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New Ford Bridge may look more like the old

Task force OKs \$8.7 million rehabilitation

by Jane McClure

The Ford Bridge Task Force last month unanimously approved an \$8.7.million plan to rehabilitate the 71-year-old Mississippi River span.

The one- to two-year project, which is scheduled to begin in 2000, will not only replace deteriorated concrete, girders and beams below the bridge deck, but will also widen the bridge and restore some of its original styling.

The plan calls for widening the bridge from 65 to 79 feet, including four 11-foot traffic lanes, two 6-foot bicycle lanes and two 8-foot sidewalks. A new guard rail will separate pedestrians from vehicles.

The plain metal railings on either side of the bridge would be replaced with decorative concrete railings similar to those that were installed on the bridge when it first opened in 1927. The street lights that reach out over the roadway would be replaced with ornamental lamp posts that also reflect the bridge's original design. Balconies originally located at either end of the bridge would be restored and an overlook would be added in mid-bridge for pedestrians and bicyclists to enjoy the view of the Mississippi and Lock and

The task force chose the reconstruction plan over a more extensive, \$14.2 million proposal to replace the bridge's entire super-

structure. Engineering studies conducted over the past year convinced the task force that the more extensive repairs were not warranted and might have required the bridge to be closed to all traffic for extended periods. Both options were expected to extend the life of the bridge another 50 years.

The Ford Bridge is still structurally sound, but its 28 expansion joints, which allow the bridge to expand and contract with changes in temperature, are showing significant deterioration.

Under the favored plan, traffic may have to be closed for brief periods, according to project manager Jim Tolaas of the Ramsey County Department of Public Works. However, the closings will be scheduled to avoid conflicting with peak traffic periods, he said.

Task force members asked local officials to devise a plan for coping with an extended closing of the bridge should that be required during reconstruction.

"In the worst-case scenario, we have to ask what kind of help our mom-and-pop merchants could get," said Gayle Summers, community organizer for the Highland District Council. She recalled the problems faced by Smith Avenue and West 7th Street businesses when the High Bridge was closed

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Man and machine. A sculpture by Victor Yepez depicting a bicycle and rider temporarily graces the Summit Avenue island near Cretin Avenue. It's to remind folks of the St. Paul Classic Bike Tour, which will begin there on Sunday, September 13. For registration information, call 612-372-3424. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

St. Paul Committee fails to reach a consensus on billboards

Hot issue lands back in lap of City Council

by Jane McClure

It's not a good sign. An advisory committee that has been reviewing St. Paul's billboard regulations for the past six months made its recommendations to the City Council last week, and they conflict. One recommendation would ban all new billboards. Another would allow for the replacement of existing

"I had hoped we'd get a stronger set of recommendations when we set up this committee," said Ward 4 City Council member Jay Benanav, who proposed creating the committee after a citywide moratorium on billboards that was passed unanimously by the City Council was vetoed by Mayor Norm Coleman last December.

The members of the Legislative Advisory Committee on Advertising Signs apparently had as much trouble agreeing on billboards as the mayor and City Council did.

On a 5-3-1 vote, the committee passed a recommendation offered by St. Paul planning commissioner Litton Field to allow replacement

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Highway 55 protesters remain dedicated to cause Judge rules that last

residents on highway route must move out

by Dave Page

"Two weeks ago I was a pipe fitter," says Jim Anderson as he snaps off sage along the Crosstown Highway in Minneapolis. "Now people are looking to me for spiritual guidance."

Anderson, cultural chairman of the Mendota-Mdewakanton Dakota Community, will burn the sage in a "smudge" ceremony to keep up the strength of the 30 or so people who are protesting the rerouting of Highway 55. Members of Earth First, neighborhood activists and other protesters have set up

camp for the past month along Riverview vacate their house on Riverview Road by Road just south of Minnehaha Park.

The 40-ish American Indian, who wears a feather in his long black hair, makes his way back to the dozen or so teepees and tents, picking up litter along the way.

"I teach people that to pass by litter is just as bad as tossing it onto the ground in the first place," he says. "If (the Mendota-Mdewakanton) get this land, we will be better stewards."

Anderson feels strongly about protecting the oaks destined for destruction in the path of the proposed highway realignment. He has taken a leave of absence from his job at the University of Minnesota to devote all his energy to fighting the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

MnDOT overcame one of the last legal hurdles to the reroute when a judge ruled on August 21 that Carol and Al Kratz have to

October 17. The Kratzes are the last residents along the highway route to hold out against

"I still think the highway will be stopped," Carol says four days after learning that she and her husband will have to abandon the home they have occupied for 43 years. "This (protest) is just beginning."

Anderson and other Native Americans are latecomers to the 40-year fight with MnDOT over Highway 55. Their involvement began just three weeks ago. The Oak Society, a group dedicated to preserving its namesake tree, contacted Earth First when the bulldozers were being readied to demolish the homes and trees on Riverview Road. Earth First then contacted local American Indian leaders in

Highway 55 protest/from page 1

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hopes of striking up an alliance.

Although he has no proof, Anderson insists the area has great spiritual significance for his people. He points to a group of four oaks that cast shadows in what Anderson said is a pattern planted by American Indians hundreds of years ago.

"The hair stands up on my arms when I come here," Anderson says. "I know that coming here has changed my life. If we can get the

Bureau of Mines buildings and turn them into a community center, I know we can turn our children away from drugs and other destructive habits."

Another site the protesters hope to protect is the former Fort Snelling water reservoir known as Camp Coldwater, or what Anderson calls

"the Plymouth Rock of Minnesota." It is part of the vast tract of land that Lieutenant Zebulon Pike purchased from the Dakota Indians in 1805. No buildings were constructed on that land until 1819 when Lieutenant Colonel Henry Leavenworth came west to establish a garrison at the mouth of the Minnesota River.

That fall a cantonment was built near present day Mendota where the soldiers spent their first winter. For 40 of their number it would also be their last. Scurvy took its toll during that bitterly cold season.

The following spring, Leavenworth and his men crossed the Minnesota River and established Camp Coldwater beside the clear spring.

When Fort Snelling was completed in 1823, the Army abandoned the camp. According to a May 1956 Minnesota History magazine article by James Rhoads, by 1835 several hundred "squatters... Indians...and half breeds" had moved into the vacated buildings. Nonetheless, the spring water at Camp Coldwater continued to be used by the soldiers at the fort. A reservoir, complete with small

fortress-like limestone well, was constructed at Camp Coldwater late in the 19th century.

Ironically, Rhoads predicted 42 years ago—about the same time that MnDOT started making plans to reroute Highway 55—that the reservoir would soon be preserved as a historic site.

According to Scott Anfinson, an archaeologist at the Minnesota Historical Society, the original camp

site is protected from development, but the spring and reservoir building are not. "The Minnesota Historical Society has requested that the reservoir and its immediate surroundings not be destroyed," Anfinson says. He believes the petition for National Register

status will be granted.

MnDOT has promised that if road construction destroys the natural spring, city water will be piped into the reservoir. But that's not good enough for Anderson. He believes that American Indians once used the spring and that a large tree nearby is sacred.

The storm-damaged giant does look mystical, but a picture of the reservoir taken about 1890 shows nothing but saplings in the area where the oak now stands.

"There are lots of springs in the area," Anfinson says, "and I'm sure the native people used them. But there's absolutely no record to suggest Camp Coldwater was an Indian site" prior to the arrival of Leavenworth.

Anderson contends that many American Indian relics have been found in the area, but that the Historical Society has covered up the discoveries.

"To begin with," Anfinson counters, "it's illegal to hunt for or remove relics from federal property. Secondly, unless an artifact can be documented as coming from a particular area, we can't give cre-



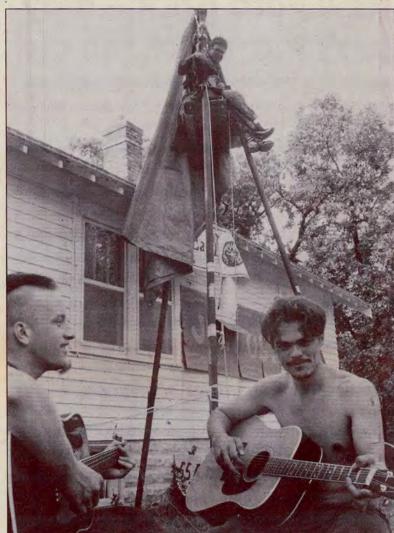
Ron Bear, left, of the Mendota-Mdewakanton and Zac (no last name) claim the land along Riverview Road in South Minneapolis on behalf of the American Indian community. Photos by Kristine Heykants.

dence to reports of people who bring in artifacts claiming to have found them at particular site. I have no knowledge of any Native American artifacts coming from Camp Coldwater."

Chuck Diesen, curator of the archaeological department at the Historical Society, says that any artifacts turned in would eventually make their way to him. According to him, in the past seven years or so, nothing has been turned in. Prior to that, "all the artifacts have related to the military occupation or been more recent," he says.

The lack of any documented American Indian artifacts means that surveys by MnDOT will no doubt confirm what archaeological investigations by the Historical Society have found: "The site is no more sacred than any other part of the earth, which is all sacred to the Dakota," Anfinson says.

Anderson is undeterred. He says he might not be able to do anything about the past, "but I can do something about the future. That's why I'm here."



Jesse Robinson and Eric York entertain Joe Hill of Earth First, who has locked himself to the top of a tripod to block crews from clearing a path for the Highway 55 reroute.

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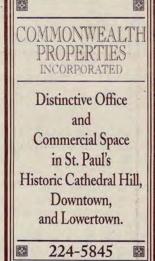
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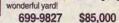
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Storm over damaged signs still raging at City Hall

Scenic Minnesota has asked the St. Paul City Council to overturn a decision of the St. Paul Planning Commission to allow the repair or replacement of storm-damaged billboards atop the Highland Shopping Center at Ford Parkway and Cleveland Avenue and atop the commercial building at the southwest corner of Grand and Fairview avenues.

According to Scenic Minnesota, the Highland Village and Grand Avenue special sign districts forbid the repair or replacement of billboards if the cost of the repair is more than 50 percent of their value. Eller Media Co., owner of the billboards, contends that the damage is less than 50 percent. City staff has agreed, ruling that the damage to the billboards in question is not structural and does not require a building permit.

The Highland District Council and the West 7th/Fort Road Federation were co-appellants in Scenic Minnesota's unsuccessful appeal to the Planning Commission on the same matter on August 14. That appeal included a total of six billboards—two others atop the Highland Shopping Center and two in an interim sign district on West 7th Street. City staff removed those four billboards from the original appeal to allow further study of the extent of their damages.

The federation is not a party to the latest appeal. The Highland District Council will consider joining the appeal when it meets on September 3, according to community organizer Gayle Summers.

Council OKs the acquisition of 27 parcels near Jimmy Lee

Plans to expand the fields and facilities at the Jimmy Lee Recreation Center are moving forward. Following a public hearing on August 12, the St. Paul City Council unanimously approved a plan to acquire 27 parcels of real estate through condemnation. The properties are located on Lexington Parkway between Concordia and Carroll avenues and on the block bounded by Lexington, Iglehart Avenue, Oxford Street and Marshall Avenue.

Staff from the city's Division of Parks and

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Recreation and Department of Planning and Economic Development met with about two dozen neighbors on August 11 to explain the project and what condemnation would mean. Last year the project was recommended for funding through the city's 1998-99 Capital Improvement Budget.

The \$3.7 million project will be phased in over several years, according to John Wirka of Parks and Recreation. Design work and some acquisition and demolition have been done this year at a cost of \$310,000. Another \$847,000 is earmarked for acquisition and demolition in 1999, and similar amounts in 2000, 2001 and 2002. However, funding beyond 1999 has yet to be approved.

Jimmy Lee is one of 11 St. Paul recreation centers that have been identified by the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Commission as being located in "neighborhoods in transition" and needing additional recreational facilities to strengthen those neighborhoods. Jimmy Lee also houses the Summit-University Teen Center, which attracts about 4,500 teen-agers per month during the school year and 6,000 during the summer.

St. Paul still contemplating whether to take sting funds

It will be several more weeks before the St. Paul City Council decides whether to accept a \$3,000 grant to help pay for compliance checks of restaurants that hold city liquor licenses. The council decided on August 26 to postpone a decision for the third time since July. The matter will go back to the council on September 23.

The grant is from Minnesota Join Together, a nonprofit group that campaigns against under-age drinking. Crime prevention groups, public health officials and Mothers Against Drunk Driving support the grant. The Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association and St. Paul Hospitality Association oppose it. Liquor license holders argue that enforcement should focus more on under-age drinkers who are committing the crime than on liquor license holders whose employees may inadvertently sell to someone under age. They also contend that accepting private funds to support enforcement sets a bad precedent.

Liquor license holders in St. Paul now face fines of up to \$2,000 for a first offense of selling alcohol to a minor. License suspension and revocation can be imposed for subsequent offenses. The city uses a matrix to determine the penalties based on seating capacity, past history and any special conditions placed on the license.

Council approves STAR funds for Mac-Grove coffee house

The St. Paul City Council approved a \$45,000 loan and a \$4,500 grant on August 19 to assist Peter and Donna Kelly in renovating the former Cuppa Joe coffee house at 1662 Grand Ave. The money will be used by the Kellys to correct building and health code violations and install a full kitchen for Coffee News Café. The Kellys expect to open the shop later this year. The space has been vacant since last spring.

The money is being made available through the city's Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) Revolving Loan Fund, which disburses a portion of the city's extra half-percent sales tax.

Neighbors file suit to block Summit Hill townhouse plan

The long battle over a proposed townhouse development in Summit Hill looked to be over last May when the St. Paul City Council approved a special condition use permit for Lexington Commons. However, a suit filed in late July by neighbors Pat Byrne and Rachel Blank has moved the debate into Ramsey County District Court.

Byrne and Blank live adjacent to the vacant tract at St. Clair Avenue and Lexington Parkway where Mendota Homes is planning to build 10 townhouses. In their suit against the city and Mendota Homes, they are asking the court to declare the city's decision to issue the special permit as arbitrary and capricious.

Byrne and Blank contend that the private alley off St. Clair that would be used to access the townhouse development is too narrow to accommodate the expected traffic. They say that testimony presented by staff from the St. Paul Department of Public Works confirms that the access road would be unsafe.

The alley can be widened to 20 feet, but city traffic engineer Al Shetka testified that a 24foot width is needed. Byrne and Blank argue that the city's Zoning Committee and Planning Commission and the City Council all disregarded Shetka's opinion and other evidence against using the alley.

Byrne and Blank also argue that the city erred in not allowing them to admit to the proceedings information on Mendota Homes owner John Mathern's experiences in other Twin Cities housing developments, including a property foreclosure and a bankruptcy filing that was denied by the U.S. District Court. The city argued that the documents were not relevant to Mendota Homes' permit request.

Assistant City Attorney Peter Warner said the city would file a response to the lawsuit in a few weeks.

Committee presents latest on Hiawatha light rail plan

A preview and open house for the proposed Hiawatha Avenue light rail transit line will be held on Wednesday, September 9. The event is being organized by the Hiawatha Corridor Community Advisory Committee.

The open house will run from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Building 642 at the Air Guard base at Hiawatha and Crosstown Highway 62. Information tables, video presentations and maps will offer the latest information on the proposed transit line. A program will be presented at 7:30 p.m.

Expected to open in 2003, the 12.2-mile Hiawatha line will feature 19 stations between the Mall of America in Bloomington and downtown Minneapolis, including one at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

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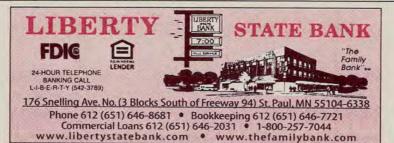
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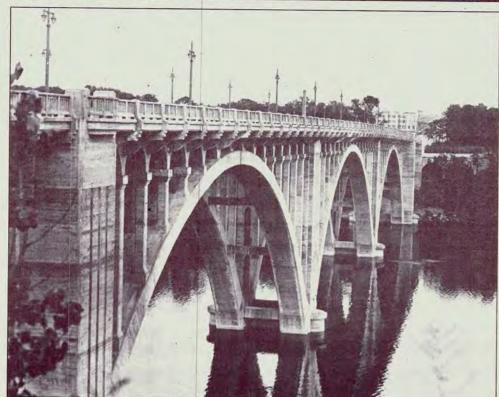
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Plans for rehabilitating the Ford Bridge include restoring its decorative concrete railings, shown here in this 1930s photograph of the river span.

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for reconstruction in the 1980s. "A lot of for two years. Consultants were hired last year those small businesses shut down during reconstruction and never opened back up," she said.

In the months ahead, local officials will also be considering additional improvements to be made on either end of the bridge. Minneapolis officials are looking at ways to improve bridge access for motorized vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. Outdoor enthusiasts on both sides of the river have asked for a better connection to the pedestrian and bike lanes on West River Parkway and Mississippi River Boulevard.

Design complications and disagreements have delayed the Ford Bridge reconstruction

to conduct additional tests on the bridge after state and Hennepin County officials disagreed over the extent of the required repairs.

"The studies did take extra time, but I think we'll have a better bridge and a better project because of it," Tolaas said.

The Ford Bridge reconstruction plan will be unveiled at a public meeting tentatively set for November 18. Public comment also will be sought on the redesign of the bridge.

The 1,523-foot Ford Bridge is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is considered an excellent example of a reinforced concrete bridge built during the early days of

Billboard recommendations/from page 1

billboards at a rate of one square foot for every three square feet of existing billboards removed. Field's proposal had the support of organized labor and the billboard industry.

Then, on a 5-4 vote, the committee approved a recommendation offered by Brian Bates of the anti-billboard group Scenic Minnesota to ban all new billboards.

'The closeness of the votes tells me there wasn't a lot of consensus on anything," Benanav said. "We'll be going through all of the same arguments all over again and this will get even more politicized than it already is."

Under Field's proposal, the 19 district councils in St. Paul would be asked to create a list of the signs they find most objectionable. As an incentive to billboard companies, any sign on the list that is removed could be replaced at a rate of one square foot for every two square feet removed.

According to Bates, Field's proposal did not go far enough. "A ban will get rid of more billboards than any kind of a swap will," he said.

Committe member and Highland Village business owner Mark Moeller voted for both Field's and Bates' proposals, causing the conflicting recommendations. Moeller said he misunderstood Bates' motion and asked for a new vote. However, the vote to reconsider failed on a 4-4 vote.

Before that vote, Moeller asked the committee to seek a compromise, but Bates said

"I guess the votes accurately reflect a divided committee," said member Tom Welna.

The committee, which included representatives of the billboard industry, St. Paul businesses, labor, district councils, the Planning Commission and Scenic Minnesota, was able to agree on a number of related matters. They included new restrictions on billboard maintenance, a citywide inventory of billboards, removal of all illegal billboards, the annual inspection of billboards, new billboard fees and new distance requirements between bill-

The committee recommended that the minimum space between billboards and between billboards and residential districts, churches and schools be increased from 75 to 330 feet. It also recommended that billboards be no closer than 330 feet from a park, parkway or recreation center.

New billboards would be restricted to areas where there is at least a quarter mile of contiguous commercial or industrial property. That means that all small commercial areas in the city would be ineligible for new billboards, according to Larry Soderholm of the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development. In the Villager area, few places would qualify for new billboards.

Committee member Heather Worthington suggested that the committee's report to the City Council include a description of what has transpired in the Highland Village, Grand Avenue and Smith Avenue special sign districts in the years since they were established.

But Moeller questioned how that information would be evaluated. Highland Village has lost some billboards in the 13 years since its sign district was adopted, but only as a result of new construction, he said. Moeller said their removal cannot be seen as affected by the sign district.

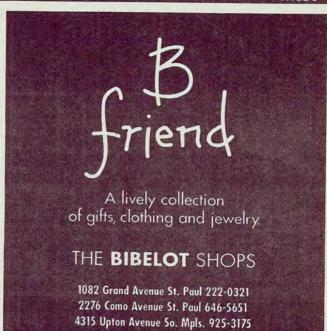
The committee finally agreed to ask the Grand Avenue, Highland and Smith-Dodd business associations to submit written comments on the effectiveness of their special sign districts. Those comments will be included in the committee's report to the Planning Commission and City Council.



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In the eye of an economic storm

nd just like that, summer is over. If you're like most people, my guess is you're now looking back wistfully on the too short summer months and regretting that you didn't get up to the lake as much as you'd intended, that you didn't get in as much golf as you'd hoped, that you didn't get out to as many Saints games as you planned.

Yeah, life is tough. While we in the United States suffer the peculiar early benefits of international economic turmoil—cheaper oil, stronger dollar, lower interest rates—Japan finds itself in the worst slump since World War II; South Korea, Indonesia and Thailand are in a depression; Hong Kong is teetering; China is slowing; Venezuela is looking shaky; there are fears of its economic malaise spreading to Brazil, Mexico and Argentina; and Russia is in full-scale fiscal crisis.

