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Air-traffic redistribution plan to get another public hearing before MAC

by Jane McClure

Supporters and opponents of a plan to redistribute air traffic around Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport will get another chance to comment on the proposal before it is voted on by the Metropolitan Airports Commission. The plan would shift some of the air traffic now flying over neighborhoods in South Minneapolis to the skies over Highland Park, Bloomington and Richfield.

A public meeting on the air-traffic plan is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, but that date won't be confirmed until MAC meets again on December 18.

MAC is expected to vote on the plan sometime in February. If approved, the matter would be sent to the Federal Aviation Administration for its approval.

The airports commissioners voted unanimously on November 20 to delay a vote on the plan. More than 50 people, many of them Highland Park residents, attended the November meeting. Some of residents had been worried that MAC intended to bypass the committee process and vote on the plan directly, without additional public input.

But the commissioners agreed that another public hearing was necessary. Several of the commissioners are new, they noted, and hadn't attended the previous public hearings.

Thomas Kayser of St. Paul was one of several MAC members who spoke in favor of the delay, saying the issue needs to be dealt with in "an open and straightforward" fashion.

Delaying the vote until

February will also give MAC time to further assess the effect the plan would have on the environment. MAC staff are at work on an environmental assessment worksheet that is expected to be completed before the February vote.

The worksheet will consider the effect the air traffic redistribution plan would have on the communities surrounding the airport. It will incorporate the results of a six-month testing of the plan that was conducted between July 1988 and January 1989.

The worksheet is also expected to address the need for a more extensive environmental impact statement. Both the worksheet and the impact statement, if it is needed, are regulated and

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Salvadoran refugees Jesus Hurtado (left) and Jorge Montecinos, in the 11th day of a hunger strike to end U.S. military aid to El Salvador, emerged last Sunday from their temporary home at the St. Paul Cathedral to address a crowd of supporters. About 800 Twin Cities residents gathered in the bitter cold to voice their opposition to the United States' continued involvement in the Salvadoran civil war.

Finding day care becomes real chore for working parents

by Maureen Callan Fischer

There are a lot of reasons to live in the Highland Park and Macalester-Groveland areas, but the availability of infant day care isn't one of them.

Like other upper-income communities, Highland and Mac-Groveland are populated by families with two working parents and children in need of at least part-time day care. Yet, the same neighborhoods have the fewest number of day-care providers of any in Ramsey County, according to Tom Copeland, an information specialist at Resources for Child Caring, a non-profit organization that handles child-care referrals for Ramsey County.

The day-care shortage is greatest for infants, according to Trish Brokman, a referral counselor for the same organization. Vad-

nais Heights, Shoreview, White Bear Lake, even Roseville are difficult areas to find day care for an infant, Brokman said, but the Highland area's shortage is the most acute. "We're getting twice the demand from Highland as from other areas," Copeland said.

There are 145 licensed day-care homes in the area bounded by the Mississippi River on the west and south, Dale Street on the east and Interstate 94 on the north, Copeland said. But only 76 of these day care homes are active; the rest are full, don't want calls or are inactive, he said.

Copeland's records show a total of 99 spaces for infants within those 76 homes. "But according to our records, only 36 of those infant spaces are now open," he said. "And you can't look at this like a hotel room vacancy rate. Thirty-six means some providers want to be listed as having an opening

but it might be a future opening. If the parent calls and wants a part-time slot, lots of providers won't take their child. In other words, parents can't just walk in the door and say, 'I want this spot.'"

Most new mothers are looking for part-time infant day care, according to Elaine Rasper Borth, a parent educator for the St. Paul Public Schools Early Childhood Family Education Program. But day-care providers seldom want a part-time infant. State regulations for day-care homes allow no more than two children under 12 months old, and most providers want to fill that slot with a full-time rather than a part-time infant. The same is true of day-care centers, which are allowed four infants under 16 months old for every adult care giver. A part-time infant brings in much less income, yet takes up a full-time slot.

