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Cities bridged by 35E split over span's width

St. Paul, Mendota Hts. on opposite
sides of plans to replace overpass

by Jane McClure

The people on both sides of the debate over the I-35E bridge agree on one thing: A new span over the Mississippi River should include a bike lane and a walkway. Beyond that, however, there is disagreement. The proposed width of the new bridge may be the most contentious issue.

The St. Paul City Council has voted to support a replacement bridge that is as narrow as possible and in the same location as the current four-lane, 67.3-foot-wide bridge.

The Mendota Heights City Council, on the other hand, has recommended the replacement of the existing bridge with two two-lane

bridges, each with an additional auxiliary lane. With a bike lane and walkway and reinforced shoulders, the replacement bridges together would be 139.4 feet wide.

"We're concerned that the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is treating this as other than a regional bridge," said Mendota Heights city administrator Kevin Batchelder. "It's not a neighborhood bridge. It's part of the federal highway system."

"Five days a week, people who live in Mendota, Mendota Heights, Lilydale, West St. Paul, Eagan and other communities try to get across that bridge," said Mendota Heights Mayor Charles

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Baby you were born to ride. Erik Nordstrom, age 1, conducted a closeup inspection of a colorful mode of transportation during the Yellow Bike Coalition's kickoff celebration at Macalester College last Saturday. The bright yellow bicycles can be checked out for free by anyone who makes a one-time, refundable deposit of \$10. The bikes are available from Grand Performance, Whole Foods, the Hungry Mind, Cahoots Coffee Bar and Pangaea Coffee and Tea. Photo by Mike Long.

Lawmakers review final outcome of a taxing legislative session

by Celeste Riley

Not surprisingly, the first issue many local lawmakers think of when they look back on the 1998 legislative session is taxes. The tax bill was the biggest bone of contention between the two major parties this year.

Republicans favored giving all or at least most of the state's \$1.9 billion budget surplus back to the taxpayers, while Democrats voted for a package that provides a \$1.1 billion property tax rebate, a boost to the reserve fund and one-time contributions to various projects and institutions throughout the state. As a result of the tax bill that was passed

before the session ended on April 9, homeowners will receive a 20 percent property tax refund next year, while renters will get back about 4 percent of their annual rent.

"The tax bill is both good and bad," said state Representative Tim Commers (District 38A), the only Republican legislator in the Villager area.

"I'm happy that at least some of the surplus will be returned and that we're reducing taxes on commercial and rental properties. But even with those reduc-

tions, Minnesota is still the highest (taxed) of all the states. In short, this year's tax bill didn't return enough and we could've reduced income taxes at least slightly."

**"In the end, I felt it would've
been irresponsible not to vote
for the arena deal."**

Rep. Michael Paymar

the Senate," Paymar said. "We provided for a rainy day fund and we gave a lot back to the taxpayers."

DFL state Representatives Michael Paymar (64B) and Wes Skoglund (62B) were generally happy with the bill. "We reached a good compromise with the governor and

"The state acted frugally," Skoglund said. "We'll have some dollars in reserve and a ton is going back to the taxpayers. We'll be able to pay cash for capital improvement projects. The new spending isn't much higher than before."

Hockey Arena

Public funding for a new hockey arena in St. Paul also received a lot of attention on Capitol Hill. The Legislature eventually approved a \$65 million interest-free loan for the RiverCentre project, but St. Paul legislators,

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St. Paul officials sound off over loss of MASAC seats

by Jane McClure

At a time when a growing number of St. Paul residents are complaining about an increase in airplane noise, the city has lost two of its three seats on the Metropolitan Airports Sound Abatement Council (MASAC).

While St. Paul's representation on MASAC dropped, Minneapolis' increased from four to six seats and Mendota Heights' and Eagan's increased from one to two seats.

MASAC and the full Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) voted to

make the change this winter despite the protests of state Representative Michael Paymar of St. Paul, St. Paul City Council member Mike Harris, and the St. Paul members of MASAC and MAC.

MASAC's two dozen members represent cities around the airport, MAC and the air carriers that fly in and out of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

According to Highland Area Community Council (HACC) president Shawn Bartsh, the loss of MASAC representation is something St. Paul residents should be concerned about. She said that more noise complaints from St.

Paul is an indication that more representation is needed, not less.

Longtime MASAC member and former MASAC chair Scott Bunin of Highland Park resigned his MASAC seat in frustration following the December vote. "Hey, if my city's not good enough to have full representation on MASAC, then I'm not good enough to represent my city," Bunin said.

Bunin's departure left Como area resident Thomas Hueg as St. Paul's lone representative on MASAC. Carol McGuire

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35E bridge debate divides St. Paul from its suburbs to the south/from page 1

Mertensotto. According to him, traffic regularly backs up on I-35E as far north as United Hospitals and as far south as Highway 110.

"We know what a problem it is right in good weather," Mertensotto said. In inclement weather, traffic over the bridge slows to about 15 mph if it moves at all, he said.

Though the Lilydale City Council has not taken a position on the bridge, "I think we'd be supportive of at least two through traffic lanes (in each direction) and the auxiliary lanes," said Lilydale Mayor Ed Mullarkey. He would also like to see the bridge rebuilt with future expansion in mind, given the rapid growth of St. Paul's southern suburbs.

"Wouldn't it be cheaper to build the bridge wider now than later?" asked Lilydale resident Ted Olson at one of two informational meetings conducted by MnDOT in the past two weeks.

Olson's opinion is shared by many other Dakota County residents and elected officials. The Dakota County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution in support of a wider bridge on April 7 and forwarded it to other Dakota County communities for their consideration. The resolution calls for building as wide a bridge as necessary, with auxiliary lanes to provide for safe vehicle entrances and exits, accommodations for mass transit, a bicycle lane, a pedestrian walkway and full-width shoulders.

According to Muktar Thakur, principal engineer for the bridge project, the Dakota County Board's resolution will be considered by MnDOT officials; however, formal recommendations to MnDOT may only be made by the three cities.

MnDOT will make a final decision on the new bridge this September, Thakur said. Bids for construction will be accepted by November 2000, "but if the bridge deteriorates further, we may have to change that date," he said. Construction is now scheduled for 2001-2003.

Some St. Paul residents and elected officials believe a wider I-35E bridge will result in more traffic on the four-lane I-35E Parkway between West 7th Street and downtown St. Paul, eventually forcing that section of the roadway to be widened. "I think you have to ask the question: 'Where does all the traffic go?'" said Summit Hill resident John Diehl.

The design of the I-35E Parkway and its 45 mph speed limit were set by court order in the early 1980s after a decade-long legal battle between the state and a citizens group called RIP-35E.

Even without widening the parkway, increased traffic across the I-35E bridge is seen by some as a threat to St. Paul neighborhoods. "They're already dumping all of that traffic onto West 7th Street," said West 7th area resident Richard Tschida. "We can't live with that now. What are we supposed to do with all of this other traffic we could get?"

Thakur pointed out that though plans are now on the drawing board to widen I-35E south of the Mississippi River, there are no plans to alter the I-35E Parkway in St. Paul. "All we're trying to do now is replace the current bridge," he said.

The existing I-35E bridge, built in 1965, has reached the end of its useful life, Thakur said. Welds in the bridge's superstructure have cracked. The bridge is inspected every six months to monitor the cracks, repair them if necessary, and determine whether any new cracks have formed.

Although some of the bridge reconstruction options under study allow for future expansion, "this is not a bridge expansion project," Thakur said.

Despite the clear St. Paul-suburban split in the debate over the bridge's width, I-35E traffic counts from 1996 indicate that in the morning there are almost as many commuters headed south to the Dakota County suburbs as there are commuters headed north into St. Paul. The 1996 figures, which are the most recent available, show a similar pattern during the evening rush hour.

Southbound traffic on the I-35E bridge was 3,312 during the peak hour in the morning and 4,216 during the peak hour in the afternoon. Northbound traffic on the I-35E bridge was 4,166 during the peak hour in the morning and 5,395 vehicles during the peak hour in the afternoon.

Thakur said the bridge is considered to be at capacity if the hourly traffic count tops 2,000 vehicles.

The I-35E bridge now carries about 72,000 vehicles per day. That number is expected to increase to 115,000 vehicles per day in 2015 and to 131,000 per day in 2024.

Residents on both sides of the Mississippi asked MnDOT officials why more is not being done to promote mass transit on I-35E.

"I've not heard any mention about how we should get people out of their cars and onto transit," said Eagan resident Rachel Lewine, who rides Metro Transit to her job in downtown St. Paul. "I think that's something (MnDOT) really needs to consider."

"I think you have to ask the question: 'Where does all the traffic go?'"

**John Diehl
Summit Hill**

MnDOT puts forth six options for replacing 35E bridge over Mississippi

by Jane McClure

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is currently considering six options for replacing the I-35E bridge over the Mississippi River between Mendota Heights and St. Paul:

- A four-lane, \$16 million bridge built downstream from the existing bridge. It would be 81.1 feet wide and would not include a bike lane and walkway or any accommodations for mass transit. It also would not have auxiliary lanes to accommodate vehicles merging onto I-35E from Highway 13 or Shepard Road.

The I-35E bridge currently has no auxiliary lanes, and according to Muktar Thakur, MnDOT bridge project engineer, that creates a safety hazard for motorists.

"We have fairly high numbers of vehicles trying to merge into or out of traffic now," Thakur said. "Having the lanes would give

these vehicles the full width of the bridge to do this."

This reconstruction alternative would require the removal of a half acre from Crosby Park. The existing bridge piers may be left in place for future bridge expansion.

- A four-lane, \$16 million bridge built upstream from the existing bridge. It, too, would be 81.1 feet wide and would not include auxiliary lanes, a bike lane, walkway, nor accommodations for mass transit. The existing bridge piers may be left in place for future expansion.

- Two two-lane bridges with the northbound lanes built on the existing bridge piers and the southbound lanes located upstream from there. This alternative would be 139.4 feet wide and would include auxiliary lanes, a bike lane, walkway and reinforced roadway shoulders to carry buses. It has a cost of \$21 million and could be widened to accommodate six traffic lanes in the future.

- Two two-lane bridges built by widening the existing bridge on both sides. This \$27 million alternative would be 139.4 feet wide with auxiliary lanes, a bike lane, walkway and reinforced shoulders.

- Two two-lane bridges with no auxiliary lanes and no bike lanes or walkways. This alternative would be 105.4 to 107.6 feet wide but could be expanded to six lanes in the future. It would include shoulders that could accommodate mass transit. It has a cost of \$17.5 million to \$21.5 million, depending on how it is built.

- Two two-lane bridges with a bike lane and walkway but no auxiliary lanes. Shoulders would be designed for mass transit use. This alternative would be 115.4 to 119.6 feet wide, but could be expanded to six lanes in the future. It has a cost of \$19 million to \$23 million.

All of the options would include a new drainage system to catch water runoff from

the bridge. Water currently drains directly off of the bridge into the river, taking road salt, sand, oil and other pollutants with it. The runoff would be directed to stormwater drainage ponds at each end of the bridge that would be equipped with skimming equipment to capture any large fuel spills.

The proposals for mass transit, bike lanes and walkways on the bridge resulted from meetings between MnDOT and community groups and city and county officials on both sides of the river. If the bike lane and walkway are added, they will be placed on the downstream side of the bridge.

MnDOT also plans to expand a park-and-ride lot in Eagan from 330 to 500 parking spaces in order to encourage more mass transit use.

Thakur said MnDOT does not have the capacity to maintain bike lanes and walkways year-round and may need a local maintenance agreement with one of the cities.

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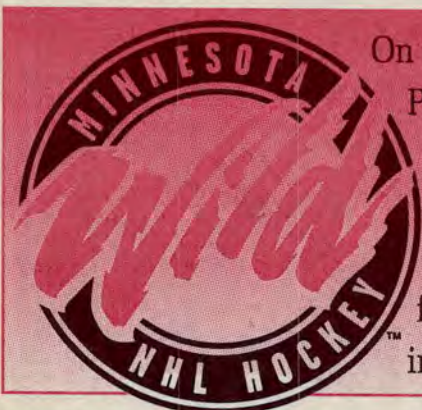
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MASAC changes/

of Highland Park, who was appointed to MASAC more than a decade ago by then-St. Paul Mayor George Latimer, is serving as Hueg's alternate, but now she questions whether she will continue in that role.

"If there's anyone else interested, I'd give up my (alternate's) seat," she said. "I'm just not happy with how things are going on MASAC."

Proponents of the MASAC changes say the shift in representation was not made to penalize St. Paul. "We based the membership changes on the number of people affected by airport noise, and St. Paul now has its fair share of representation," said John Richter of Minneapolis, a longtime MASAC member who left the body earlier this year when he was not reappointed by the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton.

Statistics over the past 20 years show an increasing percentage of flights over Minneapolis and a decreasing percentage over St. Paul. The actual number of flights over the various cities was not available.

In 1978, 22 percent of take-offs and 16 percent of landings were over Minneapolis, and 4 percent of take-offs and 5 percent of landings were over St. Paul.

In 1986, 22 percent of take-offs and 33 percent of landings were over Minneapolis, and 1.2 percent of take-offs and 1.5 percent of landings were over St. Paul.

In 1994, the percentages were the same for St. Paul, but Minneapolis was getting 46.2 percent of take-offs and 44.8 percent of landings.

In addition to the percentage of flights, the change in MASAC representation is based on the number of city blocks affected by airplane noise, according to Roy Fuhrmann, MAC manager of aviation noise and satellite services. The block numbers are outlined in the airport's day-night level, or DNL, contour maps, which are developed through noise monitoring in cities around the airport.

"Compared to Minneapolis and the other communities, St. Paul just doesn't have as many properties in the DNL noise contours," Fuhrmann said.

When MASAC was created in 1969, the use of Runway 4-22, which directs flights over St. Paul, was significantly higher, according to Fuhrmann and Richter. As airport traffic grew, so did the use of the two parallel runways that cross 4-22.

"If you look at where the noise impacts are, Minneapolis should have seven seats and not six," Richter said.

According to Fuhrmann, an increasing number of noise complaints from St. Paul does not necessarily reflect an increasing number of flights.

Bunin agrees. "I think it's more a matter of people being aware of noise rather than an increase in flights," he said. However, he added, some planes over St. Paul seem to be flying much lower. Runway 4-22 is used for flights to Asia, which with their heavier loads make a more gradual ascent after take-off.

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John Richter

Bunin and McGuire questioned whether MASAC has lost its focus. "If anything, MASAC should be taking a much more pro-active role in all the communities affected by air traffic noise," Bunin said. "We should have been much more active in getting information out to the public on noise abatement."

"People get frustrated because they think there's not a lot you can do about air traffic noise except move," he said. "I think we need more people to seek more creative solutions to air traffic noise issues, but I'm not sure MASAC is willing or able to do that."

Bunin suggested that new air traffic technology be used to reduce the affect of noise on population centers. According to him, global positioning systems that pinpoint flight paths could be used to send more flights over the river valleys and not over homes.

Minneapolis-St. Paul International embarked on a \$1.7 billion expansion project this spring that will include new parking ramps, extended runways and a new north-south runway parallel to Cedar Street. Those plans will be discussed at a public forum hosted by the Highland Area Community Council on Thursday, April 23. The forum is part of HACC's annual meeting, which will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

With the reconstruction of one of the airport's parallel runways, Runway 4-22 is being used more frequently this spring. However, according to MAC staff, Bloomington and Richfield on the runway's southwest end are bearing the brunt of the increased air traffic.

Commission grants permit for Lexington townhouses

The St. Paul Planning Commission voted unanimously on April 10 to approve a special condition use permit for the Lexington Commons townhouse project.

It was the second time the commission approved a permit for the project, which John and Erin Mathern of Mendota Homes want to build on a vacant 3-acre tract southwest of Lexington Parkway and St. Clair Avenue. Last November, the commission granted a permit for a 12-unit development with vehicle access off of Lexington Parkway. However, neighbors appealed and the St. Paul City Council upheld the appeal in January, citing traffic safety concerns and the suburban style of the townhouse design. Neighbors said they have not decided whether to file an appeal of the new permit.

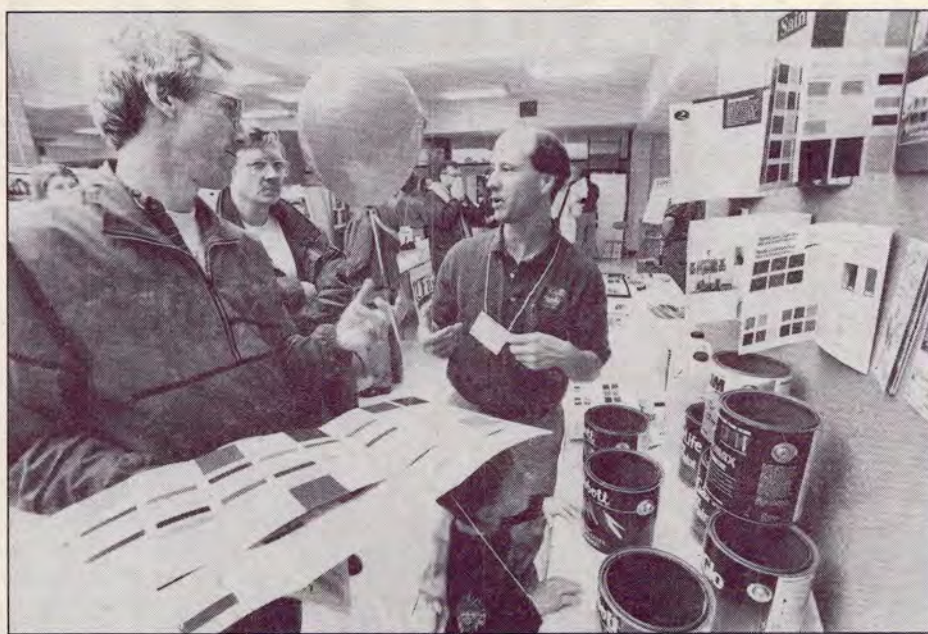
The latest version of the project has five two-unit townhouses with vehicle access from Lexington Parkway and the Lexington-St. Clair alley. The alley will connect to a private road off of Lexington. The Summit Hill Association supported the permit on the condition that speed bumps be used to discourage motorists from using the alley to avoid the stoplight at Lexington and St. Clair. However, the speed bump request was rejected by the Planning Commission.

According to John Mathern, Mendota Homes will pay for the access road and any alley improvements. The road and alley will be maintained through the townhouse homeowners association. The alley will be widened and an emergency vehicle turnaround will be provided.

Those improvements are among the conditions the Planning Commission placed on the permit. Others include the installation of stop signs at the St. Clair and Lexington exits, relocation of a power pole near the St. Clair alley exit, preservation of as many trees on the site as possible, posting "No Parking" signs in the alley and private drive, and submitting an approved grading plan.

Commissioners rejected city staff concerns about traffic access to and from the townhouses and the width of the north end of the alley at St. Clair. The permit approved on April 10 requires that the private road be widened to 24 feet at Lexington, that the road and the portion of alley abutting Lexington Commons' property also be 24 feet wide, that

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Home improvement in the making. Steve Abbott of Abbott Paint discusses the many hues of interior and exterior paints with Tom Yuska of St. Paul during the Highland Park/Macalester-Groveland Home Improvement Fair held last Saturday at Cretin-Derham Hall. Photo by Mike Long.

the narrow northern section of the alley be paved to a 20-foot width and that there be a 24-foot wide outlet between the St. Clair sidewalk and the street.

St. Paul awards small STAR grants totalling \$330,220

Twenty projects in St. Paul have been selected to receive small grants through the 1998 Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) program.

The St. Paul City Council voted on April 15 to award grants totaling \$330,220, about \$100,000 more than what was awarded last year. The larger amount was approved because the city's half-percent sales tax revenue was higher than anticipated.

The small grants of up to \$20,000 must be matched with donations of money, services or "sweat equity" by the groups receiving the money. Local projects include the following:

- \$20,000 for the third phase of streetscape

and building facade improvements in Highland Village, submitted by the Highland Area Community Council. The grant was awarded on the condition that the community council submit more information to city staff on how it plans to match the funds.

- \$20,000 for exterior improvements to the St. Paul Curling Club, 470 Selby Ave., awarded to the curling club.

- \$5,064 for landscaping and ballfield improvements at Dunning Field, awarded to the Dunning Booster Club.

- \$20,000 for landscaping and new iron fencing for Minnesota Brewery, awarded to the West 7th-Fort Road Federation.

- \$20,000 for building facade improvements on the eastern end of Selby Avenue, awarded to the Selby Area Community Development Corporation.

The application process is now under way for large STAR loans and grants. Community councils, business associations, community development corporations and private busi-

nesses are eligible to apply for the funds. An orientation workshop will be held at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Como Lakeside Pavilion, 1360 N. Lexington Pkwy. The application deadline is June 24. For more information, call 266-STAR.

Roger Ryan retires after 36 years as a city planner

Roger Ryan has retired after 36 years as a planner for the city of St. Paul. His last day of work was April 17, ending a career that began with a two-year interim appointment in July 1962.

Ryan, a Summit Hill resident, worked for seven mayors, 10 planning directors and 11 Planning Commission chairs during his years with the city. At the Planning Commission meeting on April 10, he joked that he was the only planning staff member left who still referred to the city's current zoning code as being "the new zoning code." Ryan helped rewrite the code in the mid-1970s. The previous code dated from 1922.

Ryan was the planning department's point person for numerous parking studies, small area plans and special district sign plans over the years. He also helped craft the special B-2C zoning designation that came to be heavily used on Grand Avenue. The designation preserves the appearance of houses in older neighborhoods while allowing the buildings to be converted for business use.

Ryan also was involved in a contentious zoning dispute in Highland Park in the 1970s that wound up before the Minnesota Supreme Court—twice. The dispute centered on an eight-block tract of land off Shepard Road that was being eyed for development by the Stuart Corporation. The city's rezoning decision was originally rejected by the court, but was accepted the second time around.

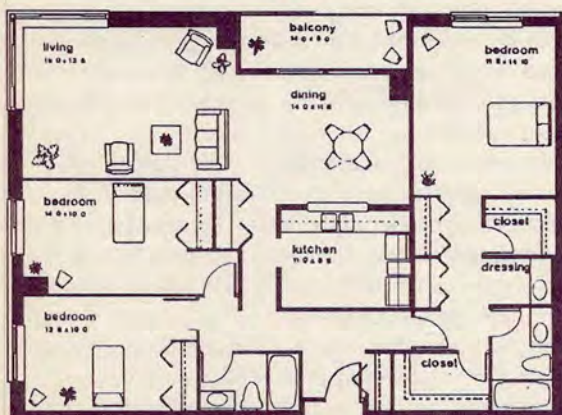
Although he will miss his colleagues, Ryan said he was happy to be retiring. "I've been eligible for retirement for some time," he said. "I just finally decided that it's time to go."

