Clair is not in bad shape now, it costs less to do both together and it's far less inconvenient to rip streets up once.

Plans for reconstruction and lighting of St. Clair between Cretin and Brimhall and for the stretch between Brimhall and Lexington were submitted for consideration in the 1988-89 CIB process. The District 14 council, after hearing from residents at a meeting in March 1987, gave high priority to these projects *provided* a MSA (municipal state aid) variance could be obtained. It was in response to this concern that then-Councilman John Drew arranged to have the funding for this project put in contingency, pending approval of the variance.

State Transportation Commissioner Len Levine has approved the variance for Cretin to Snelling. Unfortunately, he denied a variance for Snelling to Lexington, which means that the state won't pay for the bulk of the cost of this work (over \$1 million) unless the street is widened 8 feet between Snelling and Hamline, 4 feet between Hamline and Ayd Mill Road (the Short Line) and 8 feet between Hamline and Lexington.

At the Mn/DOT variance hearing, city engineers repeatedly stated that there is no engineering reason to widen this street and that there are lots of reasons not to. Traffic volume is about the same as it was in 1959, and statistics show no accident problem with the present width. Concerns were also expressed by city staff and neighborhood representatives about the loss of trees (mostly planted by residents or through



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District 14's NPP grant for arterial tree planting) and bringing the curb closer to homes. The variance committee was advised that widening is unnecessary and unacceptable, and that it is impossible to ban parking on one side because there are lots of duplexes and apartment buildings with no off-street parking.

The variance committee said the city seemed to be treating St. Clair like a residential street and suggested that property assessments, rather than state funds, should be used for work on residential streets. St. Paul's policy has been not to assess for collector streets because people living on main streets have to put up with the traffic and shouldn't have to pay as well.

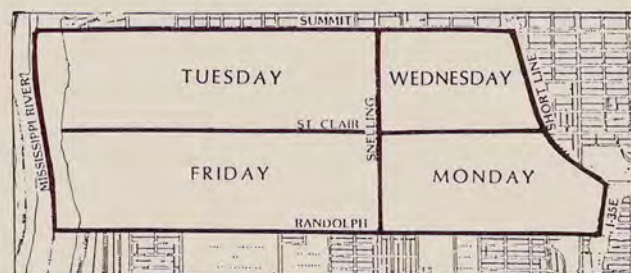
State Representative Kathleen Vellenga told the variance committee that an assessment would probably result in less affordable housing. Streets like St. Clair have many moderately priced rental units, and it's possible that landlords would pass along assessment costs to renters, she said.

Last January it was agreed that the city would go to court in a contested case hearing over this. City Engineer Tom Kuhfeld said that the city did not need to nor want to widen this street. Kuhfeld, however, believes the contested case hearing is not winnable, and he has been negotiating a compromise with Mn/DOT staff.

The compromise would involve widening the street by 2 feet at bus stops and in commercial areas—between just west of Fairview and Lexington—not just in the Snelling to Lexington stretch. The City Council will vote on the Cretin to Brimhall part of this project on April 5. Construction is scheduled to begin in June.

In order to begin construction early this spring, the City Council will have to decide on St. Clair on April 5. The alternatives are: not to reconstruct; cut and patch; assess; go to a contested case hearing and try again to get a variance; ban parking on one side of the street; or widen to state requirements.

Anyone with an opinion on this matter is urged to come to the community council's March 17 meeting. For more information, call the District 14 Community Council office at 698-7973.



District 14 recycling days.

RECYCLING REMINDERS

St. Paul residents can do their share to reduce their garbage by recycling. Residents in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood receive weekly alley recycling service (see map). Items for collection include newspaper and non-glossy paper, cardboard, metal and glass food and beverage containers, aluminum cans, trays and foil, metal items without motors, motor oil and car batteries.

For more information on the District 14 Community Council's recycling program, call 698-7973.

DAY-CARE OPTIONS LISTED

The District 14 Community Council has been working with a group of "at-home" parents to develop a drop-off baby-sitting program for preschoolers. The program would be modeled after Rainbow Corner, a successful program in South Minneapolis. It is hoped that the program will be able to open this fall. The KidsPark Committee has been meeting with foundations and businesses regarding start-up funds for this new program and soon will launch a grass-roots fundraising effort. Anyone willing to give either time or money to this effort is asked to call the District 14 Community Council office at 698-7973, Ellen Kluz at 644-7966, or Kate Briggs at 699-4810.

The community council's Human Services Committee is also interested in discussing after-school and school-holiday child care for working parents. The St. Paul Public Schools will not be offering its latchkey program at Groveland, Randolph Heights or Highland elementary schools. The Division of Parks and Recreation has agreed to sponsor a S'More Fun program for latchkey kids if the community council can demonstrate an interest in the Mac-Groveland area.

The Human Services Committee will meet to discuss this issue at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center. For more information, call the District 14 Community Council office at 698-7973, or Kate Briggs, Human Services Committee chair, at 699-4810.

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Global volunteer calls experience a test of character

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

A million miles from Highland Park, the little village of San Miguel Conacaste scrunches itself against a Guatemalan hillside. During the dry season, the tan earth bakes as hard as brick, but there is still enough dust to grind into the pores of the laughing, romping children who share the narrow streets with families of chickens, ducks and an occasional pig.

Marilyn Ryan spent her "vacation" there, surrounded, she says, "by physical beauty and poverty, both more intense than anything I have been exposed to previously."

Six months ago, Ryan read an article about Global Volunteers, a non-profit organization that sends teams of volunteers to developing nations in what is sometimes described as a brief "Peace Corps-type" experience. For Ryan, the two weeks of digging latrines, pouring cement porch columns, and trying in vain to make a round, flat tortilla added up to one of the most enriching adventures of her life.

Global Volunteers pay their own travel and living expenses to eat and sleep in El Rancho—a cement-block dormitory with bunk beds and utilitarian tables and benches—and work at hard physical labor in a village where a two-inch pipe supplies water for a few hours every three or four days for 1,200 people. But, Ryan says, "Every part of it was such an education—the people, the sights, the language, the sounds, the team members I worked with. It was probably the greatest bargain I've ever had in my life."

Ryan, who lives with her husband and son on Bohland Avenue, has been an active community volunteer over the past 10 years. She saw the chance to participate in the program as a glorious opportunity for adventure, an escape from Minnesota winter temperatures, and, she says, as a test. Contemplating the experience, she realized she had three major concerns: that her nails would never recover; that she wouldn't have enough character to give up the comforts of home and the security of family, friends and routine; and that "after making the trip, I might not ever be the same."

On January 29, Ryan and six other volunteers left St. Paul, bound for the village, 90 minutes or so north of Guatemala City, that was to truly become their home for two weeks. The "gringos," as they were called by the villagers, and as they came to call themselves, were welcomed by barking dogs, lively Salsa music, and rapid-fire Spanish that few of them understood.

On February 1, the team went to work. "My first day I spent with two other volunteers shoveling three pickups full of dirt," Ryan says. Though she claims her skills leaned more toward scheduling and carpooling, she quickly became proficient at using a circular saw and in a few days, she says,



After spending two weeks at hard labor in Guatemala with Global Volunteers, Marilyn Ryan says the little town of San Miguel Conacaste no longer seems so far away.

"pushing a wheelbarrow full of rock seemed as natural as going to lunch."

All Global Volunteers projects are initiated by the local communities. Ryan's group completed a project that had been worked on by several other teams: the building of a preschool for the village. They constructed a palm-thatched porch, leveled the dirt playground, anchored playground equipment, dug latrines and painted colorful cartoon characters to decorate the building. The graphics were designed by St. Paul artist Julie Nauman, another team member. During "free time," the volunteers taught the

villagers to use sewing machines and play football.

"The villagers commented on what hard workers we were," Ryan says. "That isn't an image of people in the United States that is presented to the world very often, so I was really complimented."

From two to 10 villagers, usually women, regularly joined the work crew along with several teen-age boys and a host of young children. The youngsters, Ryan says, didn't get in the way or "play at working" but really worked—picking, raking and smoothing the cement-hard dirt, pushing wheelbarrows, or

using a rock to pound nails on the porch roof because there were only two hammers.

A village woman cooked for the volunteers each day. The meals—mostly rice and tortillas, with excellent fruit and some vegetables—while not varied, were nourishing. Though the village inhabitants did not seem to eat meat on a regular basis, the volunteers were served chicken occasionally. The cook could stretch one fowl to feed 10 crew members, Ryan says. Another village woman did laundry for the group, and one morning as they walked to their work site, they noticed familiar T-shirts and underwear hanging to dry on the barbed wire fences along the street.

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Her "lifesaver," Ryan says, was the solar shower—a two-gallon plastic bag that was filled with water and hung in the sun to warm. One full bag could furnish showers for three volunteers. Ryan, whose dog isn't allowed in the living room at home, quickly adjusted to the ever-present animals in the village. She was learning to make tortillas in a village woman's kitchen when a hen and her brood of a dozen chicks strolled in. "It was like a petting zoo," Ryan says, "except that it was somebody's kitchen." She became so accustomed to seeing livestock roaming the streets, she says, that she took a picture of a row of preschool children and didn't notice there was a pig in the middle of the picture until her film was developed when she got home. The village pigs are, in effect, penned in the streets. They wear triangular collars of heavy sticks tied together to keep them from wandering through gates into the fenced yards. Ryan said she never figured out how people knew who owned which pig, or if it mattered.

During her stay she was continually "reminded of the commonalities of our lives," Ryan says. The women were dedicated to providing the best for their families, a difficult task when the average family income is less than \$1,200 a year. While, by U.S. standards, the children were very dirty, "they don't look unhealthy," Ryan says, "and they definitely

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March 16

THE PROBLEM OF TEEN-AGE PREGNANCY will be addressed tonight in a meeting of the St. Paul League of Women Voters. Open to the public, the meeting will begin at 7:00 in Room 500 of the State Office Building near the state Capitol. For more information, call 644-9176.

A SCLERODERMA SUPPORT GROUP will meet at 7:30 tonight in the fifth-floor conference room at Midway Hospital, 1700 University Ave. For more information, call 926-4748.

A SMOKERS SUPPORT GROUP for those who are struggling to give up the habit will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 tonight at Bethesda Hospital, 559 Capitol Blvd. Participation in the group, which meets on the third Wednesday of every month, is free and open to the public. For more information, call Sue Olmstead at 224-4901.

WAYNE D. ANGELL, a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, will speak on monetary policy issues during a free lecture tonight at 7:30 in Weyerhaeuser Memorial Chapel on the Macalester College campus.

March 17

ACTIVE SENIORS, the Midway-Highland chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, will meet at 12:30 today at the Hamline Public Library, 1558 W. Minnehaha Ave. Guests and new members are welcome.

A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP called Connections, led by Glenn Hirsch of the Jewish Family Service, will have its first session this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For more information or to register, call 698-0767 or 698-0751.

HAMLIN COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL will sponsor visiting days today and tomorrow from 9:30 to 11:00. The school is located at 1514 Englewood Ave., one block south of Hamline University. Call 488-2548 for more information.

A DIABETES WEIGHT CONTROL Group for people with Type II (adult-onset) diabetes will meet from 10:30 to 11:45 this morning and on the next five Thursdays at Midway Hospital, 1700 University Ave. For more information or to register, call 641-5757.

March 18

ALLEN GOLDMAN, a physicist at the University of Minnesota, will give a talk on superconductivity tonight at 7:30 in the Science Museum of Minnesota, 30 E. 10th St. Recent advances in superconductivity research hold the promise of finding practical applications ranging from levitated trains and faster computers to safer nuclear reactors that run on fusion instead of fission. The cost of the lecture is \$4.00 for members, \$6.00 for non-members. Call 221-9438 for more information.

March 19

MAPLE TREES will be tapped, their sap gathered and processed into sweet syrup by people attending a program from 1:00 to 3:30 this afternoon (and again on March 26) at the Dodge Nature Center, 1795 Charlton St., West St. Paul. The cost is \$3.00; \$1.50 for children under 12. For the required reservations, call 455-4531.

A SPRING BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE, featuring handmade gifts and home-baked goodies, will be presented from 9:00 to 2:00 today by the women of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in-the-Midway, Roy Street and Shields Avenue. Coffee and doughnuts will be available, and sloppy joes and home-made pie will be served around lunchtime.

ST. HELENA'S CHURCH at 3204 E. 43rd St. in Minneapolis will present its annual spring boutique from 9:00 to 3:00 today. The works of 30 craftspeople will be displayed for sale. Sloppy joes and desserts will be available for lunch.

NOTABLE WOMEN in Minnesota history and their contributions to society will be the subject of tours beginning at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. today and Saturday, March 26, at the state Capitol. The Minnesota Historical Society program will

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Village Kiosk



Seven-year-old Tim Baumgartner takes a flying leap over a late-winter puddle near his Beechwood Avenue home.

tell of the accomplishments of suffragist Clara Ueland, Dr. Martha Ripley and former state Rep. Mabeth Hurd Paige, among others. Admission is free, but tour size is limited. For reservations, call 296-2881.

CADENZA MUSIC, located at 149 S. Snelling Ave., will be celebrating its 14th anniversary with an open house all day today. The event will feature balloons and popcorn, a drawing for a Sigma guitar, and demonstrations of various instruments by factory representatives.

March 20

THE LOON, Minnesota's state bird, and the Golden-Cheeked Warbler will be the subjects of films shown between noon and 5:00 today during an open house at the Dodge Nature Center, 1595 Charlton St. in West St. Paul. Admission is free to the films and other open house programs, including a presentation at 2:00 on the great horned owl and red-tailed hawk, tours of the animal displays, and hikes through prairie, marshes and woodland. For more information, call 455-4531.

ST. CECILIA'S parish will present its annual St. Patrick's Day dinner and raffle from 11:30 to 3:00 today in the basement of the church, Bayless Place and Cromwell Avenue. Tickets for the ham dinner cost \$5.50; free for children 10 and under. First prize in the raffle is a trip for two to Disneyworld. For more information or reservations, call 644-4502.

ST. MARK'S Home and School Association will present its St. Patrick's spaghetti dinner and fun fair from 4:00 to 8:00 today at the school, Prior and Dayton avenues.

The fair will feature bingo and other games, prizes, and a silent auction. The dinner will include salad, bread, beverages and dessert. Meal tickets are \$4.50; \$2.50 for children under 11.

A SAUERKRAUT DINNER that includes pork roast, vegetables, potatoes, gravy, rolls and a dessert, too, will be served today by the Volksfest Association of Minnesota. The dinner will be served from 11:00 to 2:00 and from 2:30 to 5:00 at the Volksfest Culture Haus, 301 Summit Ave. The cost is \$5.95; \$3.50 for children. For reservations, call 222-7027 or 484-4838.

A VARIETY OF FAMILY workshops for Passover will be offered this morning from 9:45 to 11:30 at Temple of Aaron Synagogue, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. The workshops, designed for preschoolers through 6th-graders and their parents, are open to the public. Topics include "Making Matzah," "Passover Stories and Songs" and "Making Afikomen Bags." The cost is free for Temple of Aaron families and \$3.00 for non-member families. Call 698-8874 for more information.

March 21

THE PRACTICE OF BREASTFEEDING babies will be discussed in four monthly meetings of La Leche League, the first of which will be held at 7:00 tonight in the home of Cathy Denison, 1450 Sargent Ave. For more information on the program, call Ginny Anderson at 642-1068.

A HEALING MASS and prayers for healing, sponsored by the St. Francis Prayer Group, will begin at 7:00 this evening at St. Mary's Home, 1925 Norfolk Ave. Father Donald

Schnitzius will be the celebrant, and everyone is welcome. For more information, call 690-1501.