Then, too, many of those who operate day-care homes prefer to care for older children. "Sometimes it seems as if you're penalized for having infants. You're so tied down with them," said Alison Baker, who provides day care in her Highland Park home for her own toddler and two 6-year-old boys. "Infants sleep a lot, they need to be held when they're fed—they're a lot of work. Many day-care providers just don't want to work with that particular age."

Even if parents locate a provider willing to take an infant, several other factors complicate the process. "Parents are trying to match the right location, the right hours, the right setting, the right age mix, smoking, pets, all that stuff," Copeland said. "From a parent's point of view, the choices are much fewer."

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Pappas expects to challenge Moe in Dist. 65

by Roger Fuller

State Representative Sandy Pappas is expected to announce her decision next week to challenge state Senator Don Moe for the District 65 seat he has held for the past nine years.

"I'm 99 percent sure I'll run" said Pappas, who was elected to represent District 65B in the state House of Representatives in 1984.

Pappas recently met with Moe to try and convince him not to seek re-election. She said Moe has been unresponsive to constituents and that a new point of view is needed in the Senate to approach problems affecting the inner cities.

Different groups have apparently asked her several times in recent years to consider running against Moe, but Pappas said she always told them she wouldn't. Her perspective gradually began to change, however.

"Don wouldn't attend community meetings," she said. "He wouldn't carry bills of mine in the Senate or suggest another senator who might. It became increasingly frustrating because it was hard to work with him."

Pappas said District 65 has changed since Moe was first elected. "We have blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, Southeast Asians," she said. "We need someone who is responsive to these groups,

not someone who wants to do his own thing."

Moe argued that he has often taken stands during his nearly two decades in office that weren't popular with special interest groups. In the '70s, labor unions opposed him because he wouldn't support the I-35E freeway proposal. Later, public employee groups were critical of his position on pensions, but few of them lived in District 65.

"Over the years, I've made some enemies," Moe said. "When I've noticed corruption, illegality, coverups or bad policy, I have taken an adversarial position."

Moe acknowledged that Pappas was critical of his

record when they met. "I did not point out to Sandy some of her lapses," he said. "If this continues, I will be forced to do that."

He added that a Pappas candidacy would be "very destructive" to the district. "It will be impossible for us to work together on legislative business," he said. "This will cause a lot of hardship."

Chuck Repke, who played a major part in getting Moe first elected to the Senate, said Moe has helped Pappas more than any other person in the state Legislature. "I don't think the Pappas people realize how tenacious a campaigner Don can be," Repke said.

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Day-care shortage (cont'd from page 1)

To find what they want, persistent parents in Highland will search months on end for infant day care. Barb Glasoe, a Highland Park mother and a registered nurse at United Hospital, said her search for day care was discouraging.

"We called and got the Ramsey County referrals," Glasoe said. "We called several people but there were no spots for infants. As soon as I said she was 3 months old, they weren't interested."

Glasoe persevered. "Some providers sounded wonderful over the phone," she said. "Then we went to their homes and thought, 'Oh, my God.' I remember one place that had a rickety old space heater in a playpen because they were out of fuel. There was another place where we were beating off two cats. If they are after us as adults, what would they do to a 3-month-old child?"

Glasoe eventually found a provider and signed a contract for day care with less than a month left on her maternity leave.

Chris and Tom Johnson, working parents living in Merriam Park, experienced similar difficulties and finally advertised for a nanny for their infant son. "We checked out a few institutions in the area," Chris said. "We looked at day care at a local college. They have students who come in. It's four babies to one staff. I just about balled when I left. All these babies were sitting on the floor crying. I just said, 'Tom, I can't do that.'"

Chris had contacted the Learning Tree (now Children's World Learning Centers) and Kinder-Care Learning Center as soon as she learned she was pregnant. "I called nine months in advance, but most places said I didn't call soon enough," she said. "At some, it's a year wait."

Johnson finally ran an ad in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch*, had a good response and hired a 45-year-old woman as a nanny for \$200 a week. "It takes everything we have to do that," she said, "but it's the best money we spend."