Planning Commission members said they were sorry to see him leave. "Your history and your knowledge of the zoning code will be greatly missed," said Litton Field.

Chair Gladys Morton added, "It's like the history of St. Paul will be walking out the door with you."

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St. Paul's brush with greatness

May 18 marks the second annual Millard Fillmore Conference in St. Paul. It's a confab conceived to bring together businesses, foundations, government agencies and special interest groups to explore a variety of issues concerning the revitalization of Upper Mississippi River cities.

Why name it after Millard Fillmore, our 13th president and a man who perhaps has been most charitably credited by historians as "a pompous, colorless individual who rose far beyond his abilities to leave only a limited mark on his generation"?

As it happens, Fillmore, who gained the presidency in 1850 when Zachary Taylor died suddenly of cholera, was two years out of office when St. Paul, then a remote western outpost of 6,000 souls, had its first brush with greatness. The first railroad to link the Atlantic Ocean with the Mississippi River reached Rock Island, Illinois, on February 22, 1854. To celebrate the feat and promote future trade, the contractors for the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad invited the East's most influential citizens on a railroad and steamboat excursion from Chicago to St. Paul. On June 8 of that year, Fillmore was among the political, business, literary and academic luminaries to alight at St. Paul's Lower Landing as part of the Great Railroad Excursion. However, no profession was more amply represented on the junket than the press. Nearly every daily newspaper from out East sent a writer to cover the all-expense-paid trip.

The resulting news accounts varied, though the writers were of like mind in their praise for the natural beauty of the Upper Mississippi. The first snafu was encountered at the end of the rail line in Rock Island where the steamboats that had been chartered proved inadequate to accommodate the multitude. Many guests found they would have to sleep on the floor. A third of them opted to go back East rather than suffer the indignity—or the aching back.

The remaining entourage of 1,200 steamed upriver for three days, stopping periodically at scattered burgs along the banks to "wood up." Festivities on board included dancing, promenades on deck, political speeches and a mock trial.

Arriving in St. Paul at 8:00 a.m. on June 8, the excursion was met with a decidedly different reception from those that were afforded elsewhere. Though the *Daily Minnesotian*, one of a handful of daily papers in St. Paul at the time, reported on June 2 that the steamboats would arrive on June 8, the Committee of Arrangements, which was charged with planning a grand welcome for the visitors, placed a notice in the *St. Paul Daily Pioneer* on June 8 that the excursion would arrive the next day. The confusion resulted in chaos.

"The citizens were paralyzed," wrote St. Paul historian T.M. Newson. "They put every vehicle they could find at the command of the visitors, but the crowd was so great and the rush so ill-timed... that it was a hodge-podge affair, and as a consequence, created considerable ill feeling."

Tell it to the unnamed snob who filed this account of the snub for the June 17 *New York Daily Times*:

"...every place we touched during this, our more than Argonautic expedition, the people received us gladly. With firing of cannon they received us—but they fired no cannon at St. Paul's. With garlands of evergreen and flaunting of banners they received us—but there were no garlands or banners at St. Paul's. With vehicles, free of of charge, to take us into the interior, they received us, giving us champagne into the bargain—but at St. Paul's there was no champagne."

The vehicles, he complained, went for the exorbitant rate of \$10 to carry two people 8 miles to the Falls of St. Anthony. "Even Long Island Yankees, who, after the money-changers that the Saviour whipped out of the temple, are greediest after lucre, must retire before the people of St. Paul's, or they will be assuredly beaten in the contest," he predicted. "St. Paul's, Minnesota, stands alone, unrivaled, unapproached, as the greediest place on all this Western Continent."

After visiting the territory's most celebrated tourist attractions—St. Anthony Falls, Minnehaha Falls and Fort

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Ayd Mill debate headed for predictable ending

by Dale Mischke

The Ayd Mill Road debate is growing as old as the cracked and pitted pavement that makes up the two-mile thoroughfare. Ten years ago last month, the first task force was formed to decide whether to connect Ayd Mill Road to I-35E and I-94 as initially envisioned by highway planners back in the 1950s. That task force issued a report in November 1988 calling for a direct connection to I-35E on the south and further study of possible connections to I-94 on the north.

Nine years later, the discussion may be winding down. The current Ayd Mill Road task force has pretty much resolved the question of the I-94 connection, depending on what happens with the rest of the roadway. Six alternatives are on the table. They include:

- 1) Leaving the roadway as is, with four lanes, a 45 mph speed limit and no connection to either I-35E or I-94.
- 2) Replacing the roadway with a linear park.
- 3) Making Ayd Mill Road a two-lane street with a 35 mph speed limit, a direct connection to I-35E and an indirect connection to I-94 between Pascal Street and Hamline Avenue via the frontage roads of Concordia and St. Anthony.
- 4) Making Ayd Mill a four-lane roadway with a 40 mph speed limit, a direct connection to I-35E and an indirect connection to I-94 via the roads in alternative No. 3.
- 5) Making Ayd Mill a four-lane roadway with a 40 mph speed limit, a direct connection to I-35E, a direct connection to westbound I-94 via entrance and exit ramps near Pascal Street, and an indirect connection to eastbound I-94.
- 6) Making Ayd Mill Road a freeway with direct connections to I-35E and I-94 via entrance and exit ramps.

On April 16, the Macalester-Groveland Community Council held a meeting on the future of Ayd Mill Road and conducted a straw poll as a prelude to making its own recommendation. Other community councils and business associations affected by the roadway are expected to follow suit. The Ayd Mill Road Task Force will make its recommendation by this fall. Public hearings before the St. Paul Planning Commission and City Council will follow.

If you're skeptical about that timetable, it's hard to blame you. *Villager* stories on Ayd Mill Road used to predict an end to this debate. One, from October 1992, stated that a detailed environmental impact study could take as long as three years to complete. Six years later, the thousands of cars exiting and entering I-35E at Randolph Avenue continue to choke city streets between there and St. Paul's Midway area.

And if you have been led into thinking the debate would

end this fall, think again. If and when the City Council makes a decision, the alternative or alternatives it picks will be made part of a final environmental impact statement (EIS). There are no guesses as to how long that might take.

The results of the Macalester-Groveland straw poll were not available at press time, but it's likely that the linear park drew the most support. The park is popular among those who live along Ayd Mill Road and there were plenty of those people in attendance. The problem with the linear park, however, is that it does nothing to alleviate traffic congestion on Lexington Parkway and Hamline, Snelling and Fairview avenues, the north-south routes that handle much of the traffic entering and exiting I-35E at Randolph.

The Macalester-Groveland residents who serve on the Ayd Mill Road Task Force outlined three priorities at the meeting: The roadway should maintain or strengthen the neighborhood, relieve traffic congestion on local thoroughfares, and chiefly serve those living, working or doing business in that part of town.

According to a city traffic study, 70 percent of the 12,000 motorists who now travel on Ayd Mill Road each day are living, working or doing business in the area. However, that percentage may change with a direct connection to I-35E, and that's what those who live along Ayd Mill Road fear—becoming drive-through territory for the burgeoning suburbs to the south and downtown Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota to the west.

A scary thought, but one they may have to deal with. Citizen groups have already come out heavily in favor of a direct connection to I-35E and an end to the ludicrous Lexington Parkway loop between Randolph and the Jefferson Avenue ramps to Ayd Mill Road. That leaves only four options—the two-lane and four-lane alternatives.

The Ayd Mill Road Task Force favors an indirect connection to I-94 on the north, extending Ayd Mill Road from Selby Avenue to I-94 along a railroad spur just east of Pascal Street and employing the existing frontage roads and possibly an additional entrance ramp rather than a cumbersome freeway interchange. That leaves two options.

Surely, a two-lane road carrying 15,000 vehicles a day could be landscaped in such a way as to maintain the value of the neighborhood. But according to Mike Klassen, the city's project manager for the Ayd Mill Road EIS, the two-lane alternative probably would not qualify for federal or state funding. The city would have to pay for the entire stretch.

Any guesses as to where the Ayd Mill Road debate is headed? The end, while it may not be near, may be predictable.

Fitness campaign seeks to 'Take Back the Beach'

by Gayle Winegar

Have you been startled this past week by the sight of nine nearly nude men adorning the SweatShop's *Full Monty*-inspired billboard at the intersection of Snelling and Selby avenues? We've seen hundreds of people crane their necks and scratch their heads at the 288 square feet of male pulchritude clad only in sombreros and smiles.

That reaction is, of course, our point. The photo used for the billboard is one of 12 taken from the SweatShop's spoof of *Sports Illustrated*'s swimsuit issue. It's a consciousness-raising tool to help us launch a "Take Back the Beach" campaign that challenges our obsession with thinness rather than fitness.

The cost of society's unrealistic expectations for what our bodies should look like is lethargy and self-hate, keeping women and men from experiencing the exhilarating physical moments that dancers and athletes enjoy. Consider that the SweatShop's recent Body Image Survey of hundreds of girls and women ages 13-81 revealed that 88 percent feel or have felt too fat. Many of them started feeling that way as early as elementary school. Not surprisingly, half of those surveyed said that looking at fashion magazines made them feel inadequate. The survey also found that swimming is the first activity that women give up when they feel they can't measure up to the ridiculous standards of beauty promoted in *Sports Illustrated*'s swimsuit issue. It's a Catch 22: The more activities you give up, the worse you feel about yourself, the more activities you give up.

Over the past 10 years, this media-induced malady has reached epidemic proportions. Last year during the SweatShop's Body Image Rally, we examined the unreal images of the major fashion magazines. The average model in *Elle* is nearly 6-feet tall, weighs 110 pounds and is 21 years old. Compare that to the average woman, who is 5-feet-4, 145 pounds and 42 years old. That reality gap inspired us to bring fashion magazines for trashing (well, recycling) and to send a letter of protest to the worst offender, *Vogue*.

This year's target is *Sports Illustrated*, in particular its annual go-figure-what-this-has-to-do-with-sports swimsuit issue. In our opinion, the swimsuit issue is hazardous to your



Hats off to fitness. Photo by Mike Long.

health. When a man brings home the swimsuit issue, his wife—without \$100,000 of plastic surgery, personal trainers, personal chefs and stylists on demand—can't help but feel that she'll never be that thin and unblemished. When the images of the impossibly thin supermodels like Tyra Banks make us feel we don't measure up, we give up. We give up getting into a swimsuit. We give up playing volleyball on the beach. We give up taking a swim with our children.

It's time that we stare that demon down, pull on any old swimsuit and take back the beach.

The SweatShop has spoofed *Sports Illustrated* the best way it knows how—by fighting fire with fire. Rather than flawless women in uncomfortable poses, our calendar depicts Twin Cities women (and men) of power, vitality and health. The first-ever Real Swimsuit Calendar is a 28-page, full-color product that presents the entire spectrum of SweatShop members. My favorite is the "Power Babe" pictorial of St. Paul author Carol Connolly and her pal, former Minneapolis mayoral candidate Barbara Carlson, in grass skirts.

We invite *Villager* readers to take back their piece of the beach. Join our free public rally from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the SweatShop. The event will include a calendar autographing party, a Fitness Not Fashion Show and a Wade-In. A petition to *Sports Illustrated* also will be available for signing.

Until then, drive by the corner of Snelling and Selby and honk your horn in tribute to the nine brave men who bared almost all to challenge the swimsuit issue.

Editor's note: Gayle Winegar is a Summit Hill resident and the president of the SweatShop Health Club.

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Snelling—the Easterners returned to St. Paul where they were treated to dinner in the former Capitol building (since razed), more political speeches and a ball in the Supreme Court chambers.

"The ball was a regular squeeze," a report published in the *New York Evening Mirror* whined. "And as we had all been warned to be on board at 11:00 p.m., the dancing was about as hurried and satisfactory as a running dinner at a railroad station."

By midnight, 16 hours after the steamboats had arrived, they were gone. But memories of St. Paul persisted.

"Much sickness on board in the form of diarrhea and cholera-morbus," the reporter from the *New York Daily Times* reported after leaving St. Paul. Cholera would later take the life of Fillmore's daughter, Mary Abigail, 22, who had joined him on the excursion.

One final note concerning Fillmore's connection to St. Paul comes courtesy of his brother. A real estate broker in St. Paul at the time of the Great Railroad Excursion, Charles Fillmore was never able to realize the success he had dreamed of from the great real estate boom of the 1850s. He died of unknown causes on November 22, 1854, at age 32. The horse-drawn hearse that bore Fillmore's corpse was climbing a slight rise on Fort Road when the doors on the back of the vehicle suddenly flew open and the casket was unceremoniously deposited in the middle of the road.

So it's something of a curiosity that the second annual Millard Fillmore Conference, which is being presented by the St. Paul Riverfront Commission and the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development, will open with a proposal to reenact the Great Railroad Excursion of 1854 on the occasion of its sesquicentennial in 2004. Yes, the excursion may have generated a lot of free publicity for the Upper Mississippi among the business barons of the East. Yes, the tide of immigration from northern Europe may have begun pouring across Minnesota's borders soon thereafter.

But any honest retelling of the story of that trip will also poke gentle fun at a geographically isolated people who were then, as now, fretfully concerned with "what they say of us," as the headline read on the *St. Paul Daily Democrat*'s reprinting of an eastern newspaper's account. Desperate to be embraced as part of the greater world beyond—or "major league" in the parlance of today—St. Paul was not quite ready to pull it off when the opportunity presented itself.

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Only a linear park can ensure a freeway-free future for Ayd Mill Road

Dear editor,

I view any plan that expands the capacity of Ayd Mill Road and connects it directly or indirectly to I-94 and I-35E as a thinly veiled attempt to incorporate it into the interstate highway system, regardless of what the thoroughfare might be called or how it might be landscaped. An interstate system "shortcut" such as this would have dire consequences for residents along the corridor, especially if it carries trucks. Indirectly, it would limit the success of alternative transit and encourage sprawl by accommodating the higher levels of traffic that have proven so detrimental to our quality of life.

I urge St. Paul residents to support the linear park plan currently on the table for Ayd Mill Road while extending the option of developing the corridor for alternative transit only. Please, make your voice heard on this important issue.

Mike Madden
Merriam Park

River road story

Dear editor,

While driving around a Mississippi River Boulevard curve, I was forced to slam on my brakes because of a biker in the road. I skidded and barely swerved around him. What a close call! Bikes shouldn't be allowed on the streets. Their riders are too irresponsible.

If you're thinking that this is just another careless bike story, there's more to it. Before buying the story, you should wonder how traveling at the speed limit, 25 mph, I could slam on my brakes, skid and still have enough speed left to swerve. Or at 25 mph, just how much skidding I could do. Or at 25 mph, how a bike in the road could surprise me. There were no visual obstructions on that curve, so how could I not see the bike? How fast do you think I was really going?

You've probably heard similar careless bike stories. The storytellers often exaggerate to make their stories better. By the time you hear it, even the teller may believe it. Don't automatically assume you've heard the truth.

My story isn't true; I was the cyclist, not the driver. However, the guy who nearly hit me probably described it like I did above rather than admitting, "I was speeding with two wheels in the bike lane, not watching where I was going,

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and nearly hit a bike. I'm too irresponsible to drive."

John Kaplan
Highland Park

Guns and government

To the editor:

In response to Lorraine Hertz's letter to the editor advocating the mandatory use of trigger locks and the locked storage of firearms (Village Post, April 8), I'd like to point out that it's already unlawful to store a loaded gun where a child can gain access to it.

We as Americans have the good fortune to live in a free society. That doesn't mean anything goes. It means that along with our rights we have responsibilities. Proper gun storage is the responsibility of the gun owner, not the government.

Increasingly, Americans seem to feel that stricter gun control laws will make our lives more safe. Just the opposite is true. Law-abiding gun owners will ignore increasingly restrictive laws. (It's against the law to exceed the speed limit, so does no one do it?) If an adult decides to exercise his or her right to own firearms, all responsibility lies with that person.

Joseph Michel
Macalester-Groveland

Ready-made mass transit

To the editor:

I would like to suggest an alternative to proposed plans for a light-rail transit system. The Minneapolis-St. Paul area was once among the top 10 railroad hubs in the United States and it still has a virtual spider web of track. Many commuter systems travel on or along the same right of way as freight trains and Amtrak. With a little upgrading of the existing tracks, the building of a couple of bridges across the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers, and the addition of a few

switches and a mile or two of new track, the Twin Cities could have a very effective commuter rail system.

From the railroad yards underneath the 3rd Street bridge in St. Paul, tracks are already in place to the north to White Bear Lake, Bald Eagle, Hugo, Forest Lake, Marine-on-the-St. Croix and on into Wisconsin; to the east to Lake Elmo, Stillwater, Bayport and Hudson, Wisconsin; to the south to Newport, St. Paul Park, Cottage Grove, Hastings, South St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights, Rosemount and Farmington; and to the west along the Short Line track to Minneapolis and beyond. Transit stations could connect with bus lines going to locations without immediate access to the tracks.

Access to the airport would follow the bottom of the bluff, crossing the Mississippi River on the present railroad bridge near Shepard Road and Randolph Avenue and following the tracks to Highway 13 and I-494. Tracks could be built across the Minnesota River parallel to the I-494 bridge and up into the airport through a natural ravine.

The opposition to the Hiawatha corridor demonstrated by Minnehaha area residents indicates to me a very limited potential to produce significant revenue. To conduct a study of that corridor would be a complete waste of money.

Walter Kruger
Highland Park

Family Center thanks

To the editor:

Thank you to all who contributed to the drawings for the Princess Di and Erin Beanie Babies sponsored by J.D. Crafts to benefit the Highland Mac-Groveland Family Center. With your generous gift, the Family Center will purchase supplies for our preschool drop-in programs, materials for newborn welcoming and refreshments for our volunteers celebration.

At the Family Center, volunteers and staff work to build a strong community for all families in our area. We appreciate the support shown by the owners of J.D. Crafts and their customers.

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including Paymar and Representative Matt Entenza (64A) felt it was a no-win situation.

"Many legislators had mixed feelings about using public money for a hockey arena, but felt they were boxed into a corner," Paymar said. "In the end, I felt it would've been irresponsible not to vote for the arena deal."

Paymar said his biggest concern was that the city of St. Paul had struck a deal with the Minnesota Wild professional hockey team that would have left taxpayers holding the bag should the arena not realize its projected revenue.

"The new deal with the hockey arena is better for St. Paul," Entenza said. "While a lot of us don't like sports subsidies, the mayor had put us in a position in which property taxes in St. Paul would have gone through the roof."

Crime

As chair of the House Judiciary Committee, Skoglund oversaw a \$4.9 million crime bill that included increased penalties for methamphetamine violations, tougher handgun laws, clarification of the law on drive-by shootings and an increase in the number of probation officers on the streets.

Methamphetamine use has become a scourge in other cities and Skoglund said it now threatens the Twin Cities. The new legislation increases the penalties for possessing the drug.

Convicted felons should now think twice about carrying a gun. "If you're a felon and you're found in possession of a gun, it's five years—no ifs, ands or buts," Skoglund said. "The new law is structured so that they really will get the time if they do the crime."

In a recent metro-area drive-by shooting in which a female passenger was killed, the killer could not be charged with first degree murder since he may have been aiming for the driver. A new law would ensure killers like him could receive the full measure for murder.

Faring not so well was Entenza's effort to reduce the legal standard for drunk driving to .08 percent from the current .10. This was the second time Entenza has come up empty on the effort, but he said he is optimistic about its passage next year.

Education

Entenza and Paymar said the education bill that came out of this year's sessions may have the most meaning to people.

"It's one of the most important items this year to impact the Highland and Macalester-Groveland neighborhoods and St. Paul in general," Paymar said. This year's bill addresses previous legislative action that would have inadvertently reduced funds to schools that did not have especially high percentages of children receiving free and reduced-price lunches. Villager-area schools like Horace Mann, Randolph Heights and Ramsey Junior High would have faced funding cuts.

Instead, this year's K-12 bill holds compensatory funding steady at most schools, and increasing it to those with high numbers of poor students. Overall, Paymar said, legislators approved a \$120 million increase in per pupil spending, or about \$65 per student. "We protected the schools," he said. "The new

funding formula provides flexibility so they won't face cuts."

Money also was made available to help teachers prepare for the new Profiles in Learning, a curricular mandate designed to ensure a minimum level of proficiency before students are allowed to graduate from high school. That same money also may be used by districts to decrease class sizes. "Profiles in Learning was very controversial this session," Paymar said. The new legislation allows for a gradual implementation process.

Entenza co-authored legislation that allows teachers to assign summer school to students who fail to pass the 10th-grade proficiency test required for graduation. In previous years, fewer than half those students took advantage of the summer program. With the new law, teachers can require that they do.

Other educational expenditures included \$400,000 to expand all-day kindergarten in St. Paul. The K-12 bill also provided funds to ensure a computer in every classroom.

Senator Dick Cohen (District 64) said higher education also received a needed boost this year. The state committed \$73 million in supplementary aid on top of \$250 million to be used for physical improvements to the state's public universities. The bonding bill approved by the Legislature will enable St. Paul Technical College to proceed with a \$10 million construction project that will involve remodeling student service areas, expanding the library and creating a chemical technology lab. Construction is expected to begin next spring.

Light Rail

The Legislature set aside \$40 million for a light-rail system along the Hiawatha Corridor in Minneapolis. Skoglund said the plan will transform parts of his district. "This will make neighborhoods more attractive by providing an easy commute to major business and shopping areas in the Twin Cities, the airport and Mall of America in a non-polluting fashion," he said. "It's an amazing accomplishment. We'd been working on it for years. Everything finally came together."

Skoglund, Paymar and Cohen said they see light rail as a way of countering the effects of population and economic losses to the suburbs by providing easy access to, from and within the core cities. "We have to get serious about mass transit in the next 10 years," Cohen said. Paymar hopes a light-rail route to downtown St. Paul will be next. "This was a big, big step," he said.

Neighborhoods

Paymar noted that the final funding for improvements to the Ford Bridge was approved. Money also has been set aside to improve the bike trails, interpretive center and landscaping at Fort Snelling.

In Skoglund's district, money was appropriated for an indoor public athletic complex at South High School that will be run by a consortium including the Amateur Athletics Commission and the YWCA. The state granted "the last \$600,000" that was required for the project, which will include track, soccer, swimming and exercise facilities. "It's the best thing to happen to Lake Street since the Sears store was built," Skoglund said.

Zoning board turns down variance requests for Merriam Park duplex

A housing developer may have to go back to the drawing board if he still wants to build on a vacant Merriam Park lot.

The St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) voted 6-1 on April 13 to reject variance requests by John Tittle to build a duplex at 1746 Selby Ave.

Tittle was seeking four variances in order to build a duplex on a 4,800-square-foot lot (6,000 square feet is required). The

lot is 40 feet wide (50 feet is required) and the duplex would have had a 4-foot side yard setback (9 feet is required) and a 10-foot front yard setback (17 feet is required).

A majority of BZA members argued that the lot could be developed for a single-family home instead of a duplex. However, Tittle said building a duplex would be more economically feasible.