THE GARDEN CLUB of Ramsey County will meet tonight at 6:00 at Lee's Village Inn, 800 S. Cleveland Ave. There will be a panel discussion on perennials and vegetable gardens. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. For dinner reservations, call Elizabeth Kraft at 698-3720.

March 22

GROVELAND PARK Elementary School at 2045 St. Clair Ave. invites children who will be 5 years old by September 1 and their parents to meet the teachers and tour the classrooms tonight during a kindergarten roundup. Sessions have been scheduled for children whose last names begin with the letters A to G (5:30 to 6:15 p.m.), H-N (6:25-7:10), and O-Z (7:20-8:00). For more information, call 293-8760.

A KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP will be held this evening for children interested in attending Highland Park Elementary School next year. Parents, too, are invited to attend the program, scheduled from 6:30 to 8:00 at the school, 1700 Saunders Ave. For more information, call 293-8770.

THE CREATIVE ARTS magnet program at Mississippi Elementary School, located off I-35E and Wheelock Parkway, will be explained this evening in two programs. The kindergarten curriculum and registration will be explained from 4:00 to 5:00, and an open house and presentation is scheduled to begin at 7:00.

ANNE FORD NELSON will address the St. Paul and Minneapolis Zonta Clubs during a meeting tonight at 7:30 at the College Club, 990 Summit Ave. She will talk about her involvement in the Jaycees—and the legal fight over her membership that eventually reached the U.S. Supreme Court, where she won an important victory on behalf of business people all over the country. Her speech is free and open to the public. Before the speech there will be a 6:30 dinner, which costs \$10. Call 224-6936 for reservations.

A KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP and open house will be held tonight at 6:30 at the St. Paul Spanish Immersion Magnet, 707 Holly Ave. (Webster School). The Spanish Immersion Magnet offers a full kindergarten and 1st-grade curriculum taught completely in Spanish. English language arts are introduced in 2nd grade, and by 6th grade half of the curriculum is in Spanish and half in English. In 1988-89 the program will have classes through 3rd grade. An additional grade level will be added each year. For more information, call Principal Joanne Ventura at 293-8625.

RABBI NEIL KURSHAN, author of *Raising Your Child to be a Mensch* (a decent, caring person), will speak about his book and philosophy tonight at 7:30 at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The book deals with how children are being raised today and questions what values today's children are learning. Admission is free to JCC members and \$2.00 for non-members.

"DANCE-FOR-THE-HEART" aerobic classes, which will raise money for the American Heart Association, will be held tonight and again on March 26 at the St. Clair Racquet Club, 1560 St. Clair Ave. The classes are free to participants. To register, call Jan Bostrom at 690-0600.

HOMECROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will be conducting its kindergarten roundup tonight beginning at 6:30. To be eligible for kindergarten during 1988-89, a child must be 5 on or before September 1, 1988. For more information, call 293-8955.

March 23

A SYMPOSIUM THAT WILL EXAMINE "Passover and Easter, Their Jewish Roots" will be held tonight from 7:30 to 9:30 in Brady Education Center at the College of St. Thomas. Symposium leaders Rabbi Max A. Shapiro, director of St. Thomas' Center for Jewish-Christian Learning, and Dr. Arthur E. Zannoni, acting dean of pastoral studies at the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity of the College of St. Thomas, will trace how Passover and Easter began and how the two festivals relate. The event is free and open to the public. Call 647-5740 for more information.

AN ASTHMA SUPPORT GROUP sponsored by the American Lung Association of Ramsey County will meet this evening from 5:30 to

7:30 at the Lung Association office, 614 Portland Ave. The group is designed for active adults who have asthma. Family and friends are also welcome. For more information, call 224-4901.

March 24

THE HUGE USED-BOOK SALE presented annually by the St. Paul branch of the American Association of University Women will begin today at the St. Paul College Club, 990 Summit Ave. The three-day sale of used books, prints, phonograph records and sheet music will run from 9:00 to 9:00 today and tomorrow and from 9:00 to 2:00 on Saturday, which is half-price day.

RANDOLPH HEIGHTS Elementary School, 348 S. Hamline Ave. will hold its kindergarten roundup and registration from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening.

ST. PAUL OPEN SCHOOL, 1023 Osceola Ave., will have an informational meeting for students in grades 1-10 and their parents tonight from 7:30 to 8:30. The school will also host two kindergarten roundups today, one from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and the other from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. St. Paul Open School, now in its 17th year, offers an alternative program for independent learners. Call 293-8670 for more information.

A CONFERENCE FOR REGISTRATION and course selection for the next school year at

Brady High School will be held this evening from 4:00 to 9:00 and tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the school.

THE CONVENT OF THE VISITATION will have an open house today from 12:30 until 2:00 for its Montessori preschool. The school is located at 2455 Visitation Dr., Mendota Heights. For more information, call Sister Katherine at 454-6476.

HORACE MANN SCHOOL, 2001 Eleanor Ave., will have its kindergarten roundup tonight at 6:30 in the school gym.

March 26

THE ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON and spring boutique will be held today at noon at Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 E. 50th St., Minneapolis. Easter items, greeting cards, napkins and household items will be for sale. For reservations, call Junine at 722-9294 or Sara at 722-5228.

UKRAINIAN, CZECHOSLOVAKIAN and Russian egg decorating demonstrations will be held today from 10:00 to 4:00 in Bandana Square's center court.

FARE SHARE food will be distributed from 10:00 to 11:00 this morning at Cleveland Avenue United Methodist Church on Sargent and Cleveland avenues. For \$12 in cash or food stamps and proof of two hours of community service, participants receive

fresh fruit, vegetables, meat and other staples valued from \$28 to \$35. Participants can also pay for the April 23 Fare Share today. Other registration times are from noon to 1:00 p.m. on April 3 and from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on April 5. Call 699-2350 for more information.

A SABBATH STUDY OF THE Haggadah (the ritual story of the Jewish Passover recited at the Seder), will be conducted from 3:00 to 4:30 today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The event is free and open to the community. Call 698-0751 for more information.

March 27

UKRAINIAN EASTER EGGS, Easter bread, and home-baked pastries will be sold from 11:00 to 4:00 today at Sts. Volodymyr and Olga Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 873 Portland Ave. Parish members will demonstrate the delicate Ukrainian art of decorating eggs. A home-made lunch will also be available.

AN INTER-FAITH WORSHIP SERVICE in memory of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who was assassinated on March 24, 1980, will be held tonight from 7:00 to 8:00 at the Cathedral of St. Paul. The speaker will be Marta Benavides, El Salvador's only Baptist minister, who is now living in exile in Mexico. A rally and march to the cathedral will precede the service, beginning at 5:30 on the state Capitol steps. Call 870-3600 for more information.

Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the door. For more information, call 483-9550 or 699-0953.

March 29

A 55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVING CLASS, a two-day refresher course for elderly motorists, will meet today and tomorrow at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$7.00. For more information or to register, call Diane or Rose at 698-0751.

THE TIKVAH (HOPE) BEREAVEMENT GROUP, a support group for Jewish people who are suffering from the loss of a significant adult in their lives, will begin this morning from 9:30 to 10:30 at Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Ave. For more information, call Joan Bream at 698-0767 or Rabbi Leigh Lerner at 698-3881.

March 30

MINNESOTA JEWISH GROUP HOMES INC. is sponsoring its fifth annual model Passover Seder dinner for mentally retarded Jewish adults at 6:00 tonight in the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. All retarded Jewish adults, living at home or in group homes, and their parents, are invited to attend. There is no charge for this event. To reserve a spot, call 645-5497 by March 16.

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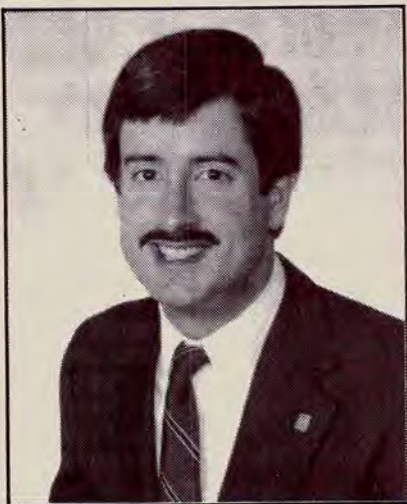
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Volunteer (cont'd from page 15)

don't look unhappy." One day several youngsters delighted some of the volunteers with a gift of hibiscus blossoms, which, the women later found out, had been pilfered from a villager's garden. As the volunteers visited with some of the teen-age boys in the evening, they talked about their hopes for the future. One wanted to be a pro football player, Ryan says, and another a pro wrestler. "Where have you heard things like that before?" she asked.

While she has a new understanding of poverty, Ryan says she does not feel hopeless for the people of Conacaste because they have such hope for themselves. "They are resourceful and hard-working and so positive, and take great pride in their accomplishments." What is troubling, though, she says, "is knowing how people in Conacaste can have that simple, calm, meaningful existence. There are things that were wonderful there that you can't duplicate here. I want to come up with a balance. The re-entry back is difficult because I feel an obligation to inte-

grate the experience with this life from now on."

Now that she is home again, her nails are growing back, and she has proved that she can rely on herself. Even so, Ryan says, "My third fear has become reality. I will never be the same again. My motives were selfish when I went, and I was scared to death, but I learned that I could take care of myself."

As is so often the case with volunteer work, Ryan says, "I feel what I gave in no way measures up to what I received. I can truly say I was in my community—I merely have extended its boundaries." Conacaste is no longer a million miles away.

Ryan, Nauman and Bud Philbrook, president of Global Volunteers, will present a talk and a slide show on their Guatemalan experiences during the Sunday morning religious forum at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 9:30 on March 20.

Young readers invited to vote for favorite children's author

In this year of primaries and elections, children in grades 3 to 8 will be able to cast a ballot of their own—for the author they think should receive the 1988 Maud Hart Lovelace Award. The award, named for the author of the Betsy-Tacy books, was established in 1979 to honor authors of outstanding children's books.

To be eligible to vote, children must read at least three of the 15 books that have been nominated this year. Then, from April 4 to 8, they can cast their ballots in the Youth Service Room of the St. Paul Central Library, 90 W. 4th St., the bookmobile, or any of the 12 branch libraries. The 1988 Maud Hart Lovelace Award winner—the book that receives the most votes from Minnesota children—will be announced on April 25.

The 1988 nominees are *Pearl's Promise* by Frank Asch, *S.O.R. Losers* by Avi, *Cracker Jackson* by Betsy Byars, *Hour of the Wolf* by Patricia Calvert, *The Mystery at Peacock Place* by M. F.

Craig, *Daphne's Book* by Mary Hahn, *Nobody's Fault?* by Patricia Hermes, *Footprints Up My Back* by Kristi Holl, *This Time of Darkness* by H. M. Hoover, *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson* by Bette Lord, *Alexandra* by Scott O'Dell, *Come Sing, Jimmy Jo* by Katherine Paterson, *Me, My Goat, and My Sister's Wedding* by Stella Pevsner, *Night of the Twisters* by Ivy Ruckman, and *Castle in the Attic* by Elizabeth Winthrop.

For more information, call Alice Neve at 292-6212.

Hosts sought for adult foreigners

The Twin Cities International Program is seeking families interested in being hosts for one month this summer for an adult from a foreign country. Host families are asked to provide a room in their homes and two meals a day for each foreign guest.

For more information, call TCIP at 624-5098.



Paul T. Hess, 1943 Carroll Ave., has been named director of governmental and public affairs for I.C. System Inc., a Vadnais Heights firm that offers collections and computer services for direct-mail marketers. A graduate of Carleton College and William Mitchell College of Law, Hess was an administrative assistant and chief aide from 1983 to 1986 for state Representative David Jennings, former House minority leader and Speaker of the House.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are now being sought to help out in various ways at St. Mary's Home, a 140-bed nursing home at 1925 Norfolk Ave. Hours are flexible. For more information, call Carol Schroeder evenings at 699-8820.

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Teen-age playwrights sought for intensive summer program

Applications are now being taken for the fifth annual Young Playwrights Conference, an intensive, three-week course for teen-age writers, actors and directors offered June 12 to July 1 at the College of St. Thomas.

Thirty teen-agers—"the most promising talent out there," according to Director Gail Smogard—will be selected for the program, co-sponsored by the Playwrights' Center in Minneapolis. For those who can't afford the \$500 tuition, financial aid is available, either from the state or from private sponsors who sign up to "adopt" a young playwright.

Sponsors who underwrite all or half of a participant's tuition will receive photos, letters and manuscripts from their protege, and will be invited to a presentation of their student's play.

The conference, the only one of its kind in the United States, attracts young writers from throughout the country. Participants will also be eligible for free guidance from Playwrights' Center professionals on any scripts they work on during their high school years.

The deadline for prospective students and sponsors is April 30. For more information, call 332-7481.

Tax help offered at Hamline

Students at the Hamline University School of Law are offering their services for people of all ages who need help with their federal or state income tax returns. The student volunteers have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service as part of an effort to extend tax assistance to more taxpayers.

The service will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on March 19, 26 and April 9 in the lobby of the Hamline

University School of Law, 1536 Hewitt Ave. Participants should bring the forms and instructions they received in the mail, in addition to pertinent documents and records, such as W-2 and W-2P forms, statements showing interest and dividends received, and so on. Past tax

returns are also helpful, if available.

For more information on the program, call 649-0639 in the evening.

Women for Sobriety schedules meetings

Women for Sobriety, a non-profit program for addicted women, holds weekly meetings at two locations in the Highland area. The group meets every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave., and every Monday at 10:00 a.m. at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, St. Clair and Prior avenues.

For more information on the group, call Natalie Ayers at 699-6460.



Liberty State Bank at 176 N. Snelling Ave. recently announced the promotion of three employees and the election of a new member to the bank's board of directors. Going clockwise from top left, Kathleen White-Milbauer, who has been with Liberty since 1977, was promoted to assistant vice president; Delores Staab, a Liberty employee since 1974, was promoted to bookkeeping officer; Dennis P. Barrett, vice president and director of Noble Industries Inc. of St. Paul, was elected to Liberty's board of directors; and Jeanne DeNoma, who joined Liberty in 1971, was promoted to real estate officer.

Four elected to seminary board

Four new members have been elected to the board of trustees of the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity.

Serving five-year terms as trustees are the Reverend Stephen J. Adrian, pastor of the Church of St. Matthew, St. Paul, and representative of the Presbyterian Council; Monsignor Richard E. Pates, vicar for seminaries of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and



Minneapolis; and F. L. Spanier, president of the Catholic Aid Association, St. Paul. The new student representative on the board is John Ubel, an ordination candidate now preparing to serve in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The seminary's board of trustees now numbers 23. Archbishop John R. Roach is chairman of the board.

William Mitchell team takes first place in law competition

A two-student team representing William Mitchell College of Law defeated 10 teams from five states to win first place in regional client counseling competition February 12-14 at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion.

Nancy L. Nelson of St. Paul and Ray Hughes of Red Wing, who in January defeated 40 William Mitchell teams to qualify for the regional competition, defeated a team from the University of Missouri-Columbia in the final round of the regional competition.

Nelson and Hughes will represent the American Bar Association's Region 8 in national competition in Al-

buquerque, New Mexico, March 11-13. The first-place national team will advance to international competition in London, England.

Curt Stine, a William Mitchell professor who advises the school's client counseling teams, said the competition develops law students' skills in advising clients. He said the judges, who are practicing attorneys and counselors, observe how well the students establish professional relationships with their mock clients, understand their goals and points of view, analyze their problems and deal with any ethical problems associated with the cases.

New Passover book is for kids

Passover is the most beloved Jewish holiday, but for centuries children have fidgeted while the adults recited the abstract Haggadah narrative.