Julia Moen, a Highland mother who teaches college two days a week, finally settled for in-home day care as well. "Most of the day-care centers weren't interested in infant care, particularly part-time care," she said. Moen spent six months searching for a spot for her baby. "Finally, I advertised in the *Highland Villager*," she said. "That's when we got someone. She comes to the house two days a week. She's an older woman. She's wonderful."

Because there are so few day-care openings in the area, and because working parents want a care giver who is close and convenient as well as good with their children, many Highland parents are hiring nannies. But in-home care is an expensive option.

Bonnie Roeder, owner of NannyFinders, said most of her clients are professional working couples who travel, have good-paying jobs and can't deal with day-care center hours. "Most of our clients have infants, that's where you get the long waiting lists and lack of options," she said.

Roeder cited several benefits to nanny care, among them convenience, continuity of care, control over who cares for the infant and how the care is provided, and less exposure of the infant to illnesses. But all of those benefits cost money. According to Roeder, a nanny costs \$200 to \$300 a week; a live-in nanny costs \$150 to \$250 a week plus room and board. And NannyFinders



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Day-care provider Sharon Dvorak entertains her young charges in her Highland Park home. A shortage of child-care providers in the Highland area, especially those who will take infants, has been a headache for many families with two working parents.

charges an additional \$975 for its recruitment services.

Nannies are just one answer to the infant day-care dilemma. The Little Star is another. Established last January by Diana Orantes, a Highland Park mother, the Little Star is a day-care center on Grand Avenue exclusively for infants 6 weeks to 18 months old.

Orantes said that three years ago, when she gave birth to her son, "I was looking for day care and I couldn't find what I wanted. There was no really nurturing, comforting environment. So I stayed at home instead." Orantes is providing that nurturing atmosphere now at the Little Star, which offers a one-to-three ratio of care givers to infants even though the state allows a one-to-four ratio for day-care centers.

Orantes said the Little Star was caring for its quota of 24 infants after its first six months in operation and now has a waiting list. There won't be an opening until August. "For me it's been very rewarding," she said. "I enjoy my babies tremendously. My staff is one of the neatest around."

Although the need is great, Orantes doubts there will be other infant care centers to compete with the Little Star. "The reason is, there's not a whole lot of money to be made," she said. "When you have one-to-three, you have very high output of money to care providers. There's not a lot of cash flow. That's one big reason people just don't do infants."

The local demand for infant day care is likely to exceed the supply for a long time to come, said Copeland. In upper-income communities, people are looking for careers that pay well and day care seldom does.

"If we talk about gross income, day-care

"We called and got the Ramsey County referrals," Glasoe said. "We called several people but there were no spots for infants. As soon as I said she was 3 months old, they weren't interested."

providers on average care for four to five kids," Copeland said. "The average charge is \$60 to \$70 a week. For infants, the average charge is \$90 to \$130. But the provider also has expenses—substantial food and supply and equipment expenses."

Copeland said most day-care homes have a net income of less than \$10,000 per year. "It's below minimum wage," he said. "And the reason is the hours are long. We're talking probably 10 hours a day. The provider usually has a child or two of her own, so she can't take as many kids."

In the Highland area, however, where the demand is higher along with the income of working parents, some day-care providers may be making \$20,000 or \$30,000 annually and doing very well, Copeland added.

Women who have stayed home with their children and earned some income by providing day care say it's a good option. "When I had two kids, I couldn't afford day

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Kathi Donlan has her hands full during feeding time at the Little Star day-care center.



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Carbon monoxide levels decrease at Snelling-University intersection

Last year was the first time in several years that the intersection of Snelling and University avenues did not violate federal and state carbon monoxide standards, according to a Metropolitan Council report.

The lower levels may have been due to the construction of the new stepped-level Spruce Tree Mall at the southwest corner of the intersection and the completion of a mini-bypass, the report said. Computerized

traffic signals installed at the intersection began operating last month and are expected to reduce the carbon monoxide levels even further. A similar system will be completed over the next two years in downtown St. Paul to reduce the traffic flow and air pollution there.

Carbon monoxide monitoring was conducted at nine intersections in St. Paul and Minneapolis last year with violations recorded at two of them. The Lake Street and

Hennepin Avenue intersection exceeded federal and state carbon monoxide levels over an eight-hour period 14 times during the year, while the Lexington-University intersection violated the standard twice.