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Utility and park projects predominate in construction season

by Jane McClure

There is good news for local residents who are tired of the noise, dust, mud and traffic from the street reconstruction of recent years. For the first time in a long time, no major street reconstruction projects are planned in Villager-area neighborhoods this summer.

A few smaller projects will take place, including the installation of lantern-style street lighting on Selby Avenue between Snelling and Fairview avenues in Merriam Park, and the replacement of old streetlight wiring on sections of Pinehurst and Hillcrest avenues in Highland Park. None of the smaller projects are expected to cause traffic detours, however, according to Joanne Plankers of the St. Paul Department of Public Works.

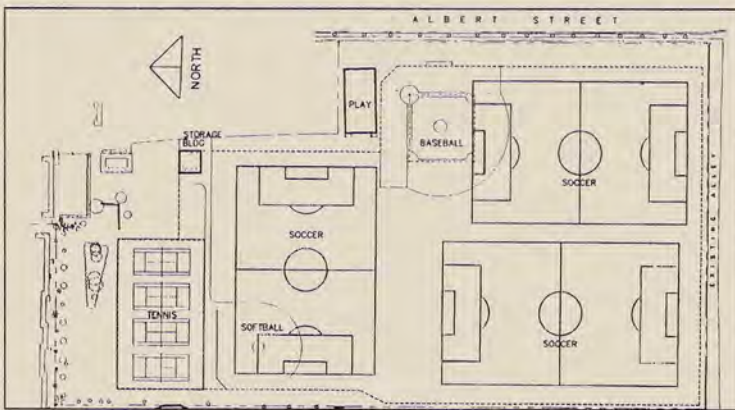
Most of the largest construction jobs taking place locally this summer involve city utility and parks and recreation projects. The following is an overview of those projects:

Parks and playgrounds

The St. Paul City Council approved a development and operating agreement with Cretin-Derham Hall on April 8 as part of a \$1 million field improvement project now under way on the large open space just west of the high school. The city will contribute \$340,000 to the project, which will result in four new tennis courts, three soccer fields, a baseball field and a softball field.

The property is leased by CDH from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation and CDH will jointly operate and maintain the fields. Completion date is set for September 1.

"This is an exciting project for the school and for the entire community," said CDH



principal Richard Engler.

CDH recently modified its site plan to accommodate the wishes of the school's neighbors. Under the current plan, two of the soccer fields, including an Olympic-sized version, will be at the south end of the site. The other fields and tennis courts were moved to the north, away from residences.

"We were trying to get as much playing space as we could, while responding to neighborhood concerns about potential noise," Engler said.

The school also rearranged the site plan to keep the baseball diamond from encroaching on the soccer fields. "We tried to keep most if not all of the soccer playing areas in grass and not on ag-lime," Engler said.

The city plans to undertake a few other recreation projects this year. The largest is the construction of a new \$1.5 million Dunning Recreation Center and renovated Toni Stone Stadium in the Lexington-Hamline neighborhood. A neighborhood task force is now meeting to hammer out the plan. Work should get under way by this fall, said John Wirka of St. Paul Parks and Recreation.

New soccer, baseball and softball fields are being built on the large tract of land just west of Cretin-Derham Hall. The \$1 million project is scheduled to be completed by September 1.

Some playground work could also take place at the Groveland Recreation Center later this year. The St. Paul City Council awarded \$30,000 to Groveland to get fundraising started for the playground project. A \$50,000 grant for playground equipment from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is pending.

Plans also are in the works to extend the Mississippi River East Bank Regional Trail from downtown St. Paul to Highland Park, and to build an addition and make playground improvements at Homecroft Recreation Center in Highland Park.

Public utilities

A sewer relining project that started last February should be completed in June or July. The project takes in sections of Lincoln, Grand, Summit, Portland, Holly, Ashland and Dayton avenues in the Summit Hill and Summit-University neighborhoods, Worcester Avenue in Highland Park, Portland Avenue in Snelling-Hamline, and Berkeley Avenue and Edgumbe Road in Macalester-Groveland.

The sewer pipes are being fitted with a

resin liner in order to strengthen them, according to Larry Lueth of Public Works. In areas where the project is taking place, sewer and water service is shut down for about eight hours a day.

Streets and highways

Reconstruction of Shepard Road between Randolph Avenue and downtown St. Paul will continue this year and into 1999. The current road should remain open for traffic most of the time, although motorists may be delayed by work in the downtown area.

Work began in mid-April at the I-94-Fairview Avenue overpass. The bridge deck will be overlaid and joints will be replaced at the frontage road over Fairview. The \$175,000 project is expected to end September 15.

On July 6, a \$1.4 million street project will begin on Highway 5 from the Mississippi River to Post Road. Road surface milling, a new bituminous overlay, new guard rails and street lighting will be added. The project is expected to be completed by November 15.

St. Paul Public Works plans to reconstruct the Wheeler and Munster intersection in Highland Park this year as part of the St. Paul Gateway project. The project has about \$1 million in city, state and federal funding in hand, according to Highland Area Community Council president Shawn Bartsh. Much of that money, has to be fully or partially matched.

Plans for the gateway area include landscaping, lantern-style street lighting, and directional and identification signs. One of the project's goals is to slow down traffic on West 7th Street and improve pedestrian safety. The project will continue beyond the year 2000.

City Council rejects motion to waive appeal fees for district councils

The St. Paul City Council voted 4-3 on April 8 against a motion to waive the fees charged to district councils that challenge a decision by a city board or commission.

Each of the city's 19 district planning councils receives about \$30,000 per year in citizen participation dollars from the city. When they appeal a decision made by city zoning staff, the Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals, they often use their city funds to pay the filing fee.

City Council member Chris Coleman believes that is wrong. "We're just taking money from one hand and giving it to the other," said Coleman, who introduced the motion to

waive the fees.

The cost of appealing a case to the City Council can range from \$150 to \$380. Community councils pay slightly less than private citizens. Coleman's proposal would have allowed district councils up to two free appeals each year.

"I think it's important to recognize the work that district councils do in our neighborhoods," Coleman said. He pointed out that unlike other neighborhood organizations, district councils are specifically asked to review zoning, variance and permit issues.

However, council member Jerry Blakey said it would be unfair to waive the fees for

district councils and not for private citizens. About half a dozen appeals were filed by district councils in the Villager area over the past five years.

Macalester-Groveland community organizer Kathie Tarnowski said one benefit of charging an appeal fee is that it forces the appellant to weigh the move. "You could argue that the appeal fee forces you to put your money where your mouth is," she said.

However, Highland community organizer Gayle Summers said the decision-making process behind making an appeal probably would not change even if the appeal was free. "District councils don't take the appeal

process lightly and don't file appeals without a lot of consideration," she said.

Ellen Biales, executive director of the Summit Hill Association, agreed with Coleman's assertion that having district councils use city funds to pay for appeals was not a wise use of public money. "It can be looked at as robbing Peter to pay Paul," she said.

Sherilyn Young, community organizer of the Merriam Park and Snelling-Hamline councils, said she would like to see the fees discussed further. Snelling-Hamline recently requested a waiver of the \$150 fee it was required to pay when appealing a sign variance. The request was rejected by the City Council.

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Real estate relatives Jim and Brian Dorfsman have a wide gap in age, but not philosophy, as sales associates for Coldwell Banker Burnet's Highland Park office. Photo by Mike Long.

Generational leap works well for grandfather, grandson sales team

by E.C. Hartley

Husband and wife teams are not uncommon in the real estate business, nor for that matter are father and son or mother and daughter pairings. But a grandfather and grandson partnership? Longevity alone militates against such a union.

However, Jim and Brian Dorfsman form just such a pair. The two men, who are separated in age by more than half a century, are sales associates with Coldwell Banker Burnet's Highland Park office. They market themselves as the "dynamic duo" of the local real estate business.

"Brian has been interested in real estate for a long time," said Jim Dorfsman of his 21-year-old grandson. "He used to come to my office or ride along in the car with me, always asking questions. When he told me last year that he wanted to go into the business with me, I thought, 'Well, I could use a gofer—someone to run errands, handle the mailings and what not."

"But now we're full partners," he said. "Brian has learned an incredible amount about home loans and real estate law in such a short time—things that took me much longer to learn years ago. He's become my confidante, my supporter, my partner."

The son of immigrant parents, Jim served in the Navy during World War II and earned a law degree from the University of Minnesota in 1950. He has lived in the Highland area since 1946 and has sold real estate locally for nearly 25 years.

Brian is just three years out of Highland Park High School with a year at the University of St. Thomas under his belt. He projects the image of someone at least five years older than he is and possesses a maturity well beyond that. He has been singled out as one of the top sales people among the rookies in the Highland office.

"I have to appear older than I am by never dressing casually," he said. "And I have to have a ready answer for every question that my customers ask. I probably do my best work with younger people—those who are first-time homebuyers. As often as not, people think I'm Jim's son rather than his grandson, and that's fine with me."

"We have a good relationship of their partnership," Jim said. "We have a lot of fun and neither of us gets upset if the other offers any criticism. And, believe me, Brian has no problem pointing out his grandfather's shortcomings."

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Judge Walter Bowser is honored for handing down the model of righteous living that he received as a youngster

by Leslie Walters

Ramsey County District Judge Walter A. Bowser would not be where he is today without strong role models, he said. As a youngster, he was guided by his disciplinarian father. "Even though we were impoverished, my father expected a great deal of all his five children," Bowser said. "He didn't allow us to be average."

When his father died, 8-year-old Walter turned to family, friends and the community for guidance. "I'd watch people and see something that someone was doing the right way and I'd pick up on that," he said. "It didn't really matter whether it was a teacher or a laborer, that person was a role model for me."

So when Bowser was named Role Model of the Year by the 100 Black Men of the Virginia Peninsula, an African-American civic organization in his hometown of Newport News, he reacted with great pride and a renewed commitment. "The award tells me that I've been doing things that people perceive as being good, as something to emulate," he said.

A Highland Park resident for the past 21 years, Bowser remains extremely loyal to his hometown. "Even though I've lived in Minnesota since 1969, anything that comes from back home is very, very important," he said.

Bowser, 49, left Newport News to attend the University of Minnesota on an athletic scholarship. In high school he was Virginia's Player of the Year in football, the first African-

American to receive that distinction. He led his team to the state basketball tournament, became the first African-American student to win a state high school tennis championship, and won national titles in high school in both singles and doubles tennis.

Bowser credits the high expectations of his former Newport News neighbors for the high standards he sets for himself. "I had to look to a lot of other people to provide me with the essentials of growing up," he said. "When I came to Minnesota my sense was I couldn't afford to fail because I'd let too many people down."

Bowser majored in history at the U of M and excelled in football, basketball and tennis. He still holds the Big 10 records for most return yards for fumbles and interceptions in one game and for his career. An All-American honorable mention defensive back, Bowser played quarterback, flanker, punter, and kick and punt returner on the Gopher football team. Following graduation, he was drafted by the Canadian Football League, but opted for law school at the U instead.

"My heart was in football the whole time I was in law school," he said. After three years, he signed a contract with the Vikings. "I was the last person cut before the opening game with Green Bay in 1974," he said. Placed on waivers by the Vikings the following year, Bowser was picked up by the Chicago Bears. "I was doing well, but taking a financial beating," he said. When the Bears let him go, he

went back to law.

Bowser served as a St. Paul city attorney for 19 years before being appointed to the District Court bench in 1996 by Governor Arne Carlson. Throughout that period, he maintained his ties with Newport News. Every August, he returns to help the high schools there with their preseason football practices.

"There's a bit more to this Role Model of the Year award when you understand what it was like growing up in my hometown," Bowser said. His Class of 1969 was the last all-black class in Newport News. The schools were integrated the following year.

Integration was not all good, Bowser said. Many African-Americans suffered the loss of their schools and the distinguishing characteristics of the black school system. "We don't even have a school to go back to," he said, pointing to a photo from a recent class reunion. "Many people still look to (1969) as a reminder of how good things were. I became something of a symbol of that time."

Bowser's specialty as an attorney was real estate litigation. He represented the city of St. Paul when it was sued for \$10 million by the prospective developer of condominiums at the old NSP power plant off Shepard Road and Randolph Avenue. It was his last case before leaving the bar and his most important, Bowser said. He won it on an appeal to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

As a judge, Bowser said, his strength is his common sense. "If the job is done right, com-

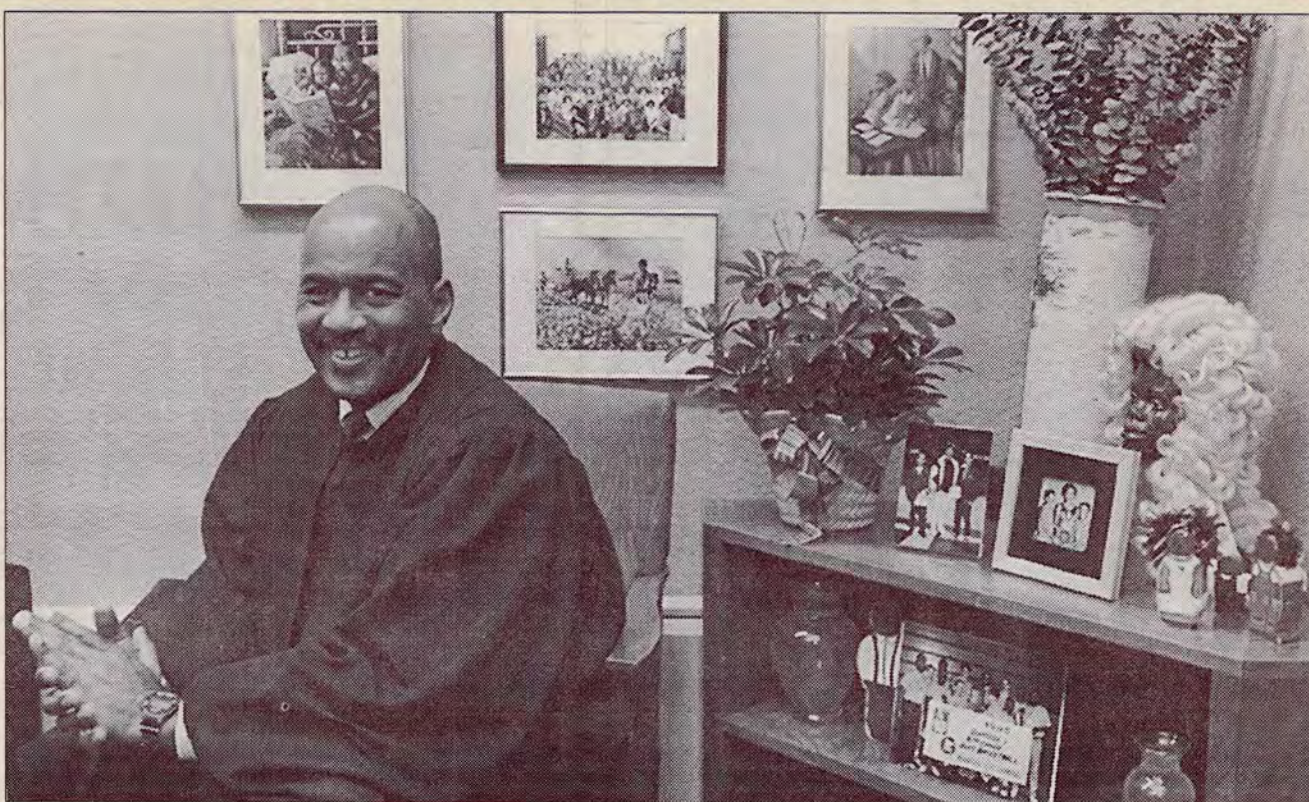
mon sense always comes into play—that, confidence and a sense that you're not perfect. I know I've been wrong on occasion, but I feel confident that I haven't made too many mistakes. Nothing's been reversed—just yet."

A dedicated family man, Bowser is quick to show off photos of wife Debbie and their three children. "They're all strong students, especially in math," he said of Kari, a 19-year-old engineering student at the University of Wisconsin; Walter Jr., a 10th-grader at Cretin-Derham Hall; and Brandon, an 8th-grader at Capitol Hill Magnet School.

Bowser has coached many of his children's baseball and basketball teams, and 20 years ago he helped found the Dave Winfield Awards Committee, which awards grants to 10 outstanding black athletes each year. He has worked as an adjunct professor at William Mitchell College of Law since 1987, and was named a distinguished alumnus of the U of M Law School in 1995.

"I was fortunate," he said. "Some people who grow up in impoverished situations respond by doing real well and becoming strong. Some go the other way. Given the same stimulus, you never can tell what is the determining factor."

Bowser has a pretty good idea, though. "It's important for all of us to recognize that we're role models," he said. "We should do things outwardly—and very, very quietly—that show people that what we're doing is the right way."



Ramsey County District Judge Walter Bowser takes a breather in his courthouse chambers. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

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District party faithful support candidates for House, governor

Next stops for endorsees are congressional district and state conventions

by Chris Smith

A near sweep for Republican gubernatorial candidate Norm Coleman and a tight DFL race are shaping up locally as the major political parties head into the home stretch of their nominating seasons.

Members of the respective parties threw their support behind candidates for governor at district conventions in March and April. They also began formally endorsing candidates for the Minnesota House of Representatives and passing resolutions that they hope will become part of their state party platform.

Resolutions passed at the local district conventions consistently fell along party lines. Republicans urged the return of current and future state budget surpluses to taxpayers and strongly opposed proposed state and federal high school graduation standards. They also passed resolutions asking state delegates to strengthen anti-abortion language.

Democrats generally opposed vouchers and credits for private education and favored using some state surplus funds to reduce residential property taxes and to address inequities in housing, health care, education and other areas.

The following is an update on the endorsed candidates and political campaigns in districts within the *Villager's* circulation area:

District 64

District 64A Republicans formally endorsed Joe Stoup at their March 20 convention to run against incumbent DFL state Representative Matt Entenza. Stoup, who is

the son of state Representative Peg Larsen (R-Lakeland), said he has worked on campaigns for his mother and other Republicans and has "grown up around politics." This is his first run for elected office.

Party members elected 12 delegates to the 4th Congressional District convention. Among the delegates is St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman. He received commitments in his bid for governor from 11 of the 12 delegates. The other vote went to Lieutenant Governor Joanne Benson.

"I don't think anyone was surprised that Norm did pretty well among our delegates," said Donna Dekinger, District 64A Republican chair.

In District 64B, Republicans had a similar split, with one delegate committing to Benson and the remaining 14 either committing to or leaning toward Coleman. "It's pretty clear that the 4th District is strongly for Coleman," said Terry Cullen, District 64B Republican chair.

The 64B Republicans expect to endorse a House candidate on Wednesday, April 29. They will be choosing between Ray Cleveland, who earned the party's nod in 1996 but lost to Michael Paymar in the general election, and Dave Arendt, who is new to the area after being active in Republican politics in Roseville. Both candidates made presentations at the district convention, but conveners ran out of time to endorse a candidate.

During the District 64 DFL precinct caucuses last month, Minnesota Attorney General Skip Humphrey captured about 40 percent of the vote in straw polls, with Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman getting about 30 percent. State Senators John Marty and Ted Mondale and former state auditor Mark Dayton combined to receive about 12 percent of the vote. The rest were undecided. Humphrey and Freeman are the

only gubernatorial candidates actively seeking the DFL Party's endorsement.

The District 64 DFL Party will hold its convention on Saturday, April 25, at Highland Park Junior High School. Incumbents Entenza and Paymar are currently running unopposed for the party's endorsement.

District 62

Republicans in District 62 also leaned heavily toward Coleman, but there was a strong showing by Alan Quist during their endorsing convention on April 16. Coleman earned 12 delegates, Quist five and Benson one.

In District 62B, Republicans endorsed John Halvorson to run for the state House against DFL incumbent Wes Skoglund, but no endorsement has been made in District 62A. Halvorson ran unsuccessfully against Skoglund in 1996.

District 62 DFLers met on April 18, after this issue of the *Villager* went to press. Longtime DFL incumbents Lee Greenfield in 62A and Skoglund in 62B were not expected to face opposition. At the DFL caucuses across the district, straw poll results had Humphrey with a narrow lead over Freeman in the governor's race.

District 38A

Tim Wilkin won the Republican endorsement for the House District 38A seat being vacated by fellow party member Tim Commers. Wilkins was chosen on the first ballot over Paul Bakken at the district convention on March 28. Wilkin, who has been involved in Republican politics for several years, narrowly lost to DFLer Deanna Weiner in the District 38 Senate race in 1996.

District 38A DFLers endorsed Sandra Masin, an Eagan City Council member, over District 197 School Board member Thomas

Weisbecker. Masin earned the endorsement on the second ballot of the district convention on March 28.

DFL delegates elected in 38A were narrowly in favor of Humphrey, with five committing to him and four to Freeman. Six remained uncommitted, according to former DFL district chair Shawn Towle. On the Republican side, no formal commitments were given, according to Republican district chair Gale Anderson, but a straw poll indicated "overwhelming" support for Coleman, with Benson in second and Quist in third.

District 39A

In District 39A, Republicans endorsed Mendota Heights resident John Trojack, a longtime district party organizer. He will challenge DFL incumbent Tom Pugh, who was unopposed for his party's nomination.

Of the 15 Republican delegates elected, most did not indicate a preference in the governor's race and no straw poll was conducted, according to district co-chair Jeanette Weir. Of the four or five who did express their preference, each favored Coleman, she said.

DFLers in 39A strongly supported Freeman, according to former district chair Rick Hanson. Of the 15 delegates apportioned to 39A, nine favored Freeman, two Humphrey and four were uncommitted.

Next up are congressional district conventions, where candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives will be endorsed and resolutions will be passed for consideration at the state conventions.

At the state party conventions, statewide candidates, including those for governor, will seek formal endorsement. The state DFL convention will be held June 5-7 in St. Cloud. Republicans will gather June 18-20 in Minneapolis.

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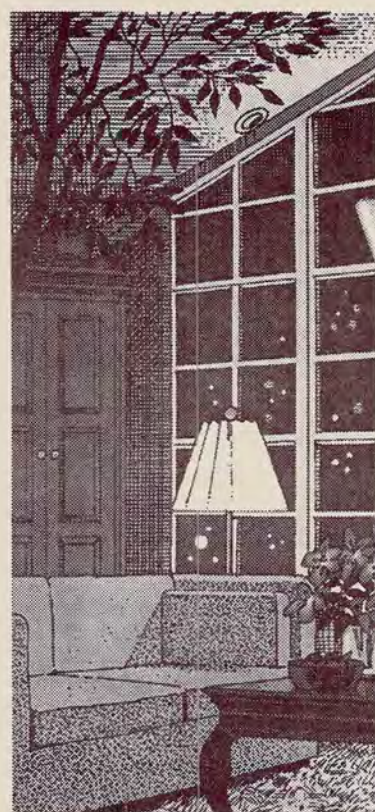
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Keith Chesney of Clann Tartan introduced Wil Anderson of Macalester-Groveland to the armor of old Scotland during last year's Scottish Country Fair. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

Macalester celebrates centuries-old culture in 26th Scottish Country Fair

The skirl of bagpipes will once again fill the air over Macalester College when the 26th Scottish Country Fair and Highland Games gets under way on Saturday, May 2, at the campus.