Enjoy our own relative economic health while it lasts. Interdependence in a global economy means we're bound to catch the rest of the world's ailments sooner or later.

Roadblocks to development

ust how difficult it can be to develop in-fill urban housing is now being made manifest on a vacant plot of land near the corner of St. Clair Avenue and Lexington Parkway. That's where John Mathern of Mendota Homes finds himself embroiled in a long-running battle with Summit Hill residents over his plans to construct a 10-unit townhouse development. It's precisely the kind of housing this area is in dire need of, and would be built on the one of the few vacant lots left in that part of town.

Nonetheless, some neighbors have now filed suit against Mendota Homes and the city of St. Paul to permanently enjoin the city from issuing a building permit for the project.

It's hard to fathom how the focus of the lawsuit could center on 4 feet of pavement—20 feet wide versus 24— in an existing public alley that would be used to access what is, after all, a pretty modest development. The plaintiffs— husband and wife Pat Byrne and Rachel Blank—contend it's a matter of public safety and cite the opinion of the city's own traffic engineer to support them. Others contend that the neighbors would take any means to block the development of that vacant parcel no matter what the circumstances.

The city of St. Paul has a larger stake in the outcome than the relief and reimbursement of attorneys' fees the plaintiffs are seeking. Failure to develop this eminently developable tract will call into question whether anyone should attempt to develop anything similar anywhere in St. Paul.

The view from over the hill

eeling old? No? Well then, consider this: Most of the people who are starting their freshman year in college this fall were born in 1980. That means they have no meaningful recollection of the Reagan era, the Cold War or two Germanys.

To them, CCCP is just a bunch of letters, stamps have always cost about 32 cents, and the expression "You sound like a broken record" means nothing. They've never had a record to break.

They've known only one Pope, have never had a polio shot, and have no idea what a pull-top can looks like.

Their lifetime has always included AIDS, cable TV and microwave popcorn.

They've never seen a game with the Baltimore Colts or the St. Louis Cardinals football teams, and they don't consider the Colorado Rockies or Florida Marlins expansion teams.

The "Tonight Show" has always been with Jay Leno, there have always been red M&Ms, and it's unfathomable *not* to have a remote for the television.

They're too young to remember Three Mile Island, Tienamin Square or the hostage crisis in Iran.

Roller skating has always been in-line, they've always had a VCR, and Michael Jackson has always been white.

"The *Titanic* was found?" they ask. "I thought we always knew where it was."

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Billboard debate offers no room for compromise

Dear editor,

The *Villager* is to be commended for its extensive coverage of the billboard debate.

After reading the pro and con articles on billboards in the August 17 Villager, I must offer my comments. I am a board member of Scenic Minnesota, so you know where my heart is. But I have been familar with this issue since I was a member of the St. Paul City Council long ago. My efforts then to restrict billboards were frustrated by very effective lobbying by the billboard industry.

If we truly want to get rid of neighborhood billboards, we must take aggressive action. Encouraging the billboard industry to remove neighborhood billboards through a system of credits has proven to be a dismal failure for the past decade. To now rely on a similar system of credits will result in few if any billboards being removed. To suggest that the issue be reviewed in five years is just putting off to another day what should be done today.

To make public policy based on the anticipation or threat of litigation encourages public policy dominated by monied interests and is likely to result in bad public policy.

Let's look forward to the day we can stand at the corner of Cleveland Avenue and Ford Parkway, look in all directions and see no rooftops cluttered with billboards.

Ruby Hunt Macalester-Groveland

JWV thanks

Dear editor,

St. Paul Posts 162 and 354 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States for many years have sponsored or been involved in numerous civic and military activities. In the main, we have enjoyed success, which runs in tandem with dedication and hard work. Success, however, is not always a result of unilateral efforts.

Our organization is acutely aware of the splendid and ongoing cooperation rendered to us by the *Villager*. Without the concise, comprehensive coverage given to our events, we would have been put to significant disadvantage.

In expressing our gratitude for your many kindnesses, we extend a hearty thank-you for being a good neighbor and for your journalistic excellence.

S.K. Schmuckler, President War Memorial Foundation Jewish War Veterans Post 162

VILLAGE POST

In the ear of the beholder

Dear editor

There sure has been a lot of moaning and groaning about the noise that aircraft make over certain areas.

I can remember many years ago we lived near a railroad and when the train would pass our house at midnight the engineer would lay on the whistle. We were so used to it, it didn't bother us, but when some of our relatives would stay the night it would blow them right out of their beds. The mile-long freights would come from the south hell bent for election. If you had the door open and were on the phone, forget it until it went by. Never heard of anyone telling the railroad it couldn't do that.

Now airplanes fly over my house. When it's foggy, it seems almost like they use my porch light to guide them. But they sure don't make the amount of noise the trains used to make.

These same people who complain about aircraft noise, they might even listen to Pavarotti, and where can you find a worse noise than that?

Eugene F. Reiner Highland Park

Grill guv hopefuls on LRT

Dear editor,

Either by his executive actions or by his legislative veto, the next governor of Minnesota can kill light-rail transit which, polls have shown, is greatly favored by the voters. All of the gubernatorial candidates should reveal their position on the LRT system that the Legislature has approved.

In 1973, then-State Senator Skip Humphrey and his companion, the late State Senator John Chenoweth, prevented the Senate from even hearing the rail transit bill that had been approved by a margin of over 3 to 1 by the House of Representatives—both Democrats and Republicans. As chairman of the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) at that time, I continued to advocate an LRT system for which the federal government would have paid 85 percent. As a result, the Humphrey/Chenoweth

Generosity, humility, prayerfulness marked Msgr. Steiner's life

by Dale Mischke

onsignor Clarence Steiner, the longtime priest and pastor of Nativity Church, probably would have shuddered at the thought, but in the weeks following his death last month at age 80, he was remembered by his parishioners as a living saint.

Father Steiner, as he preferred to be called, wasn't even comfortable with the title "monsignor." Though he had a great respect for the honor he received in 1969, he never wore the robe that came with the office. "He put it on one day in the rectory, looked in the mirror, and said, 'I don't like it,'" said parish administrator Donn Eiden.

Father Steiner didn't need richly colored robes or an elevated station. His reverence for his office and the mission of the church had a majesty about it even in the black and white of the priest's cassock and Roman collar.

Father Steiner arrived at the then 22-year-old Nativity Church in April 1945. He served the parish for the next 52 years, including 22 years as pastor. In his last dozen years at Nativity, parishioners who were worried about his inevitable departure would ask Father Steiner when he planned to retire. Father Patrick Lannan, the present pastor of Nativity, recalled Father Steiner's ready response: "When I can no longer bring Christ to the people."

Father Steiner brought Christ to his parishioners in many

ways, mainly by his example. In some ways, Nativity
Parish is not the most
difficult assignment a priest
could have. The residents of
the parish are generally well
off and their wealth is
reflected in the parish's
coffers. Perhaps they needed
a priest like Steiner more
than anyone.

A gentle and soft-spoken man, Father Steiner is remembered most for his generosity, humility and



Msgr. Clarence Steiner

prayerfulness. He loved children and would often enter into their games on the Nativity School playground, according to Len Jambor, a parishioner who for 30 years has lived a block from the school.

Father Steiner would never turn a supplicant away from the rectory's door. "He was a soft touch," said Father John Kelley, associate pastor at Nativity. "They could tell him a cock-and-bull story and he'd still give them money." Father Lannan once asked him why. Father Steiner told him, "I'm never sure, but that could be Christ at the door."

He loved sports and, whether intentionally or not, would use sports to connect with his parishioners. Father Steiner had a tremendous throwing arm and used it to his advantage as the center fielder on the Nativity Men's Club's fast-pitch softball team. He played tennis and golf with parishioners and fellow priests and could often be found skating at Groveland Playground. Children would stand in awe as the same priest they saw in vestments at the communion rail that morning executed perfect figure-eights in his long black coat.

Father Steiner may not have been the best homilist or the most adept businessman, parishioners recalled. At meetings of the Parish Finance Council, when he was presented with a particularly thorny fiscal problem, Father Steiner would say, "I'll tell you what I'd do: I'd pray about that real hard."

"He ran a good parish for a lot of years, so I think his prayers were answered," Eiden said.

"Father Steiner was approachable by anyone, high or low," said Father Francis Dudley, former pastor of St. Michael's Parish in West St. Paul and Father Steiner's longtime playing partner and traveling companion.

That quality grew out of his humility and his down-toearth manner, but also out of his caring, according to Father Lannan. "He cared about his parishioners and they knew it and loved him for it," Lannan said.

One of Father Steiner's favorite quotes from the New Testament was Jesus Christ's: "My peace I give you, My peace I leave with you." Father Steiner strived to bring that peace—a peace he embraced—to his parishioners. He left them with a lasting example of Christian living.

Pyrotechnically speaking, he's a candidate for a 12-step program

by Tom Cody

ello, my name is Tom and I'm a pyromaniac.
Yes, I admit it. It might seem strange to you that I'd pack up the family and drive halfway across the country just to see the greatest fireworks show on earth, but I'm addicted.

Last year, a couple of slightly off-center friends introduced us to the Polytechnics Guild International's convention. We attended our second annual event this past August. Again it proved to be an eclectic gathering of fireworks enthusiasts from across the nation. My wife and I are both card-carrying PGI members now.

It's difficult to explain a PGI convention. Perhaps the best way is to describe it is part Woodstock festival, part Winnebago rally and part National Rifle Association conclave. There are lots of tattoos, beards and Black Cat fireworks T-shirts.

Harley-Davidson fanatics head to Sturgis every summer. People who love to watch things explode go to the PGI convention. This year it was in Gillette, Wyoming, a small town that's home to the 1995 state high school girls goat-tying champion.

We arrived on Wednesday, but the hard-core PGIers had been at it since Sunday. The convention format included educational seminars during the day with such titles as "Storing Aluminum Powder" and "Reducing Chlorate Mixture Sensitivity." Many of these people make their own aerial bombs in their basements.

"You don't build your own?" a guy named Fred Ellis asked me at the campgrounds. "I've reconstructed two Civil War cannons in my backyard south of St. Louis. When I fire them, the deputy sheriff gets a little worked up."

"It's easier to beg for forgiveness than ask for permission," explained Danny, a high school junior from Clemson, South Carolina. "I blow off big shows in my neighborhood a couple of times a year. When they hear the blasts, they know it's me."

Danny was carrying 36 pounds of gunpowder while we were talking. "This'll get me through the winter," he said.

There are three classes of explosives available in North America. Class A refers to the big bombs, the ones set off by legitimate fireworks companies. Class B explosives are constructed by amateurs, many of whom brought their own chemicals to the convention in large Ryder rental trucks. Class C merchandise is the stuff you smuggle across the border from Wisconsin every July. At the PGI, Class C explosives can be purchased and fired off at a nearby shooting range. After one trip through the Class C tent, I came out with such items as "The Beast," the "Texas Tornado" and a dozen "Screamin' Whistlers." Yee-hah.

The coup de grâce each night at the PGI is the professional Class A demonstrations. The pyromaniacs start gathering around the shoot site in lawn chairs hours before and the anticipation runs high.

The shows are astounding. Taste of Minnesota shows don't hold a Roman candle to them. It's hard to describe the volume and explosive energy of these demonstrations. They literally overpower the senses.

"The whole thing is outrageous," said Dave Grau, a St. Paul resident who was attending the convention. "They just do everything to excess—that's the secret here."

Not everything goes according to plan at the PGI. One night the wind shifted and fireworks debris floated into the crowd. No problem. Then a gigantic green aerial bomb went awry and exploded behind the bleachers. Cheers went up from the pyromaniacs. The big finale was when a 2-by-4 girandole fell from the sky and dented the front of a pickup truck. It was the talk of the campground the next morning.

Last year's gathering was in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Next year, it'll be in Fargo, North Dakota. "I haven't missed one of these things since '84," said Lyle Jaegler, who runs the PGI campground. "As long as I'm vertical, I won't miss another."

Last New Year's Eve, I impressed our neighbors by firing off my PGI-purchased, Class C, 12-shot "Niagara Falls" rockets at midnight in the middle of Osceola Avenue. The first two shots went skyward as planned, but they tipped the firing unit over. The next 10 shots went sideways, miraculously skidding between parked cars and exploding in the middle of Lexington Parkway.

Despite my newfound avocation, I've decided from now on to leave the actual firing of fireworks to the experts.



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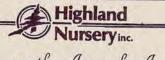
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Citizens alliance forms to shine a light on St. Paul's fiscal future

by Andy Driscoll

t. Paul may be one of the finest cities in the nation in which to live. For the most part, it has been well governed and financially healthy. However, recent public investments and questionable financial commitments that we fear will leave taxpayers holding the bag have left a growing number of us concerned about the city's future.

Under several agreements negotiated by the current administration and approved by the previous City Council, St. Paul taxpayers appear destined to pay more for fewer city services. Promises of an expanded tax base from all this construction have already been broken through hidden concessions by the city.

St. Paul is now subsidizing the private development and operation of buildings that will be tax-exempt for at least the next 25 years because those buildings are owned by the city, not private entities. We fear the resulting loss of tax base will jeopardize not only city services but those of Ramsey County and our public schools.

We call ourselves the St. Paul Citizens Alliance for Responsible Economics, or CityCARE, a non-partisan coalition of citizens, organizations and small businesses concerned about St. Paul's future, its financial foundations and its quality of life. CityCARE advocates fiscal responsibility in city planning, development and governance; sound fiscal principles in determining and implementing policy objectives; and holding accountable those public officials responsible for creating and managing our public assets.

Our objectives arise from a concern that the public interest be served in any relationships between the city and private entities that seek public assets for private uses. These objectives include:

1. That the city of St. Paul, in renegotiating its arena lease with the Minnesota Wild, take pains to protect the city's

interests and maximize its revenue stream while minimizing the privatization of this public asset. In doing so, all normal public negotiating procedures should be employed, including the letting of bids and the evaluation of all vendor options for products and services. This means in part that revenue from events not related to professional hockey should accrue to the city, not the Wild, and that the lease recognize the public trust the city is investing in the hockey team while making the facility available for a wide variety of civic events and amateur athletics.

2. That the city move to ensure no more general obligation risk is assumed through the creation of further tax-increment districts, and that the city refrain from diverting sales tax revenue to tax increment districts for private development. The city will thus avoid fulfilling the negative outlook now forecast by Standard & Poor's.

The full faith and credit of the city has been overextended in such projects as:

• The Lawson Software initiative, in which the city will, for the first time ever, build and own a commercial building for the benefit of a private entity.

A failed World Trade Center redevelopment scheme
that transferred control of a public parking facility to a
private corporation in exchange for an announced \$42
million investment in expanding the parking ramp and the
World Trade Center. The corporation, Principal Financial
Life Insurance Co., actually committed just \$4.5 million.
Now, they have backed away from the retail redevelopment
and have lost key tenants like Eddie Bauer and
commitments from Kincaid's restaurant and a 14-screen
movie complex. Still, they continue to profit from the
management and part ownership of the parking ramp.

 Borrowing money from Minnesota Mutual Insurance
 Co. so that the city could pay for land acquisition and demolition costs that the company could have assumed to build an additional office structure where the Bremer Building once sat. 3. That all development initiatives be submitted well in advance of negotiations to the City Council for review and comment in full view of the public. The public purse must be committed to public purposes.

4. That there be an ordinance requiring full public disclosure of any proposed financing deals before any

commitment is made by the city.

5. That the City Council, sitting as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, begin deliberations for establishing its own administrative staff at arm's length from the Department of Planning and Economic Development (PED). Anyone working in the dual roles of HRA executive director and PED director is serving two masters—City Council and mayor—which leads to frequent conflicts of interest.

6. That the City Council avail itself of independent legal counsel, creating a full-time position if necessary. The City Council is in an untenable position when it must rely on the mayor's appointed city attorney for legal advice that may conflict with the mayor's interests.

7. That all decisions of city government be made in the light of public scrutiny, and that the City Council live up to its mandated role as makers and overseers of city policy and expenditures.

The City Council must do no less than put the brakes on an administration if that administration is failing to act in the public interest.

Editor's note: CityCARE St. Paul is chaired by Thomas J. Kelley and Kathleen Stack. Current members include Andy Driscoll, Julian Loscalzo, Ray Faricy, Jean M. West, Ken Peterson, Luci Fenner, Catherine Hartnett, Steve Russell, Kiki Sonnen, Barbara Stuhler, Jack Costello, Laurence Hunter, Brian Bates, Dick Radman, Bill Angell, Tom Welna, Ann Reeves, Cyndy Crist, David Glass, Dave Murphy, Nance Longley, Ken Zapp, George Reid, David Schultz, Tom Flynn, Paul Kelnberger, Lisa Raduenz and Mark Bliven.

Village Post: Grill guv candidates on LRT/from page 6

crowd tried (unsuccessfully) to prevent my reappointment as chairman. But they did force studies of "Personalized Rapid Transit," a silly concept that employs tiny cars on a fine-grain grid of elevated tracks. Twenty-five years later, this so-called "high-tech" PRT proposal has not been implemented anywhere. In the meantime, the momentum favoring LRT in Minnesota was lost while other cities built successful systems.

In 1973 State Senator Doug Johnson was a member of the

House and supported that body's transit bill.

Other candidates for governor from both parties were not members of the Legislature at the time so they had no opportunity to vote on the issue. All of them should be asked now for a firm commitment to support the Legislature's new LRT initiative.

Doug Kelm Como Park

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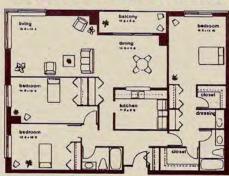
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Sisters of St. Joseph Joan McGinty (left) and Ansgar Holmberg look over the buckthorn hedge along Fairview Avenue that will soon be removed and replaced with a native shrub as part of a restoration project at Bethany Convent. *Photo by Brad Stauffer.*

Native oaks, savanna and prairie return to Bethany Convent acreage

by Cathy Condon

Andy Sudbrock fingered the tiny beginnings of black-eyed Susans, yarrow and purple prairie clover sprouting from a plot of earth beside Bethany Convent at Randolph and Fairview avenues.

"Right now, if you look at the site, you say, 'There's not much happening,'" Sudbrock said. "But you have to know what you're looking at. Here's one of the prairie grasses 6 inches tall. In the first year, that's phenomenal."

Sudbrock operates Applied Ecology, a native landscape restoration firm based in Minneapolis' Longfellow neighborhood. Since spring he has been working with the Sisters of St. Joseph to restore 2½ acres of its property to their original state—oak woodland, oak savanna and prairie.

"We're not landscaping here," Sudbrock said. "This is restoration."

The restored habitat on the eastern end of the College of St. Catherine campus will serve as a quiet place for studying or gathering, according to Sister Joan McGinty, co-chair of Earth Partners, a committee of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Other schools will be welcome to use it. "(It will be) a place to walk, to meditate, to renew yourself," McGinty said.

But more important, it will be an environmental sanctuary. "We aren't just doing this for the sisters," McGinty said. "We're doing it for the neighborhood and for the bees and the butterflies."

The restoration project grew out of an effort begun in 1996 to restore a woodland of oak and black cherry trees at St. Kate's,

McGinty said. One year later, "Andy came out and he and I walked through the woods," she said. "He got very excited. He knew all the stuff that was in there."

"As we were walking and talking, it occurred to us, 'Why stop at the woods when there's a wonderful opportunity here to restore some oak savanna and prairie?" Sudbrock said. "All of the pieces were right there waiting for us. There was a continuum from full sun to partial shade to deep shade. They graded into each other perfectly."

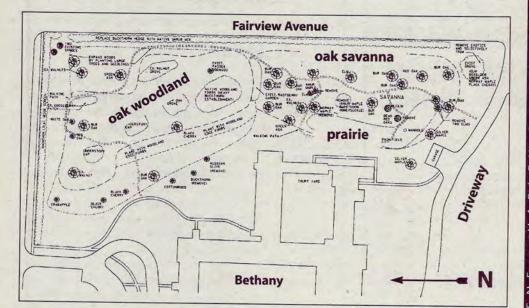
In April an acre and a half of lawn was killed to prepare the soil. In June, Sudbrock seeded it with 100 species of prairie grasses and flowers. "We were in a panic," Sudbrock recalled. "Our spring seeding season is about three weeks, and we had to do all of these sites. It was raining and raining and raining. But one evening the clouds broke."

In three hours, Sudbrock's crew seeded the area with three mixes to maximize growth and ensure diverse plant communities. "Then, sure enough, the rain returned the next day," Sudbrock said. "And boom! Everything germinated like you wouldn't believe."

Sudbrock and his crew mowed the site several times this summer to rid it of weeds and allow the sun to hit the slow-growing prairie grasses. "Now, almost everything you see is prairie plants," he said. "We're having almost zero weed growth."

Sudbrock estimated that the prairie will need only one or two mowings next summer. After that, it will require mowing—or burning—only once every few years. Following a

Prairie/see next page



A diagram of the $2^{1/2}$ -acre site east of Bethany Convent shows the areas that are being restored to their original state of oak woodland, prairie and oak savanna.