By July 1, 1991, all Twin Cities area motorists will be required to have their vehicles inspected annually to determine if their pollution-control and emission systems are operating properly.

Air-traffic plan (cont'd from page 1)

carried out with the help of the state's Environmental Quality Board.

While the worksheet process is "fairly quick," an environmental impact statement would take 12 to 18 months to complete, said Jeff Hamiel, executive director of MAC.

Scott Bunin, a Highland resident and a member of the Metropolitan Aircraft Sound Abatement Council, was one of several people to address the air-traffic plan at

MAC's meeting last month. Bunin reminded the airports commissioners that they had promised citizens another hearing before they voted.

Pete Purvis of South Minneapolis, however, argued against an additional public hearing. He urged MAC to move as quickly as possible on the issue.

Purvis questioned the need for further review and comment, saying that all of the facts of the matter have al-

ready been presented. The whole purpose of the redistribution plan, he said, is to provide a more equitable sharing of air-traffic noise.

The noise is worse now than it has ever been, Purvis said, with more than 500 airplanes taking off or landing at International Airport each day. At times, there are only 30 to 90 seconds between flights over South Minneapolis, he added. The plan, he said, "will give us a break occasionally."

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care for two," said Sharon Dvorak, a Highland area resident. "I kept my own children at home and started day care."

After nine years as a day-care provider, Dvorak said, "I do like it. I do like kids. It's a job, let me tell you. I start as early as 6:00 a.m. and go until 5:00 at night. It's long hours. I am making a decent income if I can maintain four children in the home."

Dvorak cares for two toddlers and two infants. However, the lack of benefits and the need for extra homeowner's insurance reduce her income.

Alison Baker started a family day-care operation for reasons similar to Dvorak's. "I guess it was one way for me to stay home with my 2½-year-old," Baker said. "I really like working with kids, and I really enjoy having my own business."

Baker cares for 6-year-old twins and her own toddler, and she is expecting a baby someday soon. As for the income, she said, "I'm not in it for the money. I don't think that's a feasible expectation when you're doing day care, unless you have 10 or 12 chil-

dren. Then you could make a decent income."

As more working parents cope with the shortage of infant day care in the community, more creative solutions arise. According to Borth, some parents rely on nannies or grandparents. Others are pulling back from their careers and negotiating part-time schedules. And other parents, like Dvorak and Baker, are choosing to open a family day-care operation to be home with their children and still provide the family with some income.

And the field of family day care isn't the province of mothers only. Borth said her parent education classes include two husbands who have opened their homes to infant day care. Other fathers in her classes have negotiated with their bosses for more time at home or are working nights instead of days.

"Actually, the most creative thing is that the fathers are arranging their work schedules so that either Mom or Dad is home all the time," Borth said. "The men have adjusted their schedules to minimize day care."

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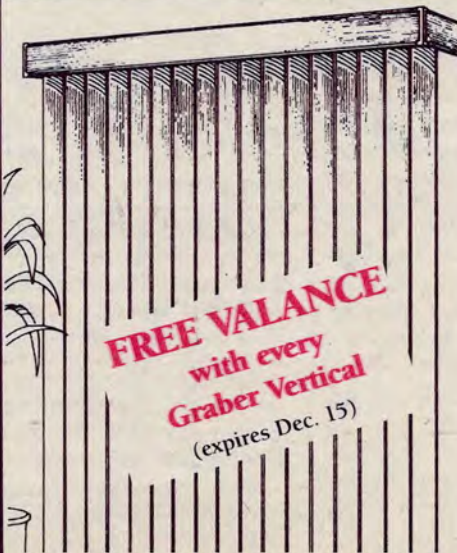
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Moe backed Pappas when she ran for the House seat five years ago. "I wrote a strong letter of support for her and was photographed with her like a legislative couple," he said, adding that he also made several contributions to the Pappas campaign committee that year.