The fair and games will run from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., drawing competitors from across the Upper Midwest and Canada. Highland dancers will showcase the intricate footwork and stamina required to perform the Sword Dance, the Highland Fling and the Seann Truibhas. Bagpipers will compete for top honors in solo and band divisions.

Athletes will demonstrate their brawn in the "heavy events," competitions that the kings of ancient Scotland used to test the mettle of their soldiers. These include the hammer toss, sheaf toss, stone put and caber toss, in which an 18-foot, 150-pound log must be thrown so that it lands upright, the top striking the ground first.

Measuring her talents against the mostly male field will be Shannon Hartnett of Santa Rosa, California, a three-time women's world champion in the heavy events.

At noon, more than 100 kilted pipers and drummers will march together in the Parade of Tartans and Massed Bands. The units will perform traditional Scottish tunes while they

display their precision marching.

Hebrides troubadours and instrumentalists Donnie McDonald and Jimmy Keigher of Men of Worth headline the musical line-up, performing at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the Janet Wallace Concert Hall. Other musical performers include Clairseach, harpist Sunita Staneslow and Laura MacKenzie.

A Scottish Marketplace will feature authentic foods and crafts. Clann Tartan will re-enact Scottish life in the 1600s all day, and Scottish sheepherding will be demonstrated at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Shaw Field.

The fair is sponsored by Macalester College, the Twin Cities Scottish Club, the St. Andrew's Society, the Midwest Pipe Band Association, the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans and the Minnesota Scottish Celtic Dance Association.

Tickets are available in advance for \$7.00, \$3.00 for children and senior citizens, at the Hungry Mind, 1648 Grand Ave., and Travel With Us, 1692 Randolph Ave.

Admission at the gate will be \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children and seniors. Those age 5 and younger will be admitted free.

For more information, call 696-6239.

Ten young artists take the top prize in Villager's annual coloring contest

Hundreds of children age 12 and younger broke out their crayons, markers and colored pencils last month to provide fancy new wardrobes for the Easter Bunny and members of the Berenstain Bear family as part of the Villager's spring coloring contest.

A total of 1,155 entries were received by the 10 businesses that co-sponsored the event. The drawing that was judged to be the best at each business earned each of the young artists four free tickets to Valleyfair.

The winners, their ages and addresses, and the businesses that selected them were: Maria Balogh, 8, 521 Warwick St., A. Johnson & Sons

Florist; Ashley Butler, 12, 1763 Eleanor Ave., Kubes Dental Care; Danielle Glasky, 8, 2099 Roblyn Ave., Liberty State Bank; Emily Sather, 10, 1950 Selby Ave., Boehm's Schwinn Cycle Center; Kelsey Vandegrift, 5, 1555 Fairmount Ave., Garden of Eva; Leah Schumacher, 9, 1359 Fairmount Ave., HealthEast Macalester-Groveland Clinic; Michelle Johnson, 7, 2126 Juliet Ave., Subway on Grand; Molly Amberg, 10, 201 Woodlawn Ave., Al's Farm Toys; Angeline Ryan, 10, 1315 Wellesley Ave., Blimpie's Subs & Salads; and Elliot Bader, 5, 1733 Bayard Ave., Grand Avenue Ace Hardware.

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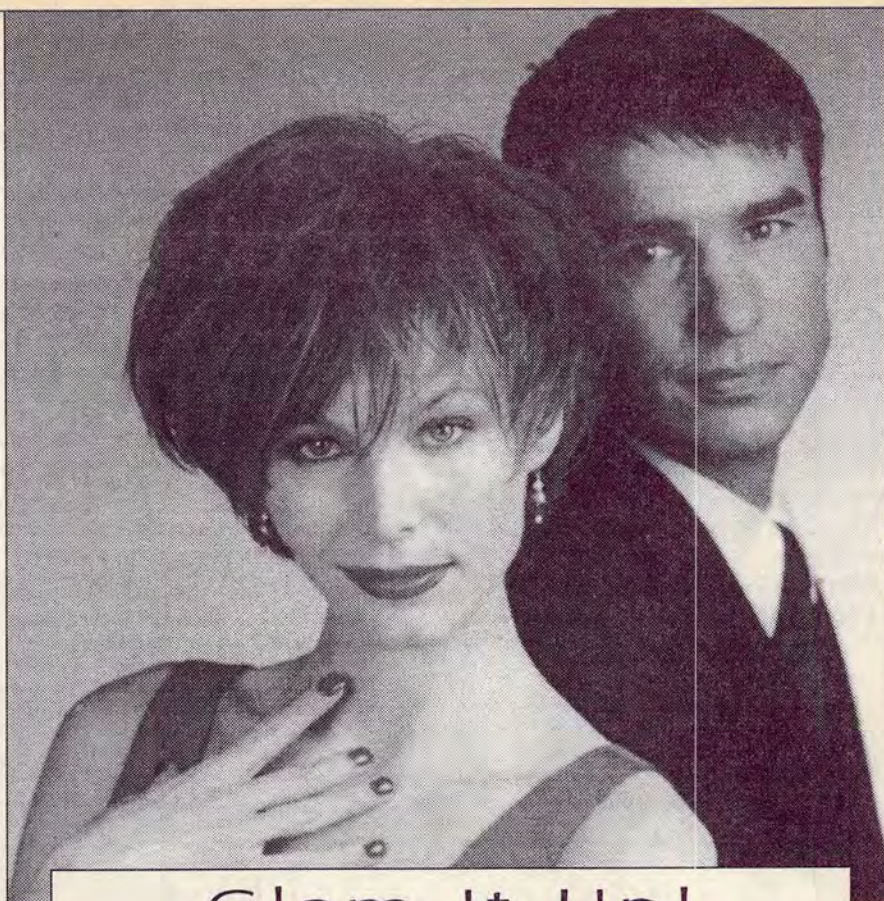
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Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council elected the following residents to two-year terms on its board of directors at its annual meeting on April 16: Marvin Sinykin of 2110 Summit Ave., Grid 2; Deb Alper of 1835 Fairmount Ave., Grid 4; Art Punyko of 1463 Grand Ave., Grid 6; John Steiner-Manning of 1255 Goodrich Ave., Grid 8; John Halla of 1872 Wellesley Ave., Grid 10; Doug Zang of 1377 Wellesley Ave., Grid 12; and Bill Connors of 1900 Jefferson Ave., Grid 14. Still to be elected is a representative of Grid 16 (see map). Residents of that area are invited to elect a representative at the board's May 21 meeting.

Mike Pexa of 1702 St. Clair Ave. was elected to serve the remaining year of a two-year term representing Grid 11. Elected to at-large terms were Kate Harvath of 1861 Randolph Ave. and Susan Gretz of 1283 Sargent Ave. Elected to serve the remaining year of an unexpired at-large term was Leslie Harter-Ibaniz of 1147 Palace Ave.

Derek Tonn of the University of St. Thomas was elected as the representative of area educational institutions. James Miller of Strategies Etc., 434 S. Mississippi River Blvd., was elected to represent area businesses. The board hopes to fill the position representing area religious institutions at the May meeting.

TOWN MEETING

A town meeting on Ayd Mill Road also was held on April 16. The community council's delegates to the Ayd Mill Road Task Force—Jane Jenkins, Kate McGough and Doug Zang—discussed the roadway alternatives still under study. Given recent changes to the timetable for the Ayd Mill environmental impact statement, the community council will not be taking a position on its preferred alternative until this fall. The council's Transportation Committee will identify issues and concerns at its May 13 meeting and will present them to the board on May 21. For more information, call the council office at 698-7973.



Macalester-Groveland neighborhood by grids

PLANT SHARE

The community council's annual Plant Share will be held on Saturday, May 9. The event gives area gardeners a chance to share their extra perennials with neighbors who could use them. A \$1 donation will be requested of those who do not bring plants to share.

Plant Share sites will be open from 10:00 a.m. to noon at 1148 Edgumbe Road, 1953 Berkeley Ave., 2031 Goodrich Ave. and at Haas Auto Body, 1400 St. Clair Ave.; and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at 395 S. Pascal St. and 1295 Fairmount Ave. For information, call the community council office at 698-7973.

EDGCUMBE REC CENTER

The Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St., offers programs that range from tumbling for preschoolers to activities for senior citizens. Open gym for those age 14 and younger is offered from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. Edgumbe also has a weight room and a racquetball court. For a complete listing of programs, call 298-5772.

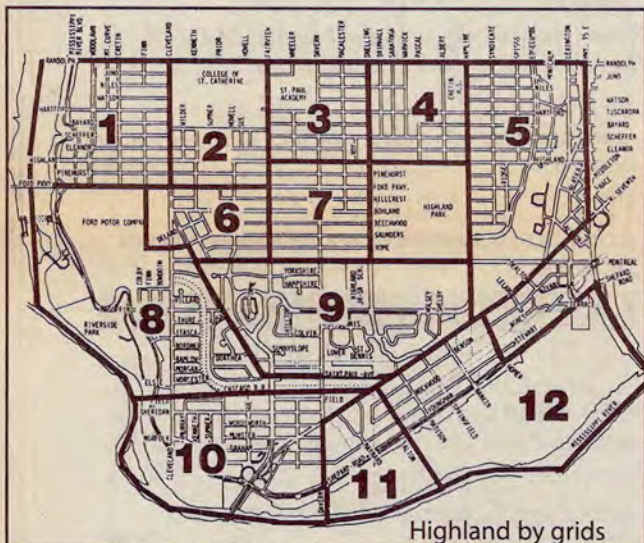
HOME SWEET IMPROVEMENTS

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council has been awarded an \$8,800 grant by the University of St. Thomas to help operate its Middle Income Fix-Up Fund. The fund offers loans of up to \$10,000 at the prime interest rate for residents who are interested in making basic home improvements such as new roofing, insulation, plumbing and electrical repairs. There is no income limit.

Macalester-Groveland residents also are eligible for a new Minnesota Housing Finance Association home improvement loan. Loans of up to \$25,000 are available at an interest rate of 8 percent. The program is for residents with gross annual household incomes of \$21,000 to \$69,920. Most basic home improvements are eligible for this program as well.

For information on these and other home improvement loan programs, call Kate Schultz at 698-7973.

Highland Area Community COUNCIL CAPSULE



Highland by grids

ANNUAL MEETING

The Highland Area Community Council will hold its annual meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Elections will be held at that time to fill the board seats from all even-numbered grid areas (see map) as well as two at-large positions.

Current board members whose seats are up for election include Reede Webster (Grid area 2), Vicky Dim Williams (4), Greg Kliendl (6), Ken Jefferson (8), Shawn Bartsh (10) and at-large members Rick Dagenais and Greg McGee.

Highland, Mac-Grove host joint cleanup

The Highland and Macalester-Groveland community councils will hold a joint neighborhood cleanup from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in the parking lot of Highland Park Senior High School, 1015 S. Snelling Ave.

Residents who come to the site are asked to separate items into the following categories: scrap metal and car batteries, bikes, lawn mowers and snow blowers, white cement blocks and concrete, mattresses and box springs, construction debris, TVs, VCRs and audio equipment, tires, usable building materials, usable household goods, refuse

material and dry carpeting and pads.

The cost to drop off items at the cleanup site is \$5.00 per car, \$10 per pickup, station wagon or trailer, and \$25 for large trucks. Only household quantities will be accepted. There will be an additional charge of \$1.50 per car tire and \$2.50 per light truck tire. Larger tires will be assessed by size.

Brush and branches 10 inches or less in diameter may be dropped off that same day in the Highland Water Tower parking lot on Snelling Avenue and Ford Parkway. No root balls will be accepted.

Curbside appliance pickup will be

offered between 8:00 a.m. and noon on Monday, May 4. To register, call 454-9215. Those who mention that they are Highland or Macalester-Groveland residents will enjoy a reduced price of \$15 for the first appliance and \$8.00 for each additional appliance. Those with air conditioners will be charged \$20 per unit.

Volunteers are needed to help with the cleanup. They will be treated to lunch and be allowed to drop off materials without charge.

To volunteer, call the HACC council office at 298-5138 or the Macalester-Groveland council office at 698-7973.

Those who attend the meeting also will be able to vote on two proposed amendments to the council's by-laws. The first would add a representative to the board from the West End Business Association. The second would change the name of the organization to the Highland District Council.

The program for the evening will be a presentation regarding the planned expansion of the crosswind runway at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and its effect on Highland, off-site airport parking and airport car rental facilities. For information, call the council office at 298-5138.

COMPOST SITES OPEN

Ramsey County compost sites are now open. Spring hours

are 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday; and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Only grass clippings, leaves and other soft-bodied plant material may be dropped off.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 23: HACC annual meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

April 27: Recycling pickup, 7:00 a.m.

May 2: Highland/Macalester-Groveland neighborhood cleanup, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Highland Park Senior High School parking lot, 1015 S. Snelling Ave.

May 7: HACC board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hillcrest.



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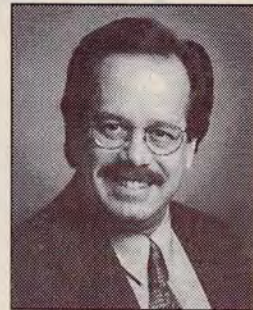
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Fabulous headgear will be back in fashion when the May Day Hat Party returns to Fern's May 1. Photo by Mike Long.

May Day party-goers tip their caps to YWCA housing project

The members of the Cathedral Hill May Day Committee will once again serve as hostesses for their annual "fun raiser," the May Day Hat Party, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at Fabulous Fern's Bar and Grill, 400 Selby Ave.

All proceeds from the fourth annual event will go to the YWCA of St. Paul's Transitional Housing Program, which prepares homeless mothers and their children to live independently. Those who attend the party are asked to beg, borrow or bedeck their own May Day hats. Prizes will be awarded to the top five hats.

A tax-deductible \$10 donation will be requested at the door. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided compliments of Fern's. Door prizes will be awarded and games of chance will be played, with prizes that include a diamond from R.F. Moeller Jeweler, dinners for two at numerous Twin Cities restaurants and many other items donated by local businesses. A live auction also will be held for items ranging from a fur coat to a one-year membership at the YWCA.

More information and an invitation to the party are available by calling Toni Peterson at 293-0390 or Jill Fiebiger at 698-9604.

Volunteers to remove winter grime from riverbank April 25

The University of St. Thomas will mount its annual riverbank cleanup from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 25. Neighbors are invited to join the students in collecting trash and debris from the paths along the 2-mile stretch of the Mississippi River from the Lake Street Bridge to the Ford Dam.

Volunteers are asked to show up at the World War I monument at the western end of Summit Avenue to receive directions, trash bags, punch and cookies, and a pair of gloves if they forget to bring their own. They are advised to wear sturdy shoes and are asked to bring a rake if they have one. All participants will receive a free T-shirt.

The project, which is being coordinated by the university's EcoAction Team, is part of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Adopt-a-River Program. Over the past seven years, volunteers have collected thousands of bags of trash from the riverbank. For more information on the cleanup, call EcoAction member Kadi O'Daniel at 825-2113.



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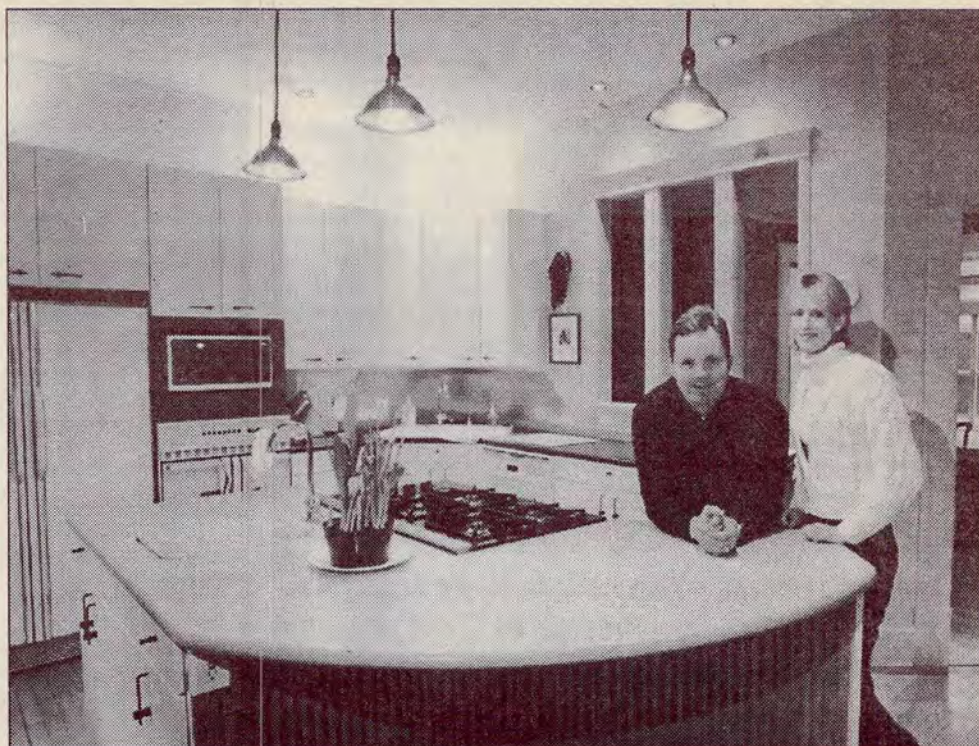
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Lincoln Avenue residents Bill and Michelle Webster will open their 1886 three-story brick Victorian to the public as part of this year's Minneapolis-St. Paul Home Tour on May 2-3. They are pictured showing off their spacious remodeled kitchen.

Pride in the neighborhood

Residents salute city living by opening their doors for Mpls.-St. Paul Home Tour

by Chris Smith

From tidy bungalows to high-end historic homes, area residents will offer the public a chance to see what they love best about city living when they open their doors for the 11th annual Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour the weekend of May 2-3.

The free, self-guided tour will feature more than 60 homes. It is designed to promote urban living, encourage home improvements and provide information about the various financing options available to help people buy or improve a home in the central cities.

"People are proud of living in the city," said David Hennessey, a Macalester-Groveland resident and one of the tour coordinators for St. Paul. "We have variety and history and some unique homes. We have a lot of things you won't find in the Parade of Homes in the suburbs."

Bill and Michelle Webster agreed to open their home at 2116 Lincoln Ave. because they want to show off what city living means to them. "We're really proud of this house and of what living in this part of St. Paul gives us," Bill said. "We have a sense of community. We have good shopping, good schools, parks and the river nearby. We can park our cars after

work on Friday and not drive them again until Monday morning."

The Websters' 1886 three-story brick Victorian home was built a year after the founding of the nearby University of St. Thomas. "The lore of the house was that it was built for Archbishop John Ireland," Bill said. "We researched the abstract recently and sure enough, his name is on the title."

Visitors on the tour will find much of the original home intact, including the maple flooring, large bay windows and arches. The couple restored the second story to its original floor plan since taking ownership in December.

"The second floor had been divided up for boarders at some point, so there were closets with three doors and odd things like that," Webster said. "We came in and in seven or eight weeks redid the second floor and the basement."

Visitors will be surprised by the home's enormous kitchen. "My son's indoor basketball hoop is set up in here, so I tell people it's big enough to play basketball in," Webster said. "We had our Christmas tree in here because it was the most space in the house."

Home tour/see next page



Niles Avenue residents Ann and Doug McGee have expanded the upstairs bedroom of their 1935 bungalow into a living area with skylights, a columned arch and half bath.

Home tour salutes city life /from previous page

Next on the Websters' to-do list is a third-floor expansion.

The Tudor Craftsman home at 502 Grand Hill, designed by St. Paul architect Clarence Johnston, also features extensive kitchen remodeling, complete with a 15-foot center island. "People say, 'Whoa, now *this* is an island,'" said Lyn Burton, who owns the 6,500-square-foot, four-bedroom home with her husband, Tom Feeney. The kitchen was opened up and reconfigured for "someone who likes to cook and entertain," Burton said. "I wanted everything in the island, including two sinks."

The third floor and basement of the home have been refinished and "opened up to be more kid-friendly," she said. "On the first floor, we've been very careful to maintain the home's original look and feel. In our work there, we've replicated rather than renovated."

Burton said she agreed to open the home to the tour in order to share remodeling ideas with other homeowners. "We wanted to show that these big homes can be adapted to modern families with children," she said.

At Mary and Doug Olson's home at 555 Ashland Ave., renovation meant a 23-year commitment. The 1883 American Stick home had been divided into seven small apartments, probably during the Depression. Since buying the house in 1974, the Olsons have been working slowly to restore it to its original single-family condition.

The Olsons removed dividing walls and opened up columned archways between the front parlor, library and dining rooms. Sunlight now illuminates the main-floor rooms

through large bay windows with leaded glass. The Olsons have gutted and remodeled every room in the house, being careful to match the woodwork throughout.

"When we bought the house, we were in college and didn't have much money," Mary said. "We'd do some work, then stop and save money. Then we'd do some more work. I'd always dreamed of fixing up an older house. We knew this area was getting ready to turn around, although it was about 10 years before things really started to improve."

Other area homes that will be featured on the tour include the following:

- 176 N. Mississippi River Blvd., the 1922 Colonial Revival residence of University of Minnesota president Mark Yudof and his wife, Judy. Eastcliff, as it is known, has public areas that are used for university functions and is graced by numerous paintings and sculptures from the university's collection.

- 585 Grand Ave., which features a remodeled kitchen with new bench seating and 15-pane French doors leading to an adjacent four-season porch. Owners

Dan and Pat Igo have remodeled every room in the house, which dates from the early 1900s.

- 820 Laurel Ave, the home of Ginney Heuer and Jeff Bowar. The house has an eclectic, late-Victorian feel and is highlighted by oak doors, stencils and border paper.

- 1674 Niles Ave., a 1935 bungalow owned by Greg and Ann McGee. This house's floor plan allows ample sunlight throughout. The upstairs bedroom has been expanded into a living area with skylights, a columned arch and half bath.

"My son's indoor basketball hoop is set up in (the kitchen), so I tell people it's big enough to play basketball in. We had our Christmas tree in here because it was the most space in the house."

**Bill Webster
2166 Lincoln Ave.**



David Robinson and Janet Ekern show off the home office and reading room in the remodeled basement of their Beechwood Avenue home.

- 1796 Beechwood Ave., which was on the tour in 1992. Since then, David Robinson and Janet Ekern have remodeled the basement into a home office and a reading room with new windows and a heated floor.

- 285 Irvine Ave. Developer Michael Lander has designed a townhome that offers a view of the downtown skyline from the secluded Ramsey Hill bluff. Oversized windows on three sides bring in natural light. Each townhome features 9-foot ceilings, hardwood floors, a gas fireplace and second-floor laundry.