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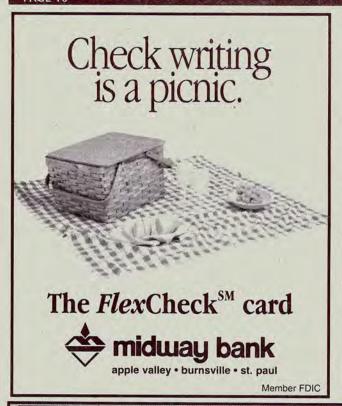
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PEARLE VISION

River bluff restoration project recommended for state funds

by Jane McClure

The restoration of native trees and shrubs along the Mississippi River bluff, the planting of native flowers, shrubs and trees in St. Paul parks, landscaping to support wildlife, and the implementation of plans for the Fort Snelling's upper bluff area are among \$41 million in requests that have been recommended by the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR).

The 20-member LCMR recently met to review 462 requests for funds totaling \$198 mil-

lion. Of the 462 requests, it has recommended funding for 133.

"It's a tough decision," said Susan Thorson of the LCMR staff."There are a lot of needs out there. Many of the proposals that were funded had their original requests cut."

The projects recommended for funding were

chosen from a group that was submitted to state officials last February. Money for the LCMR projects comes from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, which in turn benefits from lottery ticket sales. A portion of the cigarette tax is also earmarked for LCMR funds. The commission's recommendations will go to the 1999 Minnesota Legislature for final approval.

"We won't know the final results until spring, but it's looking very good for us," said Peggy Lynch of Highland Park, director of the St. Paul and Ramsey County Friends of the Parks and Trails. The Friends requested \$240,000 for the restoration of native plants along a 5-mile stretch of the Mississippi River bluff from the northern border of Merriam Park to the southern tip of Highland Park. The LCMR's recommendation to the Legislature is for \$200,000.

Last year, the Friends, neighborhood residents and parks advocates were outraged when the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation clear-cut trees and shrubs along the river bluff to improve views of the river. The Friends now see a chance to replace the lost trees and shrubs with native plants.

With the LCMR grant, Lynch said an inventory of vegetation along the bluff would be conducted and non-native species such as buckthorn would be removed. Native trees and shrubs would be planted and a management plan would be drafted to care for the

"This is going to take a lot of planning and a lot of support from volunteers," Lynch said. "We'd like to see a lot of community participation so people get a feeling of ownership. It's public land. We all own it and we all have

The Friends also hope the project will deter area residents from misusing the river bluff. Brush, leaves and grass clippings are often dumped down the bluff.

The Division of Parks and Recreation and the group Greening the Great River Park are joining in the effort. Ed Olson of Parks and Recreation said he will be interested to see what the Friends learn in their survey.

However, Olson cautioned that nothing can be done until the funds are in hand. "We're aware of the request and support it, but we won't be doing much until next summer," Olson said. The LCMR also has recommended a \$130,000 grant to create interpretive displays of native plants in St. Paul

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Greening the Great River Park, an organization that promotes planting trees in St. Paul's Mississippi River Valley, is also the lead agency for an \$800,000 request to improve private and public wildlife habitat in the river valley. The request must be matched with at least \$632,000 in non-state funding.

"We're excited that both of the requests we're involved in were recommended for funding," said Cathy Dougherty of Greening the Great River Park.

Other area projects recommended for LCMR funds include:

- \$250,000 for reuse of the Fort Snelling State Park Upper Bluff area, a proposed mix of historical and recreational uses of the area adjacent to the historic fort.
- \$150,000 for the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium, which wants to promote the planting of more native trees and shrubs in the city to create wildlife habitat and reduce pollution.
- \$1.05 million in matching grants for city parks, including a request from the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation for improvements at the Groveland Recreation
- \$1.22 million for trail development by lo-
- \$375,000 to Dakota County to monitor wetlands and develop maps for bicycle and trail users.
- · \$200,000 for erosion control and stormwater management in Minneapolis city

Prairie restoration/from previous page

burning, "the prairie comes back like you've given it steroids," he said. The new greenery usually appears within a week.

In two years, the sisters are hoping that the prairie will be well on the way to restoration. Their plans are to leave it unbroken, only circling it with a path. "A prairie is one big ecosystem," said Sudbrock. "If you bisect it, you diminish the experience."

Enlarging the woods with oak, black cherry and other native trees will take more time. Sudbrock first plans to kill the turf in the clearing that faces Fairview Avenue, then put down a layer of wood chips and grass clippings before planting.

We're trying to mimic the moist soil conditions of the forest floor," he said. "It'll take years for the trees to grow up and shade the ground and cover it with leaves, so we're just helping it along."

European buckthorn, an exotic species of tree that state, county and city agencies are spending millions to combat, will be cleared

from the site. This fall or next spring, the buckthorn hedge that borders the property on Fairview will be removed and replaced with native shrubs that provide nuts and berries for birds.

"Buckthorn is taking over Minnesota woodlands and shading everything else out," Sudbrock said. "Our objective is to get the exotic species out and allow the native species to thrive and regenerate. We'll also be doing some planting there."

The additional foliage is expected to improve air quality, and since the grounds will no longer be manicured, "we don't have to fertilize, spray chemicals or mow," Sudbrock said. That should enhance the quality of both the air and the water.

"I've got dozens of projects all around the cities, but this is absolutely my favorite," Sudbrock said. "It's so interesting. It's large in scale for an urban site. The sisters are so fun to work with. And when I come here, I'm just relaxed. It's an urban oasis."



Duke of Scoop Gerry McInerney with his dog Yukon Jack Daniels and the tool of his trade. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

He scoops to profit

Duke of Scoop sniffs out a second income by rushing in where customers prefer not to tread

by Dave Page

Ask Gerry McInerney how business is going and he'll tell you, "It's picking up" without even cracking a smile.

McInerney and his wife, Linda, have started the Duke of Scoop, a weekly service for pet owners who either don't have the time or don't want the hassle of cleaning their yards of the waste left behind by their pets.

The McInerneys are expecting their third child, and they had discussed several options for supplementing their household income. The "pooper scooper" idea surfaced after they heard a radio interview with the owner of another pet waste disposal service.

"It seemed down and dirty," McInerney said, "the easiest business to set up

And McInerney had plenty of experi-

ence-no, not as the legislative aide for St. Paul City Council member Jerry Blakey of Ward 1, his full-time day job-but as a trainer of hunting dogs, a longtime avocation. McInerney also picks up after his family's dog, a Dalmatian named Yukon Jack Daniels, and their two cats.

The Duke of Scoop has been operating since June. McInerney does the field work, traveling to his customers' yards in the family station wagon, while Linda keeps the books. At first he used a manufactured pooper scooper to pick up the pet waste, but he has since found that a rake and shovel work best. The hardest part of the job, he said, is simply finding all the poop.

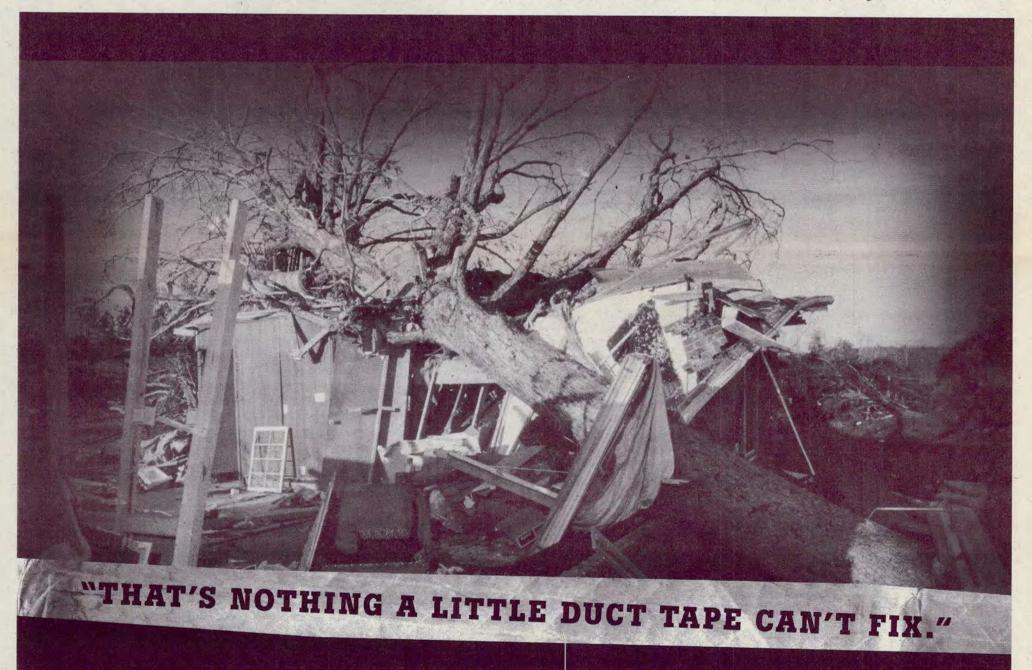
McInerney charges about \$8.00 per week for his service. He puts the waste into a plastic bag and deposits it in the customers' trash. For an extra fee, he will also haul it away.

"Originally we targeted metro-area families with two working parents," he said, "but we've found that we've been getting a cross section of customers older people who need help, for example. Generally speaking, people are happy to have someone else do the job."

Right now, there are only a handful of pet waste disposal outfits operating in the Twin Cities, but McInerney figures that more will appear. In fact, there is already a Web page for pooper scoopers, and the Duke of Scoop has its name on

"We're working on getting a link there to our own home page," McInerney said, "and we hope to expand our adver-

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Taking the reins

Sister Andrea Lee is chosen to lead St. Catherine's into next millenium

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by Celeste Riley

It was just weeks before the start of the school year and Sister Andrea Lee had to settle into a new house in a new neighborhood in a new city. She also had to enroll her foster son in a new school.

In addition, Lee had an endless string of meetings to attend while learning the ins and outs of her new job. And on this particular day, she had to entertain questions from a steady parade of reporters.

But if the College of St. Catherine's new president was feeling overwhelmed, it wasn't obvious. She was relaxed and friendly. She said she is finding her new environs—her Highland Park home and the St. Catherine campus-very much to her liking.

"I was in St. Paul during the weekend of the

big storm," she said. "I could feel the sense of community here by the way the neighbors reacted. I was impressed. This feels like a community that cares about its people."

That means a lot to her and her 13-year-old son, Lahens St. Fleur. Lee met Lahens when the residents of his Haitian orphanage came to the United States to raise funds by presenting dance performances. The group stayed on the campus of Marygrove College in Detroit, where Lee

served as an administrator and, most recently, interim president. When it was discovered that the boy suffered from a heart ailment, Lee arranged for him to return to the United States to live with her and receive medical treatment.

"He's so happy," Lee said. "He rides his bike, goes to Mr. Movies and is meeting new friends. The community has been very welcoming." Lahens will start 8th grade at IHM-St. Luke's School next week.

Lahens is not the only biker in the family. As a means of making the transition from her old life to her new, Lee left Marygrove for St. Paul on her bicycle. She rode more than 500 miles from Detroit to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where she was picked up to attend an engagement in Minnesota. The trip lasted nine days.

"It helped me make the psychological adjustment," Lee said. "I didn't want to hop on a plane and just land here."

With that phase of her journey behind her, Lee now faces the task of running St. Catherine, a Catholic women's college that was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1905 and now has an enrollment of more than 3,900 students. Selected last spring as the college's 10th president after a yearlong search, she succeeds Anita Pampusch, who left in 1997 to become president of the Bush Foundation. Mary Broderick served as interim president for the 1997-98 school

Lee's selection as president marks the return of a nun to the college's helm. St. Catherine broke with that tradition in 1984 when Pampusch was hired. The previous eight presidents had been members of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Lee is reluctant to make too much of the fact that she belongs to a religious order—Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters. "I like to think the board of trustees made their decision based on quality," she said. "I know that for some there's symbolic value that the college is led by a religious sister, but we all think of ourselves as professional, committed women."

Board chair Anne Ward Miller said Lee superbly fit the criteria that were set out in the search for a new pres-

ident."During her tenure at Marygrove, Sister Andrea helped lead the organization through many challenges and opportunities parallel to those that St. Catherine faces," Miller said in announcing Lee's selection last spring. "She has both experience in, and a passion for, promoting women's higher education and broadening opportunities for women."

With increased competition in higher education, Lee knows she has her work cut out for her. She cited statistics that indicate only 2 percent of students who are considering college are looking at private schools. Lee will try to boost that percentage while at St. Catherine and help students appreciate the benefits of single-gender education.

Though enrollment at St. Catherine has fluctuated over the last decade, this year it has seen significant growth, according to Elizabeth Wroblewski, director of institutional Sister Andrea Lee was busy soaking up her new campus surroundings last week as the

10th president of the College of St. Catherine. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

planning and research. The college will welcome its largest freshmen class this decade when school starts on September 9. St. Catherine is also seeing enrollment increases in its Weekend College for non-traditional

"We provide women with an environment that challenges and encourages," Lee said. "They have opportunities to succeed academically and to see themselves in leadership roles. They're in an environment where the expectation is that they're going to succeed. They're going to see in front of them teachers and administrators who are successful."

Lee, 50, is a prime example. She holds master's and doctoral degrees in educational administration from Pennsylvania State University and attended the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard. A liturgical musician, she also holds a bachelor's degree in music/elementary education from Northeast Illinois University and an associate

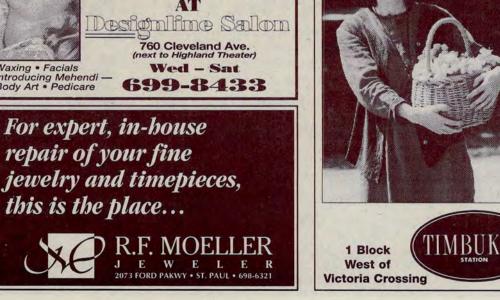
degree in Italian from Villa Walsh College in New Jersey.

During her tenure at Marygrove, she served in a variety of capacities, including dean of continuing education, director of the grants resource center and co-director of the learning skills center. Prior to that, she worked for Pennsylvania State, the Archdiocese of Chicago Schools and the U.S. Embassy School in Bonn, Germany. Her civic activities have included serving as principal financial reviewer for the \$100 million Detroit Empowerment Zone Projects, a member of the Mayor's Land Use Task Force, president of the Marygrove Senior Housing Corporation and national chairperson of the Religious Network for Equality of Women.

Having arrived on campus only two weeks ago, Lee said that it is too soon to discuss her goals as president of St. Catherine. However,

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SCHOOL NOTES

The University of St. Thomas recently announced the introduction of two new programs. A Business Writing Institute in the graduate school of business will offer seminars and workshops, certificate programs and writing services designed to improve the written communication of individuals and organizations. St. Thomas also will offer a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering beginning this fall. Students will be able to choose between three concentrations: mechanical engineering, mechanical engineering with an emphasis on manufacturing, and mechanical engineering with an emphasis on electrical, control system and software engineering.

Suzanne James, a longtime Highland Park resident, has been named senior vice president for extended university at Upper Iowa University. She will be responsible for the university's 13 campuses across the country and external degree program. James has a Ph.D in educational policy and administration from the University of Minnesota. She previously served as vice president for program development at the Graduate School of America and vice president for graduate and special programs at St. Mary's University.

Highland Park Senior High School will offer a College Planning Night for its juniors, seniors and their parents or guardians on Wednesday, September 16, in the library of the school, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. The school's counselors will conduct a forum on postsecondary planning and will preview the National College Fair, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, September 22-23, at St. Paul's RiverCentre. For information, call Harriet Levine at 651-293-8940 or 651-698-3328.

Kathryn Jacobs of Macalester-Groveland has been selected for membership in the Minnesota Music Educators Association all-state mixed choir for the 1998-99 school year. She is one of 514 students selected out of more than 2,590 who auditioned this spring for a position in one of six MMEA all-state performing groups. The students will perform February 12-13 at Orchestra Hall for the MMEA's Midwinter Clinic.

Lauren Taaffe has been named senior director of corporate, foundation and government relations and development at the College of St. Catherine. She previously worked in a similar position at the University of St. Thomas.

The University of St. Thomas recently announced that it is establishing the John A. Ryan Institute for Catholic Social Thought. The institute will be home to two initiatives: the Catholic Social Teaching and Catholic Education Project led by former College of St. Catherine president Sister Catherine McNamee, and the Christian Social Thought and Management Project led by St. Thomas theology teacher Michael Naughton. The in-

stitute is named after the late Reverend John Ryan, who studied and taught at the St. Paul Seminary and was an informal adviser to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

School District 197 Community Education will begin offering adult enrichment classes starting the week of September 14. For information or to be put on the mailing list for a class catalog, call 651-681-2389.

MacPhail Center for the Arts, 1128 LaSalle Ave., Minneapolis, will host its 11th annual open house from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 13. Participants can take a lesson, create a visual arts project and enjoy refreshments. For information, call 612-321-0100.

Johnnetta Cole, former president of Spelman College and a noted anthropologist, will be the featured speaker at Macalester College's opening convocation at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 16, on the lawn outside Old Main. The convocation also will include an academic procession, music and other speakers. The event is free and open to the public. For details, call 651-696-6203.

Anita Pampusch of Highland Park has been elected to a three-year term on the William Mitchell College of Law board of trustees. Pampusch is president of the Bush Foundation and former president of the College of St. Catherine. Miggie Cramblit, an Ashland Avenue resident and vice president of Minnegasco, was elected as the law school board's vice chair.

Colonel Kenneth Perry recently assumed command of the JROTC program at St. Thomas Academy. The recently retired Army colonel is the 34th commandant at the academy in the 93 years of its military program.

Education Fest '98 will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, September 10, in Nolte Center at the University of Minnesota. The festival is an open house for University College, the continuing education arm of the U. The event will include refreshments, entertainment, prizes and lots of information about evening, weekend and independent study courses for adults. For information, call 612-624-5004.

Central High School is creating its first alumni directory. Information is being sought on graduates from all class years. Those with reunion lists, class newsletters or other resources are asked to call Harris Publishing at 1-800-654-4548.

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she noted that the college, like many schools with a religious focus, is clearly faced with balancing its core values with the demands of modern times. "We're constantly evaluating our bedrock values and how to apply them to the curriculum," she said. "Being a religious institution applies to how students are treated, to social justice issues and to how we interact with the community.

"Being Catholic today is different from being Catholic 30 years ago," she said. "It's more complex. But it doesn't mean being more secular. In fact, there's a great hunger in society today for spiritual life."

While remaining a single-gender institution offers unique challenges, Lee said that St. Catherine faces other challenges that are shared by all institutions of higher education today.

"There's a changing public perception of college's cost-benefit ratio," she said. "Federal groups are analyzing outcomes—whether colleges deliver what they say. There's also a more discriminating group of students and parents. And private schools, because they're not subsidized, have to justify costs in a different way."

Colleges, she added, play a significant social and economic role in their communities by offering access to facilities, academic programs, services and artistic influences.

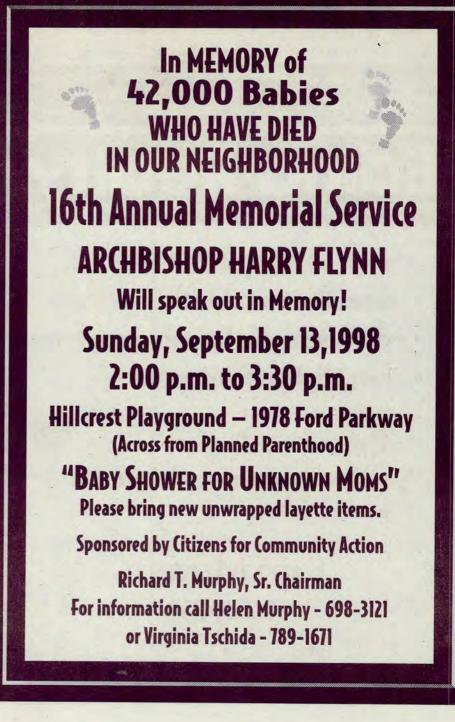
"Colleges are an important anchor," she said. "They're places with an active academic life and staff and faculty who are involved in the community. They improve the quality of life in the neighborhood."





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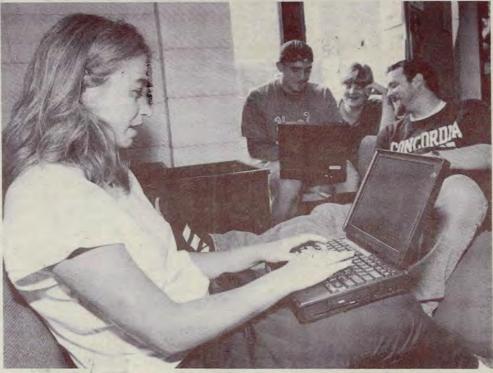
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Concordia University students Dawn Keim, left, Shane Wasserman, Sarah Slinkman and Andy Thompson check out their new laptops in the student union. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

'Dog ate homework' no longer flies as Concordia becomes a laptop campus

by Cathy Condon

The list of required school supplies was bumped up by one fairly expensive item this fall for students at Concordia University in St. Paul. Along with pens and notebooks, the university's 790 full-time undergrads are being required to carry a laptop computer to

Other area colleges are making use of computer technology. The College of St. Catherine, for example, offers a laptop leasing option, the University of St. Thomas offers a long-distance learning program for graduate students with on-line course work, and Macalester College offers discounts on computers through an on-campus student store.