Moe served in the House from 1970-80 but was always at odds with the West 7th Street neighborhood because of his pro-choice stance on abortion. In 1978, his last race for the House, Moe trailed his opponent until the last precinct reported.

When Nick Coleman decided not to seek re-election to the Senate in 1980, Moe sought to succeed him. By running from a wider base, Moe said he could dilute some of the pro-life power in the West 7th Street area that bothered him as a legislator.

About 40 percent of the 67 incumbents in the Senate previously served in the House, but the moves normally occurred because of vacancies. If Pappas does campaign against Moe, it will be one of the rare times that a state representative and senator would be competing against each other.

Diet Center sets open house

Tom Houde, a gourmet cook, a Christian brother and a former teacher at Cretin-Derham Hall high school, will demonstrate how to make healthy holiday meals and low-fat breakfast buffets during an open house on Thursday, December 14, at the Diet Center, 718 S. Cleveland Ave.

Houde, who by dieting lost 60 pounds and saw his cholesterol level drop from above 300 to below 200, will

talk about his recent success with area residents who stop by the Diet Center between noon and 8:00 p.m.

Houde will tell how to make healthy dips, muffins, cakes and punches from noon to 5:00 p.m. His cooking demonstrations will begin at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 that evening.

Free blood pressure checks and weight analyses will also be offered by Diet Center during the open house.

St. Thomas picks its cadet colonel

Peter Maulik has been named cadet colonel at St. Thomas Academy, the high school's highest military rank given annually to a senior who has distinguished himself academically and is involved in extracurricular activities.

A Highland Park resident, Maulik ranks seventh in his class of 112 with a 3.83 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0). He has been a member of the St. Thomas student council for four years, and is a member of the school's speech team and yearbook committee. He is a three-year letter winner in football and was the captain of St. Thomas' Section 3AA champion football team this fall.

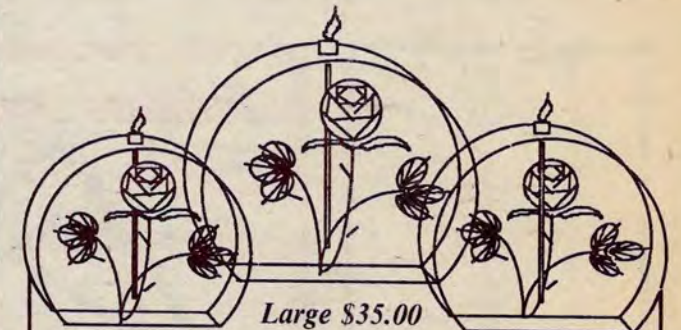
Application opens for senior royalty

Applications are now being accepted from residents age 55 and older who are interested in serving as the senior royalty for the 1990 St. Paul Winter Carnival.

All finalists will participate in a coronation to be held during the carnival. At that time, three men and three women will be chosen to represent St. Paul's senior citizens throughout the upcoming year.

Senior royalty members will make at least 50 appearances during their reign. They will visit nursing homes, senior-citizen centers, hospitals and schools, and ride in numerous parades.

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Linda and Peter Quinn, center, owners of the Haagen Dazs Shoppe at 867 Grand Ave., recently presented Family Service of Greater St. Paul with \$1,650, proceeds from the shop's fall benefit, "Families Come in Many Flavors." Accepting the money on behalf of Family Service are board member Ellen West, left, and president Ron Reed, right. Family Service will use the funds for its counseling, education and advocacy programs.

Wire & Cable Co. moves to St. Paul

Minnesota Wire & Cable Co., a leading manufacturer of cable and wire in the medical industry, recently announced its move from 3400 E. 42nd St., Minneapolis, to 1835 Energy Park Drive in St. Paul. Already in process, the move is expected to be complete by the first of the year.

"We're tripling our plant

space," said Paul Wagner, vice president of sales and marketing. "In order to keep up with customer demand, we're already setting up new shielding and extrusion equipment at the new facility. With more capacity, we'll be able to shorten our lead time on products and to devote more time, research and development to molding and extrusion equipment."