- 3414 S. 43rd Ave., Minneapolis, a formerly vacant lot in the Longfellow neighborhood. A handsome three-story house now sits on the property. "I love my house and my neighborhood and I'm thrilled to be on the tour this year," said owner Dawn Hagen. Her home features natural woodwork, modern light fixtures, a curved bookcase and wavy

soffits.

- 3440 Edmund Blvd., Minneapolis, a home that offers a spectacular view of the Mississippi River Valley from its front window. Owners John and Ginny Groos recently remodeled their kitchen and added a deck.

Other homes on the tour include downtown Minneapolis mansions, a solar-paneled home, and tours of the Phalen neighborhood block on which *Grumpy Old Men* was filmed. Portions of the James J. Hill House and Alexander Ramsey House also will be open free of charge during the tour.

The home tour will run from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, May 2, and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Guides to all 60 homes will be available the week before the tour at all Bruegger's Bagels. Information also is available by calling the home tour offices at 266-6562 in St. Paul or 673-2123 in Minneapolis.



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Porcelain to pinto beans

New Tools and More store's philosophy is simple but effective: Buy cheap and sell fast at a price that people can't afford to pass up

by E.C. Hartley

The Tools and More store that opened last weekend in Sibley Plaza is Lou Shively's seventh in Minnesota, and he has every reason to believe it will be as well received as his other six.

The reason for his optimism is a merchandising approach that, if not new, is one he developed for himself. Shively explains it in simple terms: "All our items are so much cheaper than anywhere else that customers figure they'll buy something whether they need it now or not."

And Tools and More has the items—thousands of them—filling large plastic tubs laid out on tables in the 9,000-square-foot store.

"We buy just about anything that can be bought cheap and sold fast at a price people can't pass up," Shively says. "The words 'and more' mean just that. We've got tools, sure, but we also have pinto beans, brooms, batteries, porcelain, toys and thousands of other items. Everything in our stores is there either because we know from experience it will move real fast or because we bought it real fast at a low price."

"Finding bargains used to be a problem, but our reputation has spread and we're buying nationwide every day," he says. "This morning I bought the entire inventory of an

auto supply store. We don't handle merchandise that doesn't move fast. Our profit margin is too thin to factor in shelf life."

Shively, 52, is talking in his "office," which is little more than a plastic table set up in an open area in a corner of his 65,000-square-foot warehouse on the edge of downtown Minneapolis. The inventory there totals about 20,000 different items, all stacked neatly on shelves 15 feet up toward a ceiling that is twice that high.

Shively pauses as he speaks and looks up at the empty space beneath the ceiling as if he were considering some way to make it turn a profit.

A tall man with a rawboned frame, Shively was a farmer near Verndale, Minnesota, 15 years ago. "We moved there from Indiana in 1976 looking for a better farm," he says. "It went fine for a few years, but farming just went from bad to worse in the early '80s. Farmers just couldn't make any money. I loved farming, but I could see the only way my family would ever have two nickels extra would be when I retired and sold the land."

"I started with \$600 selling tools to other farmers out of a garage," he says. "I knew tools. My father was a mechanic for 30 years, and you have to know about tools on a farm or you go out of business. It worked well and in a short while we sold all our farm equip-

ment and got more space. Men came in for the tools, but we didn't have anything for the farm wives when they came to town. That's how we became Tools and More."

"Now we have stores in Oakdale, Burnsville, Champlin, Crystal, Inver Grove Heights, St. Cloud and, of course, Sibley Plaza. We own everything outright—never borrowed a cent, never stopped working real hard."

Shively and his son Brian run the warehouse with the help of one employee. Dressed in boots, jeans and flannel shirts, they unload semis that pull in from around the country, stock the shelves, do the accounting and inventory control and handle the buying. Betty Shively, Lou's wife, and their daughter, Sue, run the St. Cloud store.

The stores, which average about 10,000 square feet, are not fancy. They are outfitted with metal shelving and tables loaded with merchandise. Storage bins are stacked against the walls. Each store has only three employees—a manager, a cashier and a general helper—yet the stores are well organized. If you can't find what you want, it's probably not there.

Megan Helling manages the six stores other than St. Cloud, and Lou Shively makes it plain how valuable she is. "If she left us," he says, "I guess we'd just close down the busi-

ness." Helling came to work for the Shivelys when she was 16. She's now 22.

Showing off the new Sibley Plaza store, Helling snaps off the names of different items, brand preferences and prices. She points out the long row of what she calls the "Chinese tools," separated by an aisle from such brand-name tools as Vice Grip, Channel Lock and Lisle.

Work never stops for the Shivelys, who still live on their farm in Verndale, which is a 300-mile round trip from the Twin Cities. Lou and Brian leave home at 6:00 a.m. and usually return about 11:00 p.m. That's seven days a week.

"Our name gives some people the idea that we're a hardware store, but that's somewhat misleading," Shively says. "Some days we'll sell hundreds of hammers and thousands of screwdrivers, but it'll probably be different next week."

"Look at these," he says, opening one of a dozen large cartons and holding up a package of batteries. "This is a six-pack of size C Energizer batteries. The wholesale price is \$3.00. I bought them cheap yesterday and we'll sell them for \$2.00 next week."

Shively is like that—always moving, always thinking up something new. "There's no limit to our expansion," he says. "We have the money. We have the goods."



Tools and More district manager Megan Helling displays some of the items that can be found at the company's new store in the Sibley Plaza Shopping Center. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

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Fire sprinklers no longer required in housing receiving city subsidies

by Jane McClure

Ten years after it was created, a controversial St. Paul construction mandate has been doused. The St. Paul City Council voted 5-2 on April 8 to repeal a policy that required the installation of fire sprinklers in new and rehabilitated homes that receive city funding.

It was a victory for council members Jerry Blakey and Mike Harris, who had been trying to repeal the policy for the past three years. They said the rule had proven to be a financial headache for developers. It can cost as much as \$5,000 per household to install fire sprinklers.

"For the people who pound the nails and do the development in this city, it was a huge cost," Blakey said. According to him, city funds were used to build 87 new homes between 1994 and 1997, all of which required fire sprinklers. "Without the sprinkler requirement, we could have used that money to build as many as 10 more homes," he said.

"This is about making public resources go further," Harris said. "This requirement has really been a disincentive for neighborhood groups and private developers to do in-fill construction."

The state's building code does not require fire sprinklers for new and rehabilitated houses. However, St. Paul added the requirement by making it a condition of receiving city funds. New and rehabilitated housing paid for with private funds were exempt from the requirement.

Council member Kathy Lantry, who voted with Dan Bostrom against repealing the fire sprinkler requirement, argued that the policy was a reasonable requirement to place on developers seeking city subsidies. She also cited the safety benefits of sprinklers in homes.

Developers can still use public funds to cover the costs of installing sprinklers, but

Blakey and Harris said they would rather see the money spent on other improvements, such as garages or home security systems. They argued that fire sprinklers do not add value to homes and that requiring them has not provided the savings in insurance rates that were predicted.

According to City Council staff research, a fire sprinkler in a home can result in a 10 percent reduction in insurance premiums. However, the reduction is contingent on regular inspections, which at \$40 to \$160 a year can offset any savings. Blakey said some homeowners have simply deactivated their sprinklers.

Several district councils, community development corporations and other nonprofit housing developers supported the repeal of the fire sprinkler requirement. St. Paul fire officials and the St. Paul Building and Construction Trades Council opposed it.

"What we're hearing from community development corporations, especially those in distressed neighborhoods, is that dropping the sprinkler requirement is a good move," said Steve Peacock, a Macalester-Groveland resident and member of the Twin Cities Local Initiatives Support Corporation, which works with community groups on housing and commercial development initiatives. "It frees up the money so it can be used for other parts of a project."

"I think in the long run we should have looked at ways to expand the fire sprinkler requirement and not delete it," said Dick Anfang, executive secretary of the trades council. "Over time, I think we have to look at it as an investment in health and safety."

Anfang said the city must weigh any dollars saved against the added risks a fire could create for emergency personnel. "If you can save one workman's compensation claim against the city, you've saved a lot," he said.

Housing forum, dinner scheduled for April 28

"Housing: A Roof for Everyone," a public forum on how social trends, demographics and marketing affect housing development, will be held from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at Jehovah Lutheran Church, 1556 Thomas Ave. Tom Fulton of the Family Housing Fund will discuss the types of housing St. Paul needs to meet future demand and how the city can ensure a range of housing choices for people of all income levels.

Offering their insights will be a panel of

experts, including Ray Harris of Urban Consulting, Dawn Goldschmitz of the Greater Frogtown Community Development Corporation, Nancy Homans of the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development and Ward 1 City Council member Jerry Blakey.

The forum is free and open to the public. It will be preceded by a buffet dinner at 5:30 p.m. Reservations are required for the dinner. For more information, call 642-2083.



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Henry Sibley High School's car club will host its second annual Classic Spring Auto and Scale Model Car Show from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 1, at the school, 1897 Delaware Ave., Mendota Heights. Area residents can enter a vehicle in the show. Registration is \$10. Scale models also are welcome. Proceeds will be used to restore the club's 1931 Ford Model A. For information, call Ken Sopczynski at 405-2464.

Mike Skillrud of Macalester-Groveland has been named president-elect of the board of St. Cloud State University's alumni association. A 1982 graduate of St. Cloud, Skillrud is employed by KSTP-AM Radio.

Jane Calabria McPeak of Merriam Park has been named founding dean of the Graduate School of Public Administration and Management at Hamline University. A former St. Paul city attorney, McPeak joined the faculty of Hamline's graduate program in public administration in 1992. She is a past director of the Minnesota Center for Women in Government.

Central High School's class of 1988 will hold its 10-year reunion on Friday, August 21. For information, call Gayle Rapoport of Reunion Organizers of Minnesota at 557-0177.

The Henry Sibley Engineering Design Team recently won first place in the Minnesota engineering design competition. The team will travel to Washington, D.C., April 30-May 3 to compete for the national title. Team members are Andy Bader, Kara Blesener, Bill Dohman, Robin Johnson, Peter Kulenkamp, Jenny Limback and Kathy Wagner. The team's advisor is Sibley engineering teacher Margaret Hongerholt.

The University of St. Thomas is now seeking families to host Japanese students on the weekends of July 31-August 3 and August 7-10. Approximately 35 students from Osaka-Gakuin University and Junior College will be studying English at St. Thomas this summer. Hosts are being sought to help the students polish their conversational skills and get a taste of American life. A small stipend will be provided to assist with expenses. An orientation for host families will be held on Wednesday, July 29. For information, call 962-6450.

Four students from Capitol Hill Magnet School took top honors in the WordMasters Challenge, a national language arts competition that is entered by more than 200,000 students annually. Third-grader Anne Goetz, 4th-grader Caitlyn Ngam, 6th-grader Patrick Laudreman and 8th-grader Max

Board adds class, workshop days to school calendar

Students in the St. Paul Public Schools will have two more days of class next year and their teachers will have three more days of professional development, according to the 1998-99 calendar recently approved by the School Board.

"The new calendar keeps our district moving in the right direction," said School Board chair Mary Thornton Phillips. "Students will spend more time in class learning, while teachers

have more time to develop in areas like the graduation standards."

Instead of Thursday and Friday, students will get only Friday, October 16, off for the annual Minnesota Education Association conference.

One conference preparation day was eliminated for elementary teachers in favor of holding classes. And though elementary students will continue to get a five-day weekend, middle and high school students will get a four-day

weekend for Thanksgiving, November 26-29.

The school year starts on Tuesday, September 8, for grades 1-12. Kindergarten starts on September 10. Winter break will run from December 19 through January 3, and spring break from March 28 through April 4.

The 1998-99 school year will end on June 10 for elementary students and on June 11 for middle and high school students.

Rudolph all earned perfect scores at the meet. The school's 6th-graders placed seventh in the nation out of 245 schools participating in the Gold Division for that grade level.

James L. Peterson of Summit Hill, president of the Science Museum of Minnesota, has received the 1997 Distinguished Alumni Citation in Science from Gustavus Adolphus College. He is a 1964 graduate of the St. Peter college. Since Peterson assumed the president's post in 1984, the Science Museum has added a paleontology hall and has hosted numerous high-profile exhibits. Last April the Science Museum broke ground on a new 325,000-square-foot building in downtown St. Paul. Peterson, who has a Ph.D. in entomology, worked in ecology, limnology and aquatic biology before taking the reins at the Science Museum.

James E. Craig, the son of Gretchen Craig of Summit Hill and a captain in the U.S. Army, has received the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. A 1982 graduate of Cretin High School, Craig earned a masters degree in systems engineering at the Navy school. He graduated from Texas A & M in 1986 and was commissioned in the Army the following January.

Concordia will hold its first commencement as a university at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 16, in Gangelhoff Center, 235 N. Hamline Ave. Concordia changed its name from college to university last July to reflect changes made in its academic structure. Anita Pampusch, current president of the Bush Foundation and former president of the College of St. Catherine, will present the keynote address at the commencement.

An All-School Reunion will be held from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. Friday, May 22, at RiverCentre to celebrate the grand opening of St. Paul's new convention center. All graduates of St. Paul

public and private high schools are invited. The event will include music and dancing, a chance to sign a yearbook that will be entered in the archives at the Minnesota History Center, a photo area, a keepsake program, a display of St. Paul high school memorabilia, designated high school meeting areas, refreshments and a prize drawing.

Expo Elementary School, 540 S. Warwick St., will hold a book celebration from 1:00 to 3:15 p.m. Thursday, May 7, in the school gym. The event will feature activities, displays, information and demonstrations—all having to do with books, writing and reading.

Four area high school students were among 14 teen-agers from across the metropolitan area honored recently by the Inter-Club Council for service to the community. They include Central High School senior Bethany Dawson, Central junior Stephanie Virnig, Cretin-Derham Hall senior Michelle Poehmann and Henry Sibley High School senior Katie Iverson.

Highland Catholic Grade School is one of five schools from across the state to be awarded a \$1,695 grant to establish a site on the World Wide Web. Along with staff training, set-up and ongoing support, Highland Catholic will receive 17 free months of Virtual School, an Internet-based service that can be used for disseminating school news and information, conducting public forums, and offering study resources and on-line learning.

Highland Park Elementary School, 1700 Saunders Ave., will hold a kindergarten roundup from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Monday, May 4. Parents should bring a copy of their child's birth certificate, immunization records and social security number. For information, call the school at 293-8770.

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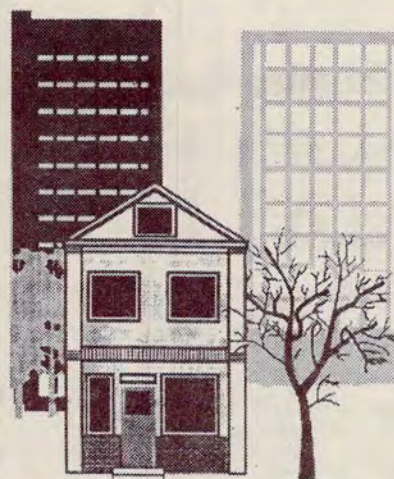
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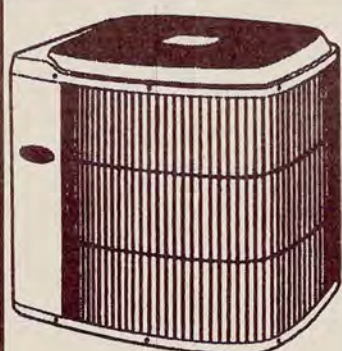


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RELIGIOUS NOTES

The St. Paul Area Council of Churches will hold its annual meeting at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at RiverCentre. The Reverend Joan Brown Campbell, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, will address the dinner meeting. The public is invited. For information, call 646-8805.

A Journey into the Catholic Intellectual Tradition continues on Thursday, April 23, with a talk by College of St. Catherine history professor Charles Buzicky on "Questions and Questioning in the Middle Ages." The free program begins at 7:30 p.m. in Jeanne d'Arc Auditorium at St. Catherine. For information, call 690-8830.

The Temple of Aaron Synagogue, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd., is sponsoring the following programs in the next two weeks: a talk by University of Minnesota professor William Brustein on anti-Semitism in Europe from 1879 to 1934 during 8:00 p.m. Sabbath services on Friday, April 24; a meeting of the Women's Rosh Chodesh study group at 8:00 p.m. Monday, April 27, at Caffe Con Amore, 917 Grand Ave.; and a joint men's and women's Torah Break with services, lunch and an hour of study beginning at noon Wednesday, April 29.

St. Therese: Story of a Soul, a one-woman play about the woman from Lisieux, France, who was known as the Little Flower, will be performed by Maggie Mahrt on Friday, May 1, in the auditorium of the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center at the University of St.

Thomas. Sister Vera Chester, professor emerita of theology at the College of St. Catherine, will lead a discussion after the performance. The play is being produced by the ecumenical consortium WomenSpirit. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance, \$10 at the door, or \$15 for both the play and a preceding reception. For information, call 690-8830.

"A Service of Remembrance, Healing and Hope" for people with AIDS, their loved ones and people who have lost a loved one to AIDS will be held at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Temple of Aaron, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. Open to the public, the service will include a Jewish liturgy, memorial prayers and blessings. It will conclude in time for people who want to participate in the AIDS walk that steps out from Minnehaha Park that day.

The 1998 Junior High Youth Gathering will be held from April 24-25 in Gangelhoff Center at Concordia University, 235 N. Hamline Ave. A record 550 junior high school students are expected to gather from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday to explore the role of God in their lives. For information, call 641-8755.

The St. Paul Academy of Jewish Education will offer a class on "The Place on Which You Stand is Holy Ground" at 7:00 p.m. four Mondays, beginning April 27, at the St. Paul Talmud Torah, 786 S. Hamline Ave. Tuition is \$5.00. For information, call Holly Brod Farber at 698-8807.

Merriam Park COUNCIL CAPSULE

AYD MILL ROAD MEETING

The Merriam Park Community Council will hold a community issues meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 11, to discuss redevelopment options for Ayd Mill Road. The meeting will take place at the Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave.

The community council is now soliciting recommendations for the future of the roadway from residents and business owners. An official position on the issue is expected to be adopted in the upcoming months.

For information, call the Merriam Park office at 645-6887.

MIDWAY DEVELOPMENT

A statement of development principles designed to encourage reinvestment on University Avenue will be discussed at the Merriam Park Community Council's Transportation and Economic Development Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. The development principles also will be discussed at the Iris Park Block Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 4.

A final meeting to ratify the principles will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at the Hubbs Center on University Avenue. Residents from all neighborhoods adjacent to University Avenue are invited to discuss the draft statement. For information, call the Merriam Park office at 645-6887.

INTERSCAPE 94 PLANTING

Neighbors, staff and students from Concordia University and others will team up with the Minnesota Department of Transportation on Saturday, April 25, to plant, water and apply mulch to 785 trees and wildflowers along the south bank of I-94 between

Pascal Street and Hamline Avenue. Volunteers are being asked to show up at 8:45 a.m. at the corner of Hamline and Concordia avenues with a shovel and gloves. Pails, tarps and miscellaneous tools also are needed.

For information, call Bonnie Lawrence at 646-3433.

PLANT SWAP

A plant swap will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Desnoyer Park Recreation Center, 525 Pelham Blvd. Residents are encouraged to bring seeds or plants to share from their gardens. A master gardener from the Ramsey County Extension Service will be available for consultation. Information on growing native plants also will be available from the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium.

SAFE APARTMENTS INITIATIVE

The Merriam Park Community Council has information on tenant rights, getting involved in block clubs, neighborhood issues and community gardening through its Safe Apartments Initiative. The council is also seeking more apartment dwellers to join its board of directors. For information, call the council office at 645-6887.

ECOTEAMS FORMING

EcoTeams are now being formed throughout Merriam Park. By joining a team, residents can get to know their neighbors and work together on waste reduction, water efficiency, energy conservation, transportation and ecologically wise consuming. Participants who complete the program may realize savings of up to \$1,200 a year.

For information, call Karen Dalton at the Merriam Park office at 645-6887.

THE HBA TODAY

BY BARBARA DUCHARME, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HIGHLAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

GET IN GEAR

Approximately 10,000 runners will be jogging into Highland Park on Saturday, April 25, to participate in the 21st annual Get in Gear races. The event, one of the largest of its kind in the Midwest, will include a 10K run, 10K walk and 2K fitness run.

The races will start and finish in the parking lot of the Ford Motor Company's Twin Cities Assembly Plant. The Highland Business Association is sponsoring this year's 2K run, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to work at the start and finish lines, and to hand out medallions to all of the finishers. Those who are interested in lending a hand are invited to call Barb Ducharme at the HBA office at 699-9042.

IF MY MOM WERE A FLOWER...

The Highland Business Association is sponsoring a Mother's Day essay contest for children age 12 and younger. Children are being asked to write their thoughts on the topic of "If my mom were a flower, I'd pick her because..."

An entry blank is located on page 7 of this edition of the Villager. Children who drop off their completed entries at R.F. Moeller Jeweler, 2073 Ford Pkwy., will receive a free flower for their moms. All entries will be displayed in the Village kiosk on the corner of Ford Parkway and Cleveland Avenue.

Eight semifinalists in different age categories will be treated to a free breakfast with mom at the Highland Grill. Their essays also will be published in the next edition of the Villager. One grand prize entry will receive a gift basket for mom filled with items from area businesses and valued at more than \$750. For information, call the HBA office at 699-9042.

HIGHLAND FEST

Applications for artists and food vendors for Highland Fest 1998 are now available in the HBA office. There is space for 150 artists and 22 food vendors for this year's festival, which will be held from August 14-16. Space will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. For information or to request an application, call the HBA office at 699-9042.

HIGHLAND PHOTOS NEEDED

The HBA is now searching for photographs of Highland from the 1920s through the 1950s. The photos will be used for a project in connection with Highland Fest 1998 and will be returned to their owners. For information, call 699-9042.

HIGHLAND VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Publication of the Highland Village Directory has been pushed back a couple of weeks due to production complications. The directories will include a complete list and map of businesses in the area. Those who still want to reserve a copy may do so by calling the HBA office at 699-9042.

BREAKFAST WITH THE MAYOR

The Highland Business Association and the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring a breakfast with St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, May 14. The continental breakfast will be served at Rosewood Estates, 750 S. Mississippi River Blvd. For more information, call the HBA office at 699-9042.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 23—HBA general membership meeting, noon, Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

May 7—HBA board of directors meeting, 8:00 a.m., Highland Shopping Center conference room, 790 S. Cleveland Ave.

May 7—Highland Fest meeting, 9:30 a.m., Highland Shopping Center conference room.

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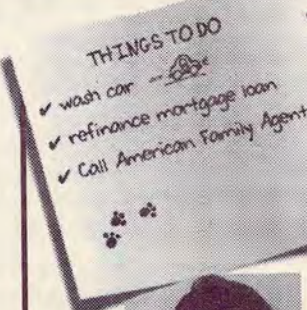
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SPECIAL SECTION

Summer in the Cities

Your guide to convenient summer camps, day care and programs for your children.