However, Concordia is the first liberal arts college in the Twin Cities to require all students to have laptops. Each student received a ThinkPad computer at group training sessions before classes began on August 27. Faculty and administrators received their own laptops last year.

Concordia is leasing the laptops from IBM and students are charged a fee of \$400 per semester to use them. The fee includes software, e-mail and Internet services, including a virtual library that supports several premium databases.

"It allows students to do research at just about any time and place," said Mark Schuler, director of Internet services at Concordia. "Being able to pull down full-text articles from original sources is marvelous."

A \$750 deductible applies to a lost or stolen ThinkPad, which are worth \$2,500 fully equipped."In most cases, parents' homeowners policies will cover the gap," Schuler said.

Service and support from General Electric is included in the package. "If there's something wrong with your laptop, you bring it to the help desk," Schuler said. "In 10 minutes, if they can't fix it, they give you a different one."

Some people have noted that they could buy a laptop for less than what it will cost them in fees over four years. "Well, that's true," Schuler said. "But you wouldn't have your software upgraded along the way. You wouldn't have hardware service right at hand. And you wouldn't have the network, which includes full Internet service."

The laptops are part of an Educational Technology Initiative (ETI). Classes were canceled on September 1 to accommodate training sessions run by vendors, including IBM and GE, as well as faculty.

"A lot of our students come out of technologically deprived environments and haven't had exposure to computers," Schuler said. "Now they're going to have

wide open access."

ETI was pioneered by the University of Minnesota-Crookston and the use of laptops on campuses is growing across the country. Still, Schuler said, to refer to the program as a "laptop initiative" is a misnomer.

"It's much more than that," he said. "What we're attempting to do is provide a whole array of technological services to foster teaching, learning and research. Concordia's ETI goes beyond computer literacy. As an institution of higher learning, we're saying that computer fluency is part of a liberal arts education."

The laptop idea germinated a few years ago when Concordia teamed up with local businesses to identify the educational needs of graduates."(Lack of) basic technology skills seemed to be undermining everything," said Eric LaMott, associate dean for information and technology. After more discussion and research in 1997, school administrators decided to press ahead. More than 100 students participated in a preliminary test of the laptops last spring and the results were overwhelmingly favorable.

The computers are being used at Concordia based on course objectives, Schuler said. The sociology and business departments, for example, plan to have students use their laptops to download databases and analyze

Schuler said he plans to make his theology classroom completely paperless. "When I assign written assignments, they're done in Microsoft Word and attached to an e-mail message that comes to me," he said. "I grade it on my computer and I can leave my students

His Greek classroom, however, will be more traditional. "They have to physically write," he said. "I want them doing it with their hands. That's part of the process of interpreting the Greek language."

LaMott, who teaches kinesiology at Concordia, plans to use the laptops as a sophisticated learning tool in exploring the human body. "It allows us to do things that we couldn't do unless we had cadavers," said LaMott, who is also associate dean for information and technology. "We can get in, peel layers off the body and find different things within it. Students can start to get into the nitty gritty of anatomy."

LaMott said the laptops will provide a wealth of new options for Concordia's students, many of whom commute. "This takes us from a 12-hour campus to a 24-hour campus, he said. "Students can get to the library on their computer just as if they were to come in and do research here in person."

The Highland District COUNCIL CAPSULE

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

The Highland District Council will hold its next board meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 3, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The agenda will include a public hearing on the new parking ramp proposed for the RiverBank Business Center on the northwest corner of Shepard Road and Davern Street. As proposed, the ramp requires height and setback variances. The St. Paul Planning Commission will hear the variance requests on September 11.

There also will be a report on the Ford Bridge Task Force's recommendations regarding reconstruction of the bridge, which is scheduled to take place in 2000-01.

In addition, committee chairs will be discussing their projects and priorities. For information, call the council office at 651-298-5138.

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TREE PLANTING SEMINAR

The Neighborhood Energy Consortium and the Highland District Council will conduct a tree planting seminar at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 9, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Foresters and arborists will be on hand to explain the correct way to plant new trees and what varieties of trees thrive best in Minnesota's climate.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

The Highland and Macalester-Groveland district councils will sponsor a joint neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, September 26, in the parking lot of Highland Park High School. For information, call the council office at 651-298-5138.

STUMP REMOVAL UPDATE

The district council is still working with a contractor to remove boulevard stumps in the neighborhood. Those who are already on the list are asked to be patient. Others who want to participate may send a check with \$20 for each stump to be removed to the Highland District Council, 1978 Ford Pkwy., St. Paul, MN 55116.

RECYCLED REMINDER

The next recycling day in the Highland area is Monday, September 14. Items should be sorted, bagged and on the curb by 7:00 a.m.

Snelling-Hamline COUNCIL CAPSULE

IT'S HARVEST TIME

The final meeting to update the Snelling-Hamline neighborhood plan, "Growing Into the Future," will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 16, at the Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave. The main topic of discussion will be economic development, including the Snelling-Selby commercial area, the Cleveland-Marshall commercial

area, the University Corridor, the Midway bus garage replacement, and transportation and parking.

Comments also will be sought on creating general principles of economic development for the Snelling-Hamline and Merriam Park neighborhoods. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided. For information, call the Snelling-Hamline office at 651-644-1085.

NEW INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Snelling-Hamline Community Council is offering citizens a chance to review a proposal by Garske One to build a 6,240-square-foot, one-story office and warehouse on vacant property at 1444 Roblyn Ave., just east of Pascal Street.

A meeting on the proposed development will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, September 3, at Liberty State Bank, 176 N. Snelling Ave. Company owner Steve Garske will be available to answer questions about the project. For information, call Sherilyn Young at 651-644-1085.

AYD MILL COALITION

The Ayd Mill Road Coalition will meet on Tuesday, September 22, to try to reach consensus on a preferred option for the redevelopment of the Ayd Mill corridor. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Bethel Christian Fellowship, 1466 Portland Ave. For information, call the Snelling-Hamline office at 651-644-1085.

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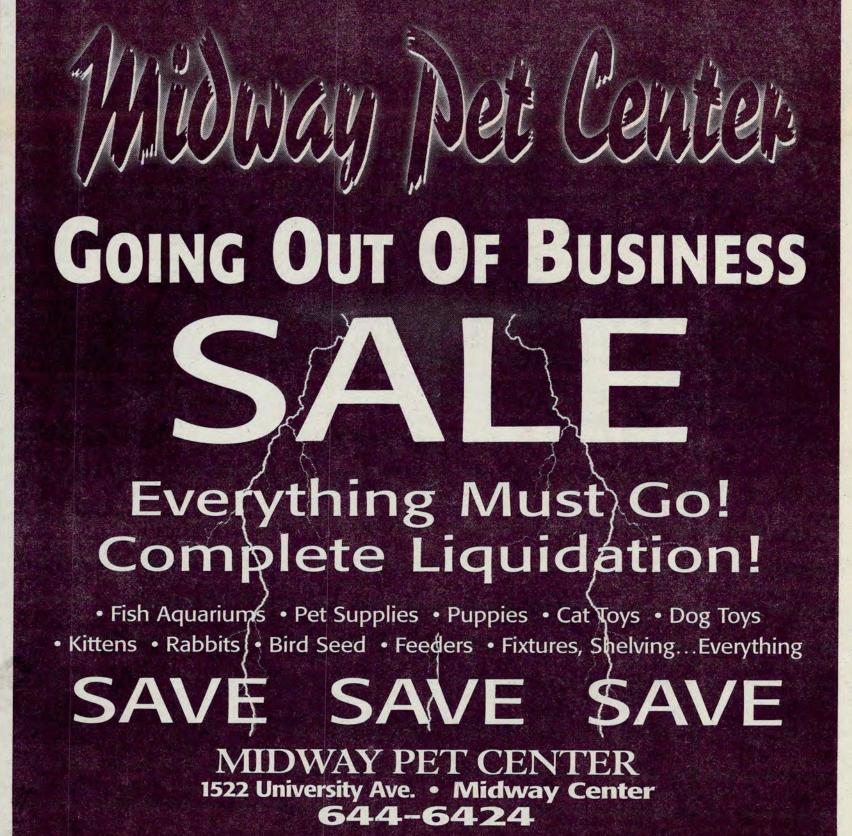
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Gubernatorial candidates take a stand on airport noise

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council's new Airport Noise Committee recently asked five questions of the gubernatorial candidates whose names will appear on the September 15 primary election ballot. Fourteen candidates are running for governor this fall, but only eight face opposition within their party and thus will be running in the primary. Five of those eight responded to the questionnaire—Norm Coleman of the Republican Party and Mark Dayton, Mike Freeman, Hubert "Skip" Humphrey and Ole Savior of the DFL. Their answers appear below. Declining to respond were DFLers Doug Johnson and Ted Mondale and Republican Bill Dahn.

The questions were:

A. As governor, what would you do to prevent the reduction of residential property values and the flight of the middle class due to airport noise?

B. Do you favor an effective airport curfew or significantly increased night landing fees at MSP to alleviate nighttime airport noise?

C. As governor, what short-term and long-term actions would you take to reduce the impact of airport noise while ensuring the continued economic and environmental health of the Twin Cities?

D. What votes or actions have you taken as an elected official to address airport noise?

E. How would you ensure that communities surrounding MSP that are affected by airport noise have fair and effective representation on the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)?

Mike Freeman

A. As a homeowner in Richfield, next to MSP, I understand the concerns about airport noise and the effect that it has on neighborhoods. With the current expansion of runway 4-22, part of my city, New Ford Town, was destroyed. Our community will never be the same. MAC needs to weigh the benefits of an airport with the potential damage to a neighborhood. We need to look at the main terminal, the charter terminal and the car rental lots and determine how these functions interact with our neighborhoods.

B. As governor, I would support a curfew at MSP between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. for all flights, commercial and commuter.

C. As governor, I would ask the Legislature to revisit the overall issue of MSP and MAC. Among the issues that need to be addressed are the role of Northwest Airlines, whether or



Mike Freeman



Mark Dayton



Hubert "Skip" Humphrey



Norm Coleman

not an additional airport is needed, relocation of the airport, restructuring MAC, whether an airport in an urban setting is conducive to neighborhoods, rebuilding the charter terminal, avoiding the spread of rental car facilities into residential neighborhoods, and curfews on commercial flights. As governor, I will encourage other airlines to expand into our marketplace. Northwest Airlines should not be allowed to have a monopoly in Minnesota.

D. As a state senator representing Richfield, I worked for years on noise and runway expansion issues. I authored or co-authored several bills, including those that involved noise suppression equipment for MSP, prohibition of the extension of MSP runways, Pollution Control Agency approval for expanded capacity at MSP, and proposed changes to MAC. I was the chief author of legislation that increased the nighttime operations fee, and I cosponsored legislation for an increased assessment at the airport to create a noise control program. I co-authored legislation that required hearings on airport noise and imposed restrictions on any new MSP expansion projects.

E. As a state senator, I authored or co-authored legislation to reform MAC. I proposed legislation that would change the membership structure of MAC and implement reporting requirements for MAC. Northwest Airlines has far too much representation on MAC. As governor, I would work for a restructuring of MAC to allow for elected representation from the communities affected by the airport.

Ole Savior

A. Airplanes need to be better equipped for noise reduction. We need newer planes and curfew times.

B. I favor a curfew of flights that is agreeable to residents of neighborhoods and air-

plane limits.

C. The building of a regional cargo facility and curfews

D. I am not an elected official at the pre-

E. By having as members in MAC your neighborhood leaders.

Editor's note: Ole Savior did not submit a photo for inclusion with this questionnaire.

Mark Dayton

A. I would begin by appointing people to MAC who have as their first priority the best interests of the citizens of Minnesota, especially those who live near the airport and are subject to its noise. MAC must begin to dictate to the airlines acceptable standards of conduct rather than the other way around. The failure of Northwest Airlines to replace its oldest and noisiest planes with newer, quieter models is deplorable. When the state provided financial assistance to the company in 1991-92, commitments to noise reduction should have been required. Instead, the state remortgaged its airport to help refinance a debt-laden company and received nothing in return.

B. I favor policies that effectively reduce overnight airport noise. I would have to defer to officials with greater expertise for the best methods to accomplish this. The complexities and consequences of these options underscore the importance of commissioners who are knowledgeable, experienced and committed to the public interest.

C. As governor, I will become involved with MAC and the major airlines serving our state to reduce airport noise. The conversion to quieter, safer and more fuel-efficient stage 3 aircraft should be a prerequisite to any assistance from MAC or state government. The airlines must accept their responsibility to

this region, especially the citizens who bear the brunt of discomfort and distress from their operations.

D. In my positions as state commissioner of Economic Development, state commissioner of Energy and Economic Development and state auditor, I had limited involvement in airport noise decisions. As state auditor in 1991, I questioned the terms of the state's and MAC's agreement with Northwest Airlines. I was critical of the lack of reciprocity, the lack of definite commitments by Northwest and the lack of future benefits for Minnesota citizens. I believe that subsequent events have demonstated that my concerns were warranted.

E. I am committed to appointing commissioners to MAC whose No. 1 priority is the public interest. The airport provides the most critical link between our state and the rest of the world. Its significance will only increase in the years ahead. However, while its benefits are widely distributed, its liabilities are not. Our citizens who live closest to the airport deserve to have a higher proportion of representation on MAC. They will receive it if I am governor.

Hubert "Skip" Humphrey

I supported the two-track airport location study and I worry that the evaluation process was terminated too abruptly. Nevertheless, I believe reality dictates that our focus now be on how to mitigate the effects of continued expansion at the current airport.

In the short term, I think flexible and reasonable nighttime curfews are appropriate, with stiff landing fees imposed if for some reason nighttime landings and takeoffs are unavoidable. Much of the frustration comes from all those landings late Sunday evenings

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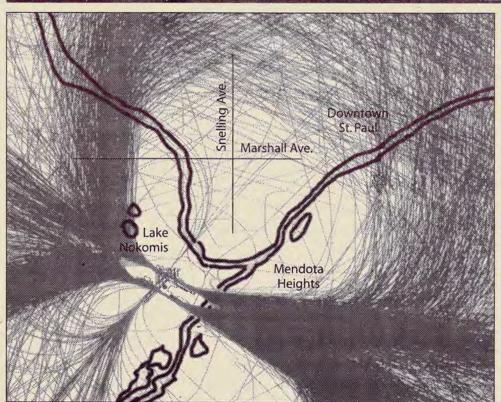




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and the cargo flights that seem to come in and out during all hours.

In the longer term, we need to seriously explore building a regional air cargo facility at some distance from residential locations and use that opportunity to add significantly to our area's intermodal (air-rail-truck) freight capacity. To that end, I think it short-sighted not to continue identifying and acquiring land for such a facility.

From an economic perspective, the key issue is to break Northwest's stranglehold at MSP and encourage greater competition, whether it be at a new airport or at the present one. From a regulatory perspective, we need to push the development and deployment of quieter technology in the air, make available better soundproofing technology on the ground and address the flight scheduling issues that are the source of so many problems. There is no reason we cannot have a worldclass airport and still preserve home values and strong neighborhoods.

The best way to hold MAC accountable is to have a governor who cares more about neighborhoods and the quality of life than the wishes of a single big corporation. That is how communities affected by noise can make sure their views are heard at MAC.

Norm Coleman

One of St. Paul's greatest strengths is its neighborhoods and the community organizations that have played a vital role in its renaissance. So I first want to thank the Macalester-Groveland Community Council

for their work and for giving me a chance to respond to their questions on airport noise.

To protect the property values in Highland, Macalester-Groveland, Merriam Park and every other neighborhood in the state, my administration will focus on cutting taxes and holding the line on spending, improving education and making our streets safer. As long as we continue to succeed in those areas, there should be little detrimental impact due to airport noise, and the value of people's homes should be maintained and enhanced.

I do understand that some in St. Paul are upset about the noise they endure and the prospect that the expansion of MSP's crosswind runway might mean additional airport noise. Recently St. Paul also has seen more noise because of runway maintenance, a condition that should disappear soon. As for the crosswind runway extension, my staff has looked at this for me and concluded that the effect should be minimal.

As for a long-term response to airport noise, quieter planes are the ultimate solution and I will look at what we can do to try and speed the transition to those.

Finally, I would make certain that my gubernatorial appointments to MAC, like all my appointments, are open and receptive to all issues that come before them. The St. Paul representive on MAC should continue to be an advocate for the city's interests. And as I have done with St. Paul, all those in my administration would be instructed to strive to do more with less and to be responsive to the citizens, who are their ultimate bosses.

Primary election held September 15

15 primary election would hold little sus- Jen Mattson; Republican-Mary pense for area residents. Local congressional and county judicial and commissioner races will not be contested in the primary, nor will local legislative races.

Below is a rundown of the candidates who are facing contests in the primary and will be on the ballots of voters from the Villager area (* denotes the party's endorsed candidate):

Governor: DFL—Mike Freeman*, Mark Dayton, Hubert "Skip" Humphrey, Doug Johnson, Ted Mondale and Ole Savior. Republican—Norm Coleman* and Bill Dahn.

Attorney General: DFL-Ember Reichgott Junge*, David Lillehaug and Mike Hatch. Republican-Charlie Weaver* and Sharon Anderson.

Secretary of State: DFL—Edwina

If not for statewide races, the September Garcia*, Dick Franson, Gregg Iverson and Kiffmeyer* and Don Koenig.

State Auditor: DFL-Nancy Larson*, Jim Hansen and Donald Moe.

State Treasurer: DFL—Betsy O'Berry*, John Franzen, Robert R. Johnson and Carol Johnson. Republican-Kevin Knight*, David Pearly Anderson, Jual Carlson and

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the state primary. Voters are allowed to register on election day at their polling place if they provide proper identification.

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Carnival rides, children's games, games of chance, a collectibles and crafts show and bake sale will be featured on all three days of the fair. Hours are 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The group 2nd Generation will re-create the Motown and R&B sounds of the 1960s and '70s from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Friday on the county fair's stage. Saturday's lineup is tailored for children, including a talent show at noon, the magic of Mark and Sue Holstein at 2:00 p.m., the musical Splatter Sisters at 3:00 p.m. and a trivia bowl at 4:00 p.m. Sunday's entertainment will feature Nativity parishioner George Hottinger and his blues band from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

A silent auction will be held on Saturday evening, along with a banquet and live



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SHA, clinic seek sign dispute remedy

by Jane McClure

The Zoning Committee of the St. Paul Planning Commission approved on August 20 a two-week postponement on sign variance requests for the new China Institute, 1033 Grand Ave. The decision to lay the matter over was made after hearing from representatives of the Chinese Institute and the Summit Hill Association (SHA). The matter will return to the Zoning Committee on Sep-

Zhouling Ren, a doctor of Chinese medicine, is seeking three sign variances for her clinic: to allow two freestanding signs in a front yard (the city zoning code allows for just one), to allow a sign to be perpendicular to Grand (the code requires parallel signs) and to allow a 97-foot-tall pagoda-style arch at the front gate (the maximum allowed height is 62 feet).

The clinic is located in a two-story house that has been used as a residence and law office. Ren purchased the house earlier this year and is living and working there.

Russ Mroczek of the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, who has been helping Ren with her signs, said the variances are needed because of the property's physical constraints. The property is next to Traditions home furnishings store, which blocks the view of the Chinese Institute from the west, Mroczek said.

City staff recommended against the variances, noting that the proposed signs are contrary to the Grand Avenue Special Sign District. The SHA's Zoning and Land Use Committee also recommended denying the sign variances. The full district council could not act on the request before it went to the Planning Commission.

SHA executive director Ellen Biales and neighboring property owners spoke against the variances. Biales said SHA committee members did not want to see variations from the Grand Avenue sign guidelines. "We don't want to set a precedent," she said.

Neighbor Roslyn Goldberg said the sign variance request was "ridiculous" and "redundant." "It's too many variances," she said. "Grand Avenue has been abused enough. There are more variances than there are

Planning commissioner Mark Vaught objected to the objections, saying he disagreed with concerns that the proposed signs would diminish the character of Grand Avenue. "The State Farm Insurance sign across the street offends me a whole lot more," he said.

Commissioner Rich Kramer, who suggested the layover, urged the clinic and SHA to work out a compromise.



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Provost with the most

Keffer retires after 25 years of steering St. Thomas through its growing pains

by Dave Page

It's one thing to be praised by people on the same side of the fence. It's quite another to garner accolades from adversaries.