Falcon Heights resident Mary Ann Barrows Wark hopes to take care of that problem with her new book, *We Tell it to Our Children: The Story of Passover*, subtitled "A Haggadah for Seders with Young Children." The book details a new type of service for the first or second night of Passover that appeals directly to children.

Cut-out finger puppets act as "hosts" who tell the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt in a "you-are-there" style. The book also includes a number of familiar Ameri-

can melodies like "Clementine" with Judaically meaningful lyrics.

The book is illustrated by Craig Oskow, who created more than 50 black-and-white pencil drawings that emphasize the immediacy of the ideas and clearly illustrate all the ceremonial food symbols and major ideas of the story.

Barrows Wark will be a guest at the Temple of Aaron Tot Shabbat, scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25. Her book is available at gift shops in Mount Zion Temple and Temple of Aaron, the Red Balloon Bookshop, Odegard Books St. Paul, Learn Me, the Hungry Mind, Micawber's, Lohman's and the Lund's store in Highland Park.

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10:30 a.m. — Festival Worship
March 31
7:00 p.m. — Holy Thursday Communion
April 1
7:00 p.m. — Good Friday Theme: "The Suffering Servant" Isa. 53
April 3 — Resurrection Day (Easter Sunday)
6:00 a.m. — Sunrise Service, "He Is Risen!"
7:00 a.m. — Easter breakfast
9:15 a.m. — Sunday School and Adult Program
10:30 a.m. — Festival Resurrection Service, "Risen Indeed," with Holy Communion

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Highland Area Community Council Capsule

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

Two at-large representatives and two grid representatives were elected to the board of directors of the Highland Area Community Council at a meeting on March 10.

The new grid representatives are P. J. McGuire, 610 S. Warwick Ave. (grid 4), and John Gilson, 1968 Norfolk Ave. (grid 10). Elected as at-large representatives were Ken Jefferson, 36 Norbert Place, and Robert Kren, 1326 St. Paul Ave.

Vacancies still exist in grids 2, 6 and 8 (see map). Elections to fill those vacancies will be conducted at the April 14 meeting of the community council. Candidates must live within the grid they hope to represent and at least three residents from that grid must be in attendance at the meeting to caucus and elect a representative.

Grid 2 is bounded by Ford Parkway and Cleveland, Randolph and Fairview avenues; grid 6 by Ford Parkway and Cleveland, Montreal and Fairview avenues; and grid 8 by Mississippi River Boulevard, St. Paul Avenue and Worcester Avenue. Grid representatives serve a two-year term on the community council board.

For more information on the elections, call the HACC office at 690-0866.



District 15

MIDAS RECOMMENDATIONS MADE

Construction plans for a Midas Muffler shop proposed for the corner of West 7th Street and Alaska Avenue were reviewed February 29 by the community council's Community Development Committee. The owner of the proposed shop was seeking a special condition use permit as well as a recommendation on the site plan.

The committee recommended that the property line along the alley be properly landscaped to provide a buffer between the business and neighboring residences, and that only one driveway opening be allowed on the alley, which would be used for garbage pickup.

A RECYCLING REMINDER

Highland residents are reminded that recycling pickups are now made on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Upcoming dates are March 28 and April 11 and 25. Recyclable material should be placed at curbside by 7:00 on the day of the pickup.

Recyclable materials include newspaper, non-glossy paper, glass bottles and jars, food and beverage cans, cardboard boxes and cereal boxes. These items should be placed in separate boxes or paper bags. Materials will not be accepted if they are in plastic bags. Glass and cans should be rinsed and cardboard boxes should be flattened into 3-by-3-foot sections.

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An architect's drawing shows the new campus center that is being built at the College of St. Thomas. The project is expected to be completed early next year.

Work begins on new campus center at CST

Construction began March 15 at the College of St. Thomas on a \$6.7 million campus center, the most costly building project in the college's 103-year history.

The two-phase project will involve the simultaneous construction of a four-level, 46,000-square-foot building and major remodeling work on 48,000 square feet of Murray Hall, the student center built in 1959. Back then, enrollment at St. Thomas was 1,771, less than a fourth of today's 8,396.

"Our new campus center will provide much-needed breathing space and elbow room, as well as some exciting new spaces for student functions," said Monsignor Terrence Murphy, St. Thomas president.

Situated in the center of campus, the new building will be connected to the north side of Murray Hall. Together, they will provide St. Thomas with a modern campus center that will be ready for use less than a year from now. The complex marks the first major building project on campus since the completion of a \$5 million physical education facility six years ago.

The most prominent feature of the new building will be a three-story, smoked-glass atrium that will house a grand staircase. The rounded atrium, located on the west side of the building, will serve as an architectural focal point linking the upper residential quadrangle of the campus with the lower classroom quadrangle. Mankato stone, like that used throughout the college's lower quadrangle, will be used on the exterior of the new student center.

The first level of the center will feature a large campus square with a commons area and a performance platform, in addition to a game room, lounges, an expanded post office, bookstore, barbershop

and copy center. The second level will house various campus offices, club and meeting rooms, a lounge for commuting day students and an information center.

The third-level student dining area will undergo extensive remodeling to increase seating from the present 525 to 650, and features to be added include some smaller dining rooms and a large living room with a fireplace, which will be reserved for special functions. The fourth level will house personal and career counseling services that are now scattered across campus. The top level will also be home to a lounge, a meeting room overlooking the campus and new facilities for student publications.

The center was designed and is being built by the Minneapolis-based Opus Corporation. Funding for the project is coming from contributions to the college's Century II capital campaign, as well as a new student center fee, approved by the St. Thomas student government. The fee, to be assessed on a per-credit basis, will provide about a third of the cost of the project.

Animal control service expands

The St. Paul Animal Control Program is now providing extended field service. Animal control officers will respond to calls from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekends.

March is also the month to purchase or renew dog licenses. All dogs must be licensed yearly. License applications are available at the St. Paul Division of Public Health, 555 Cedar St., and licenses can be purchased at the Animal Control Center, 1285 W. Jessamine St. from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Record numbers joining local Scouts

The Indianhead Council of the Boy Scouts of America is experiencing record-setting growth, with an all-time high of over 49,000 young people now served by the council. It is estimated that one out of every four scouting-age boys within the council's 12-county territory is a registered Scout.

The council, whose headquarters are located at 393 Marshall Ave., recently reported a 30 percent membership increase over the past two years, with increased enrollment in all six segments of the program: Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Career Awareness Exploring

and Exploring. In addition, summer camp participation reached a new high last year.

"No other Boy Scout organization can make a better claim to growth, in increased membership or market penetration," said Jack Callaway, council president.

The recent growth in Scouting membership has dictated an increase of over 18 percent in the council's operating budget for 1988, creating the need for additional funding, according to Callaway. "The entire executive board, community leadership, parents and other supporters are behind us to match this challenge of growth and ex-

panding financial demands," he said. "Our biggest problem is communicating to all concerned our successes and future needs. But I believe that people will respond favorably when they know that leadership development, social skills, career counseling, self-esteem, patriotism, and responsibility to God are alive, well and growing at a record pace through scouting in their communities."

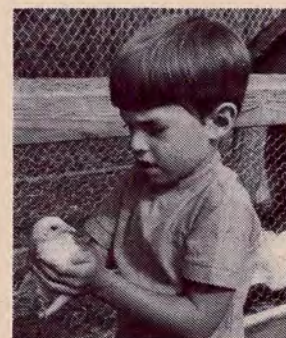
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Inside the House

by Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
District 64A

Constitutional amendments cannot be easily undone, unlike bills that we can amend the next legislative session. Therefore, I take very seriously any efforts to change the Minnesota Constitution. Last week, as a member of the Judiciary Committee, I voted against a proposed amendment to the Constitution that reads: "The right of a citizen to keep and bear arms for the defense and security of the person, family, or home, or for lawful hunting, recreation, or marksmanship training shall not be abridged."

RESERVATIONS ON GUN RIGHTS

Members of several law enforcement groups testified against this amendment being placed on the ballot. All of them clearly said they would not support a ban on handguns. But they also expressed fears that if this language were included in the state Constitution, current restrictions on guns could be challenged in court, and proposed legislation to increase the rights of homeowners to use weapons would be given a boost.

One police officer testified that when a police sergeant was shot while trying to enter a home with a search warrant, the gun-wielding resident defended himself in court on the basis of his right to protect his property.

An NRA lobbyist from Washington, D.C., used some of the most deceitful arguments I have heard in eight years in the Legislature. He called this amendment "the most pressing issue before the Legislature" and proceeded to describe bills that have been introduced and *not passed* in Minnesota and other states. These bills, he said, infringe on the right of citizens to "protect themselves." In my view, protecting oneself with a gun is a task that very few people are capable of in a violent situation. Too many people, on the other hand, are capable of endangering themselves or others through the misuse of guns.

Many of the 16 committee members who voted for this bill are from rural and suburban areas where guns are used mainly for hunting. The seven of us who voted against the bill are from the center city and suburbs where handguns are more common and the crime rate is much higher.

The amendment's language was altered in the Judiciary Committee of the Senate. NRA lobbyists told the senators they supported the new language, which stated only that guns could not be *absolutely* prohibited. When we questioned the NRA in the House Judiciary Committee the next day, the NRA declared it does *not* support the Senate language. The senators then decided to reconsider the amendment. Most of the senators are angry at the NRA's waffling. The Senate will consider the bill again next week.

The House version was sent to the Rules Committee, where the chairperson, Representative Ann Wynia, opposed it, but she must consider the wishes of all committee members. If the amendment passes the Legislature this year, it will appear on the ballot in November. Then you will have the opportunity to reject it, or add it to the Constitution.

QUESTIONS FOR KELLER

As a member of the Governor's Residence Council, I have participated in decisions on expenditures for maintenance and improvements of the governor's home. It seems to be a much more responsible arrangement than the method (or lack of the same) used by the University of Minnesota in regard to Eastcliff, home to the U of M president. (Both Eastcliff and the governor's residence happen to be in District 64A.)

I had written to Ken Keller, president of the university, regarding the inadequacy of the university's Child Care Center. He responded that he agreed, but that the Legislature should provide more money for the Child Care Center. That letter arrived shortly after all the revelations on expenditures at Eastcliff and the president's office surfaced.

Somehow, I find it difficult to accept Keller's suggestion as a good faith effort to help the Child Care Center.

Please continue to contact me with your concerns and questions. I can be reached at 296-8799, or by writing to Room 549, State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155.

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Ford plant emissions testing done, health risk yet to be determined

by T. D. Mischke

Testing of emissions from the Ford Motor Company's Twin Cities Assembly Plant in Highland Park was completed recently. The findings are now being studied to determine what harmful effects, if any, the emissions could have on the health of local residents.

The emissions testing was conducted by I.C.F. Clement and Associates with the cooperation of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Highland Neighborhood Task Force on Ford Emissions. These groups are now aware of which chemical compounds are being emitted from the Ford plant into the air over Highland, and in what amounts.

Information on the health risks, however, won't be available for a few weeks while scientists and health department officials carry out that study, according to Judy Krasnow, chairman of the neighborhood task force.

"The initial data has been gathered," Krasnow said, "but at this point, no one can be sure what that data means. An independent testing company is examining what the potential health risks are and their findings will be made public sometime in April."

The tests are also being reviewed by an independent health-risk task force, which has been meeting monthly to

discuss testing procedures and findings, Krasnow said.

Dr. Jack Mandel, an epidemiologist at the University of Minnesota and a member of that task force, said the entire process has been a model of cooperation between the various parties.

"Whatever hostility there might have been between these groups before has not been there at all during this testing process," Mandel said.

A separate report on odors emanating from the Ford plant has also been completed, but that study is still under review.

"Ford has been tremendously cooperative during this process, as has the MPCA. These people have gone to great lengths to get us all the information we want and answer any questions we've had."

Joining Mandel on the task force have been representatives of the Minnesota and St. Paul departments of health and the University of Minne-

sota School of Public Health, Highland area residents, St. Paul City Councilmember Bob Long, state Senator Dick Cohen and state Representative Howard Orenstein.

Mandel said the testing that is taking place now is more complicated than the emissions testing. Taking the chemicals and their doses and determining the health risk is "extremely difficult," he said. "It involves studying atmospheric conditions, using computer modeling techniques, studying the effects of some of these substances on animals, as well as other testing techniques. The procedure is complex but it is being done in a rational and logical manner."

The health risk assessment is being made by T.R.C. Environmental Consultants Inc., a firm chosen by Ford but with the approval of the task force. "They are working independently of the Ford Motor Company," Mandel stressed.

The task force wasn't given the right to reject the firm that conducted the emissions tests, Krasnow said, but the group does not question the validity of the tests.

A separate report on the odors emanating from the Ford plant has also been completed, Mandel said, but that study is still under review and further study may be necessary before the task force is satisfied with its findings.



PHOTO BY MIKE LONG

A collection of earth-moving equipment looms behind an old side rake on land adjoining Tom Burow's Mendota Heights farm at 1875 Victoria Road. The 37-acre parcel will be developed soon, shrinking one of the last pockets of agriculture in the area.

International students need host families

Karolina Brodin of Stockholm, Sweden, is just one of many foreign exchange students who will be looking for host families in the Twin Cities next year. Under the auspices of the ASSE Student Exchange Program, 16- to 18-year-old students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Germany, France, Spain and Australia will spend the 1988-89 school year in the Twin Cities.

Brodin, who said she is mainly interested in learning about American culture and the English language, enjoys



Karolina Brodin

skiing, playing soccer and volleyball, scouting and acting. Brodin, and the other students in the program, will arrive in Minnesota in late

August and leave at the end of the school year. All the students have medical and liability insurance and their own spending money.

The ASSE organization also sponsors an Outbound Program for American students who want to study in Australia or New Zealand. Those students leave the United States January 1 and spend a year abroad. The application deadline is September 1.

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DFL and IR conventions coming up

by Roger Fuller

The Democratic-Farmer-Labor and the Independent Republican parties will hold their district conventions during the next two weeks.

The most visible activity at these conventions will be the selection of delegates to the 4th Congressional District conventions. The 4th District delegates will elect national delegates, who will attend the national conventions and participate in the selection of the parties' presidential nominees.

The district conventions will also elect party officers, adopt resolutions and, in the case of the DFL, consider endorsements for the state House of Representatives. The IR Party traditionally makes its endorsements at special conventions held later in the spring.

None of the five incumbent DFL state representatives from this area anticipates a challenge for the party endorsement. Recently elected state Representative Andy Dawkins has the support of at least 60 percent of the delegates to the District 65A convention. Dawkins was elected to represent District 65A in a special election last November.

On the Republican side, Todd Caldis is said to be seeking the party endorsement for the District 64B seat, the only seat the IR Party is at all likely to win. The incumbent, state Representative Howard Orenstein, won in 1986 with 53 percent of the votes against Bill Batcher who is not a candidate this year.

Caldis said he first got involved in elective politics in 1974, when he helped Ron Sietoff win his first term to the state Legislature. Later, Caldis served as a member of the Metropolitan Transit Commission. Caldis, whose law office is located in Highland Village, said he will decide whether or not to run within the next week.

Sara Pillow, District 64 DFL chair, said Michael Dukakis has the most support in District 64 among the presidential candidates. Dukakis has 233 delegates, Paul Simon 160, Jesse Jackson 154, Gary Hart 9, Richard Gephardt 8, and Al Gore 5, with 119 delegates uncommitted.

Pillow, who is not seeking another term as party chair, said those interested in running for party office should call the Nominations Committee at 690-5873.

Richard Shields, District 65

DFL chair, said Jackson has the strongest support in his district. "Based on delegates committed to him and others whose preferences are known but not openly declared, Jackson will be the strongest candidate at our convention," he said.