Putting kids first

Child-care pioneer devises plan to focus public's attention on preschoolers' needs

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

David Allen believes that what takes place in the first few years of a child's life is so crucial, that the care of young children needs to be addressed not only by parents, educators and child-care providers, but by policymakers nationwide.

Toward that end, Allen, a Highland Park resident and founding director of Resources for Child Caring, has started a nonprofit agency called *KidsPlan*. Its mission is to work with government agencies, children's advocates and early childhood organizations across the country to promote the best learning experiences for young children and the best child care for working families.

"There's so much pressure right now on families with young children that attention needs to be focused on where we're going," said Allen, who falls into that category himself. He is the parent of a toddler attending day care.

Allen's interest in child care developed as a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War. "I had to do alternative service," he said. "Child care paid so little that it was considered to be a sacrifice in the national interest, which is the definition of alternative service. I liked it and stayed with it."

He served as director of Toys 'N' Things from 1973 to 1984 and for Resources for Child Caring for 11 years. He has been working to set up *KidsPlan* for the past two years. At present, he is the only staff member. A grant from the McKnight Foundation set the new organization on its feet last November.

KidsPlan focuses on three goals. The first, Allen said, is to "articulate a vision of where we should be in 15 years, to give people a different mindset. I don't think significant change will happen until there's a new vision among policymakers."

The second is to provide reliable information. Allen is developing computerized maps to show policymakers how child care is now being provided in the state. The map of this area, for example, shows that the availability of child care ranges from plentiful to very low. Over the past year, Allen also worked to analyze the forecasted supply and demand of child care under federal welfare reform. The forecasts provided part of the basis for the level of child care funds appropriated by the 1997 Minnesota Legislature.

The third goal involves coalition building. "We're at the point where we have to get more people at the table understanding what child care means for the long-term welfare of the community," Allen said. "We have to think about the quality of our child care, how to support young families with information they need, health care, time to be with their young children, the whole issue of parental leave and flexibility in the workplace. These are all part of a package."

Recent research indicates that a young child's development is profoundly influenced by the quality of his or her environment, according to Allen. "Research is telling us loud and clear that as a community we need to give as much attention to early childhood education as we do to K-12 and higher education, and at the same level of resources," he said.

One of *KidsPlan*'s first projects is a 2½-day "think tank" that will bring together experts from across the country to discuss using the higher education financial aid system as a model for funding early childhood and family education programs.

"Part of our goal is to get the whole child care system out of the welfare system," Allen said. "Financial aid for higher education is something that almost all families deal with at some point. Nobody thinks it's just for poor people. Low-income and middle-income



KidsPlan director David Allen joins in the fun of playing "fire engine" with his son, Christopher, and preschool pals Melanie Luikart, left, Andrew Turner and Seamus Kelly at the Close to Home child development center on Grand Avenue. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

families need help just as much in finding child care."

The recent discussion on welfare reform has helped focus attention to child care issues, Allen said. However, he is adamant that child care issues go well beyond welfare. "Child care is as much an airplane building issue as a welfare reform issue," he said. "In order for people to build airplanes, they have to have child care. In order for people who are on welfare to have a shot at getting an education and a job, there has to be child care. It's the same issue."

If he could change one thing, Allen said it would be to focus policymakers' attention on children's needs. "I'm frustrated about what's

going on in Washington as people talk about the needs of working moms versus the needs of stay-at-home moms," he said. "The needs for children are the same. The discussion should be about how we educate our youngest children and that has to happen wherever the kids are."

Allen has hope for the future of *KidsPlan* and child care. "I think it's possible over the next two or three years to come up with a different mindset regarding child care," he said. "People care about what happens to their children, but it's often hard for them to translate that into what happens to all our children. There are other things that get a lot more attention in our society."

Ripe for the picking

It's a summer of opportunity for children seeking day camps close to home

by John Wadell

Parents need only take a quick glance at the calendar to know that their young ones will soon be out of school—footloose, homework free and looking for something constructive to do. Thankfully, there are plenty of summer camps and other programs available to stimulate young minds and bodies.

The following are just some of the local offerings designed to give moms and dads a break from the "What's there to do?" blues:

Academic camps

The Minnesota Institute for Talented Youth is now accepting applications for its summer program. Expand Your Mind for grades 7-12 includes classes in science, math, the arts,

journalism, humanities, social studies, debate, study skills, psychology, aeronautics and Latin. Morning sessions will be offered June 15-July 17 and all-day sessions June 15-26 and July 6-17 at Macalester College. An Advanced Debate Academy also will be conducted all day on weekdays from July 6-22. ExplorSchool for students in grades 5-6 will meet on Monday and Tuesday, June 15-16, at the Rondo Education Center, 560 Concordia Ave. Students can choose from two of the following offerings: science, animal behavior, acting, math, aerodynamics, creativity, social studies, archaeology, journalism, Spanish, French and writing. Call 696-6590.

St. Paul Academy and Summit School will give students a chance to explore the arts and sharpen their academic skills in summer

classes that run from June 15-July 24. Artward Bound for ages 9-14 will be held at the Upper School, 1712 Randolph Ave., and Summit Arts for ages 4-8 will be held at the Lower School, 1150 Goodrich Ave. Tuition is \$950 for six weeks; \$550 for three weeks. Tutorials and enrichment classes are being offered for ages 6 to adult at an average cost of \$340. For the first time, SPA also will be offering two classes designed especially for public school students: ESL classes for all ages and a preparatory class for the Minnesota Basic Skills Test for 7th- and 8th-graders. Call 696-1355.

Camp Katykids, a summer program focusing on math, art and music for children in grades 2-6, will be offered by the College of St. Catherine in seven week-long sessions from June 15-August 14. The cost is \$140 for half

days, \$250 for full days. Call 690-6819.

Visitation School will offer its Summer Solution program for the second year. There will be enrichment classes for grades K-4, a tutorial phonics reading program for ages 6 to adult, an acting program for grades 4-6 and a Shakespeare workshop for grades 9-12. Most are two-week programs and cost about \$175. Call 683-1773.

St. Thomas Academy will offer summer school camp from June 15-July 17 for boys and girls ages 9-14. The camp offers enrichment courses in science, math and other subjects, along with individual and team sports and other recreational activities. The cost is \$450 and includes lunch. Call 683-1509.

Summertime/see next page

Summertime and the day campin' is easy /from previous page

Arts camps

MacPhail Center for the Arts will offer string, percussion, rock and musical theater camps in June and July for students in grades 4-12. The cost is \$55-\$365. Call 321-0100.

Concordia University will host a theater camp from June 21-26 for students in grades 7-12. The camp's emphasis is on musical theater and will be directed by Mark Rosenwinkel of Chanhassen Dinner Theatres. The cost is \$495. Call 641-8230.

SteppingStone Theatre for Youth Development will offer summer day camps for children ages 3½-16 at Highland Park Senior High School, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. The sessions will focus on acting, storytelling, creating plays, dancing, singing, Shakespeare and more. The cost is \$95-\$395. Call 225-9265.

St. Joseph's School of Music, 1550 Summit Ave., is offering one-week music camps for grades K-6 in July. Cost is \$55-\$110. Composition workshops and ensembles also will be offered. Call 690-4364.

African Drumming and Drama Camp will be offered for kids in grades 3-6 in four weeklong sessions from June 8-July 3 at the Linwood Community Center, 860 St. Clair Ave. The cost is \$150. Call 224-2040.

The Worship Center of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis will offer summer choir camps for grades 4-9. The cost is \$65. Call 290-1626.

The College of Visual Arts, 344 Summit Ave., will offer summer art school June 22-July 24 for students in grades K-12. Costs range from \$95-\$170. Scholarships are available. Call 224-3416.

Sports camps

St. Paul Academy and Summit School will hold the following summer sports camps: a girls basketball camp from June 22-24 for grades 4-9 (\$90); a tennis camp for all ages from July 6-31 (\$50-\$125); and a summer hockey school for boys and girls ages 6-12 from June 15-July 31 (\$185). The school also will hold its 19th annual instructional hockey league from June 8-July 31 for ages 9-college freshmen (\$198). Call 698-2451.

Youth basketball camps will be offered this summer at Nativity School, 1900 Stanford Ave. There will be shooting camps for boys and girls in grades 4-12 on June 15-19, July 20-24 and 27-31, and basketball camps for girls entering grades 4-8 on June 22-26 and July 27-31. The camps will be led by Visitation basketball coach Paul Bernabei. The cost is \$65 and includes a basketball. Financial aid is available. Call 690-5758.

Macalester College is offering two swim camps from July 6-10: a stroke development day camp for swimmers with some competitive experience (\$250) and an advanced stroke development overnight camp for those who want to take their swimming to the next level (\$365). Call 696-6463.

Cretin-Derham Hall will offer a fast-pitch softball summer league from June 8-July 8 for grades 6-9 (\$85); boys tennis camp from June 15-July 22 for grades 5-8 (\$50); girls tennis camp from June 16-July 23 for grades 5-8 (\$50); a summer baseball league from June 9-July 9 for grades 7-8 (\$90); a boys basketball camp from June 8-25 for grades 5-10 (\$50); a girls basketball camp from June 8-18 for grades 6-10 (\$50); a volleyball skills camp from July 20-31 for grades 4-10 (\$40-\$85); and a football camp from August 3-13 for grades 6-10 (\$50). Call 690-2443.

Johnny Tauer, a former Cretin-Derham Hall and University of St. Thomas basketball player, will conduct his fourth annual basketball camps this summer for boys and girls in grades 4-9. Six sessions will be held in July and August at Nativity Grade School and St. Thomas. Costs range from \$80 to \$125 for the weeklong camps. Call 698-3524.

The St. Anthony Park Gymnastics Club will offer day classes this summer for preschoolers, beginners, advanced beginners, USA teams and high school gymnasts. Two sessions and two mini-camps will begin in mid-June at St. Anthony Park School. Call 699-0600.

The Minnesota Thunder will hold two Learn from the Pros soccer camps this summer at St. Paul Academy. The half-day and full-day camps are for players ages 6-14 and will be held from June 15-19 and July 27-31. The camps, which will be led by Thunder player Mark Abboud and coach Buzz Lagos, will include other players from the club, its Twin Cities Tornado development team and the Minnesota Lightning women's squad. The cost is \$100 for a half day, \$170 for a full day, and \$90 and \$155 if registered before May 15. Call 785-3668.

Youth basketball camps for boys and girls in grades 2-8 will be offered in June and July at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$50 for JCC members and \$60 for others for the weeklong camps. Call 698-0751.

Janet Karvonen will offer six basketball camps from June 22-August 8, including one at Concordia University. The cost is \$150-\$200. Call 766-8159.

The College of St. Catherine will offer several summer sports camps. Nike basketball camp for girls ages 8-17 will run from June 21-25. Nike softball camp for girls ages 10-18 will run from July 6-10. A coed cross country camp for grades 7-12 will run from July 29-August 1. Coed tennis camp for ages 9-18 will run from June 21-July 24. Girls volleyball camp will run from July 8-10 for grades 6-8 and July 12-16 for high schoolers, along with an advance camp for juniors and high schoolers from July 26-30. Costs range from \$195-\$575. Call 690-8778.

Groveland Recreation Center will host the Alan Merrick Soccer Academy from July 13-17. The cost is \$90 for the half-day and \$145 for the full-day program. Call 888-6080.

Soccer camps will be offered for girls at Visitation School and for boys at St. Thomas Academy. Players in grades K-4 will meet from June 8-12 and those in grades 5-8 from June 15-19. The cost is \$75 and includes a soccer ball and T-shirt. Call 688-6726.

Nature camps

St. Paul Parks and Recreation will offer summer day camps from July 27-31 and August 10-14 at the Lake Elmo Park Reserve for children ages 7-12. The cost is \$85 and includes transportation from St. Paul rec centers. Call 266-6400.

"Summer Under the Sun" day camps will be conducted for grades K-6 at the Dodge Nature Center in West St. Paul. Highlights include arts and crafts, ani-

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- All children should know their full name, phone number and address, their parents names and work phone numbers, how to use the telephone in an emergency and how to make a local or long distance collect call.

- Parents should thoroughly check out any summer activity program they are considering for their children and take an interest in who their children play with and what they are doing.

- Children should have some form of identification on them at all times, but never on an item of clothing or backpack so a passerby would be able to see it.

- Make sure all windows are secure and can be opened no more than 6 inches. If a child's bedroom window has patterned drapes with cartoon characters, etc., be sure they are lined so someone passing on the street will not know there is a child sleeping there.

- Small children should never be left alone outside even in a fenced yard, even for a short time.

- Children who are home alone should have an adult resource available by phone, such as a parent who can be called at work or a neighbor or relative to call if they have questions or concerns.

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- Never leave children alone in a car, even if its only for a few minutes.

Parents also are encouraged to remind their children to play, bike or walk with a friend; to ask the person taking care of them for permission before taking anything from anyone or going anywhere with anybody, even someone they know well; to tell the person who is caring for them where they are going and who they will be with when they leave home; and to check with a parent or caregiver before accepting a job, no matter how small, including carrying someone's groceries into their house.

Missing Children Minnesota also encourages parents to remind their children that no one has the right to touch the private parts of their body except for medical purposes, that no one has the right to hurt them physically or sexually, that they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible if anything wrong happens to them and that they should yell and run for help if anyone tries to grab them or touch them in a way that is not OK.

For more safety tips and a children's identification kit, send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to: Missing Children Minnesota, PO Box 11216, Minneapolis, MN 55411.

Summer activities abound

mal demonstrations and habitat exploration. One- and two-week sessions will be held from June 22-August 13. The cost is \$50 for one week, \$95 for two weeks. Call 455-4531.

Mississippi River Camp will be offered by St. Paul Parks and Recreation at the Harriet Island Pavilion from June 22-26 and July 13-17 for youngsters in grades 3-6. Activities will include a river cruise, fossil digging, nature projects, field trips and swimming. The cost is \$70. Call 266-6400.

Children's Country Day will offer weekly camps for children ages 3-7 on June 8-August 14. The camp is situated on a 6-acre model farm in Mendota Heights and offers swimming, an orchard, gardens, playground and a variety of farm animals. Call 454-7499.

General interest

McCarthy Gym at the University of St. Thomas will host its 15th annual summer day camp from June 15-August 14 for ages 3-11. Activities will focus on recreation, environmental issues, arts and crafts. Costs range from \$85-\$90 per weeklong session. A junior counseling program also is available for those ages 13-16. Call 962-5933.

Preschool Pals summer program will be offered by School District 197 at Garlough School in West St. Paul and the Learning Center in Mendota Heights. The six-week program is designed for children ages 4-5. Each class will be taught by a certified teacher and paraprofessional, with group sizes no larger than 18. The cost is \$98. Call 405-2480.

Minnesota Business Venture is offering youngsters a chance to learn about marketing, starting a business, technology in the workplace and more during sessions running

from June 28-July 3 at Mankato State University, July 12-17 at St. John's University and July 26-31 at the College of St. Scholastica. The cost is \$90, including meals. Call 337-5252.

The Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd., will give kids a chance to explore outdoor activities from the state's past from July 20-24 and 27-31. Participants will play games, examine artifacts, explore exhibits, create handmade items and act in their own play. Separate sessions are planned for ages 6-8 and 9-12. The cost is \$150. Call 296-1055.

The Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave., is offering day camps from June through August at Camp Butwin for elementary children, at Camp Artzi for children in grades K-3 and at Camp Centerland for preschoolers. Camp Butwin takes place at the center's 80-acre wooded site in Eagan, with bus transportation provided from the JCC, Beth Jacob Congregation and Mount Zion Temple. The other camps are held at the JCC. Costs range from \$54-\$472. Call 698-0751.

The Y's Kids Club will conduct enrichment programs for children ages 5-12 on weekdays, June 10-September 2, at the YWCA of St. Paul, 198 N. Western Ave. The cost is \$110-\$115 per week. Call 222-0985.

Youth Achievers Summer Day Camp also will take place at the YWCA of St. Paul. Children ages 5-13 may choose a combination of basketball, swimming and culture camps. Three-week sessions will be held June 22-August 21. The cost is \$200. Call 222-3741.

The Midway Family YMCA offers weeklong day camps for children ages 5-12 all summer long. Daily bus transportation is offered from elementary schools in Highland and Macalester-Groveland. Call 646-4557.



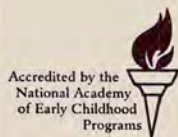
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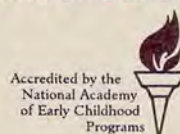
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Wednesday/April 22

A **FREE CLASS** on "Balancing Hormones the Natural Way" will be offered at 7:00 this evening at Whole Foods, 30 S. Fairview Ave. Participants will learn how to avoid symptoms associated with menopause, PMS and other conditions through natural supplements, diet and lifestyle. Admission is free. For reservations, call 690-0197.

Thursday/April 23

THE HOLOCAUST and how residents of a French village saved several thousand Jews during World War II will be remembered in a free program from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today in Foley Theater at the University of St. Thomas. The film *Weapons of the Spirit* will be shown and two women who were residents of that village at the time will speak. For information, call 962-5788.

"**VENTRILOQUISM FOR FUN**," a class for children in grades 3-6, will be offered by Homeward Bound Theatre from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. today at Highland Park Junior High School, 975 S. Snelling Ave. To register, call 293-8874.

A **SIX-PART SERIES** for the caregivers and adult children of aging parents will begin from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Topics range from financial and legal considerations to community resources and the role of the caregiver. The series continues on May 7 and 28, June 11, and July 9 and 30. Participants may bring a lunch or purchase one through the JCC for \$2.25. To register, call 698-0767.

TRANSPORTATION, LAND USE and the recent legislative session will be discussed from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening at Landmark Center. Sponsored by the Land Stewardship Project, the forum will consider what went right, what went wrong and what remains to be done to control urban sprawl. For information, call 292-3285.

A **FREE LECTURE** on African-American humanism will be given by Anthony Pinn, assistant professor of theology at Macalester College, at 7:30 this evening at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. For information, call 296-6126.

A **PORK ROAST DINNER** will be served from 5:00 to 7:30 this evening at St. Adalbert's Church, 265 Charles St. The cost is \$6.00, or \$2.50 for children 11 and under.

Friday/April 24

THE 1998 MINNESOTA HORSE EXPO will be held from 2:00 to 9:30 p.m. today, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday and



A cleaning before the regreening.

St. Paul Department of Public Works employees Matt Brier, above left, and Derek Hollanitsch loaded up some of the refuse that was removed from local parks and riverbanks during the annual spring cleanup last Saturday in the Highland area. Among the scores of volunteers taking part in the effort was Judy Miller in the photo at left. *Photos by Brad Stauffer.*

from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. There will be over 300 horses from over 30 breeds on display and 600 exhibit booths featuring goods and services for both horses and humans. Admission is \$3.00 for ages 6 to 12, \$6.00 for ages 13 to 61 and \$4.00 for ages 62 and over (free for children ages 5 and under).

A **RUMMAGE SALE** will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today and tomorrow and from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday in Carolyn Hall at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 1976 Dayton Ave.

Saturday/April 25

A **RUMMAGE SALE** will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 S. 37th Ave., Minneapolis. A bag sale will begin at 2:00 p.m. For information, call 722-0232.

A **SPAGHETTI DINNER** and Bake Sale will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 this evening at Olivet United Church of Christ, 1850 Iglehart Ave. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors and children 6 to 10 and

free for children under age 5.

A **RUMMAGE SALE** will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today at St. Columba Church, 1330 Blair Ave.

A **RUMMAGE SALE** will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today and from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. tomorrow at IHM-St. Luke's School Auditorium, 1065 Summit Ave. Proceeds will go to the 8th-grade class trip.

A **GUIDED TOUR** highlighting the architectural features of the state Capitol will be given from 1:30 to 3:00 this afternoon. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children ages 6-15. For reservations, call 296-2881.

"**RAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL**," a volunteer effort to help seniors and disabled homeowners with spring cleanup, will be held today in South Minneapolis' Longfellow neighborhood. To volunteer, call 215-2237.

REJEWVENATION, a group for Jewish singles, will hold an ice cream social and games night at 7:00 this evening at the Temple of Aaron, 616 S. Mississippi River

Blvd. Participants are asked to bring a board game, ice cream topping and \$3.00 to cover miscellaneous supplies. For information, call 699-1343.

THE MINNESOTA AIR GUARD Museum at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport will open for the season today. Hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through September 20. The cockpits of many of the museum's aircraft will be open for viewing and a Minnesota Army Guard helicopter will drop by. For information, call 713-2523.

A **GARAGE SALE** will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today at Linwood A+ School, 1023 Osceola Ave. The last hour of the sale will be a \$1.00 bag sale. All proceeds will go to the Playground Fund.

AN INTERNATIONAL SIZE Acceptance Day Celebration will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 this afternoon at the Como Park Pavilion. There will be a potluck picnic, speakers and displays, fun activities, door prizes and more. Admission is free. For information, call Danielle at 625-6396.

Sunday/April 26

A **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at the Hiawatha YMCA, 4100 S. 28th Ave., Minneapolis. The cost is \$12 per family, \$4.00 per person, or free to children under age 5.

A **CARNIVAL AND SILENT AUCTION** will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 this afternoon at Sunny Hollow Montessori, 636 S. Mississippi River Blvd. (in the lower level of the Temple of Aaron). For information, call 690-2307.

THE TWIN CITIES JEWISH community will celebrate Israel's 50th anniversary today beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Doubletree Park Place Hotel in St. Louis Park. The day-long festivities will include a parade, rally, performance of a song written by Temple of Aaron cantor Mitchell Kowitz, Judaic arts and crafts, food booths, Kosher wine tasting, kids' activities and live entertainment. Admission is \$2.00 or free for children under 5. The evening will conclude with a concert at the O'Shaughnessy. For information, call Aliza Orent at the JCC at 698-0751.

Monday/April 27

A **CLASS** to introduce participants to the Internet will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to noon beginning today and continuing on Mondays through May 18 at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$55, or \$40 for JCC members. To register, call 698-0751.

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Tuesday/April 28

A RUMMAGE SALE will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. today, from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. tomorrow and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Thursday in Rowan Hall at St. Helena's Catholic Church, 3204 E. 43rd St., Minneapolis. Admission is \$1.00 today, and a \$2.00 bag sale will be held on April 30.

A TRAVEL TALK and slide show on the Galapagos Islands will be held at 7:30 this evening at Books For Travel, Etc., 857 Grand Ave. Admission is free. For reservations, call 225-8006.

Wednesday/April 29

A BENEFIT FOR ST. ANN'S Residential Services and its 15 group homes in the metropolitan area for adults with developmental disabilities, will be held from 6:00 to 9:30 this evening at the Town and Country Club, 2279 Marshall Ave. KSTP-TV news anchor Kalley King will emcee the affair, which features live and silent auctions, a buffet dinner and a live performance by harpist Sunita Stanislaw. Admission is \$25. For reservations, call 646-3846.