Retiring provost Charles Keffer can leave after 25 years of service at the University of St. Thomas knowing that he gained the respect of both his colleagues and area homeowners who occasionally locked horns with him over neighborhood concerns.

"I wasn't always on the same side of issues with Dr. Keffer," said Scott Heiderich, a Merriam Park resident who tangled with Keffer over on-street parking issues, "but I enjoyed working with him. He did a good job advocating for St. Thomas and was a heck of an asset for the college."

Keffer came to St. Thomas in 1973 from Scranton, Pennsylvania, to serve as the college's vice president for academic affairs. Four years later, he was named the school's first

"The position is much like an executive vice president of a company," said Keffer, 56, a Merriam Park resident. "I became the chief operating officer for the college, responsible for academic and business affairs—almost everything except external affairs."

Nonetheless, Keffer was frequently drawn into neighborhood battles early in his tenure as provost because they affected the internal affairs of the college.

"Charlie was tireless," said Mark Dienhart, a former St. Thomas coach and public relations officer who is now the men's athletic director at the University of Minnesota. "He took on the most stressful tasks himself. He wouldn't assign them to others."

When neighbors complained about student behavior, parking or construction at the college, Keffer "did what he could do to solve the problem," said Gayle Summers, a Macalester-Groveland resident who had occasion to negotiate with Keffer several times. "He was in a hard position. He had to try to deal with neighborhood problems while being a loyal university employee."

The reason for the neighborhood squabbles mostly revolved around the extraordinary growth in enrollment that St. Thomas enjoyed under Keffer's stewardship. Student enrollment over the past quarter century at UST mushroomed from fewer than 2,500 students to more than 10,000. Keffer also was involved in other major developments, including the move to coeducation, the establishment of the Graduate School of Business and the development of a second campus in downtown Minneapolis.

Kathie Tarnowski, community organizer for the Macalester-Groveland Community Council, did not always see eye to eye with Keffer, but agreed that "he was always willing to spend the time to work with us on neighborhood issues."

Keffer may have felt compelled to do what he could to smooth ruffled feathers since he was "largely responsible for what St. Thomas has become," Dienhart said. "Charlie has been a singular force in the development of the university."

As one of his last acts before he leaves this fall, Keffer has been working on a formal declaration of St. Thomas' values. He recently sent a draft to the president, the Reverend Richard Dease. The draft includes statements about integrity, respect, competence, responsibility, commitment and caring—the same words that many use in describing Keffer.

Besides serving as an "extraordinary manager who provided an environment for other



Retiring provost Charles Keffer spent a good deal of time on the other side of St. Thomas' arched walls solving neighborhood concerns. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

people's ideas to work, he was a big fan of anything that went on at the school and was instrumental in improving the school's athletic facilities and athletic programs," Dienhart said. "He won't admit this, but he was a good soccer player himself. He put the same kind of enthusiasm into that as he did everything

According to a recent article in St. Thomas magazine, Keffer could be found playing soccer with students, flipping hamburgers at picnics and running the dishwasher at the monthly Loaves and Fishes dinners. "You danced with abandon at talent shows," the article states, "and you delivered (special service awards) and employee anniversary gifts, rov-

ing the campus on your bicycle."

Retirement will give Keffer more time to spend with his wife, Barbara, and their four children. Dr. Judith Dwyer, who previously served as academic dean at Notre Dame College of St. John's University in New York, has been named his successor. However, Keffer

will still have his hand in university affairs.

He plans to serve a year as project director of a Teagle Foundation-supported study of campus security. The grant was awarded to the Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities, which includes St. Thomas, Macalester, Hamline, Augsburg and St. Catherine. He also plans to do some consulting work for the Bush Foundation.

Looking back over his past 25 years at St. Thomas, Keffer said the most rewarding part of his job was working with people, "especially those for whom I had some responsibility in hiring." He also admitted that the hardest part of his job was working with people. "Getting involved in matters involving supervisors and workers can create a cumulative challenge," he said.

It was a challenge that he was more than up to undertaking.

"I'm saddened to hear he's retiring," Dienhart said. "I'm happy for him, but St. Thomas just won't be the same."

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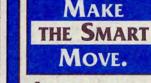
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Art fair-goers were able to roam freely on Ford Parkway as a result of the decision to close part of the street for Highland Fest weekend August 14-16. There also were plenty of activities for children. At right, Courtney Larsen, 2, led the way as other youngsters saddled up for pony rides in the Coldwell Banker Burnet lot. Photos by Brad Stauffer.



Highland Fest street closing left some feeling a little put out

by Chris Smith

Huge crowds, good weather and a new art fair layout left organizers of Highland Fest '98 calling it one of their best events ever. For at least some local businesses, however, the festival was less than it's been.

"I understand that the changes were made in the interest of safety and it did make for a great neighborhood event," said Mark Moeller, president of R.F. Moeller Jeweler. "But moving the art fair cut out 60 percent of Highland Village's businesses."

To improve pedestrian safety, festival organizers closed Ford Parkway between Cleveland Avenue and the Highland Library and placed the art booths and children's activities in the street. The change meant the festival no longer extended in front of businesses west of Cleveland Avenue and north of Ford Parkway.

"The Highland Business Association created Highland Fest for two reasons-to have something nice for the neighborhood and to showcase our businesses," Moeller said. "It was a one-two punch. We lost one punch this year."

Liz Flynn, chair of the organizing committee, said addressing the needs of all Highland Village businesses is one of the goals for next year. "We do have to find a way to get all the businesses involved," she said. "The changes created a better event for the people who came, but our other goal has always been to

show off local businesses."

Moeller said he has already volunteered for executive director of the Highland Business

next year's planning committee."I don't just want to complain," he said."I want to help find a solution."

A wrap-up meeting to discuss Highland Fest will be held at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, September 3, at Perkins Restaurant, 800 S. Cleveland Ave. Neighbors and business people are invited to share their reactions to the 1998 festival and make suggestions for next year.

Despite the disappointment of some business owners, Flynn said this year's festival was a clear success. "There were no accidents and people really seemed to enjoy themselves," she Makenzie Keegan and Trevor Gould said. "The weather was were neck and neck during their perfect until Sunday as we were taking things down. Then the deluge

"Saturday night's crowd was by far the to only Saturday and Sunday this year. "I

biggest we've ever had," said Barb Ducharme,

Association. "It was probably twice what I've ever seen." The crowd, which

turned out for a free concert by Martin Zellar and the Hardways, meant that people had to wait a little longer to get a beer. "But that's about the most serious problem I heard," Ducharme said.

Gayle Summers, organizer of the Highland District Council, said she heard from a few residents who were unhappy about the closing of Ford Parkway. "But I heard from many more people who thought it was a great change," she said. "The positive comments far outweighed the negative. The police told me they were very pleased with the change."

Flynn said people were happy with the quality of

the artists at the art fair, which was shortened

know some people were disappointed because we didn't have the art fair on Friday," she said. "And Friday attendance did seem to be down a little. But too many of the good artists said they wouldn't come if it was three days. It's just too long and many of them have to take time off work for it."

Other highlights of the fair were two nights of fireworks, the performances of Circus of the Star and more rides next to the children's fair. "Next year we need to coordinate the rides and the kids' fair a little better." Flynn said. "There was some confusion over what you needed tickets for and what took

The only low note of the weekend occurred after Highland Fest ended. Eighteen untapped 16-gallon kegs of beer were reported stolen from a truck parked on the Hillcrest

"I can't imagine how they did it," Ducharme said. "Those things are heavy. We reported it to the police and our insurance company said we're covered, so we're not going to be hurt. The distributor said he's told liquor stores to be watching for people trying to return them. Not too many people buy kegs of 3.2 beer."

Those who would like to comment on Highland Fest but cannot attend the September 3 meeting may leave a message with the business association at 651-699-9042.



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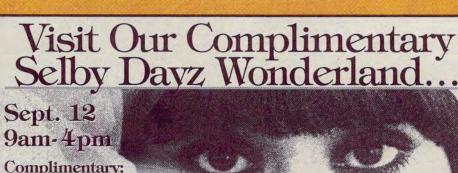
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RoseCenter celebrates decade of helping troubled young women get their lives on track



RoseCenter case manager Sister Liz Schille, left, and program director Lee Olson support the struggles of single women who have suffered from alcoholism, abuse and other setbacks on their way to adulthood. *Photo by Brad Stauffer*.

by Niles Randolph

Sara, a 19-year-old college sophomore, returned from a night of drinking last December and wanted to "destroy" herself.

"Each drink made me more depressed," she remembered. "I hated myself. I wanted to cut myself. My roommates were scared."

She was scared, too. Sara called her mother in what she thinks was a cry for help. Her mother came and brought her home. "I was violent that night. I don't remember what I did. They told me things later," she recalled.

Sara, who asked to be identified only by her first name, was checked into a psychiatric ward, where it was decided that she needed help. She enrolled in out-patient treatment, but still was drinking nearly every weekend. She was in a group session when she realized the grip her alcoholism had on her.

"We were going around the room talking about our alcohol experiences," said Sara, a Minneapolis native. "I started thinking, 'It'd be so easy just to sneak out of here and go to the liquor store down the street. I could pick up a 24-pack, come back, drink them in my room, smash the cans and throw them out the window. I had made up this whole plan. I just wanted to get drunk. When I realized it, it scared me. I knew I had a major problem."

Normally an academically strong student, she earned two C's that quarter and had to withdraw from two classes that she was failing at the University of Minnesota. "It was embarrassing," she said.

She told her out-patient group about her relapses. Days later, her counselor ap-

proached her and recommended in-patient treatment. At the urging of her mother, she began at a half-way house the day after her 20th birthday on January 27. Three weeks of intense treatment kept her mind focused on combating her disease. However, Sara knew she could not remain in in-patient treatment forever. She needed to find somewhere where she could continue to fight her disease, get her feet back on the ground and turn her life around

A counselor gave her the number for Rose-Center.

Located in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood, the 10-year-old center offers safe, supportive housing for single women ages 18-24. The center, which is funded by donations and grants, is a program of the Home of the Good Shepherd, a not-for-profit agency for at-risk women and children that was established in 1868.

"RoseCenter helps women who are on the edge of wanting to move forward," said Sister Elizabeth Schille, 58, who has a master's degree in social work and has served as a parttime case worker at the house for eight years. "They need just a bit of support getting over the hump into adulthood. It gives them a chance to finish their education, take the next steps and save a little money."

RoseCenter accommodates seven women in three double rooms and an efficiency apartment. Women can stay at the house for up to two years. Each woman is required to attend in-house sessions on such topics as personal finances, depression, personal development, job-finding skills, health, self-de-

fense, car maintenance and finding housing.

Each woman meets with her case manager once a week. "The case manager is an advocate," said program director Lee Olson, 38, who has a master's degree in public administration. "The case manager holds the woman accountable for what she wants to do and breaks it down into steps. It's a very supportive, non-judgmental program. We try to find out what each woman wants and work to make that happen."

The center has two rules: no men and no drugs.

"Some years back, we had problems with abuse and male-dependency issues," Schille said. Drunken men would sometimes come home with the women, creating safety concerns. The rooms are checked each week for general cleanliness. Aside from the rules, the house is not run strictly.

"They can interact as freely as they choose," Schille said. "They don't have to do anything if they don't want."

Women are referred to the house from social service agencies and foster care, among other sources. Many of the women come to the house after being turned out of foster care at the government-mandated age of 18.

"These are women who don't have the emotional and financial resources yet," Schille said. "They have motivation—all they need is a little support."

Olson and Schille, along with Sister Helen Charo, also a part-time worker, insist that the women be in school or have full-time jobs. The \$180 monthly program fee is reduced to \$140 if the residents are attending school at

least 10 hours a week.

Residents are selected after an interview process. "We look for someone who is motivated and capable, and wants the support we have to offer," Schille said. Along with the interview, the program looks at the woman's social history and two personal references.

"I feel like I'm making a difference in their lives," said Schille, who was recently invited to the house of a RoseCenter alumna. "I feel like the grandmother."

The alum, a half-Vietnamese, half-black refugee who was rejected in her home country because of her mixed race, was turned out of government foster care here when she turned 18. Five years ago, RoseCenter took her in and helped her finish school and receive her citizenship. She is married now, has a child and is living a stable life.

Sara also is getting back on her feet. She moved into RoseCenter in May and continues to meet weekly with Sister Schille.

Last month, Sara found herself standing behind a podium during an Alcoholics Anonymous awards ceremony. Tears rolled down her cheeks as she clutched her 6-month sobriety medallion.

Sara now works full time as a secretary in St. Paul, goes to AA meetings three times a week, has created a personal budget and has applied to the College of St. Catherine as a communications major. She hopes to move out of RoseCenter next summer. Still, she does not want to look too far into the future, citing the AA credo: "One day at a time."

"I feel like it's my first day as a freshman and I'm starting all over again," she said.



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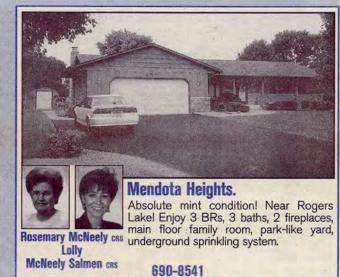


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Fabric of life

'Many Neighborhoods' quilt project stitches together the stories of a city

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depicts the

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flowing through

stylized

representations

of each of

St. Paul's seven

wards.

by Michael Werner

The "Many Neighborhoods, One City" quilt now making the rounds of St. Paul public libraries may at first look like any other. However, behind the small squares of brightly colored cloth lie big stories.

People from across St. Paul donated fabric for the quilt, along with brief statements about the significance of the textiles.

A small scrap of floral fabric buried deep in

the center of the traveling quilt represents Carl Bentson's struggle for independence. Bentson, a St. Clair Avenue resident who is developmentally disabled, had always dreamed of living on his own, but he faced an uphill battle. For the majority of his life, he lived in a foster home as a ward of the state.

Despite the obstacles, Bentson proved to Ramsey County in 1985 that he was capable of managing his

own affairs. He landed a job as a custodian at his former school and diligently saved his money hoping one day to buy a house of his own.

That day came in 1990. Since then, he has brightened the neighborhood with his colorful gardens and has warmed his neighbors' hearts with his kind deeds.

"He's a presence in the neighborhood," said Karen Koeppe, a close friend and neighbor.

The swatch of fabric that Bentson donated for the quilt was from the first fabric that he

chose in decorating his new home.

An anonymous person donated an old button-down shirt that he wore on his first job. He wrote that the shirt, now frayed and torn, was his "good friend" for many years.

Another individual contributed the outfit his newborn daughter wore home from the hospital.

The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library launched the quilt project in the fall of 1997. It was the culmination of a series of library pro-

grams that explored the textile traditions of various groups living in the city.

"It was the first time that we've tried something like this," said Stewart Wilson of the Friends. "The unique thing about the project was that people were asked to write about the significance of the fabrics they were donating."

Artist Seitu Jones designed the quilt and Aretta Rie Johnson carefully constructed it. The two had

previously teamed up to create a quilt for Penumbra Theatre's production of *Black Nativity*. Johnson received grocery bags full of the donated fabric, which ranged from T-shirts to ribbons.

The project turned into a labor of love and a test of Johnson's patience as she attempted to weave the jumbled heaps of worn and mismatched fabrics into a harmonious rendering of Jones' vision. The finished quilt depicts the Mississippi River flowing through stylized representations of each of St. Paul's seven



Aretta Rie Johnson with the "Many Neighborhoods, One City" quilt. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

wards.

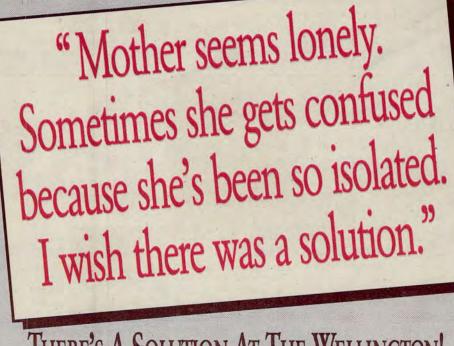
"The fabrics were definitely non-traditional," said Johnson, who owns the Piece by Piece quilt shop on Victoria Street. "That made it very laborious. This was the biggest challenge in quilting I've ever encountered."

Johnson considered excluding some swatches to make it easier, but she quickly realized that each piece was essential. "I knew that the fabrics were valuable to the people who submitted them and each piece gave the quilt a sense of community," she said.

The quilt will be displayed at library branches throughout the year. The next stop will be September 9-20 at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. It also will travel to the Sun Ray Library, Rice Street Library and Central Library before ending up at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy., from November 17-December 6.



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Children parade out their talents at third annual Art Flair on St. Clair

Ten-foot-tall puppets from Barebones Puppet Productions will join neighborhood children carrying decorated toilet bowl plungers in a "plunger parade" beginning at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, September 12, at ArtScraps, 1459 St. Clair Ave.

The parade is just part of the third annual Art Flair on St. Clair, an outdoor art festival for the whole family that will run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. that day. Other activities will include car painting, a children's art exhibit, art project tables, airborne art, music, food and a raffle to win a painting by Summit Hill artist Dan Bruggeman. Raffle tickets cost \$1.00 and may be purchased at ArtScraps or Sundberg Pharmacy. Other prizes also will be awarded.

Art Flair participants are also being invited to help revise the outdoor mural at Sundberg's on the corner of Snelling and St. Clair avenues. Squares for the mural will be painted during the flair and later assembled on Sundberg's wall. The cost is \$10 per square and can be reserved in advance by calling ArtScraps.

There is a fee for some of the art activities that will be taking place at the flair. Proceeds will be used to build a new restroom at ArtScraps, a nonprofit center that promotes the use of recycled materials to make art.

In case of rain, the Art Flair will be moved



Jayne and Carl Pearson rehearse their parts for the Plunger Parade, which will be held as part of the Art Flair on St. Clair.

to the Macalester College Field House at Goodrich and Snelling avenues. For more information, call ArtScraps at 651-698-2787.



The precision movements of the Falcons Drill Team entertained the crowd at a previous Selby Dayz Festival and Parade. *Photo by Terry Faust*.

Selby Avenue celebrates the unity in community with street festival

The Selby Dayz Festival and Parade returns on Saturday, September 12, with 2 miles of pageantry, music and carnival fun.

R&B stage at Selby and Oxford Street, the KSGS jazz stage at Selby and Dale Street, and the Battle of the Bands showcase in the

Under the theme "Showing Unity in Our Community," the 16th annual event will feature a full day of activities from Boyd Park on the east to Hamline Avenue on the west.

The celebration will begin with a bang with a 5K in-line skate at 9:00 a.m. and 5K run and walk at 9:30 a.m. to benefit the St. Paul YWCA's transitional housing program. The Selby Dayz Parade will follow, stepping out at 11:00 a.m. from Boyd Park and heading west to Hamline. Well over 100 units have been invited to take part in the parade, which will be led by grand marshal Anthony Carter. A 23-year veteran of the St. Paul Fire Department and currently its assistant chief, Carter has been named recipient of the the third annual Merle Harris community service award.

The festival that follows the parade from noon to 7:00 p.m. will also stretch from Boyd Park to Hamline. Several musical stages will be set up, including the KMOJ hip-hop and

R&B stage at Selby and Oxford Street, the KSGS jazz stage at Selby and Dale Street, and the Battle of the Bands showcase in the Walker-West music garden between Grotto and Avon streets. Amateur bands are invited to enter the battle. The winner will be invited to perform at the Earth, Wind and Fire and Isley Brothers concert this fall at Target Center.

Costello's Bar & Grill, 393 Selby Ave., will present three live bands beginning at 1:00 p.m.—the Butanes, U.B.X. and the Slim Hippos. A gospel concert will be featured all afternoon at St. Albans Street. Carnvial rides will be set up between Milton and Chatsworth, and a drill team competition will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the playground at J.J. Hill School, 998 Selby Ave.

A free clothing exchange will be held in the parking lot at Selby Avenue and Victoria Street. Businesses up and down Selby also will be taking part in the festival with special offers and outdoor sales.

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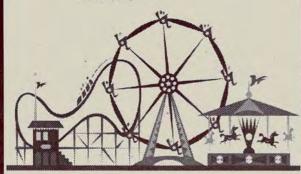
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Radio roundtable

Katherine Lanpher has returned to the air waves in pursuit of that perfect conversation



Katherine Lanpher behind the mike at Minnesota Public Radio. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

by Bob Gilbert

St. Paul Pioneer Press columnist Katherine Lanpher's voice was first heard over the Twin Cities' airwaves as a guest on Barbara Carlson's radio show in 1994.

Carlson had developed a reputation for brow-beating anybody who stepped inside her studio at KSTP-AM. However, when the show ended that day, the station's program director was waiting to congratulate Lanpher for "grabbing enough oxygen in the studio to breathe on my own and sass Carlson back," she recalled.

KSTP management was so impressed with her performance that they offered her a job as an occasional substitute for Carlson. Eventually, the station's management offered her a Monica Lewinsky case show of her own.