Donna Denking, District 64A IR chair, said the support Robert Dole received throughout Minnesota on February 23 was reflected in her district. Bill Batcher, Dole organizer in the Highland area, said, "Dole took about half the delegates locally. The other half were split among the rest."

Listed below are the upcoming district conventions. On the Independent Republican side:

•The District 65B convention was already held March 12 at Landmark Center.

•District 63B, Lyngblomsten Center, 1298 N. Pascal

St., 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 26.

•District 64A, Brady Hall, College of St. Thomas, 2260 Summit Ave., 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 19.

•District 64B, at Nativity School, 1900 Stanford Ave., 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22.

•District 65A, Selby-Dale Co-op, 659 Selby Ave., 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16.

And in the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party:

•District 63, North Star Ballroom, University of Minnesota St. Paul campus, noon on Sunday, March 20.

•District 64, Highland Park Junior High School, 975 S. Snelling Ave., 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 26.

•District 65, Humboldt High School, 30 E. Baker St., 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 26.

New tennis store on Selby will cater to serious players

A new tennis specialty shop that offers a full line of tennis equipment and apparel, in addition to professional racquet stringing, is now open at 1599 Selby Ave. Tennis 5.0 is owned by amateur tennis players George Carlson and Ron Kuklok, and they say it is the only shop of its kind in St. Paul.

Tennis 5.0 features a full range of competition-quality equipment, including racquets from European makers such as Rossignol and Kneissl, and shoes, accessories and apparel by such manufacturers as Adidas, Head and Tacchini. Customers will also be able to try out racquets for a small rental fee before making a purchase. Other offerings include a racquet preparation service for out-of-town players and racquet repair service. In the future, the store will also rent instructional tennis videos.

Kuklok, who has strung racquets for the likes of Mats Wilander, Martina Navratilova and Jimmy Connors, uses a state-of-the-art Babolat Exclusive stringing machine, which features an electromagnetic clamping system, a screwdrive tensioning mechanism and a six-point frame support. These serve to eliminate distortion and provide more consistency from racquet to racquet than any other stringing machine.

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feels like. It can make a big difference in your game."

Kuklok and Carlson met several years ago when Carlson, then playing in an amateur tennis league, received a recommendation to have his racquet strung by Kuklok. When Carlson began to tell Kuklok about his dream of opening a tennis specialty shop, a partnership was born.

The name of their store, Tennis 5.0, is derived from a national tennis rating system under which amateur players' abilities are rated from 1.0 to 6.0. "We chose the name because our store is geared for the player who enjoys competition and wants quality and service," Carlson said.

Tennis 5.0 will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 645-5620.

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Lots of time and love go into renovation of classic streetcars

by T. D. Mischke

If you were alive back in the early half of this century and lived anywhere near Randolph Avenue, you probably saw it, perhaps even rode in it. They called it streetcar 1239 and it was part of the fleet of Twin City Rapid Transit streetcars that trundled around St. Paul and Minneapolis before the tracks were torn up and the cars sold off in the 1950s.

Streetcar 1239 is back. Not on the old Randolph/Hazel Park line it used to ride, but on the tracks at the old Jackson Street roundhouse near downtown St. Paul. There, members of the Minnesota Transportation Museum are busy renovating the classic streetcar in preparation for permanent display in their museum.

If you haven't heard of the MTM it's probably because it's not your typical museum. Until now it has been a mobile museum. The classic streetcars and trains MTM specializes in restoring have been operating, not sitting behind glass. The trolley that runs beside Lake Harriet is part of the MTM, as is the diesel train that offers rides on a six-mile track in Stillwater.

Now, however, MTM is looking at renovating the Jackson Street roundhouse, which was once used by the Great Northern Railroad. This site will be used by the MTM for permanent display of its streetcars, diesel engines and other rolling stock

and paraphernalia associated with trains and streetcars.

Aaron Issacs, new president of the MTM, says streetcar 1239 will be part of this permanent display. According to Issacs, the St. Paul streetcar met the fate of most of the fleet back in the 1950s. It was put up for sale and eventually made into a summer lake cabin with a new roof and other additions. When the cabin was put up for sale, an MTM member noticed the advertisement. The MTM decided it was in good enough shape to purchase and restore.

"It's hard to find streetcars, that are worth salvaging," MTM member Tom O'Brien said. "Back in the '50s a lot of farmers bought them to make chicken houses or sheds. Others were just sold for scrap iron, and some, like 1239, were converted to living space."

The members of MTM, who number close to 750 and are scattered throughout the United States, keep their eyes open for any railroad and streetcar stock that might be available, O'Brien said. The members also take responsibility for restoring the pieces they find, and, through donations, help pay for the purchase and maintenance of the stock.

"Right now we have about 73 pieces of rolling stock," O'Brien said. "That means streetcars, coal cars, cabooses, engines. Some of it is stored at the Minnesota transfer railway in the Midway area

and more at the Jackson roundhouse." The numerous pictures MTM has acquired from the Minnesota Historical Society will help in restoring streetcar 1239 to its original condition. Issacs said that unlike the Lake Harriet streetcar, the 1239 will probably be a "static display," since the wheels have been removed and finding replacements would be difficult.

Eventually, O'Brien said, the MTM would like to offer actual train and streetcar rides at the roundhouse site.

"Right now we're only using about a fourth of the building," he said.

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Contractor tries to take unpleasant surprises out of home remodeling

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

Renovating existing houses is a \$90-billion-a-year industry that is still growing, according to Tom Irmiter, the 31-year-old businessman-contractor who is the fourth-generation head of Irmiter Contractors and Builders Limited. While new home construction has dwindled in the past few years, "home remodeling is a burgeoning industry," he said. "It's going to be the place for a lot of professionals to seek careers."

Irmiter's family-owned business is located in a stately old home at 127 N. Lexington Pkwy. The firm, which includes his wife Nan Wille as general manager and his sister Kate Irmiter as desk estimator and designer, specializes in home remodeling—ranging from adding decks and skylights to kitchen and

bathroom installations, whole house renovation and historic restorations.

Irmiter's great-grandfather started the company nearly 70 years ago in St. Cloud. During the '20s, '30s and '40s, Irmiter's grandfather and father built some 400 homes in North Minneapolis, but in the past 30 years the firm has dealt exclusively with remodeling.

To Irmiter, being professional means taking the surprises—most of which were unpleasant—out of the home remodeling business. His company prides itself on helping the consumer to make informed and cost-effective decisions, writing understandable contracts, and maintaining production schedules. "We can start a job on time and finish it on time," he said. "We can do contracts and drawings so people can understand."

Recently elected by his peers in the industry to a three-year board term on the local chapter of NARI (National Association of the Remodeling Industry), Irmiter chairs the education and public relations committee. Irmiter said he is a consumer advocate who believes that homeowners can and should get their money's worth from a construction project. "I tell people I'm going to give a quick lesson on your particular project so you can ask the right kinds of questions," he said. "I'd rather spend time teaching people to do it right, and that includes choosing contractors. If you don't choose me, I'd rather have you choose someone like me. It's better for our industry."

Home remodeling as an industry, Irmiter said, "rates right up there with used-car salesmen in terms of trust."



Contractor Tom Irmiter works out of an office in the remodeled attic of his Lexington Parkway home.

Realizing that the process of remodeling a home can be extremely stressful for a family, he added, "trust is an important thing. The most expensive thing that you

own is your house. You pay an immense amount of money for someone to come in and ruin your life. What we do is try, and succeed, in making that a good process

for everybody." When his father ran the company, Irmiter said, business was based entirely on

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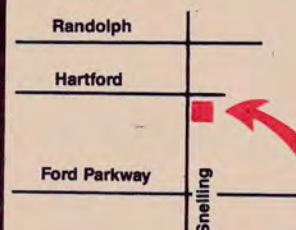
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referrals. Though the firm has grown 600 percent in the past five years, it still relies heavily on satisfied customers telling their friends and neighbors about the experience.

People most often decide to renovate an entire home rather than move, Irmiter said, because they like their present location, and renovation is usually less expensive than building a new home. One interesting trend Irmiter sees is that older homes that had been converted to duplexes or condominiums are now being reconverted to single-family dwellings. "I see more people being willing to invest in a larger home," he said. "Lots of neighborhoods are coming back and improving."

Irmiter's firm uses a two-step management process to guarantee satisfaction to the

homeowner, and to make the process of totally disrupting a household as painless as possible. "What people liked about the old-fashioned carpenter was that they saw the same person every day," he said. "He was reliable, steady and could an-

As a consumer advocate, Irmiter occasionally serves as a litigation consultant for law firms that specialize in construction litigation.

swer all their questions." Irmiter Contractors uses this concept by putting a lead carpenter on site at every job. That person and his two assistants are backed up by

a production manager in the office who schedules deliveries and sub-contractors to keep the job on time.

One of the options Irmiter's company offers is the "You Can" project, a system that allows and encourages homeowners to do some of the work themselves, with the contractor providing materials, management, and advice. "I would say that 80 percent of the customers we deal with in every price range, every background, roll up their sleeves and do something," Irmiter said.

As a consumer advocate, Irmiter occasionally serves as a litigation consultant for law firms that specialize in construction litigation. If a customer has a complaint, Irmiter will walk through the job and look things over, telling the consumer what steps must be followed to either

arbitration or litigation. "I'll always recommend arbitration first," he said.

NARI will supply a mediator when problems arise—someone who does not have a vested interest in the project, but who understands the nuts and bolts of construction. NARI's goals "is to make the industry more professional," Irmiter said. "We weed out the fly-by-night contractors and educate the consumer and give him or her the right information to make decisions."

For persons contemplating remodeling work, NARI will provide a list of association members, including lumber yards and vendors as well as general and special contractors. "To be a member of our association you have to follow a stringent code of ethics on how you operate your business," Irmiter said.

Homeowners get tips on picking remodeler

Those who are selecting a contractor for the first time will find the process confusing and exhausting. Those who may have to face this task for the second or third time may wish to be reincarnated as a turtle. The turtle, after all, does not have to worry about home remodeling.

To provide at least a starting point for those considering remodeling, Tom Irmiter of Irmiter Contractors and Builders Limited offers a list of "rules" for choosing contractors.

- First, do enough research so you know how to ask the right questions. "You get what you pay for, but if you don't know what you should be getting, you don't know what you are paying for," Irmiter said.
- Ask your neighbors. They will be willing to tell you their bad as well as good experiences.
- Check with the trade associations. Ask for a contractor list. Check to see how long the contractors you are considering have been in business. That means how long a particular company has been operating. Beware of word games. "Thirty-eight years in business" may refer to the cumulative experience of the employees rather than the longevity of the firm.
- Choose three contractors to bid on your project, but be sure they're bidding on the same thing. If one bid comes in significantly low, or high, that bidder is not bidding the same job, Irmiter said.
- Choose a contractor to help interpret those bids.
- Always require a contract, written in terms that you understand, before starting a job. The contract should state what is to be done from demolition to finishing, what products are to be used, exact specifications of materials and processes, and specific allocations for materials such as tile and carpet that may not be chosen yet.
- The legal section of the contract should list notification of lien. Minnesota law requires a contractor to publish a notice of intent to lien if a contractor needs to collect an unpaid debt. If the contractor has not included notification of lien in the contract, he or she voids the right to attach a lien to your property.

When the job is complete, make sure that you obtain lien waivers from every sub-contractor who worked on the job as well as the general contractor. Do this before making the final payment.

The contract should also specify how job changes and job work orders are to be handled. No job change should ever be done until the job work order is signed, Irmiter said. When remodeling an older home, job changes are apt to occur because lots of peculiar construction doesn't show up until a house is dismantled. A reputable contractor may find serious problems that need to be corrected before remodeling work can continue.

Choose a contractor at least partly on personality. When your home is a shambles, it is important that you are working with someone you trust and like, someone who will hire other people like him or herself to work in your home.

Avoid large down payments. The standard down payment is about 30 percent at the beginning of the job with increments paid as construction continues. The final payment of about 10 percent should be paid when you are completely satisfied and when you have all the lien waivers in hand.

Finally, Irmiter said, every contract should have a warranty in it. "We're a service business. We have to provide you with a warranty for one full year," he said. Electrical, plumbing and heating work is warranted for two full years and structural work for 10 years. Manufacturers' warranties must be extended to the consumer.

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Fix-It-Now's new owners foresee profit in small repairs

by Dale Mischke

Charlie and Maria Girsch hit on a good thing in the home-improvement industry a little over two years ago. The service business they founded, however, was too good, and after a year and a half of outright success, they decided to get out.

Six weeks ago, the Summit Avenue residents sold their home-repair firm to another couple, Jim and Barbara Theirl of Inver Grove Heights.

Senior citizens and two-income families make up a large majority of their customers.

The Girsches' infant business was born of a hobby of Charlie: completing little repairs around the homes of his friends—not the emergency repairs that a plumber would make, nor the large jobs of a carpenter or electrician, but the minor repairs his friends hadn't yet got around to doing.

The Girsches called their small business Fix-It-Now, and operated it alongside their main enterprise, Girsch Design Associates, a toy design and product development company.

But in two years, Fix-It-Now grew from making 30 to 40 service calls a month to making 120 to 150 calls. The business needed full-time management.

"We were doing two completely different things," Charlie said, "and it got to the point where we couldn't do both well." Charlie's heart

was in the toy business, so they began to look around for a buyer for Fix-It-Now, "someone to adopt my kid," as Charlie put it, and not just anyone.

"We weren't looking for some frustrated marketing executive to take over the business. We wanted someone with a strong, solid experience in providing a service in the home-improvement business." They found the Theirls, who for some time had been looking for a business to buy.

Jim Theirl had worked 13 years for Menard's, a home-improvement retail chain—seven years as an assistant general manager in West St. Paul and the last six years as general manager in Oakdale, the second-largest-selling of the corporation's 35 midwestern stores. Barbara Theirl operates her own advertising, marketing and communications agency.

"I believe demand in the Twin Cities will grow for a business like this," Barbara said, "and it really suits our backgrounds."

"Charlie Girsch compared his business to a child just beginning to walk," she said, "and we're going to have it really take off and run now."

Fix-It-Now is located in rented quarters at 485 Selby Ave. With two small offices, a dispatcher's desk, and a large store for tools, parts and big equipment, it's not a fancy place, "but we don't need fancy carpeting, Oriental rugs or expensive mahogany," Barbara said.

The Theirls put out a brochure listing 101 of the tasks performed by the four independent contractors they employ, all the items they can fix, hang, clean, replace, install, wire and caulk, along



Fix-It-Now owners Jim and Barb Theirl

with energy- and water-related and miscellaneous chores. But that's just a sampling of their services. The brochure includes an "other" classification for anything they've forgotten.

The Theirls will estimate the price of a job over the phone, schedule a house call—down to the minute—for two or three days later, and arrive "pretty darn close" to the scheduled time, Barbara said. "Being prompt and dependable means a lot be-

cause people are really busy nowadays."

Their customers live in all types of households, but senior citizens and two-income families make up a large majority, Barbara said. This bodes well for Fix-It-Now, she added, because the population of those groups is on the rise, and so is the average income of senior citizens.

"The seniors of tomorrow will be able to pay for any of the services they want," Barbara said. And as for two-

income families, she said, "we have four children of our own, and we know what it's like to cherish our weekends."

One group from which Fix-It-Now draws very few customers is new-home owners, but then, there are very few new homes in its market area. Fix-It-Now does about 70 percent of its business in the Highland, Macalester-Groveland and Crocus Hill neighborhoods.

"This area has a nice cross-

section of the population," Barbara said, "and a nice sampling of lifestyles. It's a good testing ground to see how the business would do."