Thursday/April 30

A BICYCLE AND CAMPING gear swap will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. today and tomorrow and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday in the St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave., at the University of

Minnesota. Gear may be brought in to be sold from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on April 28 and 29. Admission to the sale is free. For information, call 625-8790.

Saturday/May 2

THE LYNGBLOMSTEN SENIOR Center, 1415 Almond Ave., will hold its annual fundraiser today. A social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a dinner following at 7:00 p.m. and entertainment concluding the evening. For ticket information, call 647-4689.

Sunday/May 3

A WORKSHOP on "The Feminine Face of God" will be offered from 1:00 to 4:00 this afternoon at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Participants will explore the topic through meditation, discussion, music, poetry and ritual. The cost is \$15, or \$10 for JCC members. To register, call 698-0751.

COMPUTER CLASSES for adults will be offered beginning today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Classes will include Deciding on a Computer to Fit Your Needs, Word Processing I, Mac Graphics, Meet the Mouse and Genealogy Lab. For information and to register, call 698-0751.

Monday/May 4

A SLIDE SHOW AND TALK on the benefits of community gardens will be

held at 7:00 this evening at the Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave. Lexington-Hamline resident Anna Wasescha will tell about her year-long tour of community gardens across the United States, Canada and Europe. To register, call 872-3291.

A RUMMAGE SALE will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. today and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. tomorrow at St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, 550 W. 7th St. There will be a \$2.00 bag sale on Tuesday.

THREE CLASSES as a part of the Z'man Refuah (a time of healing) series will be offered from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays in May at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. "Writing: To Keep us Healthy, to Help us Heal" will be offered on May 4; "Prayer and Ritual as Healing Tools" on May 11; and "Music as Therapy" on May 18. The cost is \$7.50 per class, or \$5.00 for JCC members. To register, call 698-0751.

Tuesday/May 5

HISTORIAN Sonu Shamdasani will examine the evidence for allegations that Carl Jung created a cult and that contemporary Jungian psychology only masquerades as a genuine professional discipline while selling false dreams of spiritual redemption. His lecture will run from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening in the Fireside Room of the United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. Admission is \$10. For information, call 698-8533.

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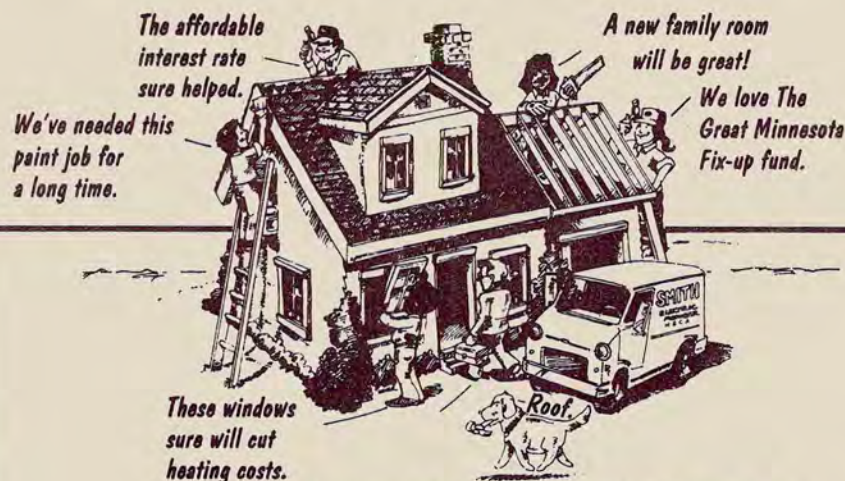


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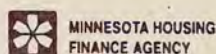
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Author's free-flowing pen uncovers man behind the music in *Blue Bossa*

by Bob Gilbert

Bart Schneider has a long list of literary achievements. The Macalester-Groveland resident has received a grant from Minneapolis' Playwrights Center. He has taught writing at the Loft in Minneapolis. He has written about some of the most important American fiction of the past 12 years as editor and founder of the literary quarterly *The Hungry Mind Review*. Still, getting his own title on bookstore shelves was not easy.

Like many successful novelists, Schneider failed to find a publisher for his first book, which took him five years to complete. Undaunted, he launched into a second book and another two years of writing. The result, *Blue Bossa*, sold in three weeks and was released last month by Viking Press.

"In my first book I wrote through a whole lot of autobiographical material that was probably more interesting to me than it would be to a reader," Schneider said. "One of the things that I learned about the writing process is that it's an adventure in faith and that I didn't have to hold on to everything that has happened to me so tightly. The second book isn't my story at all. I feel that I went more directly to the imagination."

"During the composition of *Blue Bossa*, I discovered that imagination is a renewable resource," Schneider said. "I didn't have to worry about it deserting me; it would come back again tomorrow. If I just gave it a long enough leash, it could go on forever."

Blue Bossa tells the story of jazz trumpeter Ronnie Reboulet, a talented musician with the look of a matinee idol. Reboulet achieves

success at an early age. Eventually, however, his demons catch up to him. He becomes addicted to heroin, drops out of the music business and loses his teeth.

Schneider's novel takes its name from a popular tune by jazz trumpeter Kenny Dorham. The story is loosely based on the life of trumpeter and vocalist Chet Baker, who rose to fame in the 1950s with such hits as "Let's Get Lost" and died a wreck in 1988.

Blue Bossa opens with Reboulet in middle age, after he has dropped out of the music scene thinking it is the only way he will be able to stay clean.

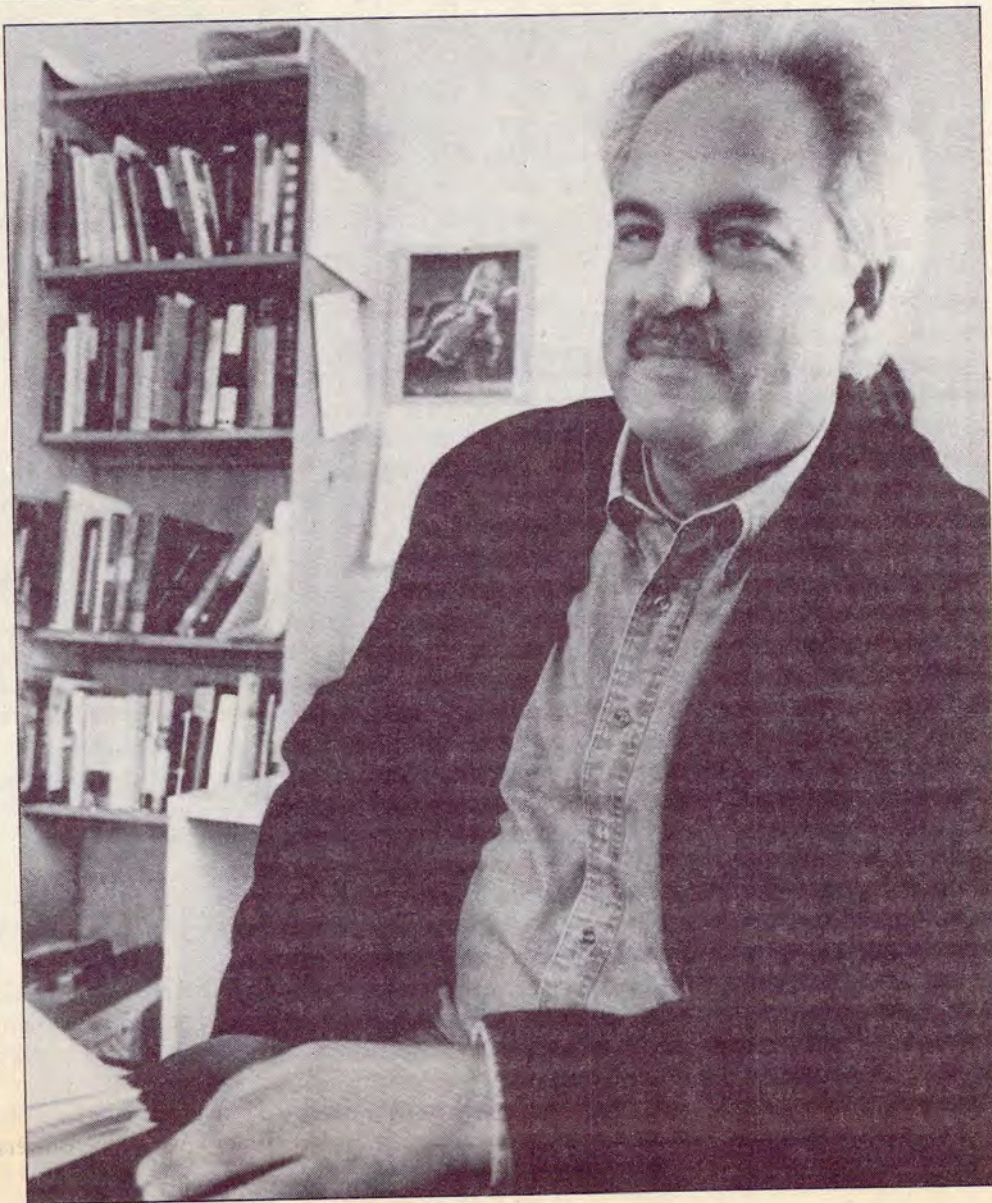
The novel asks, can a man change his character? Can he cut out his heart to save his life?

"Anyone familiar with Chet Baker knows of the incredible intimacy he had in his music," Schneider said. "I found it ironic that here was a man who could make this very intimate music but could not maintain that kind of intimacy in his personal life. Then I realized that's true of about 90 percent of the men in our culture who bring incredible dedication and presence to their professional lives but in their personal lives do without it."

"It's one of those things that are bred into us as men—work but don't love."

The novel is set in 1970s San Francisco against the backdrop of the Patti Hearst kidnapping. Hearst and Reboulet have a lot in common, Schneider said. The question the public kept asking of Hearst was, is she a fugitive or a victim? It is a question that applies to Reboulet as well.

Schneider's father was a professional violinist who had a long career with the San Francisco Symphony. Schneider had the same passion for music, but it was for the



Blue Bossa author Bart Schneider. Photo by Mike Long.

saxophone and for jazz.

He grew up a few blocks from Golden Gate Park, where bands like the Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane and Quicksilver Messenger Service gave free concerts on Thursdays. But Schneider was a jazz purist and had little interest in the popular music that was such a large part of the Bay Area counterculture of the late 1960s.

He graduated from St. Mary's College of California where he studied English and writing, and did postgraduate work at San Francisco State University. He was writing plays when he came to the Twin Cities 14 years ago.

Schneider got a job at the Hungry Mind

Bart Schneider/see page 34

Lex-Ham whodunit returns to scene of old Boulevards of Paris

by Leslie Walters

A swanky St. Paul nightclub during Prohibition is the setting for the Lexington-Hamline Community Theater's latest offering. *Bullets and Beauties*, a historical murder mystery written by Lex-Ham resident Urban Landreman, takes place on a Saturday night at the Boulevards of Paris, a gangster haunt that operated during the late 1920s and early 1930s on the southwest corner of Lexington Parkway and University Avenue.

O'Gara's Bar and Grill, 164 N. Snelling Ave., is the dinner-theater venue for the play. Members of the audience will interact with the cast, which includes Claude the nightclub manager, gangsters Fast Eddie Van Dyke and Ray Angelucci, East Coast hit man Earl "Kid Kelly" Peterson, nightclub singer Marjorie LaFleur, crooked cop Carl Grahek and hardboiled newspaper reporter Frances Hoffman. The troupe is encouraging audiences to come dressed in period attire.

Landreman, one of the founders of the 3-year-old community theater troupe, said he had a lot of fun writing *Bullets and Beauties*. He began toying with the idea of a murder mystery after last summer's season ended. "Once O'Gara's became the forum, we



Fast Eddie Van Dyke (Jeff Brown) gets into a scuffle with Ray Angelucci (Paul Quie) over a game of poker despite the efforts of Maria (Heidi Slen Walsh) and Claude (Roger Paulson) to intervene during a rehearsal for *Bullets and Beauties*. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

decided on a gangster theme," Landreman said.

He had read about the Boulevards of Paris in Merriam Park writer Paul Maccabee's book *John Dillinger Slept Here*. "It was really a wild nightclub and it had a casino in the

basement," Landreman said. Its location in the neighborhood made it a perfect backdrop for the play, he added.

Landreman culled story ideas from his own research. The gangsters' molls presented a particular challenge, he said, because their

lives were really more boring than romantic. "I've tried to strike a balance between realism and making it fun," he said.

With constant feedback from members of the troupe, *Bullets and Beauties* became a collaborative work-in-progress. Group readings influenced the play tremendously, according to director Gregory Schott, who has considerable directing experience in Twin Cities' playhouses. Schott said he is "very impressed with both the troupe and the play. It's nice to include so much history. It's living through history."

Landreman's script is rife with burning issues of the day, like Prohibition, bank foreclosures and distrust between the cops and the press.

The theater, a program of the Lexington-Hamline Community Council, was created to build a sense of community through the arts, according to Landreman. "I'm real happy with the theater's artistic function, but also with it meeting the community's goals," he said.

Several dozen neighbors turned out to audition for *Bullets and Beauties*. Landreman expanded the script to accommodate more roles, but the cast eventually had to be whittled down.

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Theater

Mixed Blood Theatre will open *Radio Mambo*, a kosher, Cuban and culturally kaleidoscopic comedy, at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, in the company's performance space at 1501 S. 4th St., Minneapolis. Performances will be given at 8:00 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, at 7:00 p.m. Saturdays and at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Sundays. For tickets, priced from \$8.00 to \$17.50, call 338-6131.

The Pajama Game, a musical comedy about a group of working-class Americans involved in a labor dispute in a garment factory in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will be performed at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 23-25, at the Anne Simley Theatre in the Drew Fine Arts Center at Hamline University. For tickets, priced at \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and seniors, call 523-2905.

15 Head Theater Lab will open *MeFausto*, a provocative retelling of the story of Faust, the man who sells his soul to the devil in return for power, on Thursday, April 23, on the stage at 15 W. 14th St., Minneapolis. Performances will continue at 8:00 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 7:00 p.m. Sundays through May 23. For tickets, priced from \$8.00 to \$15, call 306-2207.

Theatre in the Round Players, 245 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis, will open Eugene O'Neill's *A Moon for the Misbegotten* at 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 24. Performances will continue at 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 7:00 p.m. Sundays through May 17. For tickets, priced at \$14, call 333-3010.

Isn't It Romantic, a lighthearted look at the contemporary worlds of work and relationships, will be performed by the joint theater department of the College of St. Catherine and the University of St. Thomas at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 29,

through Saturday, May 2, in Frey Theater at the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced at \$5.00, call 690-6700.

The Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company will present the area premiere of *Dividends* beginning Saturday, May 2, and continuing through May 17 at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The play takes a heartwarming look at life through the eyes of a struggling artist and his grandfather. It is being directed by Michael Robbins, founder of the Illusion Theatre. For tickets, priced at \$12 and \$15, call 690-5879.

Music

Sweeney's Saloon has inaugurated a new line-up of live music on its upper level most nights of the week. The schedule includes singer-songwriter Judd Herrmann and the Voodooville Revue on April 22 and every Wednesday thereafter; the Chris Miller Trio opening for Daddy Squeeze and the Art Carnage Jug Band on Thursday, April 23; the salsa of Latin Sounds on Friday, April 24; the Irish folk band Triall Ro Crua on Sunday, April 26; folksinger and guitarist Chris Miller opening for Bobby E. and Clint Hoover on Thursday, April 30; the Jesse Williams Combo on Sunday, May 3; and the popular folk of Fezziwig on Tuesday, May 5. Music runs from 8:00 p.m. to close. Admission is \$5.00 for most shows. For information, call 293-9197.

"Swing Night in the Caves" will take place from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. every Thursday night at the Wabasha Street Caves, 215 S. Wabasha St. The line-up will include the following: Swing Beat on April 23; and the Vic Volare Lounge Orchestra on April 30. Admission is \$6.00. For information, call 224-1191.

"Women's Voices: Tenderness and Tension," a four-part series of music focusing on women

ON THE TOWN briefly



One of the world's most enduring love stories, *Swan Lake* will be performed by the Houston Ballet at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, at Northrop Auditorium. The ballet was first presented in 1877 at Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre. It features a score by Peter Tchaikovsky. For information on tickets and performance previews, call 624-2345.

speaking of their relationships with other women, will take place from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays beginning April 24 and continuing through May 15 in the Jeanne d'Arc Auditorium at the College of St. Catherine. The cost is \$28 for the series or \$8.00 per session in advance (\$9.00 at the door). To register, call Wisdom Ways at 690-8830.

Mac Jazz, the Macalester College Big Band Ensemble, will perform at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Macalester College. Admission is free.

"The Romantic Piano" will be performed by fortepianist Penelope Crawford at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. For tickets, priced from \$8.00 to \$15, call 292-3268.

The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra will perform the music of Pachelbel, Vivaldi, Handel and Bach at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. For tickets, priced from \$15 to \$37, call 291-1144.

"The Glory of Anglican Church Music" will be performed by St. Clement's Choir at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 901 Portland Ave. The concert will be followed by high tea. Admission is free. For information, call 228-1164.

A free organ recital will be given by David Briggs of Gloucester Cathedral at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at House of Hope Presbyterian Church, 797 Summit Ave.

The Lark String Quartet will perform at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. They will perform the music of Haydn, Schuman and the Minnesota premiere of a new work by Aaron Jay Kernis. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. For ticket information, call 646-5266.

Israeli pianist Rami Bar-Niv will perform at 8:00 p.m. Monday, April 27, in the Brady Educational Center auditorium at St. Thomas. He also will conduct a master class at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at St. Thomas. For information, call 962-5850.

The Minnesota Guitar Society will present a classical guitarathon at 8:00 p.m. Saturday,

May 2, in Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University. For tickets, priced at \$10 for general, or \$8.00 for seniors and students, call 418-6219.

The St. Paul Seminary Chorale will perform John Bell's "Seven Songs of Mary" at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 3, in St. Mary's Chapel at the seminary, 2260 Summit Ave. For free tickets, call 962-5781.

The St. Catherine Choral Society will perform works by Leonard Bernstein at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, May 3, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. Admission is \$6.00. For information, call 690-6690.

Rebecca Kite will perform the work of Japanese marimba virtuoso Keiko Abe at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, in Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University. Admission is \$10, or \$5.00 for seniors and students. For information, call 523-2459.

Exhibits



"To Everything Turn," an exhibit of poems and watercolors by Sister Mary Virginia Micka, will open with a reception from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 23, in the O'Shaughnessy-Frey Library Center at the University of St. Thomas. For information, call 962-5560.

"Heartland America," a new exhibit of paintings by Minnesota artist Ken Green, will open with a reception from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Nomad Gallery and Annex, 244 S. Albert St. The exhibit will remain on view until May 16. For information, call 699-6556.

The Les Farrington Best 100 Art Exhibition, a competitive art show featuring the works of art students in grades 9-12, will open on Saturday, April 25, at Landmark Center in downtown St. Paul. The show will remain on display until April 29.

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"Images of a State in the Making," a series of posters that mark 100 years since the first Zionist Congress, will open Friday, May 1, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The exhibit will remain on view until May 30. For information, call 698-0751.

"References," an exhibit of sculptural and functional work by John Chalke, Kim Dickey, Eric Van Eimeren, Eva Kwong and Steve Welch, will open with a reception from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 1, at the Northern Clay Center, 2424 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. The exhibit will remain on display until June 13.

Books



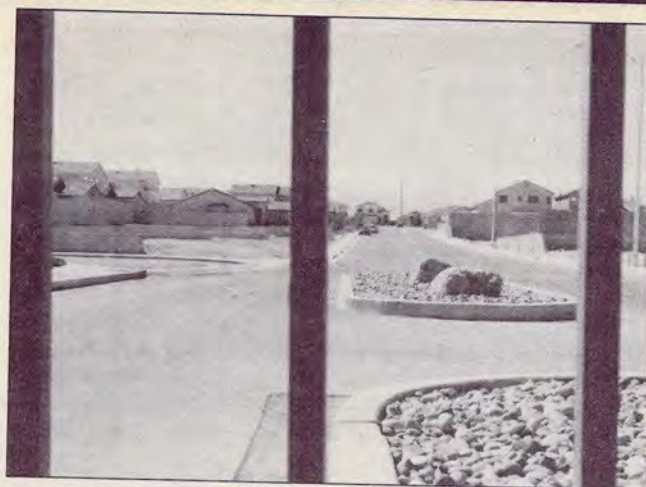
"Poetry and the Sacred," a five-week series on the religious themes in the works of four modern American poets, will continue on Thursdays through April at the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave. Poet and scholar Patricia Kirkpatrick moderates the series. Admission is free, but registration is required. Call 222-3242.

Marybeth Lorbiecki will discuss and sign copies of her book *Aldo Leopold: A Fierce Green Fire* at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy. Admission is free. For information, call 690-9443.

Grace Paley will read from her new book *Just As I Thought* at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar St. Admission is free. For information, call 699-0587.

Jane Hamilton will read from her new novel *The Short History of a Prince* at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar St. Admission is free. For information, call 699-0587.

The Hungry Mind Bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m.



Macalester-Groveland resident Matt Ehling's half-hour documentary *Forbidden City*, exploring the phenomenon of the high-security communities that have sprung up across the United States, will be featured in the opening program of the 1998 Midwest Film/Video Showcase, on Friday, May 1, at the Walker Art Center. The 7:00 p.m. program will feature a dozen short works, ranging from Vietnam veteran Dennis Darmek's 14-minute war-and-peace tract *Buddha's Radio* to Seth Mabbott's minute-long video poem *Panasonic Chromapuppy*. Admission is \$6.00. For information, call 375-7622.

(unless otherwise noted): Ted Rall will present his new book of comics, *Revenge of the Latchkey Kids: An Illustrated Guide to Surviving the '90s and Beyond*, on Friday, April 24; Stephen L. Carter will read from his new book, *Civility: Manners, Morals, and the Etiquette of Democracy*, on Monday, April 27; Nancy Slonim Aronie will read from her new book, *Writing from the Heart: Tapping the Inner Power of Your Voice*, on Tuesday, April 28; Nuala O'Faolin will read from her new book *Are You Somebody: The Accidental Memoir of a Dublin Woman* on Wednesday, April 29; Nicholson Baker will read from his new novel, *The Everlasting Story of Nory*, on Thursday, April 30; and Seamus Deane will read from his novel, *Reading in the Dark*, on Friday, May 1. Admission is free. For details, call 699-0587.

Family



Bedtime storytime for toddlers will take place at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22, and continue on Wednesdays through May 13, at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. Children may wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. To register, call 292-6624.