Though Lanpher found it hectic writing three columns a week for the Pioneer Press and doing five radio shows a week, she took pride in being one of the few women in America to have two pulpits from which to pontificate.

In 1996, she stepped down from the radio show but continued to write her column. Last month she gave up her column to return to

The Lexington-Hamline resident is the new host of "Midmorning," the live, call-in show broadcast from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. weekdays over Minnesota Public Radio's 13 news and information stations, including KNOW 91.1

Lanpher's idea of heaven is a dinner party that never ends because the conversation is so great. That's her ideal for a radio program as well, and on the public side of the dial-free

of commercial interruptions and the dependence on ratings-she feels that she is better equipped to pull it off.

There's a paucity of good conversation in the media today," Lanpher said. "You see that in the where you hear speculation about speculation. Public radio is one of those places where you can intelligently examine an issue, deal with a sub-

ject in depth and bring on people who are passionate about it."

The difference between her old show and her new one is the difference between monologue and conversation, Lanpher said. Her KSTP show revolved around her spin on current events. On "Midmorning" she plays the moderator, facilitating a discussion of issues from a variety of vantage points. To her, it is the difference between entertainment and journalism.

"As a reporter you're trained to be inquisitive," she said. "You need to have some sense of what a story is and how to find the story within an issue. I just go where my curiosity

> leads me and hope people will want to follow.

"The fact that I was a print journalist for 20 years can't help but inform my broadcast career because I learned how to interview people, think about issues and couch questions."

A native of Moline, Illinois, Lanpher earned a bachelor's degree in journalism at Northwestern University and a master's in American

history at the University of Chicago. She served internships at Advertising Age, the Chicago Sun-Times and the Detroit Free Press before coming to the Pioneer Press 16 years

Lanpher was hired at MPR by "Midmorning" producer Cari Dwyer, who runs the show

from the other side of a glass wall in KNOW's studio in downtown St. Paul.

"Hosting 'Midmorning' is a demanding job, and if you don't have that spark it's hard to do on a daily basis," said Dwyer, a Highland resident. "You have to be quick on your feet and ready for anything because anything can happen in live radio.

'Katherine likes that idea and isn't afraid of it," Dwyer said. "She's intelligent and brings a lot of knowledge to the program, but she's willing to step aside and let someone else teach her listeners a few things, too."

Lanpher loves the culture of her adopted hometown and sees herself fitting into the fabric of St. Paul more so than the rest of the state. "I'm still pretty noisy for most Minnesotans," she said. During her first five years in the state, people would repeatedly ask her, "You're not from here, are you?"

Emile Zola said that as a writer he learned to live out loud, Lanpher related. The same applies to her. As a columnist and a talk show host, she acquired a public voice and learned how to take the heat for it.

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Wednesday/September 2

A FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE for children 12 and older will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays beginning this evening at the Linwood Recreation Center, 860 St. Clair Ave. The five-week course, which is sponsored by the state Department of Natural Resources, is limited to 35 participants. A \$5.00 fee includes materials. Pre-registration is required. Call Linwood at 651-298-5660.

A FREE SUPPORT GROUP for people dealing with depression and the support-givers in their lives will be offered from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening and on September 16 at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The group meets the first and third Wednesdays of every month. For information, call 651-698-0751.

A SIMPLE LIVING GROUP for those who are interested in downsizing their lifestyle will meet at 7:00 this evening at Minnehaha United Church of Christ, 4001 S. 38th Ave. Tonight's topic will be preparing for the holidays.

Thursday/September 3

STAGECOACH THEATRE ARTS of Great Britain will hold an open house at 6:30 this evening at its new theatre arts school for children located in the Concordia University Arts Complex, 312 N. Hamline Ave. Stagecoach operates 200 such schools around the world, including five in the metropolitan area. For information, call principal Simon McAllister at 612-929-1991.

Saturday/September 5

WALKING TOURS of Summit Avenue will be given at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. today and every Saturday throughout September. Tours will leave from the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children ages 6-15. For reservations, call 651-297-2555.

Tuesday/September 8

THE 1998 STANS LECTURE will celebrate the role that women have played in state government at 7:00 this evening at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is free. For information, call 651-296-6126.

A GROUP for parents and babies, birth to 12 months, will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 this morning and every Tuesday of each month at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. This morning's meeting will focus on infant safety at home and in the car. To register for this free class, call 651-698-0751.

A FAMILY ISSUES PARENTING GROUP will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening and the second Tuesday of each month through May at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. This evening's topic is parenting styles and expectations. To register, call 651-698-0751.

A SLIDE PRESENTATION and lecture about the American Indian history of the small south central town of Good Thunder will be offered from 7:00 to 9:00 this



Blue-ribbon corn. Amid corn stalks that are well over twice her height, Julia Kelzenberg, 95, of Highland Park couldn't contain her pride in her garden's abundance. Her corner lot is overflowing with produce, she said. *Photo by Mike Long.*

evening at the Sibley Historic Site, 1357 Sibley Memorial Hwy., Mendota. The presentation is a part of the Dakota Discovery Series, a program of five lectures on Dakota culture given on Tuesdays throughout September. Admission is free. For information, call 651-452-1596.

"BY HAND AND HEART High Holiday Showcase" will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today and on Thursday and Friday, September 10-11, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Many different craft items will be for sale. For information, call 651-698-0751.

Wednesday/September 9

THE LONGFELLOW GARDEN CLUB will meet at 7:00 this evening at the Mother Earth Garden Center, 42nd Ave. and 38th St., Minneapolis. The speaker, Anne Schmauss from Wild Birds Unlimited, will talk about attracting birds to your garden and feeding them in the fall and winter.

Friday/September 11

A CARNIVAL will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 this evening at Randolph Heights Elementary School, 348 S. Hamline Ave. There will be a Beanie Baby Walk and Beanie Bingo, among other old-fashioned games of skill and chance. Prizes will be given away and dinner will be available.

"AUTUMN DAZE," a festival and homecoming, will take place from 6:00 to 10:00 this evening, from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. tomorrow and from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Church of St. Helena, 3204 E, 43rd St., Minneapolis. There will be a parade at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. For information, call 651-729-7344.

Saturday/September 12

A WALK-A-THON to benefit the United Negro College Fund will begin at 9:00 this morning at Minnehaha Park. The 10K walk will start at the park pavilion and travel along the Mississippi River. The goal for this year's walk is to raise \$150,000 for the fund's 39 member colleges. Call Tiffany Slemmons at 612-338-5742.

A MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE to benefit Expo Elementary will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today at 1324 Hartford Ave.

A CAR WASH for the benefit of the Highland Park Senior High School speech and debate team will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today at the Total station at 1351 Randolph Ave. To volunteer to help, call 651-699-8140.

Sunday/September 13

AN OPEN HOUSE and dedication ceremony will be held at 2:30 this afternoon at the new Salvation Army building, 401 W. 7th St. Refreshments will be served.

THE HEADWATER FUND WALK for

Justice will take place at 1:00 this afternoon at Boom Island in Minneapolis. Walkers from 100 Twin Cities nonprofit organizations are expected to collectively raise \$70,000 for their causes. Some of the local participants in this year's 3.5-mile walk include the Inner City Youth League, the Rondo Community Land Trust, Selby Area Gardening Enthusiasts and the YWCA of St. Paul. Call Julie Brekke at 651-879-0602.

CITIZENS FOR COMMUNITY ACTION will present a memorial service this afternoon for whom they say are the 42,000 unborn babies who have died at Planned Parenthood of Minnesota over the past 21 years. The 16th annual prayer service will be held from 2:00 to 3:30 at Hillcrest Playground at Ford Parkway and Kenneth Street. Archbishop Harry Flynn will deliver a "Pro-Life Message." Music will be provided by Michael and Patrick Loonan. Miss Minnesota Country Dyannalee Stewart will lead the closing prayer and song. Those who attend are asked to bring along new layette items for charity.

A CZECHOSLOVAK FESTIVAL will be held from noon to 5:00 p.m. today at the Highland Park Pavilion. There will be Czech booya, as well as other ethnic and American foods, a flag ceremony, an ethnic dance program, games, entertainment and a raffle. Admission to the festival is free. Proceeds will benefit charities. For information, call Sharon at 612-920-5949.

A FALL FESTIVAL and turkey dinner will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today at St. Stanislaus Church, at the corner of W. 7th and Western Ave. Dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the festival will close with a grand raffle at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

THE COMPUTER LAB at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave., will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 this afternoon and every Sunday for families who want to use Jewish-themed software. Admission is free. For information, call 651-698-0751.

Monday/September 14

A HIGH TEA AND STYLE SHOW will be held at noon today at Landmark Center. The event will feature the best new fall fashions from Sonnie's and gourmet cuisine from Taste of Scandinavia. For tickets, call 651-484-0221 by September 7.

A FREE BROWN BAG LECTURE will be given by Kathleen Ridder, author of the forthcoming book *Shaping My Feminist Life*, at noon today at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. For information, call 651-296-6126.

A WORKSHOP on "My Kids Liked Me Yesterday; Today I'm a Dork" will be presented from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The free program will offer a humorous look at the challenges presented by teens as they navigate the road to independence. To register, call 651-698-0751.

Wednesday/September 16

A WORKSHOP on "Kids, Parents and

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Power Struggles" will be offered from noon to 1:00 beginning this afternoon at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The class will meet for 10 sessions. The cost is \$65. To register, call 651-698-0751.

Thursday/September 17

LA LECHE LEAGUE (St. Paul Metro chapter) will meet at 7:00 this evening. All expectant and nursing mothers and their babies are welcome. For meeting location information, call Barb at 651-645-8516.

ST. PAUL CITY COUNCIL member Jay Benanav will host a neighborhood open house from 5:00 to 7:00 this evening in the Liberty State Bank auditorium, 176 N. Snelling Ave. Constituents are invited to share their concerns and discuss city issues. For information, call 651-266-8640.

MARY SHEEDY KURCINKA, author of Raising Your Spirited Child, will give a free talk on "Keeping Your Cool When the Kids are Losing Theirs" from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$5.00. To register, call 651-698-0751.

A RUMMAGE SALE be held from 5:30 to 8:00 this evening, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. tomorrow and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday at Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 E. 50th, Minneapolis. Admission is \$1.00 on Wednesday.

THE MIDWAY-HIGHLAND CHAPTER of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1:00 this afternoon at the Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1298 Pascal Ave.

Friday/September 18

LIGHT THE NIGHT LEUKEMIA WALK will take place at 7:00 this evening at Como Park. Those participating in the 5K walk will carry illuminated balloons to commemorate the lives touched by leukemia and its related cancers. To be part of the event, call 612-545-3309.

Saturday/September 19

PEACE JAM '98, a community celebration, will be held from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. today in the Gangelhoff Center at Concordia University. Activities include an after-school programs fair, a Peace Olympiad basketball tournament, music jam and art and speech contests for youths.

WALKING TOURS of Irvine Park will step out at 1:30 p.m. today and tomorrow from the Ramsey House, 265 S. Exchange St. The tours will cover the architecture and history of one of the first residential neighborhoods in St. Paul. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children ages 6-15. For reservations, call 651-296-8760.

"WALKIN' THE DOG," a benefit for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, will take place at 9:00 this morning at Lake Nokomis. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. The cost is \$35 and additional pledges are encouraged. For details, call Kim at 612-953-9461.

"FESTA, FEST," a festival with both a German and Italian theme, will take place from noon to 10:00 p.m. today and noon to 6:00 p.m. tomorrow at the Minnesota Brewery, 882 W. 7th St. The West 7th Street parade will step out at 11:00 this morning and go from Grand Avenue to Bay Street. There will be live music, dancing, food, rides for kids and a raffle for a 1947 DeSoto. Admission is free.

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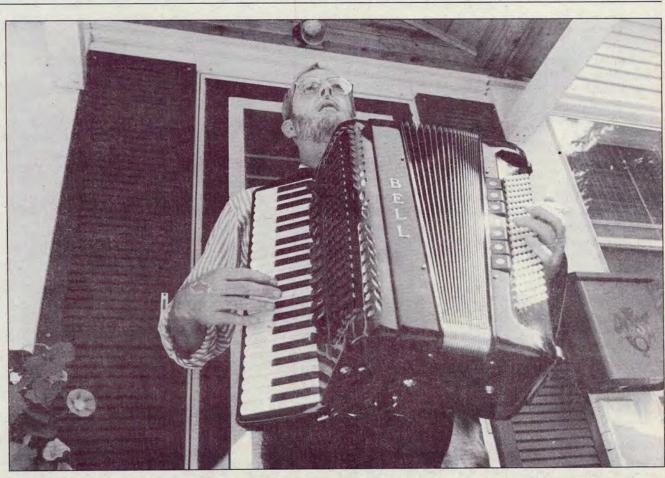
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ONTHETOWN

Rhythm of humanity

With his arms wrapped around an accordion, Dick Rees has got a world of folk music in his hands



Dick Rees serenades his neighborhood from the front stoop of his Macalester-Groveland home (above) with a two-row diatonic accordion. Below, he plays a hand-made Slovenian accordion. Photos by Mike Long.

by Leslie Walters

ick Rees is a veritable oneman band. Since his days with the Powdermilk Biscuit Band of"A Prairie Home Companion" fame some 20 years ago, the Macalester-Groveland resident has moved with ease among bass, fiddle, harmonica, piano, mandolin, tuba and concertina.

That versatility may explain his attraction to the accordion. "Playing it is the closest I can come (to a full band sound) without plugging something in," he says.

The accordion is omnipresent in the folk music of Europe, Rees says. That's part of what keeps him so busy as a professional accordion player. The other part is his talent for picking up on the rhythms of folk music. "It's my niche," he says."There's a use for the accordion and very few people who do it full time."

Rees plays the accordion regularly at Macalester College's

Scottish Country Fair in May and at the Norway Day celebration at Minnehaha Park in July. He performed Irish, Scottish and English folk music last December as part of the Guthrie Theater's production of A Christmas Carol. And on September 20, Rees will begin his 12th year as host of the Scandinavian dances that are held every other Sunday evening at the Good Templar Hall at 2922 S. Cedar Ave. in Minneapolis.

Rees is equally adept at the folk music of Germany, Poland and Russia, but his favorite is Scandinavian folk, a specialty he developed through years of practice far from

As a boy, Rees sang in the church choir, took piano lessons and played in the school band—experiencing music by reading it. Therein lies the biggest difference between folk and other forms of music, Rees says. According to him, true folk music is not written down, but passed along from person to person, sometimes without one even realizing it.

"It's not the music that's folk; it's the process," Rees says, and that is listening. Before the age of radio, a lot of folk music was passed down by traveling musicians who set up in the square or marketplace of a town, according to Rees. "For people coming of age in the 1950s, Elvis Presley's music can be considered folk because we learned his songs off the radio," he says.

When Rees first moved from Iowa, he took up the harmonica for its portability. He carried it with him wherever he went and learned to play by listening to others."The harmonica taught me more about music than any other instrument I've played," he says. "It doesn't have all the notes, so you have to compensate to suggest things to the listener's ear. The harmonica teaches you to be inventive in expressing musical ideas."

Rees received his first accordion as a gift and learned to play it on the streets of Germany, Switzerland, Austria and France. However, he didn't really get serious about

the instrument until he moved to Sweden and Norway in the early 1980s.

Rees specializes in the two-row diatonic accordion, the type of instrument that many immigrants brought over from Europe. It has 21 buttons aligned in rows. Two of the rows are like two harmonicas in different keys. An additional eight buttons provide the bass

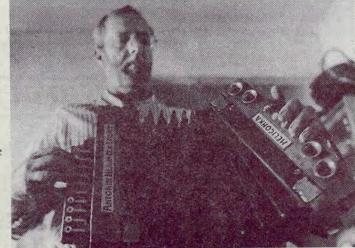
The two-row diatonic accordion is popular in German, French, Tex-Mex and Nortengo music, Rees says. It's also the unofficial national instrument of Norway.

With Rees' love for things Scandinavian, people are surprised to learn that he's of Welsh extraction. "Don't say I'm not Norwegian," he says. "You can't convince the Norwegians I'm not. People will turn to me at parties where there are non-Norwegians in attendance and say: 'You explain it to them; you're from Norway."

While in Norway, Rees baffled the natives by staying on well into the winter without relatives, school or some other rationale for being there besides his love of the country."I always say I'm the first Norwegian in my family, but you have to start somewhere," he

Rees patterns his Sunday dances after the dances he attended in Scandinavia. The

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Cowboy Junkies, with special guests Over the Rhine, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 2, at the Historic State Theater. For tickets, priced at \$20.50 and \$24.50, call 612-989-5151.

"Swing Night in the Caves," will take place from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. every Thursday at the Wabasha Street Caves, 215 S. Wabasha St. The line-up will include the following: The Moonlight Serenaders on September 3; The Minnesota Jazz Orchestra on September 10; and The Beasley's Big Band on September 17. Free dance lessons will be given at 6:15 p.m. Admission is \$6.00. Call 651-224-1191.

An Evening with Tito Puente's Latin Jazz Ensemble will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, September 6, at the Historic State Theater. For tickets, priced at \$25.50 and \$27.50, call 612-377-2224.

Billy McLaughlin, 1998 Minnesota Music Award-winning acoustic jazz guitarist, returns in September to the Vintage Wine Bar and Restaurant, 579 Selby Ave. McLaughlin will perform from 9:00 p.m. to close on Tuesdays, September 8, 15 and 22. A \$5.00 cover fee will be charged.

The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra will perform the music of Mozart, Respighi and Haydn at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 9, in the Ted Mann Concert Hall on the West Bank campus of the University of Minnesota,

at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, September 10, at the Ordway Music Theatre and at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 12, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. For tickets, priced from \$16 to \$41, call 651-291-1144.

The Minnesota Orchestra will perform the music of Mozart and Mahler at 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 9, at Orchestra Hall; at 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 11, at Orchestra Hall; at 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 11, at the Ordway Music Theatre; and at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 12, at Orchestra Hall. For ticket information, call 612-371-5656.

A concert to commemorate the reopening of the Wabasha Street bridge will be given by Hugh Wolff and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, September 12, on Harriet Island. Admission is free.

"Bach to BACH," a program including Bach's "Toccata and Fugue in F" and Liszt's "Prelude and Fugue on BACH," will be performed by organist James Biery at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 13, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. For information, call 651-228-1766.

The Minnesota Klezmer
Band will present "Gershwin
the Klezmer" in honor of the
100th anniversary of George
Gershwin's birth at 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 13, at the
Jewish Community Center,
1375 St. Paul Ave. For tickets,
priced at \$9.00, or \$6.00 for JCC
members, call 651-698-0751.

ESTA, an instrumental band from Israel, will perform their unique blend of world music, rock and jazz at 7:30 p.m. Monday, September 14, at the Minneapolis Jewish Community Center, 4330 S. Cedar Lake Road. For information, call 612-377-8330.

Joe Cocker, along with Brian Leighton, will perform at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, at

ON THE TOWN briefly



CAAM Chinese Dance Theater will present "3000 Years: Classical Dance of Dynastic China" at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 20, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced at \$14 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens and children, call 651-690-6700.

the Historic State Theater. For tickets, priced at \$29.50 and \$33.50, call 612-989-5151.

Martin Simpson, one of the world's finest acoustic guitarists, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 17, at the Cedar Cultural Center, 416 S. Cedar Ave., Minneapolis. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. For information, call 612-338-2674.

The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra will present the world premiere of "Lucent Variations," a new work by American composer Michael Torke, at 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 18, and at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19, at the Ordway Music Theatre and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 20, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced from \$15 to \$49.50, call 651-291-1144.

Lucy Kaplansky will perform at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19, at the Cedar Cultural Center, 416 S. Cedar Ave., Minneapolis. The cost is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. For information, call 612-338-2674. The St. Paul Early Music Series will present "Delirio Amoroso" performed by Ex Machina at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19, in the Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University. For tickets, priced at \$12 and \$18, call 651-455-8086.

Books



The Guthrie Book Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 9, at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy. September's featured play is Brian Friel's Molly Sweeney. For information, call 651-690-9443.

The Hungry Mind bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted): Joyce Maynard will read from her new memoir At Home in the World on Thursday, September 10; Thomas Lynch will read from his book The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade on Friday, September 11; and Neda Miranda Blazevic, Mona Guetahoun, Leland Guyer and Ilze Mueller will read from Leading Contemporary Poets: An International Anthology at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 12. Admission is free. Call 651-699-0587.

Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy., will hold the following events at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted): Janee Harteau and Holly Keegel will discuss and sign copies of their book A Woman's Guide to Personal Safety on Thursday, September 10; Richard Hagen will discuss ghosts, spirits and apparitions on Wednesday, September 16; and Phil Davies will discuss and sign copies of his book Scenic Driving Minnesota on Thursday, September 17. Admission is free. For information, call 651-690-9443.