Fix-It-Now is already making home repairs in the Lake Calhoun, Lake Harriet and Kenwood neighborhoods of Minneapolis. The Theirls are considering marketing their service more aggressively in these areas and in Mendota Heights, West St. Paul, Edina, St. Louis Park and Minnetonka, Barbara said.

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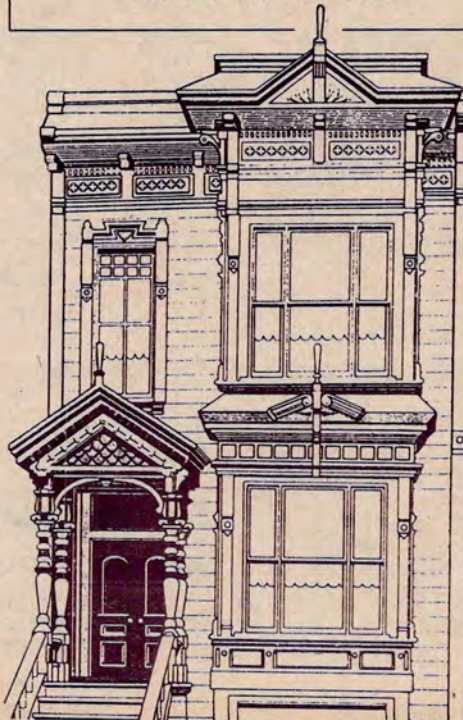
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Wall to Wallpaper moves the store to Snelling

by Dale Mischke

Uncertainty over the future of the Ford Mall prompted Wall to Wallpaper to find a new location after five years in the Highland Village shopping center. Last month owners Susan Dombross and her stepson, Dick Dombross, moved into a new building at the corner of Snelling and Hartford avenues.

The Dombrosses had been looking for a new location in Highland for 18 months, Susan said. They share their new building with only one other business, the Coldwell Banker real estate firm, and that gives the store greater visibility than it had in the Ford Mall, Dick said. The new location also provides more convenient parking and better lighting.

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know where to find it," she said.

Before opening Wall to Wallpaper, Susan worked for five years as director of consumer education for Hirshfield's, a paint and wallcovering firm with nine stores in the Twin Cities area.

Dick helped pay his way through college by painting and hanging wallpaper, and after college he worked for a year and a half as assistant manager of a Warner Hardware store.

While the Dombrosses are pleased with the direction their store has taken the past five years, the recent move reminded Susan of one regret: the length of their business' name.

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The five-day show, one of the largest home improvement shows in the nation, will have a record 350 exhibitors occupying 720 booths and is expected to draw more than 150,000 people.

There will be more than 250,000 square feet of exhibits, comprising local and national manufacturers and retailers highlighting new and innovative products and services in the areas of home improvement, remodeling, restoration, home energy conservation, gardening, landscaping and lawn care.

The how-to seminars and demonstrations will be led by such experts as master carpenter Norm Abram of public television's award-winning "This Old House" series; Bob Thomson, host of PBS' popular "The Victory Garden;" and former movie tough guy and now noted do-it-yourselfer Pete Prlain, host of the syndicated TV series "How To With Pete."

Abram, who has worked with host Bob Villa since "This Old House" was created in 1979, will discuss a variety of home-related projects undertaken on the show and will also field questions from the audience.

Restoring a Victorian home, converting a 19th-century mansion into condominiums, modernizing a 1950s tract home, renovating an 1800s farmhouse, in addition to new construction projects and looking at various housing alternatives have been some of Abram's featured projects on "This Old House."

Abram said his aim is "to at least give people the confidence to try" a do-it-yourself project by showing them how. "A lot of people are a little bit afraid to try," he said. "Reading something in a book and seeing it done by someone are two different things."

Thomson, host of America's number-one "how-to" gardening show—"The Victory Garden," has been a television personality for more than 20 years in the New England area.

Thomson brings his own practical style and down-home approach to "The Victory Garden," now into its second successful decade. Thomson will conduct four gardening seminars devoted to planting trees and shrubs and English gardens on Thursday and Friday.

Prlain, best known for his "How To With Pete" wood-working and energy conservation series, features practical and economical weekend projects to increase storage space, conserve energy, create outdoor recreational areas and build furniture.

Country comedians Terry Ree and Bruce Williams, stars of "Country Kitchen"



Norm Abram of "This Old House"

on the Nashville Network, will make special appearances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, preparing some of the unusual desserts they have demonstrated on television.

The Twin Cities' own "plant doctor," Craig Olson, and household hint specialist Lois Millner, author of the home help newsletter "Mattress Turning Time," will also be on hand each day, presenting informative seminars and offering tips and advice. Numerous seminars will also be led by the Twin Cities Remodelers Council and the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

The show promises to have something of interest for just about everyone who's considering undertaking new home construction, remodeling or a home improvement project. Showgoers contemplating redecorating all or part of a home can inspect a variety of innovative ideas for kitchens, bathrooms and family rooms. An extensive array of kitchen appliances, bathroom fixtures, cabinetry,

flooring and fabrics will also be featured.

Those considering a remodeling project will have an ideal opportunity to consult with contractors and building suppliers about home additions, insulation, energy conservation and other renovation projects.

There will be a touch of summer when a host of landscapers showcase their creative talents in the WAYL Gardens. The six posh garden and patio settings in the Exhibition Hall will feature many types of landscaping, from retaining walls and decks to gazebos and brick patios.

Civic Center doors will be open from 5:00 to 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, noon to 10:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, and 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$4.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12, with preschoolers admitted free. All seminars and demonstrations are included in the admission price.

State energy specialist offers advice on home improvements

If you're planning to remodel your home this spring, you might be able to save some money by improving your home's energy efficiency at the same time.

Combining the two projects saves in labor and other costs, according to Phil Smith of the Minnesota Department of Public Service's Energy Division, and long-term savings from energy improvements will pay for at least a portion of the remodeling costs.

Homeowners who are adding new siding should consider blowing additional insulation into wall cavities before installing the siding. Rigid, inch-thick board insulation could also be applied to the exterior of the house before the new siding.

Insulating basement walls may also reduce heating costs, Smith said. Insulated homes can lose up to a third of their heat through non-insulated basement walls.

Energy efficiency should be considered when buying

windows or doors for a new room or porch, Smith said. Windows with two layers of glass and a low-emissivity coating can have an insulation value as high as R-3 or R-4 and are a worthwhile investment.

If you're considering replacing your present windows solely to save energy, Smith suggested checking first to see if your old windows just need caulking or weatherstripping. Damaged wood in a window sash can also be replaced.

But before improving insulation, a homeowner should be sure there is an adequate supply of combustion air, Smith cautioned. Combustion air is the oxygen-carrying air that furnaces, wood stoves and other fuel burners need to operate safely.

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Service matches homeowners with contractors

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

The back porch is sagging, the dining room ceiling is falling down, and the kitchen is vintage 1945. Your sister-in-law has told you the horror story about the contractor who removed her plumbing and didn't put it back for 11 weeks. The neighbors claim their expensive new roof leaks, and there are still pieces of old shingles littering the back yard. Your fingers have walked the yellow pages until you have blisters on your nails.

You finally succumb to the voice on the telephone that says Fast Freddy's Fly-By-Night Home Fixers is offering a "special" in your neighborhood. Their super salesperson arrives at your door reeking of cigars and wants to know why your husband isn't there to meet with him

too. He could redesign your kitchen in an hour, he says, if your husband were present to sign the contract; but, he tells you, it's pointless to talk to a woman about remodeling.

After you have shown him the door, what do you do next? Finding the contractor to install your aluminum siding, to add a second bathroom or build a deck can be harder, and take longer, than choosing a person you'd be willing to marry, and it's a whole lot less fun.

What you really need, you reflect, is a "dating service" for contractors—a matchmaker who will link you with a reliable firm that is guaranteed to put your house back in order after ripping it apart. What you want is a firm with which you might have something in common—namely fixing your house.

No kidding! Such an enterprise really does exist. A one-

year-old Cottage Grove company can help take some of the guesswork and frustration out of contractor shopping, for both men and women.

Jeff Maltby, president of Metropolitan Home Services, said that after 10 years in the contracting business he saw a need for just such a service. "Most people just don't know who to call," he said. What his young company offers homeowners, at no charge, is "reliable work and a written warranty."

Metropolitan Home Services lists some 70 contractors that do all types of home construction work, from minor repair projects to major renovations. A homeowner can call the service, describe his or her project, and the service will check its contractor listing for suitable matches.

"We find the contractors that would best suit them,"

Maltby said. His company passes the name of the homeowner on to several contractors, who then contact the homeowner independently to discuss the projects. While there is no charge to the homeowner, the contractors pay Metropolitan Home Services if they get the job.

All contractors are licensed, bonded and insured, Maltby said, and Metropolitan Home Services screens its lists of contractors carefully to learn their background, areas of expertise, the types of projects they do or prefer, and where they are willing to work.

An added benefit to the homeowner is that Metropolitan Home Services warrants the labor and materials of all contractors referred through the service.

Metropolitan Home Services can be reached at 458-0983.

Wireless security systems prove adaptability

Residential and commercial security systems offer more than just protection from monetary loss of property. Security systems protect the most important part of any home or business: people. In designing alarm protection, the personal habits of members of the household have to be taken into consideration, as does the building's architecture.

In this respect, wireless security systems are becoming

more and more popular because of their adaptability. These systems provide full protection, plus advantages that most wired systems can't offer. But many consumers are still unaware of their existence, or misled by reports of frequent false alarms and malfunctions.

The largest wireless security service company in the Midwest, St. Paul-based Omega Security Services Inc., has some helpful information for consumers wondering about wireless systems.

Security systems consist of the same components whether they are wired or wireless. Both use perimeter protection, usually provided by magnetic contacts, and interior detection that may combine passive infrared motion/heat detectors and manual panic buttons. But the difference between the two is the way the individual sensors send messages to the main computer. Wireless sensors, both perimeter and

interior, communicate by means of a Federal Communications Commission assigned radio frequency.

The idea is similar to a garage door opener, but can't be interfered with because of a specific radio frequency and computer code within the unit. The individual sensors are powered by nine-volt batteries, but the main computer runs off the regular electrical source.

There are three major advantages of wireless security systems. Installation takes much less time because there is no need to run wires throughout the building. A system can be installed in an afternoon, rather than two to three days.

These systems are also easy to expand upon. Customers can place a basic security protection system in a home or office and later add more extensive security, smoke and heat detection, or environmental hazard detectors without extensive wiring

and labor cost. Wireless systems are also portable.

Common reservations about wireless systems were at one time legitimate, but new technology and government regulation have taken care of most of the problems. The FCC requires that the system's main computer check each sensor for low batteries and malfunctions at least three times a day. This eliminates the possibility of home or business owners not recognizing system failure due to a faulty sensor. The FCC assignment also makes it impossible for ham radios, garage door openers and other systems in the area to interfere with one another.

The keypad which is used to arm and disarm the system is also wireless, and can be very helpful for people with special needs. A husband or wife whose spouse travels frequently or a person with chronic health problems can keep the keypad and panic buttons at their side constantly.

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On the Towns

The spirit moves them

CrossCurrent carries a message of movement into area churches

by Terry Andrews

The third-floor dance studio was flooded with sunlight as Chris Davis, Ron Rineer and Sharon Hinck rehearsed a new liturgical piece called "Incarnation." The expression on Hinck's face as she danced spoke of both her commitment and her contentment.

As the founder and artistic director of CrossCurrent Dance Theatre, Hinck has finally seen her lifelong dream to have her own dance school come to fruition, and she is overjoyed.

CrossCurrent, located at 2708 E. Lake St. in South Minneapolis, is more than just a dance school. It is a dance school with a mission. Hinck, who trained as a dancer in Minneapolis and has a master's degree in drama from Christian Broadcast Network University in Virginia, wants to bring dance to churches interested in performance art. To achieve that goal, she has recruited a small company of Christian dancers (eight members in all).

In the year and a half since CrossCurrent was founded, the company has performed at several suburban churches and Twin Cities schools. On March 29 the troupe will perform at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Anthony Park, and on April 24 at Concordia College, Hinck's alma mater.

CrossCurrent operates on a busy schedule. Hinck sets up three or four performances a month in churches, and gives a workshop each month at the studio for church groups from outside the metropolitan area. She also offers classes for children and adults in jazz, ballet and modern dance. In January, Hinck and another company member spent two weeks in Hong Kong, teaching dance in connection with the Youth with a Mission School of Dance.

Hinck, 28, has more than enough energy to keep up with the pace. She spends her mornings in rehearsal, sets aside her afternoons to be with her two small children, and teaches on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons. She said she loves it all, with the exception of the paperwork involved in running the school. Some day, she said, she hopes to hire a business manager for the company.

The way Hinck tells it, CrossCurrent had a propitious beginning. With her M.A. in hand, Hinck was in a Virginia chapel one day, praying about starting her own school. When she came out of the chapel, she said, she encountered a woman who asked her about some dancers Hinck knew who were involved in liturgical dance. Hinck gave the woman some names, but the woman said no, no—she was looking for a dancer interested in starting a school.



CrossCurrent Dance Theatre founder Sharon Hinck and company member Ron Rineer rehearse a dance from "The Child" in the company's Lake Street studio.

"I told her I wanted to start one, that I'd been dreaming about it for 10 years," Hinck said. "I told her about my vision to have a Christian dance company that was credible in the arts community."

The woman asked Hinck to figure out what the first year's expenses would be. When Hinck calculated the costs at \$25,000, she said, the woman gave her a check for that amount, no strings attached. "I couldn't believe it," Hinck said. "It would have taken me years to get started."

About 80 percent of the dances performed by the company have a religious theme. "But they're not all appropriate to do in a church service," Hinck said.

Her ambition to be a dancer has been with her since her earliest years.

"As far back as I can remember I was putting on shows in my neighborhood," she said. "My dad would bring business people home and I'd stand at the door and charge them a quarter to see a performance. My dad would say, 'Oh, no.' My mom doesn't understand why I'm interested in dance, but she realized how serious I was the day I had a fever of 103 degrees and I insisted on going to ballet class."

Hinck began choreographing in high school. By the time she was in college she was choreographing professionally for college and community theaters. One of her early productions is etched deeply in her memory. It was an outdoor performance of *West Side Story* in St. Paul.

"The dancers were rehearsing the rumble scene," Hinck recalled. "Somebody saw it and thought it was a real gang fight and called the police. The next thing we knew police cars crashed through the barricades around us."

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Hinck, flanked by Rineer (left) and Chris Davis, practice a dance from "Incarnation," a new work that will be performed for the first time this April at Concordia College.

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On the Towns Briefly

Concerts

Zeitgeist, the new-music percussion ensemble, will perform Tristan Fuente's "Faust," derived from Goethe's drama, in an 8:00 p.m. concert on Wednesday, March 16, in the auditorium of the Walker Art Center. Admission is \$7.00; \$5.00 for senior citizens.

The **College of St. Catherine's** Women's Chorus, Wabash College Men's Chorus and the St. Paul Civic Orchestra will present a free concert at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18. The concert will take place in the O'Shaughnessy Auditorium on the College of St. Catherine campus.

An **unusual concert** collaboration featuring violinist Gary Schulte and Lowertown artist Judith Ingemann will be presented at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, in Landmark Center. During the concert, the audience will be surrounded by five large canvases, plus a giant, 24-foot-long mural depicting the ascent from the depths of a cave to the light, all of them created by Ingemann for this concert. Schulte will perform improvisational pieces of music based on the stories and images suggested by the paintings. Admission is \$4.00 at the door.