In the 12 years Minnesota Wire & Cable Co. has been in business, it has grown from a staff of three employees to more than 100. During that period, the company has evolved from mainly a wire distributor to a full-line wire and cable manufacturer. The majority of its clients are in the medical industry.

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That's right, the jolly old elf is coming to Highland Village this weekend to accept orders for his elfin employees and pass out holiday treats to all area youngsters.

**See him Saturday, December 9, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.
at Lee's Village Inn, 800 S. Cleveland Ave.**

Open to all, Santa's appearance will include free rolls, cookies, coffee and hot chocolate, compliments of Lee's Village Inn, and holiday treats, compliments of Pearson Candy Company. Holiday entertainment is courtesy of Sandy Atlas of InVision Optics in Highland. Parents and grandparents are invited to bring their own cameras for a photo of their child. We hope to see you December 9th!

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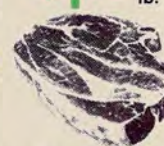


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Viewpoint

Air-traffic plan only waylays solution to noise problem

To the editor:

If the plan to direct more air traffic over Highland Park becomes a reality, South Minneapolis may lose the only chance it has of finding a permanent solution to the airport noise problem. Instead of helping the noise problem, the air traffic redistribution plan may prolong and extend the problem. The reason for this is fairly simple. The only solution to the airport noise problem is to build a new airport. And a new airport will not be built until it becomes an absolute economic necessity.

The easiest way to make a new airport an economic necessity is to block all plans to expand the current airport, especially plans for runway additions. The only way that expansion can be blocked is if all the communities around the airport join together to oppose any and all expansion proposals. If it is to succeed at all, it has to be a cooperative effort.

The problem now is that the air traffic redistribution plan has made cooperation between adjacent communities nearly impossible. The plan has driven wedges between neighboring communities at a time when they should be working together. Already, each community is beginning to evaluate current airport expansion proposals strictly on the basis of self-interest. For example, St. Paul is now in favor of extending the crosswind runway because it will direct noise away from Highland and toward Bloomington.

It is obvious that the city of Minneapolis has the political and economic power to impose the air traffic redistribution plan on St. Paul. Whether that is a smart thing to do or not remains to be seen. This could be another classic example of how you can win the battle and still lose the war.

Dean Eisfelder
2014 Thure Place

A positive note

Dear editor:

I am writing in response to the November 22 *Highland Villager* article concerning former Highland Park High School band director Loren Koppelman leaving to go to Central High School. It would be unfortunate if the Highland community felt that the Highland Park secondary complex had been left high and dry in its music department.

This is not the case. If such a thing is possible, Highland's loss is also its gain. W Rayford Johnson, who has been band director for grades 7 and 8 for many years at Highland, moved up this fall to take over the program in the senior high as well.

Johnson's credentials are extensive and impressive. Perhaps more important is the respect and love he receives from his students and the excellent musicianship he creates. His standards are tough, his expectations are high, his control of a

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classroom is unmatched. He sets down good habits and fundamentals while making music fun and exciting. The students rise to his high expectations every year. At the same time, Johnson spends time talking to his classes about values and morals. The whole student is as important to him as the musical part; the average student is as valuable as the gifted. He has reinstated a marching band at Highland for the first time in many years and has reintroduced the school song to the whole school and community.

I feel fortunate to have had my children take band from Johnson, and the school as a whole should feel glad and look forward, not backward.

Ann and Bill Welke
529 S. Saratoga St.

Editor's note: For more on W Rayford Johnson, Highland Park Senior High School's new band director, see the story in the "On the Towns" section of this issue.

This isn't Hollywood

To the editor:

During my recent arrest, I asked the officer why I had not been read my rights. She looked at me blankly and stated coldly, "This isn't Hollywood."

She was right. It wasn't Hollywood. It was Dakota County and a wide assortment of illusions were crashing down around me. In Hollywood movies and TV cop shows, there is a clear distinction between the "good guys" and the "bad guys." But I wasn't in Hollywood. I was in Dakota County.

It was the day after Thanksgiving and a friend and I were out hawk trapping, an activity that we had both federal and state permission to be doing. We had just spotted our first hawk of the day, pulled off onto a clearly defined shoulder on the road and set our bait when an officer pulled his car up behind us, got out and asked us what we were doing. We told him and I presented my joint federal-state falconry permit.