Sharon Chmielarz, Heid E. Erdrich, Greg Hewett, Ian Graham Leask, John Reinhard and others will read selections from The Talking of Hands at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, September 12, in the chapel at Macalester College, 1600 Grand Ave. Admission is free.

Kent Meyers will read from and sign copies of his books *The Witness of Combines* and *The River Warren* at 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 18, in the chapel at Macalester College, 1600 Grand Ave. Admission is free.

"Poetry in the Afternoon" will take place at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 20, at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy. Mary Logue, author of Discriminating Evidence and Settling, and Donald Morrill, author of At the Bottom of the Sky, will read selections of their favorite poems and sign copies of their books. For information, call 651-690-9443.

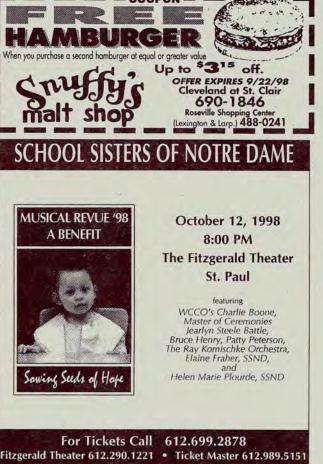
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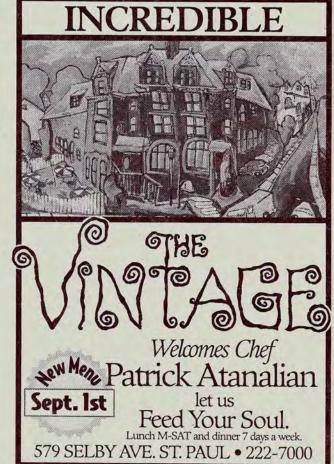


The TGIS Singles Social Club will hold a smoke-free singles dance at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 6, in the Main Ballroom of the Double Tree Grand Hotel, 7901 S. 24th Ave, Bloomington. Second Generation will provide the music. Admission is \$10, with a \$2.00 discount for those arriving before 9:00 p.m. Call 651-644-3443.

"Turnstyle," a fall dance series presented by the Minnesota Dance Alliance and the Southern Theater, will take place from September 10 through December 20 at the Southern Theater and in Studio 6A of the Hennepin Center for the Arts in Minneapolis. The series will kick off with Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre performing "Lorca Luna Lunera" at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, September 10-12, and at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 13, at the Southern Theater. Tickets cost \$12 and \$14 for the performances at Studio 6A and \$16 and \$18 at the Southern









Choreographer Wilor Bluege, left, rehearses with students from the St. Anthony Performing Arts Guild, 1680 Grand Ave., for their upcoming benefit scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 13, in Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Landmark Center. The event will feature music by Merriam Park pianist Robert Hindel and others, along with an impromptu composition for ballet and ensemble. Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served. Admission is by a \$45 tax-deductible contribution. For reservations, call 651-690-1588.

Theater. For tickets, call 612-340-1725 or 612-335-8200.



Mr. Popper's Penguins will open Friday, September 4, at the Children's Theatre Company, 2400 Third Ave. S., Minneapolis. Running in repertory with Mr. Popper's Penguins will be Afternoon of the Elves, which opens Friday, September 11. Performances of Afternoon of the Elves will continue through October 31 and Mr. Popper's Penguins will run through November 8. For tickets, priced from \$10 to \$25, call 612-874-0400.

"The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., will offer the following storytime activities at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays: back-to-school stories will be read on Saturday, September 5; Lindsay Lee Johnson will read from and sign copies of her new book Hurricane Henrietta on Saturday, September 12; and David Macaulay will introduce his newest book The New Way Things Work on Saturday, September 19. Admission is free. Call 651-224-8320.

Author Mary Koski and illustrator Dan Brown will introduce their new book Impatient Pamela Calls 9-1-1 and a firefighter will be on hand to talk to the kids at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 5, at The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave. For information, call 651-224-9508.

History HiJinx programs for children ages 3-11 will be offered from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The line-up includes the following: children can create a slate as they learn about Minnesota's early schoolrooms on September 6; families can stencil and stitch a suffrage banner as they learn about women's political activism in Minnesota on September 13; and children can make a puppet out of papier-mâché, paint and a glove on September 20. Admission is free. Call 651-296-6126.

Preschool storytimes for children ages 3-5 will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Fridays beginning September 18 at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. The program will continue on Fridays through October 23. To register, call 651-642-0385.

Sharon Creech will introduce her newest book Bloomability at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19, at The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave. For information, call 651-224-9508.

"Sundays at Landmark," a family-oriented event series, opens with the dynamic new vocal ensemble Signature at

2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 20, in Landmark Center, downtown St. Paul. Admission is free. For information, call 651-292-3225.

Exhibits **

"Failure is Impossible: Women Win the Vote," a traveling exhibit, has opened at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The exhibit, which includes replica banners, photographs, newspaper clippings and graphics, will remain on view until November 1. Admission is free. For information, call 651-296-6126.

"Attract, Bespeak and Bind," an exhibit of paintings by Susan Krhin, has opened at the Nomad Gallery, 244 S. Albert St. The exhibit will remain on view until September 12. For information, call 651-699-6556.

"Strong Hearts: Native American Visions and Voices," an exhibit of work by 25 Native American photographers that explores Indian territory from within, is on display at the Minnesota Museum of American Art in Landmark Center, downtown St. Paul. The exhibit will remain on view until November 22. Admission is free. For information, call 651-292-4355.

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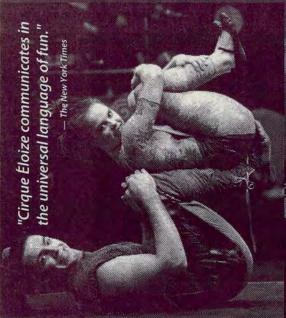
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On Wednesday, September 23, William Kent Krueger will read from his new mystery novel Iron Lake. The novel tells the story of Chicago police officer Cork O'Connor who returns to his native Minnesota with his family and is beset by misfortune. Krueger wrote much of the novel during early morning visits to the St. Clair Broiler on Snelling Avenue.

On Wednesday, October 14, guests are invited to tour St. Paul through the stories of Don Boxmeyer. The popular Pioneer Press columnist will share some of his favorite tales that he has compiled over the years, with an emphasis on Merriam Park and its surrounding neighborhoods.

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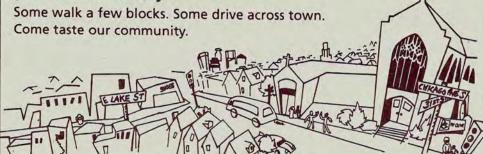
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"Stones of Aran," an exhibit of new photographs of the Irish landscape by David Bowman, has opened at the Nomad Gallery & Annex, 244 S. Albert St. Call 651-699-6556.

"A Work in Progress," an exhibit of objects from the Goldstein Gallery's permanent collection, is on display at the gallery located in McNeal Hall on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota. The exhibit will remain on display until November 1.

"Pictures and Words: Things We Brought From Home," an international exhibit featuring the works of Margaret Huber and Graham Rawle, will open Tuesday, September 8, at the College of Visual Arts Gallery, 173 Western Ave. There will be a reception from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 11. The exhibit will remain on view until October 2.

"The Birth of Israel," an exhibit of 44 photos taken by Marlin Levin and Chanan Getraide of the events and people of Israel from 1947 to 1952, will be displayed September 10-20 at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For information, call 651-698-0751.

"Margaret Mee: Return to the Amazon," a new exhibit of 85 botanical watercolors and drawings of self-taught naturalist and Amazon explorer Margaret Mee, will open with a reception from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19, at the University of Minnesota's Bell Museum of Natural History. The exhibit will be on display through December 13.



Hot Shoe Shuffle, a musical comedy from the Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly era but with a '90s spirit, will be performed through September 6 at the Ordway Music Theatre. Performances are scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 2:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. For tickets, priced from \$24 to \$55, call 651-224-4222.

Krasang Tree, an intercultural musical theatre performance based on the life of acclaimed Cambodian poet U Sam Oeur and his book Sacred Vows, will

North Star Opera will salute the music of George Gershwin during a cabaret fund-raiser at 6:30 p.m. Friday, September 25, at the Town and Country Club, 2279 Marshall Ave. There will be a cocktail hour, dinner, silent auction and drawing. The internationally award-winning Hamann Sisters piano duo (pictured) will perform, along with the cast members of the opera's upcoming production Elixir of Love. For tickets, priced from \$150 to \$250, call 651-698-5386 by September 23.

open at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, September 3, at Theatre de la Jeune Lune, 105 N. First St., Minneapolis. Performances will be given at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, September 3-5, at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 6, and at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, September 9-12. For tickets, priced at \$15, call 612-333-6200.

Leela Prabhu Theater Arts will present When Their Eyes Met... at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19, in Studio 6A in the Hennepin Center for the Arts, 528 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis. For tickets, priced at \$10, call 612-836-1223.

Theatre in the Round Players, 245 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis, will open M. Butterfly at 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 18. Performances will continue at 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 7:00 p.m. Sundays through October 11 (the last performance will be given at 2:00 p.m.). For tickets, priced at \$14, call 612-333-3010.

A Little Night Music, a romantic musical comedy featuring the music of Stephen Sondheim, will open Tuesday, September 22, in the Ordway's McKnight Theatre. Performances will be given at 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays

through Saturdays and at 2:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through November 22. For tickets, priced from \$30 to \$45, call 651-224-4222.

North Star Opera will perform the comic opera Elixir of Love, a rollicking opera of mismatched partners, magic love potions and happy endings, at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 22, Thursday, September 24, and Saturday, September 26, and at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 27, in the E.M. Pearson Theatre at Concordia University. For tickets, priced at \$29 and \$32, call 612-870-1099.



Not a Nickel's Worth of Doubt, a one-hour documentary by local filmmaker Teri Meyers produced for national public television, will be shown at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 20, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The film chronicles Reginald Sanders' rebirth as an artist after nearly 30 years of absence from the public art world. Admission is free. For information, call 651-296-6126.

Dick Rees on accordion/from page 33

Good Templar Hall was built in 1911 and still has the original maple dance floor and the murals of fjords on the wall. The music is always live. On occasion the dances are taught, but Rees maintains that the best way to learn is by dancing with a partner who already knows the steps.

When he returned to the United States, Rees bought a used accordion for \$200 at a store in New Ulm. When Dayton's hired him to play the fiddle at its annual flower show, he brought along the accordion. "I made \$2,000

playing accordion for that flower show," he says."That accordion paid for itself."

Despite his obvious talent, Rees downplays his art."I don't play music in public," Rees says."I play music for the public. It's functional, useful stuff that I play, like anniversaries, birthdays, pig roasts, house warmings, ice cream socials.

"At one point in my career I had to make a choice of playing music to make money or to make a living," Rees says. "It was no choice at all. I'm rich in time if not in money."

SPORTS

CODY'S CORNER

TOM CODY



Fall baseball suddenly gets a lot more clout

think he's actually going to do it. Mark McGwire's quest for the single-season home run record has taken on mythical proportions since the All-Star break. After he fell behind Roger Maris' pace in early August I thought the run was over. However, the Big Red came back with a half dozen dingers and suddenly the chase is on again. Here's hoping that opposing teams continue to challenge McGwire at the plate. It'd be a shame to see pitchers intentionally walk him down the stretch.

Meanwhile, the wild card race might have saved September baseball. San Diego, Houston, New York, Cleveland and Atlanta have all virtually clinched their division titles. The Texas-Anaheim race arouses little interest, but the wild card battles will certainly stir the blood of any baseball buff.

The Chicago Cubs and New York Mets last went toe-to-toe in 1969, when Gil Hodges' Miracle Mets became the world champs. The winner this time probably won't survive the first playoff round, but the big-city pennant race should be wonderful to watch. Wrigley Field is lively enough even when the late-season games are meaningless. There'll be some magical afternoons on Clark and Addison this month.

Over in the junior circuit, it'll take a major collapse by the Boston Red Sox to make a race of it, though any diamond devotee knows full well that that's a distinct possibility. Meanwhile, the veteran-laden Baltimore Orioles lurk in the wings. You've got to give the Birds credit—they didn't bail out and pull a Reinsdorf after the break. They kept their roster intact and put up baseball's best record since early July. Even if they fall short, they've put one in the victory column for the integrity of major league baseball.

Playoff games at Fenway and Wrigley? Dare I hope against hope to see the Cubs play the Red Sox in the Fall Classic? Will the baseball gods ever again bestow the ultimate laurels on these long-suffering franchises? Stay tuned down the stretch.

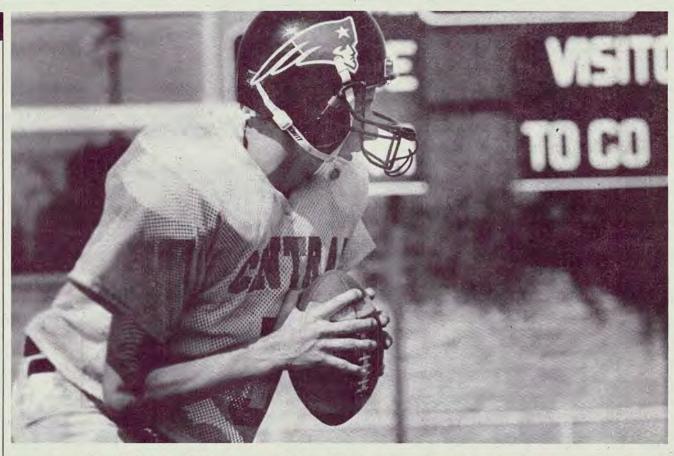
FANS TURN AT THE PLATE

I've discovered a great little baseball book to accompany the upcoming pennant race. Boston Herald sportswriter David Cataneo's Hornsby Hit One Over My Head is a winner. This book features recollections of ballball games by 45 different fans, including a nun at a baseball fantasy camp, a man who played ball in a Japanese detainment camp and a 94-year-old man who saw Babe Ruth play in Boston.

Baseball literature produces the best sports writing, but we've heard enough from the players and the owners. Cataneo gives the fan in the stands a turn at the plate. These short oral histories are gems. Fans recall their childhood sandlot games, catching balls in the bleachers and seeing their first World Series games.

Cataneo takes a shot at the players and owners in his preface. "Why don't these guys seem to like the game as much as we do?"he writes. "They inherited our national summer home and they leave cigarette burns on the coffee table, stop up the toilets with empty beer cans and ride motorcycles

Cody's Corner/see page 40



Central High School will rely on junior quarterback Ryan Gilson's ability to throw the ball and run the option when the prep football season gets under way this week. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

Pigskin preview

Coaches back need for strong middle defense

by Tom Cody

Size, quickness, instincts. The best middle linebackers in football have all three, area high school coaches agree, and the best defenses have a good middle linebacker.

When local prep teams take the field in the weeks ahead, their hopes will rest squarely on the shoulder pads of their defensive corps and on no one more so than the middle linebacker.

"The toughest play the defense has is taking on the fullback's lead block," said Minnehaha Academy coach Ron Monson. "The middle linebacker has to be willing to take that shot, shed the hit and make the play."

"We try to run our defense so that the middle linebacker is the marquee player," said Cretin-Derham Hall coach Rich Kallok. "He should make 75 percent of the tackles if he's any good."

"Our middle linebacker runs free said Roosevelt coach Rod Lossow."We try to keep the blockers off him, let him go to the ball and make the first hit. He's got to have good lateral quickness, he's got to be one step ahead of the play all the time."

"I've tried to teach middle linebackers the instincts you need to play the position, but it's impossible," said St. Thomas Academy coach Bob Slater, who played middle linebacker for his alma mater. "You've got to have the gift of knowing where the ball is going to go."

Roosevelt has a good middle linebacker in senior Derek Isham. "He's got all the skills," said Lossow, "plus he can read offenses well and runs the show for us on defense."

Phil Archer of CDH is another standout middle linebacker. "Phil gets to the ball," said Kallok, "and when he gets there, he does it with the right disposition: He's ornery; he loves contact.

The eight high school teams in the Villager area open their season this week. Here is how the coaches rate their

CRETIN-DERHAM HALL League: St. Paul City Conference 1997 record: 10-1 Coach: Rich Kallok

Key players and their strengths:

Phil Archer, senior MLB. Has a nose for the ball and a lot of pop in his hits.

· Dom D'Valle, senior RB. Quick and elusive. Gained 700 yards as a junior.

· Marshall Clamons, senior CB. Physical, talented, intense.

· Brendan Abrams, senior DE. Veteran pass-rusher.

Nick Tomas, senior DE. Quick off the ball. Can get to the quarterback.

Dom Fleetham, senior LB. Smart kid with a nose for contact.

 Andy Ryan, senior G. Team captain. Can pull to lead the sweep.

Team strengths, weaknesses: The Raiders lost 17 starters to graduation. Still, the team is deep with seniors and juniors. "We'll throw the ball a lot," said Kallok. "We've got two solid senior quarterbacks (Dan Salmen, J.P. Gagne) and five guys who can play wide-out."

Football preview/see next page





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Football preview: Coaches rate their chances for gridiron success/from previous page

'98 outlook: Kallok sees Johnson, with star running back Thomas Tapeh, as the Raiders' biggest challenge for the conference title. Eagan and Kennedy should be its chief threats in the section.CDH has won the section for the past eight years, but has gotten no further than the quarterfinals of the state tourney the past three years. "We'll try to improve week to week and see where it takes us," Kallok said.

CENTRAL

League: St. Paul City Conference 1997 record: 6-4 Coach: Floyd Smaller

Key players and their strengths:

- Rashem Sharpe, junior RB. Good size and speed. Will lead Central's ground attack.
- · Nikita Hollaman, junior RB. Only 5-foot-9 and 155 pounds, but he can fly.
- · Carlton Lecount, senior C. A 6-foot-4 lineman who's always ready to hit. · Glen Mays, senior LB, FB. Returns after
- missing last season due to injury. · Ryan Gilson, junior QB. Small but smart.
- Can throw the ball. · Kellen Burch, junior RB. Good speed and
- good hands. A true pass threat.

Team strengths, weaknesses: Smaller has only 31 players, so depth will be a problem as will size on the line. "We should be faster than last year and able to cover the field better," Smaller said. Central will rely on Gilson's ability to run the option and pass. "Inexperience will hurt," Smaller said. "We've only got two starters back, but our juniors are willing."

'98 outlook: Smaller sees CDH and Johnson topping the conference. The Minutemen will improve week to week, he said, and may contend for the section title. "Mounds View and White Bear Lake are the teams to beat in the playoffs," he said. "We can get into that dog-

HIGHLAND PARK

League: St. Paul City Conference 1997 record: 7-3 Coach: John Heller



Senior linebacker/fullback Glen Mays takes a breather during practice at Central High School. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

Key players and their strengths:

- · Heighlos Riser, junior RB. Good ball carrier. Quick and experienced.
- · Kevin Mason, junior QB. Good speed. Will run the option for Heller.
- · Dwan Propps, junior FB. Strong, explosive runner at 6-foot-1, 220 pounds.
- · Tim Moore, senior RB. A veteran ball
- · Jason Christopher, senior C. One of the Scot's best-conditioned athletes.
- · Mario Foster, senior DT. Explodes off the ball. Great anticipation.
- · John Blum, senior OLB. Another returning starter. Quick to react.

Team strengths, weaknesses: Though it's a predominately junior squad, Heller expects the Scots to put up a ton of points this season. The question is, can they limit the opposition's? "We'll have the smallest team I've coached here and we'll be inexperienced on the line," Heller said. "But we do have some talented running backs and good speed." HP's defensive secondary is back intact. If nobody gets hurt, the Scots should be tough.

'98 outlook: CDH, Johnson and Highland Park have been the top three teams in the City Conference since 1990, and it won't be much different in 1998, Heller said. St. Thomas stands in the Scots' way once Section 3AAA

play starts. "I'd like to think that we've got a shot at that title," Heller said.

ROOSEVELT

League: Minneapolis City Conference 1997 record: 5-5 Coach: Rod Lossow

Key players and their strengths:

- Derek Isham, senior MLB. Solid player. At 6-foot-2, 210 pounds, he keys the defense.
- · Angelo Williamson, senior DE, TE. A 6foot-3,215-pounder with great hands, speed.
- · Waka Means, senior G. A 6-foot-3, 260pound presence on the left side.
- · Akpan Akpan, senior HB, S. Fastest player on the squad.
- Garry Ashby, senior HB. A returning starter who's as strong as an ox.
- · Marcus Levesseur, sophomore QB. Can run, pass, punt and kick.

Team strengths, weaknesses: The Teds field a veteran offensive line with good size. The team's depth has also improved with 40 players suiting up. Williamson will be the chief weapon on offense and Isham will lead the defense. "We're young in the backfield," said Lossow, "but Levesseur could be the real thing. We don't have great team speed, but we've got more players. We ran an independent sophomore team last year. That's paying off this season."

'98 outlook: Lossow expects the conference race to come down to Washburn and Roosevelt. The two teams meet on October 9."We might play Washburn again in the (AAA) sectionals," Lossow said. "We have a realistic chance in both cases."