ArtScraps, 1459 St. Clair Ave., will offer the following Super Scrapper Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.: Sara Garry will help children make May baskets on April 24; and Garry will help children make a colorful flower bouquet from scrap on May 2. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. For information, call 698-2787.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will be performed by the Jewish Community Center's Junior High Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, and at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the JCC, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Admission is \$5.00, or \$4.00 for seniors and children under 12. For information, call 698-0751.

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Dance



The O'Shaughnessy Dance! Series will continue with James Sewell Ballet performing "Cartoon Ballet" at 8:00

p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 23-25; and Joe Chvala and the Flying Foot Forum at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 30-May 2. For tickets, priced from \$13 to \$18, call 690-6700.

The Ethnic Dance Theatre will perform "Across the River There Lies a Village" at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 23-25, in the E.M. Pearson Theater at Concordia University. For tickets, priced at \$17 for adults and \$15.00 for senior citizens and students, call 782-3970.

The U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association will hold a dance on Saturday, April 25, at the Twin City Ballroom, 265 W. 7th St. Group lessons will take place at 7:30 p.m. and the dance will take place from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8.00, \$6.00 for members and \$4.00 for students with ID. For information, call 483-5467.

A Swedish Fruit Dance will be held from 9:00 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 2, at the Twin Cities Ballroom, corner of West 7th and Walnut streets in downtown. Group lessons will begin at 8:00 p.m. Swedish

fruits and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Admission is \$10. For information, call 523-0364.

The Zenon Dance Company will perform the dances of Argentine choreographer Susana Tambutti at 8:00 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, April 30-May 2, and May 7-9, and at 7:00 p.m. on Sundays, May 3 and 10, at the Southern Theatre, 1420 S. Washington Ave. There also will be a special performance for children at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 9. For tickets, priced at \$14 and \$16 for the evening concerts and \$10 for the matinee, call 340-1725.

Bart Schneider and *Blue Bossa* /from page 31

bookstore, where he convinced owner David Unowsky of the need for a new literary publication. Forty-five issues later, *The Hungry Mind Review* has a circulation of 40,000.

The *Review* succeeds because it focuses each issue on a single topic, Schneider said. Its essays and reviews weave a critical mass of thinking on that topic, which over the past 12 years has included everything from romance

to race.

A dozen years of reviewing books has helped Schneider grasp the essence of good fiction, which he describes as a rich complex of characters and a definitive sense of place. In *Blue Bossa*, he reaches for this standard by recreating the San Francisco of his youth—the look of the sunlight, the sound of the fog horns, the feeling of wet sand between the toes.

Schneider recently returned from a promotional book tour that took him to New York, Boston, Washington, D.C., and the Bay Area, where he did five readings. His novel has made the *San Francisco Chronicle's* top 10 list.

"I think writing fiction is healthy regardless of whether it leads to something," Schneider said. "If nothing else, it gives you the pleasure of visiting your own imagination day after day."

Bullets and Beauties /from page 31

"It's exciting that a neighborhood of 3,500 has so much energy behind it," said Sarah Pearson, Lex-Ham's community organizer for the arts. "The outcome is a tangible, important community organizing tool. People can grasp the benefits, whether observing or participating."

One person certain to be taking in the play is Marie McMahon. Her grandfather, John Lane, owned the Boulevards of Paris. A former county commissioner and city council member, Lane was the brother of Den E. Lane, a real estate developer who is credited with constructing much of the post-World War II housing in Highland Park.

McMahon said she remembers her

mother talking about the Boulevards of Paris as a posh nightclub where men wore black ties and the women wore evening gowns. The facades of French cafes served as the backdrop for linen-covered tables and a huge dance floor where St. Paul's elite rubbed elbows with the criminal element.

Despite the many gangsters who came to dine, listen to the music and take in the stage shows, "there were never any shots fired inside the Boulevards of Paris," McMahon said. Gangsters were pretty much left alone in St. Paul in those days as long they promised not to make trouble while in town. However, McMahon said the informal pact did not mean her grandfather never feared for his life.

"Dutch Schultz (a Chicago gangster) made a pass at a waitress once and my grandfather threw him out," McMahon said. "Schultz retaliated by sending someone over with a fire bomb to torch the place. But it was a brick building, so the bomb just bounced off. My grandparents had to lay low for a while after that."

Bullets and Beauties will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on April 23, 25, 30 and May 1 and at 3:00 p.m. on April 26 and May 3. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$17 for children, students and seniors for the 7:30 p.m. shows, which include a buffet supper, and \$8.00 and \$5.00 for the 3:00 p.m. shows. Reservations are required for the dinner shows. For details, call 645-3207.

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Visiting Europe was never a priority for me. I would've been content to go to my grave without ever stepping foot in England or France. Neither country has had the same allure for me as the Canadian Rockies or the Pacific Coast. But I got a firsthand look at how the other hemisphere lives when my wife and I spent two weeks in London and Paris earlier this month.

I was immediately and utterly disoriented. Strange customs, odd cuisine, nefarious strangers—all this and we hadn't even left Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. The flight over was torturous. The only thing worse than the two-hour delay in Detroit was the two-hour in-flight James Bond movie. Cramped quarters. Crying babies. Fitful sleep. We collided with the coming dawn just over the wreckage of the Titanic. If I remember correctly, it was a quarter after something when we left and next month when we landed. My mathematics degree was no help in resetting my watch.

We made our way into London and immediately acquainted ourselves with the Tube, England's underground train system. Mass transit, a foreign concept in much of the United States, is a way of life abroad. The Tube runs safely, smoothly, quickly and efficiently. The subway systems in New York and Chicago are shameful in comparison. We also enjoyed riding the big red double-decker buses. You can grow old in the Twin Cities waiting for the bus to come.

England has no billboards. Everybody smokes. Nobody recycles. The women wear their skirts short. Nobody cooks—their refrigerators are about the size of our microwaves. And there are no fat people.

I asked a friend why there aren't many trash cans on the streets. "Bombs," she replied: The English would rather have garbage littering their streets than the occasional maimed citizenry.

I used to think I was the only person left in America without a cellular phone, but I was wrong. Apparently, I'm the only person left in the world without one.

Minnesota motorists would never survive on busy European city streets. We'd find ourselves idling for hours at a busy intersection, cautiously plotting our strategy for merging. The natives' cars, cabs and buses roar through crosswalks. It's the Indy 500, but with pedestrians thrown in just for fun.

TALLY HO! PIP-PI!

My T-shirt selection was probably a mistake. I had one specially printed up for London that proclaimed "1776...We Kicked Your Ass." Even so, the Brits seemed friendly enough as long as we wore engaging smiles—and flashed our VISA cards. We encountered two distinct types of weather in England: cold rain interrupted by brief sunshine and brief

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Prep softball preview

Coaches predict tighter competition due to rise in talent

by Bill Wagner

High school coaches across the state are rating their crop of softball players as the best ever, and it's no different in this neck of the woods. Buttressed by the proliferation of playground and Little League programs and a growing number of off-season training opportunities, the fast-pitch talent is on the rise.

Prep squads have always had outstanding players, but with so many girls enrolling in youth leagues well before high school, there are more good players to go around. "I coach summer ball, too, so I can see it," said Jerry Tschida, the coach of Visitation's softball team. "The skill level is there. Kids start so much younger now—in the 4th or 5th grade or even before that. It used to be that you had many players who hadn't played before high school."

The competition in almost every metropolitan area conference should be tight this year from top to bottom, coaches say. "The St. Paul Conference is much improved," said Central coach Treacy Funk. "Most of the schools in the conference are competitive now, and I think that's true of most conferences."

The coaches of Cretin-Derham Hall, Visitation and Minnehaha Academy all expect their teams to challenge for the league title in 1998. Minneapolis Roosevelt coach Jeff Sanders, whose team did not win a game last year, has rather modest expectations this year, but the coaches of Central, Henry Sibley, Highland Park and St. Paul Academy all expect to make a run, if not for the conference title, at least for the upper division.

Here's how the eight local coaches rate their charges at the outset of the season:

CENTRAL

League: St. Paul City Conference

Coach: Treacy Funk

1997 record: 7-5, 12-9 overall

Key players and their strengths:

- Karina Matistad, sophomore CF—All-conference last year. A smart hitter with power and speed.
- Sara Nystul, senior 2B, RF—Good hitter.
- Angela Marchio, junior LF—Returning starter with a rocket arm and



Highland Park's all-conference hurler Emily Siegel sends a fireball homeward during last week's 7-2 loss to Cretin-Derham Hall. Photo by Mike Long.

big bat.

- Anna McCormick, junior 3B—Another savvy returning regular.
- Emmy Neuman, junior P—Making a comeback from knee injury.
- Jessica Dreis, junior C—A great help to pitchers and a good hitter.

Team strengths and weaknesses: The Minutemaids are quick and can hit, but

their pitching and defense are questionable, according to Funk. "We'll have to play very good defense and hit very well to win," she said.

Outlook for 1998: With the loss of many starters from last year's club, Funk is hoping for a better than .500 season.

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ST. PAUL ACADEMY

League: St. Paul City Conference
Coach: Jodi McDonough
1997 record: 8-4, 14-10 overall

Key players and their strengths:

- Ellie Roscher, senior P—Expected to be the ace of the staff. Her pitches move well.
- Kelly Boyles, senior C—A defensive standout. Hit .326 last year.
- Michelle Poehmann, senior 3B—A second-year starter and dependable fielder.
- Kate Townley, sophomore SS—Errorless as an outfielder last year and hit .277.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

Though the Raiders' hitting and pitching are strong, their defensive skills may require some honing, according to McDonough.

Outlook for 1998: "We have eight kids back from last year, and five of them started," McDonough said. The Raiders should be in a dogfight with Harding and Johnson for the conference title and could prevail if they get some breaks and stay injury-free.

HENRY SIBLEY

League: St. Paul Suburban
Coach: Kathy Fletcher
1997 record: 4-10, 8-16 overall

Key players and their strengths:

- Millie Buck, senior C—A steady defensive performer who has improved her hitting.
- Paula Seiger, junior P—Throws hard.
- Katie Buck, junior P—Good control. Knows how to keep hitters off-balance.
- Nicole Hilo, junior OF—Reliable athlete.
- Sarah Andrews, junior 2B—Deft fielder.
- Jenny Limback, senior 1B—Experienced.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

"We have some good kids back from last year," Fletcher said. "We had a bad year in '97, but we learned some things."

Outlook for 1998: The Warriors are not going to beat out Park, Sim-



Highland Park catcher Rachel Zimmerman presents the evidence to umpire Tom Nash after tagging out Cretin-Derham Hall's Katrina Froehle during last week's conference matchup. Photo by Mike Long.

ley or Hastings, but they could very well finish fourth.

HIGHLAND PARK

League: St. Paul City Conference
Coach: Julie Maidment
1997 record: 4-9, 6-11 overall

Key players and their strengths:

- Marnie Fitzgerald, junior P—A hard thrower back from last year's squad.
- Emily Siegel, senior P—All-conference honorable mention in '97 with 57 strikeouts.
- Jill Reinhardt, junior SS—Good range, arm and bat.
- Angie Sund, sophomore 3B—Outstanding hitter.
- Katie Spiegel, junior CF—good range and glove.
- Joanne Garlich, senior 2B—A four-year player. Fields and bunts very well.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

The Scots' one-two punch on the mound bodes well. Talent is up, but the team may still have to learn how to win, Maidment said.

Outlook for 1998: "This could be

the best team Highland has had in a long time," Maidment said. She thinks her team may be ready to take a shot at the Cretin-Derham Hall, Johnson and Harding triumvirate that has ruled the conference for so long.

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

League: Tri-Metro
Coach: Mike DiNardo
1997 record: 7-4, 10-4 overall

Key players and their strengths:

- Sarah Bornes, senior P—All-conference the last two years. Throws hard with control.
- Nicole Prichard, senior C—All-conference the last two years. An all-around performer with an outstanding arm.
- Cathleen Gosselin, senior 1B—Power hitter and solid fielder.
- Genevieve Antonello, senior CF—All-conference in her third year on the varsity.

Team strengths and weaknesses: The Red Hawks have eight returning starters. Their pitching and defense are solid, but hitting is an

uncertainty.

Outlook for 1998: "This is the best team I've had," said DiNardo, who expects his charges to challenge St. Agnes, Breck and Blake for the top of the Tri-Metro.

ROOSEVELT

League: Minneapolis City
Coach: Jeff Sanders
1997 record: 0-14 overall

Key players and their strengths:

- Erika Skiba, senior C—Solid, all-around player.
- Jenny Carlson, senior 1B—Good hitter.
- Rana Scanlon, senior SS—Deft fielder with good wheels. Can hit for extra bases.

Team strengths and weaknesses: The Teddies have some solid returning players, but lack depth.

Outlook for 1998: Sanders doesn't see his team threatening league kingpins South and Washburn. "But we're a senior squad, so if we're going to win some games, this is the year," he said.

League: Tri-Valley Conference
Coach: Bill Ross
1997 record: 6-12, 6-15 overall.

Key players and their strengths:

- Heather Murphy, senior SS—All-conference player who hits for power and average.
- Katie Ross, sophomore C—All-around player coming back from a shoulder injury.
- Karen Tani, senior CF—Good range and speed. Outstanding base runner.
- Katy Gehrig, junior P—Has control and poise on the mound.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

The Spartans are young, but they have several players back from last year and should be able to build on that experience.

Outlook for 1998: The class of the league looks to be St. Bernard's, Ross said. Look for the Spartans to crack the upper division.

VISITATION

League: Tri-Valley Conference
Coach: Jerry Tschida
1997 record: 10-6, 10-9 overall

Key players and their strengths:

- Jenny McCall, senior P—All-conference pitcher, throws strikes.
- Patti Vannelli, sophomore C—Solid hitter, good base runner and smart fielder.
- Molly Sutherland, junior SS—good range and arm. A consistent hitter.
- Christina Adams, junior 2B—Hit .385 last year. Should lead off this year.

Team strengths and weaknesses: The Blazers' pitching and defense are above average and their hitting is OK, but the team lacks speed.

Outlook for 1998: Tschida is counting on his five returners to serve as the cornerstones of a team that he expects will challenge Randolph, St. Bernard's and Mayer Lutheran for the conference title. "We can be a contender," he said, "We'll be one of the top two or three."

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Water hazard

Drainage problems drive the need for a redesign of the Highland 18

by Mark Miller

If the general public has forgotten about the city of St. Paul's plans for improving the Highland Park 18-hole golf course, local golfers haven't. The large puddles and muddy patches that returned this spring to the sixth fairway off of Highland Parkway serve as a ready reminder—both for them and for officials of the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation—of the need for repairs.

The course, which had major sewer and rain tile work done several summers ago, is still plagued by poor drainage. Any heavy rain takes days to soak in.

"We know that something has to happen," said Robert Piram, the city's director of Parks and Recreation. "It needs some improvement. The water table's changed, there's no question about it. We have to do something with the course or it's not going to be very attractive."

Last summer the city paid golf course architect Joel Goldstrand \$10,000 to suggest a redesign of the Highland 18's layout. The proposed layout, which is on display in the clubhouse at Montreal and Hamline avenues, includes a new driving range, clubhouse and maintenance facility. The problem now is finding money to pay for it.

"We're still trying to figure out exactly how to finance the improvements," Piram said. "There's nothing moving ahead other than discussions about different ways of financing and how to do it."

Piram would like to see a major redesign of the course at the same time the drainage

problem is fixed. "When we redid the Phalen and Como courses, we said, 'If we're going to make changes, let's bring the course up to date and fix the things that are wrong with it,'" Piram said. "Now it's a matter of how do you pay for Highland, how do you pay for \$2 million or \$2½ million worth of improvements?"

One way to finance the project is with a revenue bond that would be repaid with receipts from the city's four golf courses, Piram said. Another way may be a state program aimed at developing golf opportunities for youths, according to Vic Wittgenstein, the manager of special services for Parks and Recreation. "We might be able to get some funding from (the state) for something like that," Wittgenstein said. "But we're really in the embryonic stages of doing anything."

A decision on the project is likely to be made this summer, Wittgenstein said.

Goldstrand has incorporated in his design an expanded driving range with 40 stations. That alone would bring in upwards of

a quarter-million dollars, according to Bob Cotie, golf professional at the Highland 18.

With the closing of George's driving range in Mendota Heights last summer and the possible closing of the Rich Acres driving range in Richfield, Highland's may soon be one of the few remaining ranges in the area, Cotie said.

"The competition (from other golf courses) demands that we upgrade the course," Cotie said. "We're not the only game in town, and if we're going to be competitive, we've got to be on the same playing field."

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—Robert Piram

SPORTS SHORTS

Crystal Flint, head coach of Concordia University's women's basketball team, received the 1998 Wilma Rudolph Courage Award at the Minnesota Girls and Women in Sports Day celebration at the state Capitol. Flint was honored for overcoming injuries and two surgeries while playing for the University of Minnesota from 1990 to 1994. She helped coach the lady Gophers for two years before being hired by Concordia.

Joe Warren, who earned 11 letters in four sports at the University of St. Thomas, has joined the Minnesota Thunder soccer team. He will compete with Macalester College All-American Dan Welch for the backup goalie spot behind veteran John Swallen. During the 1996-97 school year, Warren posted nine shutouts for the Tommies' soccer team, led UST's basketball team in blocked shots and won the MIAC javelin title in track and field. He returned to St. Thomas last fall to play football and set a school record with a 78-yard punt.

The Minnesota AIDS Walk will step out on Sunday, May 17, from the Minnehaha Park pavilion. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. Live entertainment and activities will precede the walk, including face painting, crafts and games for kids. Following opening ceremonies at 12:30 p.m., walkers will follow a 6.2-mile route along the Mississippi River be-

fore heading back to the park. Prize winners will be announced at closing ceremonies beginning at 3:30 p.m. More live entertainment and refreshments will follow. To register for the walk, call 373-2411.

Central High School graduate Andrea Wilson, now a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, broke her own school record with a time of 18:00.12 in the 5,000-meter run at a recent meet at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. She beat her nearest competitor by more than 28 seconds.

Frannie Villafana of Highland Park has been named the most valuable member of the College of St. Catherine swimming and diving team. The sophomore was the team's co-captain and top scorer this season. At the MIAC conference meet, she led the team by finishing fifth in the 200-yard individual medley, 11th in the 100 backstroke, and 12th in the 100 freestyle. She also scored in four relays.

Dan Welch, an NCAA Division III All-American goalkeeper on the Macalester College soccer team last fall, has signed a one-year contract with the Minnesota Thunder professional soccer team. Welch, 22, will graduate this May. He had planned to pursue an advanced degree in education, but "graduate school will always be there," he said. "I had nothing to lose."

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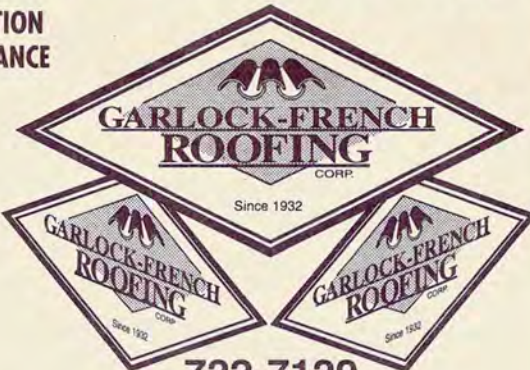
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sunshine interrupted by cold rain. Put it this way: What the British refer to as our "bathing costumes" remained at the bottom of our suitcases.

I arrived in London totally ignorant of the British royalty, of the succession, of the country's rich past. We began our tour with a visit to Westminster Abbey, England's version of the Cooperstown Hall of Fame. Everybody who was anybody is buried beneath the floor of the church, but instead of ballplayers it honors poets, princes, queens and musicians. The crypt's contents were impressive indeed.

The Tower of London was intriguing as well. The grisly tales of torture and execution told by the Beefeater tour guide was one of the highlights of the trip. Others were a performance of Tchaikovsky by the London Symphony Orchestra, front-row seats for *Les Miserables* at the Palace Theater and an Evensong service at St. Paul's Cathedral. Judy and I hadn't run across this much culture since we removed the spoiled yogurt from the back of the fridge. We toured the ancient cities of Bath and Canterbury and we visited Stonehenge where we saw up close the gargantuan stones that scientific dating techniques have proven to be older than Otis Nixon.

The English pubs were delightful. Their names alone attract the curious: Bag o' Nails, Hog in the Pound, Rat and Parrot. Tipping is not allowed, and yet the service was wonderful. The Brits, we found, are typically reserved and aloof—unless they're tossing back a few cold ones down at the pub. I wanted badly to fit in, but I drew the line at drinking Guinness or bitters. My unsophisticated tastes in alcoholic beverages are well-documented. I prefer the lighter lagers, those that come with pictures of lakes and fish on the cans. My favorite beverage, a Diet Coke on ice, was nowhere to be found in England. The Brits "hold the hail" when it comes to serving their drinks.

WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE PARIS

Tired of the dreary mists of England, we boarded the new Eurostar train and took a three-day side trip to Paris. Arriving in a cold rain, we immediately encountered a formidable barrier—the French language. My expertise in foreign tongues consists of a mastery of the Spanish phrase, *las albondigas estan en la biblioteca* ("the meatballs are in the library"). My wife claimed her French was impeccable, but even with a pocket dictionary we couldn't figure out how to say "we're lost" or "where the hell's our bus?"

We learned that the three-star Glasgow Hotel we stayed at was luxurious by French standards, but I've been in roomier phone booths. The complimentary continental breakfast consisted of croissants and butter. We found French food to be very pastry-oriented: crepes, baguettes, rolls—there was

bread everywhere. Apparently, the French don't have a word for "vegetable."

We took in the greatest sites. We sprinted through the overcrowded Louvre only to find the head missing from the famous "Winged Victory" statue. Heck, the Mona Lisa was no bigger than our airline meal platter. And the Eiffel Tower? Impressive structure, sure, but it's now inexplicably festooned with a huge scoreboard on one side counting down the days till the millennium. I didn't get the connection. We went for a walk along the Seine, but we could've walked across it, what with all the garbage floating down it.

Montmartre, the art district, was our favorite Parisian haunt. The view from the church of the Sacre Coeur became our sunset ritual. We saw Jim Morrison's grave and some magazine covers with Jennifer Aniston in the buff.

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I wore my hooded Cleveland Indians Starter jacket throughout the trip. The logo drew the attention of a few diamond devotees. I met a former Twins farm hand, Tony Guerrero, at a bus stop near Lady Di's crash site in Paris. "I played for T.K., with Laudner, Viola, Puckett, Lombardozzi," he said. "They cut me in '86, then won the title in '87. I'd say I was an instrumental part of that championship."

On another night in Montmartre, a shopkeeper commented on my attire. "How can you still be a baseball fan?" he asked. "The games are so long and so boring."

"And your 0-0 soccer games are more captivating?" I countered.

He shrugged and, after ringing up yet another of my wife's souvenir purchases, said, "Hope you stay awake at your next ball game."

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