Ferron, the Canadian singer-songwriter whose powerful songs and mesmerizing stage presence have gained her a wide following, will perform at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, at the World Theater in downtown St. Paul. Ferron's two albums have been hailed by critics, and the *Boston Globe* said that "Someday they will be saying Dylan was the Ferron of the '60s." For tickets, priced from \$8.50 to \$13.50, call the World Theater (298-1300) or Amazon Books (338-6560).

The **Sylmar Chamber Ensemble**, a quartet consisting of flute, oboe, bassoon and keyboard, will present a "Young Arts" concert at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, at the Walker Art Center. The ensemble will explore with the audience the



Meg Gurin, Julie Janus and Jill Davidson perform in "Le Sacre du Printemps," one of many works to be presented

difference between "hearing" and "listening" to music. By taking part in rhythm games, sing-alongs and other activities, kids and parents will be able to enjoy an entertaining morning of music while developing their listening skills. Tickets are \$3.00; \$2.00 for senior citizens and children under 12.

Eleven talented musicians from the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies will give featured performances during a GTCYS concert at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, at the Walker Art Center. They are the winners of rigorous auditions in the GTCYS Concerto Competition. One of the featured performers will be violinist Brian Krinke, a senior at St. Paul Open School, who will play

Jean Sibelius' Concerto in D minor, opus 47. For tickets, priced at \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and senior citizens, call 870-7611.

Ricky Skaggs, the country singer who is also a virtuoso on the guitar, mandolin, banjo and fiddle, will perform at 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, at the Guthrie Theater. Skaggs has been playing music since he was 5 years old, and he has maintained his prodigy status by being inducted into the Grand Ole Opry as its youngest member in 1982. The opening act for the March 19 concert will be Bill Alcorn, Dan Lund and Joe Savage, a local trio that plays all original music. For tickets, \$15 and \$17, call the Guthrie at 377-2224 or 333-5577.

by the Joffrey Ballet in three performances at Northrop Auditorium March 18 and 19. For details, see listing.

Country singer-songwriter Lyle Lovett will perform with an 11-piece band at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, at the Guthrie Theater. Lovett eloquently combines country, pop, acoustic folk, country-swing, blues and jazz to create an original sound that has been described as "country big band." He will appear with Larry Long, a Minneapolis folk singer who has been compared to Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie. For tickets, \$10 and \$12, call the Guthrie at 377-2224 or 333-5577.

Violinist Sarah Sumner will join the Lyra Concert as guest director for a program of music by Handel, Telemann, Corelli and Bach at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, at the World Theater in downtown St. Paul. Sumner will perform as the vio-

lin soloist in Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto" No. 4 in G major and "Concerto Grosso" by Corelli. Ticket prices range from \$7.50 to \$16.50, with \$2.00 discounts for students and senior citizens. For tickets or more information, call Dayton's, Grand Music-St. Paul or the World (298-1300).

The **Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra** will be joined by the Sebastian Singers of the Bach Society in a benefit concert at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave. The concert will include "Dance of the Comedians" by Smetana, "Cocktails for Two" by Jones, "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks" by Strauss, and "The Seasonings" by P.D.Q. Bach. Tickets for the concert, which

is a benefit for the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, are \$15; \$10 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling 227-3254.

The **St. Paul Chamber Orchestra** will give a premier performance of the "Medici Suite," a piece by Minneapolis native David John Olsen, at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, at the Ordway's McKnight Theatre. "Medici Suite," commissioned by the SPCO, was based, in part, on three figures from the Medici family. Other works on the program include Stravinsky's "Three Songs from William Shakespeare," "In a Landscape" for harp by John Cage, and Perle's Sonata a quattro. Tickets, priced at \$8.00, are available at the Ordway box office, 221-4222, or at Dayton's.

The **Minnehaha United Methodist Church Choir** will present Theodore Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ" at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, at the church, 3701 E. 50th St., Minneapolis. The concert will feature organist Leonard Danek, baritone Lyle Larson, soprano Laura Mowers, and tenor Ingolf Erickson. Nursery care will be provided and a reception will follow the concert.

Carol Lieberman, a master of the baroque violin, and harpsichordist Mark Kroll will celebrate the 303rd birthday of J. S. Bach with an 8:00 p.m. concert on Monday, March 21, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. The concert, the fourth in the "Music in the Park" series, will feature Bach's two Sonatas in C minor and A major for violin and harpsichord, and the "Partita" for unaccompanied violin in D minor, plus a Duetto for violin and harpsichord by C. P. E. Bach. Kroll and Lieberman have been performing together for 20 years and have played major concert halls in North and South America and Europe. *Stereo Review* called them "one of the finest harpsichord-violin teams in business today." For tickets, priced at \$8.00, call the Bibelot Shop (646-5651), Micawber's Bookstore (646-5506), or the Bibelot Shop on Grand Avenue (222-0321). For more information, call 644-3234.

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British pop-singer David Sylvan will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, at the Guthrie. His concert, "In Praise of Shamans," will feature Richard Barbieri, Steve Jansen, Mark Isham and David Torn. For tickets, priced at \$13 and \$15, call 377-2224.

The Frederic Chopin Society will present 19-year-old German pianist Andreas Bach at an 8:00 p.m. concert on Thursday, March 24, at the Ordway's McKnight Theatre. Bach, who has taken top honors in numerous European competitions, will perform works by Bartok, Chopin, Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Schubert. Tickets are \$9.00; \$8.00 for students and senior citizens. Call the Ordway at 224-4222.

Songwriter and folk singer Bob Franke will perform at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25, in the auditorium of O'Shaughnessy Educational Center at the College of St. Thomas. Franke may be known to some people from his rare appearances at the old Coffeehouse Extremepore or his performances on "A Prairie Home Companion" around the beginning of that show's national syndication. But he is far better known for the songs that have become classics on the modern folk scene. Anyone who has heard Claudia Schmidt or Tony Rice sing Franke's "Hard Love," or John McCutcheon sing "The Great Storm is Over," or has listened to Sally Rogers and Howard Bursen's version of "Beggars to God" is likely to be a Franke fan without even knowing it. Tickets are \$7.50 at the door. Advance tickets are \$6.50 and are on sale at Odegard Encore Books St. Paul. Call 698-2209 for more information.

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Violinist Carol Lieberman and harpsichordist Mark Kroll will perform on Monday, March 21, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. For details, see listing.

will perform at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, March 26, and at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, March 27, in the Walker Art Center auditorium. The program will include "Permureau" by Allen Ottee and John Cage, which has the trio moving, speaking, rattling, striking, shaking and cracking walnuts, Cage's "Living Room Music," Toru Takemitsu's "Rain Tree," Minoru Miki's "Marimba Spiritual," Mark Sayer's "The Fauna of Mirrors," and Mauricio Kagel's "Pas de Trois." Admission is \$6.00; \$4.00 for senior citizens. For reservations, call 375-7622.

Altan, a four-piece band whose members are among the most powerful and influential performers now playing in Ireland, will give a concert at the Half Time Rec, 1013 Front Ave., at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 27. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Call 488-8245 for reservations or more information.

A children's concert will be presented at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 27, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St.

Paul Ave. Students from the JCC School of Music Suzuki violin program and piano and flute programs will join students from the JCC School of Dance and the JCC Symphony Orchestra for the concert. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Call 698-0751 for more information.

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The Troubles: Children of Belfast, a collaborative work by actors and artistic staff at the Children's Theatre Company, is now playing at the theater, 2400 S. 3rd Ave., Minneapolis. Based on interviews with former residents of Northern Ireland and historical records of the centuries-old conflict in that country between the Irish and the British, *Troubles* is about the children who are caught in the crossfire of that conflict. The play portrays the way prejudice and political views are passed down from

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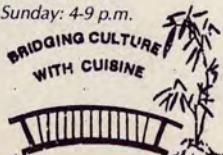
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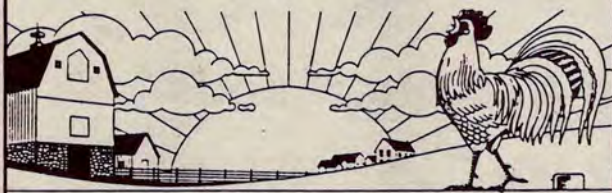
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Black South African exile Lewis Nkosi's play *The Rhythms of Violence* will be presented March 16-20 by the Macalester College theater and dance departments. The curtain will rise at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday on the main stage of the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester. Written in 1963, the play follows a racially mixed group of South African students who are planning a revolution, and examines their motivations for rebelling against the country's policy of apartheid. Tickets cost \$5.00; \$2.00 for children under 16. For reservations, call 696-6359. The play is recommended for mature audiences.

The Children's Theatre of the Jewish Community Center will present the classic *Wizard of Oz* March 17-20 at the JCC, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Seventy-five elementary-age youngsters will bring this spectacle to life, complete with Dorothy, the Scarecrow, Lion and Tin Man, witches, munchkins and, of course, the Wizard. Performances will be given at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 10:00 a.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for senior citizens and children under 12. Tickets may be purchased at the JCC front desk or at the door. Call 698-0751 for more information.

The Children's Hour, Lillian Hellman's classic drama of 1934 about how two teachers' lives are destroyed by a vicious whispering campaign, will be presented by Hamline University Theater at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, March 17-19, in Drew Fine Arts Center, 1530 Taylor Ave. The play "is not about an 'unnatural' relationship between two women," said Director Anne Theisen-Tanner, referring to its implications of lesbianism, "but about how lies and ignorance can affect people's lives." For reservations, call 641-2905.

The Wiz, the Broadway musical that gave a decidedly updated twist to the *Wizard of Oz*, will be presented by students and teachers from Highland Catholic School at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19, in the Brady Center Au-

ditorium on the College of St. Thomas campus, Goodrich and Cretin avenues. The cost is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.

Forty-eight Nativity School 7th- and 8th-graders, under the direction of teacher Kathy McRae, will present a musical adaptation of Mark Twain's *Tom Sawyer* at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 18, in the auditorium of the school, 1900 Stanford Ave. Admission is \$2.00.

Eugene O'Neill's *A Touch of the Poet* will be presented at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25, by the Park Square Theatre Company in the Minnesota Museum of Art building, St. Peter Street and Kellogg Boulevard. The play takes place in 1828 in a filthy tavern near Boston, which is owned by Cornelius Melody, a tempestuous Irishman who was born to wealth and served under the Duke of Wellington in the Peninsular War in Spain and Portugal. Now he is determined to show his importance to the Yankee townsmen. Tickets, priced from \$8.00 to \$10, are available by calling 291-7005. The play will run through April 16.

Peter Nichols' *Joe Egg*, a play that explores the relationship between a couple and their severely disabled daughter, will open at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 25, at Actors Theatre, 28 W. 7th Place. *Life* magazine called *Joe Egg* "a frank, tender, human, desperately funny play." It will run through April 15. Ticket prices range from \$9.00 to \$16, with discounts for students, senior citizens and groups. For more information, call the box office at 227-0050.

Dance

Urban Bush Women, a contemporary dance company that draws its inspiration from African, Caribbean and African-American folklore and culture, will perform at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19, in the McKnight Theatre at the Ordway. The seven vibrant women in the troupe dance, chant, sing and tell stories, creating a spellbinding stage presence. Their performance kicks off the third season

of the "Forward Motion" dance series, sponsored by the Walker Art Center and Minnesota Dance Alliance. Tickets are \$7.00; \$5.00 for senior citizens. For reservations or more information, call 375-7622.

The Joffrey Ballet, which has made its mark by reconstructing the most important dances of the century and commissioning the best new choreographers, will bring one of its most dazzling programs yet to Northrop Auditorium on March 18 and 19. A full orchestra will accompany all performances, set for 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18, and 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Saturday the 19th. There will be different programs for each performance, ranging from an opening night reconstruction of "Parade," the 1917 collaboration of Leonide Massine, Erik Satie, Jean Cocteau and Picasso, to the Saturday matinee presentation of the brand-new "Concerto Grosso" by Canadian James Kudelka, commissioned for the 1988 Winter Olympics. Ticket prices range from \$12.50 to \$22.50. For reservations, call the Northrop at 624-2345 or any Dayton's outlet.

A comic belly dance festival sponsored by the Guild of Oriental Dance and the Cassandra School of Belly Dance will be held at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, at the People's Center, 2000 5th St., Minneapolis. A \$2.00 donation is requested, and a door prize will be given away. Call 861-2383 or 522-4010 for more information.

Exhibits

The "Best 100" Art Show, the annual exhibit of the best art works by St. Paul high school students as judged by a panel of professional artists and art teachers, will be displayed now through March 24 in the galleries of the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. The galleries are open to the public free of charge from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. weekdays and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The unusual collections of six Minnesotans are on display now through May 1 at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. In-

cluded are racks of dresses, suits, hats and shoes from Doug Moen's 100,000-piece clothing collection, the blooming orchids of Jerry Fischer, Bob DeFlores' restored film clips of rare jazz performances, the musical machines of Angelo Rulli, books from James Cummings 12,000-volume collection of diaries, and doll collector Clare Erickson's display of turn-of-the-century life in miniature.

Ceramic portraits by Nina J. Ackerberg will be on exhibit March 20 through April 3 at the Paper Patisserie, 366 Selby Ave. The portraits, suitable for wall hanging, are colorful, roughly textured works that combine qualities of primitive magical art and modern abstractionism. Ackerberg, a Twin Cities artist, will attend an opening of the exhibit from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 20.

More than 30 artists working in painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, graphics, neon and other media will exhibit their works on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 25-27, on the first floor of the Rossmor Building, 500 N. Robert St. The building has long been a working center for artists. Several studios will be open for touring during the show, scheduled from noon to 10:00 p.m. Friday, and noon to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Fiber artist Marit Lee Kucera will open her exhibit of artwear and yardage at the Raymond Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25. Kucera's latest works reflect her recent travels in Europe where she studied the landscape, architecture, colors and designs of Germany, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Spain and Portugal. The exhibit will run through June 30.

Works by University of Minnesota graduate students in the department of Design, Housing and Apparel—all of them two-dimensional renderings done on paper using pencil, ink, brayer or stencil—will be displayed March 28 through April 15 in the Paul Whitney Larson Gallery of the St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave. An opening reception will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 30. The reception is free and open to the public, and so is the gal-

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Dance series to open third season at O'Shaughnessy

The curtain will go up March 24 on the third season of the award-winning O'Shaughnessy Dance Series, sponsored by O'Shaughnessy Auditorium on the College of St. Catherine campus.

The six-week festival featuring seven local dance companies will open at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, with a performance by Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre, and will continue through early May. Zorongo Flamenco, which will perform again March 26, is one of only a handful of Spanish dance companies in the nation. Susana di Palma, the company's lead dancer and choreographer, has intensely studied the art of flamenco, going so far as to travel with a gypsy troupe through Spain. The six-year-old company includes guitarists, singers and dancers.

Zorongo Flamenco will present three works: "La Luna, La Luna," based on the "Romancero Gitano" poems of Federico Garcia Lorca; a segment of pure, traditional flamenco dance; and "Aire Latino," a collage of Latin American-inspired flamenco dance with live percussion and music.

Also performing on the opening weekend will be the Maria Cheng Dance Company on Friday and Sunday, March 25 and 27. All performances are at 8:00 p.m. Cheng's stunning young dance company received rousing ovations from audiences and critics alike in its O'Shaughnessy debut last spring. The troupe went on to debut in New York, sponsored by the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival.

Upcoming performances will be presented by the Ethnic Dance Theatre April 7-9, Zenon Dance Company April 14-16, the Nancy Hauser Dance Company April 21-23, the New Dance Ensemble April 28-30, and Zoe Sealy's Minnesota Jazz Dance Company May 5-7.