ST. THOMAS ACADEMY

League: St. Paul Suburban Conference 1997 record: 9-3 Coach: Bob Slater

Key players and their strengths:

- David Raih, senior QB. A gifted athlete. At 6-foot-5, he could be one of the best.
 - · Nate Howard, senior RB, S. Another

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Local high school football roundup

Central (0-0)

Sept. 10 vs. Humboldt		
Sept. 17 vs. Como Park		
Sept. 25 vs. Harding		
Oct. 1 vs. Johnson		
Oct. 10 vs. Highland Park		
Oct. 16 vs. Cretin-Derham Hall		
Oct. 21 vs. Minneapolis city team.		

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Sept. 11 vs. Harding	
Sept. 19 vs. Johnson	
Sept. 24 vs. Como Park	
Oct. 2 vs. Highland Park	
Oct. 9 vs. Arlington	
Oct. 16 vs. Central	
Oct. 21 vs. Minneapolis city team	

Henry Sibley (0-0)

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Sept. 4 vs. Spring Lake Park
Sept. 11 at North St. Paul
Sept. 18 at Simley
Sept. 25 at Hastings
Oct. 2 vs. Woodbury
Oct. 9 at Tartan
Oct. 16 vs. St. Thomas Academy
Oct. 21 at South St. Paul

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Sept. 18 vs. Arlington
Sept. 25 vs. Johnson
Oct. 2 vs. Cretin-Derham Hall
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Oct. 16 vs. Humboldt
Oct. 21 vs. Minneapolis city team

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Sept. 3 vs. North
Sept. 11 vs. Edison
Sept. 18 at Southwest
Sept. 25 at Moorhead
Oct. 3 vs. South
Oct. 9 vs. Washburn
Oct. 14 at Henry
Oct. 21 vs. St. Paul city team

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Oct. 9 at Simley
Oct. 16 at Henry Sibley
Oct. 21 vs. North St. Paul.

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Prep football preview/from previous page

stalwart. Has great hands, great instincts.

and receiver in 1997.

- · Conor Murphy, senior WR, DB. Big, aggressive kid who can cover a lot of ground. Dusty Wilhelmy, senior RB. Top rusher
- · Tony Decker, senior OT, DT. Big and strong. Anchors the line on both sides of ball.

Team strengths, weaknesses: Despite the loss of all-stater Zavier Smith and most of his blockers, the Cadets will mount a formidable ground attack."Raih could be one of the best quarterbacks in the metro area," said Slater, "and Murphy and Howard can catch the ball. Plus Howard is a legit college recruit at safety. We'll be solid in the offensive and defensive backfield." Nevertheless, Decker is the only returning player on the line, where the Cadets are relatively small.

'98 outlook: Two of the Cadets' first three games are against title contenders Hastings and Woodbury. "Tartan's tough as well," said Slater. "We'll see how we stand pretty early in the year, then we'll gear up for the (AAA) playoffs." Highland Park and Farmington stand in the Cadets' playoff path.

SIBLEY

League: St. Paul Suburban Conference 1997 record: 0-9 Coach: Dave Faust

Key players and their strengths:

- Andy Gross, senior RB, LB. A strong kid with good speed and lots of experience.
- · Dennis Haugland, senior RB. A former wide receiver. Will lead the ground attack.
- · Carl Bisciglia, senior RB, LB. Another two-year veteran who can run.
- · Beau Heidelberg, senior OT. Good technician who's back from shoulder surgery.

Team strengths, weaknesses: "Our kids came back dedicated to getting bigger and stronger," said Faust. "Still, our size is just OK because this league is big. But our speed will be better." With just 40 juniors and seniors on the squad, depth is another concern for Faust.

'98 outlook: Faust sees a three-way race in the conference among Hastings, Woodbury and STA. As for Sibley, "things are looking up," he said. ".500 is a legitimate goal."

ST. PAUL ACADEMY

League: Tri-Metro Conference 1997 record: 3-6 Coach: Brian Sandifer

Key players and their strengths:

- T.J. Prunty, junior QB. Big-time player. Does it all for the Spartans.
- Brent Lucas, senior LB. A key player on D, he can deliver the big hit.
- Sam Polk, sophomore TE, LB. A hard hitter with soft hands.
- Sundi Griffin, sophomore RB. Will get the ball 15-20 times a game.
- · Eric Anderson, senior RB, CB. Quick. Has a knack for locating the ball.
- Tony Krawetz, senior RB. A veteran who packs some punch as a ball carrier.

Team strengths, weaknesses: Prunty will be the Spartans' big weapon. "He was MVP at a big summer camp," said Sandifer, "and we've got four receivers he can throw to. We'll probably throw 60 percent of the time." Sandifer has eight starters back on defense and most of them have good wheels. However, with only 33 players on the team, SPA will have to stay healthy.

'98 outlook: De La Salle should be the class of the conference, with St. Agnes nipping at its heels."But having the most talent doesn't always win championships," Sandifer said. "We'll be disappointed if we aren't in the top two or three."

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

League: Tri-Metro Conference 1997 record: 0-8 Coach: Ron Monson

Key players and their strengths:

- Adam Arnold, sophomore WR, LB. Allconference in '97. Good hands and speed.
- · Nick Hubbard, senior WR, S. Only 5-foot-11, but tough against the run.
- · Tim Pederson, senior TE, DE. Reacts well. Has a knack for finding the ball.
- David Sundquist, senior RB, CB. A bluecollar player who gets the job done.
- Andy Haugen, sophomore QB. Reads defenses well.

Team strengths, weaknesses: The Red Hawks should be more competitive this year. Several players started in '97, but the team as a whole is awfully young. "Our big kids are pretty inexperienced, but we have some youngsters who can run," Monson said. "We should be decent in the defensive backfield and at linebacker, running back and receiver."

'98 outlook: Monson picks St. Agnes, Breck and De La Salle in the Tri-Metro. "We'll try to finish .500 and take it from there," he said.

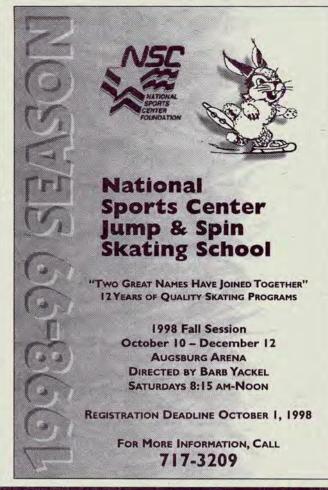


Home-turf heroes. The Highland Little League 12-year-old All Stars won their age division in the Highland Fest tournament on August 14-16. They lost to Southside of Minneapolis 2-1 in their first game, but came back to defeat teams from Stoughton, Parkway and Milwaukee. In the finals, they played Southside again, this time winning 12-6. Pictured, from left, are (front row) Ty Johnston, Ryan Lynch, Erin Keys, Andrew Bennett and Joey Llewellyn; and (back row) Matt Wolf, coach Jeff Keys, Brenden McGibbon, Danny Michel, Andrew Tolbert, Matt Riehle and coach Dan Riehle. Missing are John Hernandez, Charles Cicalello and coach Frank Cicalello.



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Cody's Corner: Another super season for Rice, Young and the Niners /from page 37

through our peonies... If they'd been listening to the fans all these years, they'd never have come up with fake grass, luxury boxes, midnight World Series games, the stupid wild card system and Albert Belle. Many of them would stop approaching the game as if it were torture or drudgery... and have a little more fun."

NFL FORECAST: NINERS AGAIN

A year ago, I picked the Denver Broncos as my preseason Super Bowl winner. This time around, it'll be one last ring for Jerry Rice, Steve Young and the San Francisco 49ers. The Niners added no big free agents during the off-season, but they did manage to hang on to the nucleus of their defense. Former Vikings Chris Doleman and Roy Barker will anchor the line, while Merton Hanks and Tim McDonald are the best safeties in the league. Garrison Hearst's ground game is good enough to get San Fran into the winner's circle this January.

Sports Illustrated is obviously confused with its forecast of Tampa Bay vs. Jacksonville in the Super Bowl. Florida teams dominate college football, not the NFL. Neither team will be there when the big dance starts. Just one telling factor: Both of their uniforms are ugly.

The Minnesota Vikings' success in the exhibition season will carry no significance once the real thing starts next Sunday. There's no doubt the Vikes will have a handful of game-breakers on the field. If Brad Johnson can get the ball in play, he'll have the choice of throwing to the best trio of wide-outs in the league. I figure rookie Randy Moss will catch 40 passes and score at least 10 touchdowns. Fantasy freaks, take note.

The real question marks surround Minnesota's defense.

The secondary was repeatedly roasted in '97. Its success this season will determine how far the Vikes will advance in the playoffs. In the NFL, the best secondary is still a dominant defensive line. One of the biggest reasons that former Viking Paul Krause is now in the Hall of Fame is that he played behind Page, Eller and Marshall. A good pass rush will make any defensive back look good.

HAPPY TRAILS

Last summer, I found my own version of inner harmony on a desolate hike through the Badlands in South Dakota. A couple of weeks ago, I had a similar experience, this time on a rugged hike with my 15-year-old son in the Black Hills.

It was a perfect Sunday afternoon when Shane and I headed out onto the 2.8-mile Gulch Trail near Sylvan Lake in Custer State Park. We walked on sparkling rocks speckled with Fools' Gold and saw several polished agates along the trail. One was remarkably similar to the 2-pounder that I'd paid five bucks for the day before at a shop in the Big Horn Mountains in Wyoming.

The hike was rated as "strenuous" in the trail guide. That's like calling a ride on the Hindenburg "somewhat risky." The trail had us winding through the gulch as we dropped from 6,400 to 5,600 feet in elevation. Unfortunately, we had to make up that 800-foot plummet on the way back. We would've benefited from a little practice, perhaps by scaling the staircase at the IDS building.

This old man was a bit winded, but elated that he'd survived the first couple of miles. "We must be the only two guys who ever survived this trek," I surmised, sitting on a boulder, trying to bring my pulse rate under 250.

"I don't think so, dad," said my son as a family hiked past

us. They had three children 6 and younger trudging along with them.

So much for the notion of our own personal Lewis and Clark expedition. We finished the hike and headed to the DQ for Buster Bars.

BITS AND PIECES

• I'm feeling a bit over the hill these days. I turned on the Classic Sports Network the other day, the one that shows those memorable sporting events from years gone by. All of a sudden, I found myself watching quarterback Steve Walsh lead the Miami Hurricanes against Notre Dame. Wait a minute, I thought. I taught that kid. What's he doing on the oldies station?

• Sadly, one of Walsh's old Miami teammates, Michael Irvin, continues to make headlines with his off-field behavior. Apparently the talented Dallas Cowboys' wide-out recently attacked a teammate with a pair of scissors. He then paid off the victim to avoid further legal entanglements. I was in the stands at Notre Dame in '86 when Irvin instigated a pregame brawl outside the stadium tunnel. He was out of control then and he has never grown up. I feel sorry for Irvin. What fate will befall him once his career is over?

• One thought to consider about the NBA strike is that the owners will receive \$3 million each from a guaranteed NBC television package, whether there's a '99 season or not. Meanwhile, the players will draw benefits from a comparatively meager strike fund. Both sides seem to be digging in for a war, though the owners are better equipped for the battle. Whatever happens, one thing is for sure: The season will not start on time. In the long run, it might help. There's no reason to play basketball in November anyway.



The St. Paul Blackhawks girls U13 Classic 2 team won the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association state title on August 1 at the National Sports Center in Blaine. The team placed first in its district with a 9-2 record and defeated Plymouth 2-0, Bloomington 1-0 and Burnsville 3-2 in the title game to take state. Pictured, from left, are: (seated) Gretchen Klein; (kneeling) Allison Kuo, Mari Knowles, Maggie McQuillan, Amanda Colaizy, Tessa McEllistrem, Anna Horner and Teresa O'Keefe; and (standing) coach John Knowles, Sarah Jeffrey, Mary Hammes, Carrie Lauer, Julia Langer, Christine Shoaf, Anne Kemper, Dianne Kramer and Rebecca Clasen. Not pictured are Leah Knowles and Michelle Colaizy.



Not to be outdone, the St. Paul Blackhawks boys U13 Classic 1 team also won its division in the MYSA state tournament on August 1 at the National Sports Center in Blaine. The team finished second in its district with a 6-2 record and defeated St. Cloud 2-1 to take state. Pictured, from left, are (front row) Kevin Rank, Mike Booth, David Engdahl, Collin Brown, Don Orme, Phong Vang and Dan Jardine; and (back row) assistant coach Javier Gutierrez, Ross Mattson, Loren Wagner, Xavier Gutierrez, Patrick Wand, Bennett Toavs, Andy Rosenthal, Perry Laskaris, Jeff Stuart and manager Vickie Rosenthal. Not pictured are coach Mike Scarlett, Sam Murphy and Dan Straffon.





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Roosevelt Senior High principal Fred Meyer, right, and head engineer Steve Cameron show off the school's new athletic complex. The sophomore football team was busy practicing behind them near the school. *Photo by Brad Stauffer*.

Home field advantage

Grass is looking a lot greener on Roosevelt's side with completion of \$5.5 million athletic complex

by Bill Wagner

The Roosevelt High School football team spent the 1997 season as nomads. Now the team is putting down permanent roots.

The Teddies posted a 4-2 record in the Minneapolis City Conference a year ago (5-5 overall), despite the fact that they had to play all of their games on the road while construction proceeded on a new field.

That work is now complete and when Roosevelt opens its season on September 3 against Minneapolis North, it will be playing a home game for the first time in two years.

"Our kids are excited," said Roosevelt coach Rodney Lossow, a former NFL linebacker. "We've already had a (middle school) mini-camp on the field and everything looked good. Our kids are looking forward to getting out there."

The lighted field is just part of a new \$5.5 million athletic complex at Roosevelt. The complex, which will be used this fall for the first time, includes new soccer fields, 400-meter track, practice football field, bleachers and press box. According to Roosevelt principal Fred

Meyer, it cost \$1.5 million just to build the new complex. The other \$4 million covered home and relocation compensation to 23 private property owners.

Lossow said the new practice field still has some tender turf, and the team

"It's a shot in the arm for our community," Frost said. "Maybe the kids will see this (complex) and want to come and play for a quality coaching staff at a quality facility."

has to stay off of it until the grass takes a firmer hold. He expects his team will finally get onto the practice field later this month. Meanwhile, the Teddies are practicing at Hiawatha Park a few blocks away.

Roosevelt athletic director Al Frost said that the new facility should help his school compete with others in the conference, noting that many student-athletes who live in the Roosevelt area have opted to attend other schools in the past.

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"It's just great," Meyer said. "I hope it encourages more students to participate in co-curricular activities."

The Teddies are expected to field an outstanding team this year no matter what. Most of the starters from last year's club return, and having a home of their own is likely to make the Teddies even tougher to beat.

Senior tight end/defensive end Angelo Williamson said that the new facility should help—to a point.

"It's a really nice facility," he said. "The grass looks really thick and strong. But football is still football no matter where we play. I don't think it matters to most of the guys where we play as long as we play well."

"We can't wait to play on it," said senior linebacker Derek Isham. "We'd like to be using the new practice field right now, but mostly we're just happy to be playing. We're expecting a good season."

The Duke of Scoop



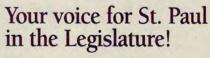
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Susan Lundsten has been hired as the new head coach of the College of St. Catherine's swimming and diving program. She replaces Dave Luedtke, who has retired from coaching after 19 years, but will continue to teach physical education. Lundsten has been a head coach for the Star swim team for the past 17 years and was named coach of the year in 1997. She also served as head coach of the Visitation swimming team for three years. She was an All-American swimmer at Hamline University and a national champion in the 400-meter individual medley and 200-meter breast stroke. She was inducted into the Hamline Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994.

Greg Binstock has been hired as the sports information director and assistant cross country and track coach at the College of St. Catherine. He holds a master's degree in physical education from Bemidji State University where he also served as an assistant coach in track and field.

A Learn to Skate Program will be offered this fall at the Highland Ice Arena on Snelling Avenue and Ford Parkway. Instruction will be offered in hockey, figure skating and speed skating. Former Minnesota Gophers Brent and Jason Godbout will teach the hockey clinic, speed skating champion Sue Howe will teach beginning and advance speed skating, and gold medalists Diane Ness and Angela Rothmund will teach figure skating. The first session will run from October 17 to February 27. Classes will be held on Monday nights or Saturday mornings. The cost is \$48. For details, call 651-699-9454.

Homecroft Recreation Center will resume its Rec Check program on Tuesday, September 8. The free program offers supervised games, sports, field trips and other activities from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays for youngsters in grades 1-6. Children are required to check in with a staff person upon arriving at the center and to check out when leaving. Parents are notified if their child does not show up. Children can be enrolled from one to five days a week. An open house will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 16. For details, call 651-266-5794.

The Twin Cities Sports and Recreation Club is offering coed volleyball this fall on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Concordia University, and on Wednesdays at the University of St. Thomas. Basketball, football, soccer, bowling, billiards and darts also are being offered at various Twin Cities locations. Leagues start between mid-September and early November. For information, call 612-871-5000.

The Cretin-St. Thomas Alumni Soccer Game will be held at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19, at St. Thomas Academy. Last year more than 50 alumni played in the inaugural contest, which was won by Cretin. This year's game will be held prior

to the Cretin-St. Thomas varsity soccer game. The cost is \$25 per player. For information, call Tim Hollerbach at 651-228-2131 (Cretin alumni) or Charles Maguire at 612-828-1752 (STA alumni).

St. Anthony Park Gymnastics offers instruction throughout the school year for girls and boys ages 4-18. Classes are held at St. Anthony Park Elementary School on Como Avenue just west of Cleveland on Mondays through Thursdays. For information, call 651-699-0600.

A Mini Grand Prix to benefit the Arthritis Foundation will be held Sunday, September 20, in the east parking lot at the Mall of America. Businesses and individuals, along with their pit crews, will compete in miniature Indy-style race cars. Heats begin at 9:00 a.m., and the championship race around 1:00 p.m. For information on racing, sponsoring, viewing or volunteering, call 651-644-4108.

The Highland Business Association will hold a four-ball scramble golf tournament at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 17, at the Highland 9-hole course. The cost is \$25, which includes golf, refreshments and prizes. The registration deadline is September 10. For information, call 651-699-9042.

The Highland Central Hockey Association will conduct registration for the 1998-99 season from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, on Tuesday, September 22, and on Wednesday, September 23, in Shepard Center at St. Paul Academy, 1712 Randolph Ave. Registration is open to boys and girls ages 5-15. For information, call 651-603-0908. A Midget 16 and under team also is being formed this year. Registration will be from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on September 23 at SPA. For details about the Midget program, call John Fischbach at 651-698-1248 or Tom Albrecht at 651-699-8566.

Edgcumbe Hockey will hold its registration from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, September 15 and 22, at the Edgcumbe Recreational Center, 320 S. Griggs St. Players must have a social security number and a copy of their birth certificate. For information, call 651-690-0786.

An NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 26, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The competition, which is co-sponsored by the St. Paul Jaycees, is free and open to boys and girls ages 8-15. The top finishers from each of four age groups will advance to a sectional competition on October 3 at Hillcrest, where they will compete for a shot at the state title and a chance to make it to the national finals at an NFL playoff game. For information, call Hillcrest at 651-298-5779.

The St. Paul Clay Courts Tournament, which has attracted many of the state's top male tennis players for more than three decades, was played August 19-24 at the St. Paul Tennis Club, 1055 Osceola Ave. Glen Britzius defeated Gary Aasen 6-2, 6-2 in open singles, while Jack Anderson and D.J. Geatz defeated Bruce Goad and Tom Floyd 7-6, 6-2 in open doubles.

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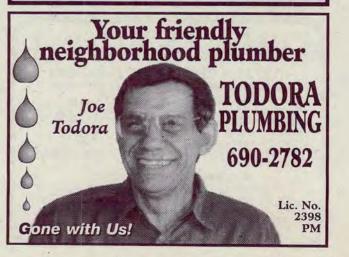
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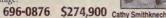
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Cozy and bright, this very affordable home features hdwd. floors, 2 spacious BRs. Home is in top condition with a new roof, furnace and A.C., washer/dryer and refrigerator.

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Spacious 3-BR rambler, separate dining room, huge master BR, fireplace, gleaming hardwood floors, coved ceilings, BR on lower level with 3/4 bath, beautiful wooded lot 696-0865 \$129,900



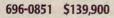
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Fantastic Highland Park 4-BR, 2-bath in heart of Highland Park. Fenced yard including patio. Wood and brick exterior.





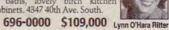


Outstanding Value! Solid brick 2-story has it all 5 BRs! 3 baths. Splendid new kitchen, first floor family room and laundry. Huge rooms, gleaming wood floors, 2 fire-places, attached double garage. 696-0850 \$255,000





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