The dance series enters its third season on the heels of some high praise from the Association of College, University and Community Arts Administrators. During a recent meeting in New York City, the association presented the Dawson Management Award to Susan Federbusch, administrator of the O'Shaughnessy Dance Series, applauding the series for attracting higher than expected attendance and for increasing ticket sales by 10 percent in the second season.

The association also commended the management of O'Shaughnessy Auditorium for using exclusively local

The Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre will bring the passion and power of Spanish dance to the College of St. Catherine campus when it opens the third annual O'Shaughnessy Dance Series on March 24.

talent rather than relying on touring dance companies. Members of the association said the O'Shaughnessy series is now being used as a model for programs in other cities.

A full season ticket for the dance series costs \$42. A three-performance package is \$24, with individual tickets priced at \$9.00. For reservations, call the O'Shaughnessy box office between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at 690-6700. For more information, call Federbusch at 690-6921.



lery from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and from from 1:00 to 5:00 on Sunday.

Film

Repentance, the long-awaited send-up of Stalinism and winner of the 1987 Special Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival, will open at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 18, at the University Film Society's Bell Museum auditorium 17th and S.E. University avenues, Minneapolis. *Repentance*, released in 1986, has been seen by more than 60 million filmgoers in the Soviet Union, where it was considered one of the most telling indicators of the "glas-

nost" ushered in by the Gorbachev era and the most daring and frank attack on the Stalinist personality cult that infected the arts up to that time. It combines farce, black humor, pathos, realism, fantasy, allegory and critical analysis in telling the story of a provincial tyrant in Soviet Georgia whose reign of terror brutalizes the family of a local artist. The film will run nightly at 7:30, with 4:30 matinees added on weekends. Call 627-4432 for more information.

Niagara: Miracles, Myths & Magic will open on Tuesday, March 22, in the Omnitheater of the Science Museum of Minnesota, 30 E. 10th St. The film captures the breathtaking scenery and fascinating history of Niagara Falls. It will be shown Tuesdays-Thursdays at 1:00, 3:00, 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.; with

an additional 9:00 p.m. show on Fridays; every hour from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays; and every hour from noon to 4:00, and 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults; \$3.50 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. Call 221-9400 for more information.

Islands in the Stream, a film directed by Franklin J. Schaffner and based on a posthumous novel by Ernest Hemingway, will be screened at 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. on Friday, March 25, in the Walker Art Center auditorium. Set in the early 1940s on remote island locales, a Hemingway-like figure, played by George C. Scott, attempts to reconcile his outcast existence with family commitments and the social responsibilities of a world at war. Admission is \$4.00. Schaffner,

the director of a dozen other feature films, including *Planet of the Apes*, *Patton*, *Papillon* and *The Boys from Brazil*, will present excerpts from his films and comment on his career in a program beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at the Walker.

I've Heard the Mermaids Singing is Patricia Rozema's disarmingly gentle feature debut. Polly (Sheila McCarthy) is a whimsical, inept temporary secretary hired by a gallery owner (The Curator) whom she quietly idolizes. Polly's gradual awakening to The Curator's human frailties and her own personal strengths lead to a modernist happy ending that received a standing ovation at Cannes. The film will shown at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, in the auditorium of the Walker Art Center.

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Artist, poet and novelist Gregory W. Bitz will read from his work at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at the Hungry Mind bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave. The program is free and open to the public. Bitz, who has published five books of poetry and drawings, was a foot soldier in Vietnam in 1967, and has since worked as a cook on a river barge, stand-up comic, host of a radio show, teacher at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, an assembly-line worker and a rock painter.

He recently published his first novel, *War Hangover*.

A double publication reading by Kathleen Coskran, author of a new collection of short stories, *The High Price of Everything*, and Nancy Weber, author of a new book of poems, *Spinners*, will be held at 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 25, at the Loft, 2301 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. A reception and book signing will follow. Admission is \$4.00.

CrossCurrent (cont'd from page 33)

The troupe's Lake Street studio, with its 2,800 square feet of space, is a far cry from Hinck's first studio, which she rented in the basement of an American Legion hall. "The ceiling was so low I could kick it," she said.

CrossCurrent is a nonprofit organization. Hinck and one other instructor receive a small salary, but the dancers are not paid. "And they all help out with things like cleaning and posting (notices) on the bulletin board," Hinck said.

About 80 percent of the dances performed by the company have a religious theme. "But they're not all appropriate to do in a church service," Hinck said. "Some dances involve too much movement. We try to keep the things we do in churches simple." The remainder of the company's repertoire is not liturgical. "We have a hot jazz piece we do called 'The HeartDance Trilogy,'" she said.

Even so, she said, the dance company is an uncommon one. "I only know of two other Christian dance companies in the country," she noted.

Hinck said she gets her ideas for new dances at anytime of the day or night. "My husband complains that at 3:00 a.m. I'll get up and be dancing around," she said. "Sometimes I'll have a clear image in mind; other times it will be just a rough idea. I do a lot of improvisational work and when I see something I like I'll say, 'Okay, I want that.' I need to be adaptable because of the different experience that the dancers in the company have. Some have studied classical, some modern."



Sharon Hinck

The company is currently busy choreographing and preparing for its semiannual concert at the Howard Conn Theater in Minneapolis. Two public performances are scheduled, on May 14 and 15.

Hinck said the dancers in the company rehearse "mega hours. We put in as much time as we can. Sometimes we'll be here till midnight. I'll have bruise marks all over my legs from being lifted and I'll feel like a sack of potatoes."

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Sports

Raiders' rallying ways fall short at state hockey tourney

by T.D. Mischke

In a state where the high school hockey tournament falls just below the Twins' appearance in the World Series for fan fever and excitement, it was an honor just to be there. And, as one of the eight teams competing in the prestigious Minnesota State High School Hockey Tournament last weekend, the Cretin-Derham Hall Raiders achieved something no other Cretin team had in the 44 years of the tournament.

The season had already qualified as a success when the Raiders took their first City Conference title ever and followed it up with the Twin City Championship crown. But in the regional title game at the Coliseum, the Raiders pulled off a near-miracle before some 6,000 fans, making this season one of the most memorable in Cretin's hockey history.

It was a season marked by plenty of excitement. Even with the two losses the Raiders suffered in the state tournament, the team was always in the game—a goal away from taking it into overtime. Prior to the tournament, in two games that were nearly as big, the Raiders indeed took it into overtime and pulled off thrilling victories.

They clinched the city conference title that way. With the game and their first-place hopes ticking off the clock, the Raiders tied Johnson with 12 seconds remaining in the game, and then beat the Governors in overtime. The celebration that followed that victory, however, paled in comparison to what was to come.

On Friday, March 4, at the state fairgrounds Coliseum, Cretin-Derham Hall



Edina goalie Matt Bertram watches Tony Lancette's slapshot pass him by late in the first period of Cretin-Derham Hall's state tournament game against Edina. Skating in for a closer look at the goal is Cretin-Derham Hall's Brandon Ferraro.

squared off with South St. Paul for the right to go to the state tournament. The Raiders couldn't get a lead the entire game, but were able to keep it tied going into the final minute of play. Then, with twenty seconds remaining on the clock, the Packers knocked in a goal, virtually shattering the Raiders' hopes

for their first tourney berth.

In the ensuing moments there was celebration on the South St. Paul bench and visible dejection on the Raiders' side. Cretin-Derham Hall Coach Jim O'Neil called a time-out while his players tried to overcome the emotional strain and plan the strategy for the final 20

seconds.

They only needed 12.

With eight seconds left in the game, senior defenseman Layne Leitner fired a pass to senior wing Kent Roepke, who backhanded it into the net to tie the score.

South St. Paul never seemed to recover. The Raiders took that momentum into overtime, winning the game on sophomore Chris Weinke's rebound goal at 2:43.

On the opening night of the tournament, the Raiders were pitted against the Edina Hornets, the team that would eventually take the tournament trophy. Outside of the outcome, the game was similar to the South St. Paul and Johnson games with the Raiders again battling back from an early setback.

The Hornets scored three unanswered goals in the first period, and it looked like Cretin-Derham Hall was falling victim to first-year jitters. Then, in patented Raider style, Tony Lancette scored a power-play goal with only 14 seconds left in the first period to make it 3-1.

The game remained 3-1 until just under a minute to go in the final period when Chris Weinke's goal at 14:01 set up the possibility of yet another Raider miracle. However, the Hornet defense, so effective the entire game, held off the 11th-hour rally and the Raiders fell to Edina 3-2.

Friday's game against Duluth Denfeld went much the same way. The Raiders again fell behind 3-0 before a pair of goals by Bert Sager in the third period closed the gap. It was, however, too little too late. Victory

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Towering Markers take Twin City basketball title

by Tom Cody

Relying on the one-two punch of Josh Krieger and Phil Tritabaugh, St. Mark's Grade School defeated St. Anne's of Minneapolis last Wednesday to capture the Catholic Athletic Association Twin City title, after having earlier won the city title.

Coach Kevin Urmann's 6-foot-5 Krieger and 6-foot-2 Tritabaugh carried the Markers to a 24-6 record overall. Those two players gave the team a height advantage over most of its opponents, and the Markers put that advantage to good use.

"The games we did lose were mostly to suburban traveling teams that could match up with Josh and Phil," said Urmann, a 1987 graduate of the College of St. Thomas. "We lost to Edina and lost a couple in a tough Eau Claire tourney just before our playoffs began."

After racking up a perfect 12-0 record in regular-season

play, the Markers entered the league playoffs with a bye in the first round. They next downed St. Rose 51-36 in the semifinals, led by Tritabaugh with 18 points and Krieger with 14.

"We played a triangle-and-two defense against St. Rose," the coach said, "because they've got two really good

Coming off two losses at Eau Claire, Urmann found himself wondering how his team would respond against St. Rose.

players. Our guards, Buddy Delaney and Chris Ideson, did the chasing and did a great job for us."

Coming off two losses at Eau Claire, Urmann found himself wondering how his team would respond against St. Rose. "We had been beaten by 10 or so every game,

too," he said. "So I was worried. But we sure came to play that night. Credit Eric Caulfield (forward); he hit a lot of outside shots that night to open up their zone for our big people."

In the City Championship, St. Mark's got off to a slow start against Christ's Household of Faith. "Their press gave us trouble early," Urmann said. "We had beaten them three times, so I think we were hoping for an easy one. Our guards got nervous and couldn't get the ball inside to our bread-and-butter guys." Christ's Household of Faith trailed by two at the half.

"We felt we were a better team than that," Urmann said. "We came out in the second half and ran a high-low post that got the ball inside. Tritabaugh was excellent in getting low-post feeds to Krieger." The boards belonged to the Markers that night. Krieger pulled down

15 rebounds and Tritabaugh had 14. Scoring honors also went to Krieger, with 18. Tritabaugh had 15 points and Caulfield tossed in 10.

In the Twin City game against St. Anne's, the Markers grabbed a 54-42 victory on the strength of 23 points from Krieger. "We ran a special offense to get the ball reversed, then popped it into Josh," Urmann said. "He was great. Tritabaugh was very good defensively. He snuffed out his man and out-rebounded him badly."

At 6-foot-5, Krieger is being watched very closely by his future coach at Cretin-Derham Hall, Len Horyza. Urmann thinks Krieger will be able to step right into the Cretin-Derham Hall system. "He's got the ability to be a varsity player by his sophomore year," said Urmann. "He's an excellent shooter. Once he learns to

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St. Mark's 6-foot-5 center Josh Krieger comes up with a rebound during the Twin Cities Championship game against St. Anne's of Minneapolis March 9. St. Mark's took the title on the strength of a 54-42 victory.

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Learning to stalk the wily, wild turkey

They may be ugly, but they're darn smart, too, as a city slicker learns in a seminar on hunting turkeys

by T. D. Mischke

All right, all right, so I didn't belong there. I know I'm no hunter. Never have been. But this wasn't actually hunting. This was a class.

They might have called it "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Turkey Hunting (But Never Asked Because You Figured You Were Some Kind of Misfit)." It was a Department of Natural Resources-sponsored seminar on hunting the wild turkey in Minnesota, and yours truly, the man whose only hunting experience has been stalking the great gray mouse across the tiled plains of a basement, decided to give it a try.

The seminar was held at Ramsey Junior High School last month and, believe it or not, drew a most attentive crowd of some 35 prospective hunters interested in shooting the homely looking creatures (the guys from the DNR think the birds are beautiful, but they've obviously been in the woods too long).

I must admit I felt a little out of place there. I didn't have a bushy beard or one of those red-and-black plaid lumberjack coats like some of the guys. And when they were talking firearms and ballistics, they might just as well have been gobbling for all I could understand. But hey, I'm a Minnesotan, and hunting's a big sport here. All the great sportsmen in Minnesota hunt. Look at Bud Grant and Ralph Jon Fritz. Kent Hrbek was out hunting just hours before the seventh game of the World Series for heaven's sake.



A wild-turkey hunter draws a bead on a wily... rubber chicken. Any turkey stalker worth his salt knows that practice makes perfect, but where can you find a rubber turkey?

There had to be something I could get out of this.

And there was. I learned a lot. Did you know turkeys have 10 times better hearing and six times better eyesight than humans? Or that those fat butterballs can run through thick brush at 30 miles an hour, and fly at 55 miles an hour? That information right there made me feel better about the \$2.00 fee. And there was even more.

Because these turkeys have such keen eyesight, you have to take extraordinary measures to get near them. From what I gathered, you basically adopt habits similar to those taught our Green Beret troops in Vietnam.

The key is camouflage. You cover yourself with it. I'm talking ears, face and hands. You have to become the very brush you're sitting in. You even cover your weapon with camouflage. If those birds see so much as the skin of your ear lobe, they're gone. And once word gets out about the rookie in the woods who underestimated a wild turkey's eyesight, those woods will empty, and you'll be left alone with nothing to show for your efforts but that John Rambo get-up.

Once you're completely covered in camouflage, the DNR guys recommend finding a spot in the brush against a tree and planting yourself. Of course, this is assuming you're in an area known to hold its share of turkeys. If you're in a spot where there are no turkeys, be sure to bring a good book.

Finally, you begin your call. That's right,

your turkey call. You imitate the native tongue of the female turkey in hopes of drawing out the male. And you sound darn silly doing it.

Imagine my surprise at watching a room full of men, those guys with bushy beards and logging jackets, practicing their clucking and gobbling in unison without so much as cracking a smile. I'm telling you these guys take their hunting seriously. They'll put up with that kind of humiliation if it means knocking off a prize tom.

Anyway, you start your call, and if you can't capture that unique sound with your mouth, there are all sorts of hand-held devices to help you out. The point is, you want that gobbler to think you're a hen, or as the DNR official put it, "You want to sound like the sexiest thing out there" (didn't I tell you they've been in the woods too long?).

When the gobbler gets curious enough, or excited enough, as the case may be, he will come down from his perch in the tree and start strutting around, showing off his colorful feathers. He will at this time prove that, although his hearing and eyesight are superior, his brain is still far behind because he'll be showing off for the well-aimed barrel of your shotgun.

Boom! One shot to the head ought to do it. Then it's off to the taxidermist (if you were hunting a mantel piece) or the kitchen table (if you were hunting the family meal) to finish the job.

From what the DNR guys tell me, it's a heck of a lot of fun.

But now, a word of caution. I've learned Minnesota has its share of rattlesnakes, and apparently their home turf in southern Minnesota is the same stomping grounds for these wild turkeys, so you'll want to watch where you step. Now, the DNR guys will tell you not to worry too much because the rattlers are more afraid of you than you are of them, but I think we all realize that this is a myth perpetrated by wild animals to draw humans into the woods in the first place.

If, at this point, you're still not sure about this hunting business, I recommend a quick practice session. That's right, grab a toy gun and some homemade camouflage and get a feel for the hunt. If you can't grow a bushy beard, do what I did—buy one. They're pretty cheap and they make all the difference in the world. All your primitive instincts come to life when you're wearing one of those things.

Try to find some woods near your home where you won't be spotted. If anyone asks, tell them you're on assignment for *Field and Stream* magazine. Remember, the whole idea is to have fun. So, while you're sitting there, motionless, for what the DNR says "could be a few hours before you spot anything," keep telling yourself how much fun you're having. Think about how great your beard feels and how neat it is to have that camouflage goop all over your face. The DNR says you'll get hooked.

Good luck, hunters.

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Harding ends Cretin-Derham Hall girls' hopes for state tourney berth

by T. D. Mischke

The Cretin-Derham Hall girls' basketball team fell five points short of a berth in the state tournament last Friday night when they lost to the only conference team that has been able to beat them all year.

If any team has had the Dollies' number this season, it's been Harding, and the Dollies' 55-51 loss in the Region finals proved once again why the Knights were the top-seeded team in the tournament.

Harding was responsible for the only two losses in the Dollies' 10-2 conference record.

The Dollies had trouble from the start, falling nine points behind before a minute had run off the clock. Although Cretin-Derham Hall was able to come back and take the lead at one point, the tenacious Harding defense made the difference in the game. The Knights recorded several steals and successfully kept the Dollies off guard with a second-half zone defense that held All-American Margaret Nowlin scoreless in the third quarter.

"When they went to the zone we had trouble," Nowlin said. "My shots just weren't going in."

This was Cretin-Derham Hall's third loss to Harding this year. Harding was responsible for the only two losses in the Dollies' 10-2 conference record and three of the team's six losses overall. The Dollies ended up with a combined record of 18-6.

"We were pretty confident going in," said junior Jenny Tschida. "In our last game with Harding we were beating them at the end, but we let it slip away. I thought we had a good chance to win this last one, but I guess it just wasn't meant to be."

Overall, however, Tschida rated the season a success. To play in the final the Dollies had to upset Woodbury in the semifinal, a team with a 21-1 record.



Cretin-Derham Hall's Katiee Wandmacher leaps up to block a shot in CDH's 55-51 loss to Harding High School in the regional finals March 12.

The 66-61 victory over Woodbury was made possible by the double-post combination of Nowlin and junior center Katiee Wandmacher, who teamed up for 49 points and 27 rebounds.

Nowlin was the difference in more than a few games this season. In a hard-fought victory against St. Bernard's, Nowlin scored 35 points, including the last six of the game, and, in a close game with Totino-Grace, Nowlin's two free throws in the final seconds gave the Dollies the win.

"It was a good season," Nowlin said. "A lot of fun."

Nowlin closed out her career at Cretin-Derham with a record 1,459 points, a mark her coaches say may last forever. No one in Derham's history had ever broken 1,000 points and Nowlin's scoring mark was only one of numerous records she

takes with her as she looks ahead to playing at Notre Dame.

Nowlin is one of nine players the Dollies will graduate this year. Along with her 20-points-per-game average, Cretin-Derham will also lose the long-shot accuracy of senior forward Lynn Markert, and productive guards Eva Gallagher and Kari Kane.

The only member of the starting five returning next year is Wandmacher, who averaged over 10 points per game.

"A lot of the teams in our conference are losing their better players," Wandmacher said. "All Harding's starters are seniors. Where we have an advantage, I think, is in the fact that we had such a strong bench this year and got playing time out of a lot of our younger players. I think we can expect to do just as well next year as we did this."

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again eluded the team.

In the end, the Raiders settled for the satisfaction of being one of the final eight who played in the limelight of the most-watched hockey tournament in the country.

Though it could not gain a victory in the tournament, Cretin-Derham Hall was recognized for its outstanding school spirit during the awards ceremony Saturday night.

After a school celebration last Sunday saluting the hockey team, Raider goalie Finbar Murphy reflected on Cretin-Derham Hall's extraordinary season.

"All season long we were a team that would not give up," Murphy said. "From the beginning to the end of every game, we gave 100 percent. That's really all anyone could have asked of us. We left everything on the ice."

"In the tournament, I think most people looked past us," he added. "No one expected us to do well. But we gave tough, close games to the teams that went on to win the

tournament and the consolation trophy. We skated with Edina. No one can deny that. They have a lot of depth and a great defense, but we came back from being down 3-0 to come within one. We had something to prove. We weren't going to let anyone blow us out."

Coach Jim O'Neill said of his players, "They're all typical Cretin-Derham Hall kids. They're hard working and they never give up. They were competitive all year. We won 21 of our last 27 games, and the ones we lost, we lost by one point or took the game into overtime."

O'Neill said the taste that Cretin-Derham Hall got of the tournament this year would have a good effect on Raiders teams of the future.

"They know now that the tournament is not beyond reach," O'Neill said. "The players that aren't graduating want to come right back here next year."



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Kietzer concludes record year for St. Thomas cagers

Kurt Kietzer, senior guard for the College of St. Thomas men's basketball team, ended his record-setting career with a 21-point performance in the Tommies' 65-58 loss to MIAC champ Gustavus Adolphus. The loss came in the first round of the conference's single-elimination tournament, ending St. Thomas', and Kietzer's, 1987-88 season.

Kietzer finished the year with 558 points in 26 games for a 21.5 average. He led the Tommies in field-goal percentage, three-point percentage, assists, steals and blocked shots, and was the squad's second most prolific rebounder despite standing barely more than 6-feet tall. He finished among the league

leaders in every statistical category except rebounds.

Kietzer set a number of school records this year. His career 970 points in 51 games gave him a 19.02 average, bettering the old St. Thomas points-per-game career mark of 18.7 set by center Bob Rosier in 1974. He also set team records for three-point field goals and attempts for both a season (66 for 142) and a career (116 for 241). In addition, he finished his career by scoring in double figures in 41 consecutive games.

Kietzer was named to the NCAA Division III West Region All-Star First Team last month, becoming the first St. Thomas player ever to be named to that elite squad.

Dehn named MVP in MIAC buckets

Laurie Dehn, senior center for the College of St. Thomas women's basketball team, has been named the most valuable performer in the MIAC by the conference coaches.

Dehn has led the Tommies in scoring each of the last three seasons. This year, she averaged 14.3 points per game and was among the conference leaders in field-goal and free-throw percentage. Her 947 career points rank second on St. Thomas' all-time list.

Joining Dehn on the all-conference team were team-

mates Jenny Phillips and Jane Tschimperle. Phillips, a junior guard, led the league in steals with 3.4 per game, and was among the MIAC leaders in three-pointers. Tschimperle, a senior forward, set a school record with 650 career rebounds.

St. Thomas head coach, Ted Rivero, was also named the conference coach of the year by his peers. Rivero led his Tommies to a 22-5 overall record and a 20-2 league mark this season. He now has a career record of 70-37 through four years.

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keep the ball up over his head, he'll be unstoppable."

Krieger said his brother, Joe, and his father got him started in basketball. "I played guard in grades 1 through 6, even though I was tall," he said. "That really helped my ball-handling ability. My goal is to play high school basketball, and then, hopefully, college."

Urmann said Tritabaugh is probably headed to Central High School. "He's really a football player who's just learning the game of basketball," his coach said. "Once Phil gets his inside moves and hooks down, he'll be a

stand-out high school player."

Urmann also had some good things to say about his substitutes. He used 6-foot-3 Josh Schwab and 6-foot-2 Jason Fischer off the bench to spell the big kids, and made good use of Steve Kulkas and Joe Fitzpatrick in the back court.

"These kids were like a family," Urmann said. "They got along so well. It was great to coach these kids for three years. I had them on our B-squad as 6th-graders, then I moved up to coach the varsity last year. It was fun to watch their development and to be a part of it with them."



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Homecroft's Jason Paul, 14, 2000 W. 7th St., and Linwood's Andy Hechtel, 11, 972 Linwood Ave., received certificates of appreciation from Ward 3 City Councilmember Bob Long on February 16. They were honored as volunteers of the month.

REC CETERA

The Hillcrest and Homecroft Area Advisory Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, at Hillcrest.

Joe Germain, director of Groveland Rec Center for the past three years, has resigned to become director of Wilder Community Center. Groveland's new director is Angela Murray, a six-year recreation center veteran. Her last position was as recreation leader for Highwood Hills. Murray is a junior at the College of St. Catherine, where she is majoring in communications.

Highland Little League sets registration

Highland Little League will begin registration for the 1988 season on March 22 and 29. All children ages 8 to 12 are eligible to play in Little League, and kids 13 to 15 are eligible for the Mustang League.

The registration fee is \$50 for Little League and \$60 for Mustang League. The fee includes uniforms. Tryouts will

be held on Saturday, May 7, at the Little League fields on South Cleveland Avenue.

Registration will be conducted from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, at Highland Catholic School, 2017 Bohland Ave., and from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at Hamline United Methodist Church, 1514 Englewood Ave.

Registration opens for baseball, soccer

Baseball and soccer registration for children in kindergarten through 6th grade will be held this month at two local recreation centers.

Kids can sign up from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Groveland Recreation Center, St. Clair Avenue and Kenneth Street, on Wednesdays, March 23 and 30. Registration also will be taken at Hillcrest Recreation Center, Ford Parkway and Kenneth Street, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 24. The fee is \$13.

Anyone interested in serving as soccer referees and baseball umpires are invited to pick up an application at Groveland, Homecroft and Hillcrest rec centers. The starting salary is \$5.00 per game.

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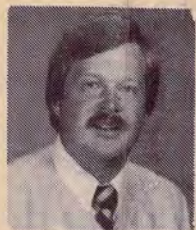
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Cody's Corner

by Tom Cody

MISCELLANEOUS MARCH MUSINGS

To fully appreciate just how badly you have to play to miss the NHL playoffs, you'd probably have to watch the North Stars in person—something I've managed to avoid for the past few years. Missing the NHL playoffs is akin to starving to death in a pizza parlor. The humiliation Minnesotans are feeling is doubly hard to swallow in a league where only the dregs are eliminated from the playoffs. This is, my friends, one truly awful team....

If you were lucky enough to get ahold of one of the precious few unclaimed tickets to the Civic Center last week, you know what I'm talking about: The state hockey tourney is still one of the most thrilling sports spectacles around. The enthusiasm that is generated by each participating school has to be seen to be believed....

Lights at Wrigley Field? Somehow I'd really come to believe that they'd leave that landmark alone. But greed will eventually win out over anything, apparently. This was the last vestige of outdoor ball played in the afternoons on grass. The biggest problem with night games at Wrigley? Parking. You were taking your chances in broad daylight in some of the places you're asked to park near the field. In the dark, we're talking about packing a piece to retrieve your auto....

The most moving moment for me among all the prep playoffs came after Cretin-Derham Hall's tough loss in the finals to Harding. (CDH lost 55-51 in the girls 3AA hoop title game last Friday.) Afterwards, my 6-year-old son Dillon came up to me in tears. He felt bad about watching his father, the coach, lose. It really touched me, since Dillon usually spends more time at the concession stand than he does watching the game. His introduction to the "agony of defeat" was a classic illustration of one stage in the growth of a child. It also helped me put the game in perspective—quickly....

Having put the Minnesota basketball Gophers on probation for recruiting violations, the NCAA has made the team ineligible for post-season competition for a year or two. Which is roughly the equivalent of ruling yours truly ineligible for the 100-meter dash at the '88 Summer Olympics. Clem Haskins' team stinks and I'm already tired of his excuses. Find some players already, Clem—and quit scheduling South Dakota State....

While we're on the U of M front, local athlete Susie Piram finished her career with the women's team this past weekend. The 6-foot-0 senior forward was one of the tri-captains on coach LaRue Fields' team this year. Her all-out hustle and determination provided a great example for younger players. Congrats to Susie....

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Want to put together a list of every person you've ever met in your whole life? Simple. Become a teacher and have your school qualify for the state hockey tourney. Within about two days, every acquaintance you've ever made will call you and ask about getting tickets. It's easier getting into Harvard Law School than it was finding a way into the Civic Center last weekend....

MIRACLE ON ICE

I don't know how many sporting events I've witnessed over the past couple of decades, though I'm sure my wife would hazard a guess if the opportunity presented itself. But this was one of the greatest games I've ever seen and, bar none,

the miracle-finish-to-end-all-miracle finishes.

The Cretin-Derham Hall hockey Raiders had just coughed up a heartbreaking goal to South St. Paul with only 20 seconds to play in the Section 4 finals. The Raiders were understandably broken in spirit. Hockey sticks were deliberately broken in two and more than a few of the players were in tears. But the Packer fans gave the Raiders all the time they needed to regain their composure; it took five minutes to clear the debris that Packer partisans had hurled in glee to the ice. With play finally ready to resume, CDH coach Jim O'Neill called a time-out.

"A lot of the kids remembered '85 when Hastings beat us in the regional finals with 10 seconds left," said O'Neill. "So my first job was to try to get them over the emotional downer, then I just told them to fire the puck at the net and see what happens."

What happened was defenseman Layne Leitner rushed the left side and hit Kent Roepke at the goalmouth to tie the game with 8 seconds to go. CDH went on to win in overtime on a Chris Weinke goal.

Sure, there have probably been more remarkable comebacks with less time remaining, but none with more at stake. Instead of a hockey career-ending loss, the Raiders were off to the school's first-ever state tourney and the dream of a lifetime for all prep pucksters.

THE DROUGHT ENDS

Dan Brink's Central Minutemen had gone 10 years without a Twin Cities basketball title before beating archrival Minneapolis North last week, 60-51. Central, which has utterly dominated St. Paul hoops since Brink's arrival at the school, has had a less-than-illustrious record against Tony Queen's Polars. But on this warm afternoon in a packed College of St. Thomas arena, the tide turned for Brink and the boys.

Charles Foreman, an offensive tackle for Central's football team, and Andra Thompson, a bull-like linebacker, employed their physical style of buckets in controlling the boards for Central. Junior guard Juriad Hughes canned 31 points to lead the Central offensive attack, including 11 points in the first quarter as Central took a slim 14-12 lead.

Throughout the contest, Central kept the tempo down, forcing North out of its customary full-court game. Leading by three with two minutes to go, guard Quincy Adams commandeered Central's four-corner stall offense, and had a big assist to Hughes to ice the win.

This week will see Central in the semifinals. Barring any major upsets, the Minutemen will probably get a third shot at Highland Park (at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday at Williams Arena) to determine the Region 3AA champion. The two local teams split their first two games, each winning at home with relative ease.

This one should be a barn-burner.

AND THE BEAT GOES ON

Bad news for the rest of the St. Paul City Conference basketball coaches: Central domination of the league looks like it will only continue. Last week, coach Quitman Pinckett's sophomore squad beat South 70-63 to win the B-squad Twin Cities Game. Rebounding strength led the team to a 38-25 halftime lead that the Minutemen never relinquished. Jerome Paul led the attack on the glass with 12 rebounds, and Jamil Holtz added nine. Garland Jackson came in off the bench to offer his solid ball-handling skills, and Kenny Carter hit a couple of three-pointers to put South away. The Minutemen also received steady performances from Steve Kennedy, Preston Cunningham and Jim Garrett.

All seven of these sophs will vie for varsity jobs next year. "Our juniors are tough, though," said varsity coach Dan Brink. "It'll be very competitive for positions."

Harding's varsity coach, Gerry Keenan, was among those in attendance at the Twin Cities B-squad affair. "That Central B-team is scary," he said. "They don't have that one guy who can kill you, but they get you with that wave of talent they have. It might be awhile before anybody ever knocks them off again."

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