I'm still not sure whether the officer did not understand the wording in the documents, did not believe their authenticity, or simply had nothing better to do. All I know is that one hour and three more squad cars later, I was on my way to the Dakota County jail.

It seems that two warrants for my arrest had been issued three years previously—one for an unpaid ticket for expired license plates and one for driving with no Minnesota insurance. At the time I received those tickets, my driver's license was suspended. To get it back, I needed to prove that I had paid the ticket and purchased Minnesota driver's insurance. In addition, I had to go without a driver's license for 90 days and then retake both the written and behind-the-wheel driver's tests in order to have my license reinstated. A letter from the state three years ago informed me that I had met the requirements and that I was eligible to reapply for a Minnesota driver's license.

The arresting officer kept asking me to show him my receipt proving that I paid the ticket, as if I carry all of my receipts from three years ago in my wallet. I ended up spending the entire day in jail, being fingerprinted twice, getting my mug shots, being frisked three times and being moved from Dakota to Ramsey County, all at what I am sure was a great expense to Minnesota taxpayers.

Do I sound angry? I hope so, because I am livid. I am angry that our government is cutting social services left and right while boosting law enforcement to pay for this waste of taxpayers' money. I am frustrated that in over three years, I never received any written documentation to inform me that I might have an outstanding "bill" with the government. I am sadly disappointed that no one is held remotely accountable for any of this. I am scared that four squad cars were used to pick me up for this petty "crime," yet the crack house in my neighborhood goes unchecked.

Is this what our money is going to? Are we doing nothing but funding a strong-armed collection agency with tax dollars?

These are important questions. But the question that really gets me is, Does our law enforcement actually create criminals? Since my arrest, I have been a changed person. I am angry, scared, hurt and frustrated. I feel that I have been invaded, violated and lied to. And while I have no intention of taking up a life of crime, I certainly have a grasp of the feelings that will motivate criminal behavior.

I have volunteered in wildlife rescue where injured and frightened animals have been put through the same experience that I went through. It saddens me that we treat the animals with more dignity and respect than we do each other.

Michael O. Fry
4350 S. 43rd Ave., Minneapolis

Talmud Torah should steer clear of Edgcumbe controversy

To the editor:

The Edgcumbe School deal, engineered with the aid of our out-going mayor, is really a kettle of worms. Talmud Torah would be wise to cancel the agreement. We would then be back to the question, What should be done with the old Edgcumbe School property?

My suggestion: first, the city should buy the property from the School Board on the same terms offered to Talmud Torah. That move would be in keeping with the Division of Parks and Recreation's long-recommended plan to keep it as a passive park. The city could continue to use the building for the police, saving the cost of relocating the Southwest Area Team headquarters. The neighbors would benefit and the School Board would get the money they asked for in the first place.

Where would that leave Talmud Torah? The school has been a contributing part of Highland Park for many years. By staying clear of this mess, Talmud Torah will get nothing but praise. To meet its space needs, the school might consider a new building in either Mendota Heights or Eagan where, I understand, an ever-increasing number of its students are living.

Kenneth W. Jefferson
36 Norbert Place



Misch-Masch

by Maurice Mischke

Maurice Mischke finds himself under the weather this week. His column will return in our December 20 issue.

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An awful sign

To the editor:

I have seen many people walking out in front of the Planned Parenthood building carrying signs regarding the issue of abortion since the place opened. I, too, am against abortion, but there is one particular sign I see that I feel should not be carried, especially when small children can see it. It is the sign of an aborted fetus shown dismembered. My 4-year-old daughter asked me why they carry pictures of "cut-up babies" and I tried my best to explain. I recently moved out of the Highland area, but I take my daughter to school there, and every day we drive past the clinic and we frequently see the sign.

Please, if you must walk with signs outside the Planned Parenthood clinic, carry signs that won't give people, especially children, nightmares.

Kathy Berg
Richfield

Commending a council member

To the editor:

Politicians often forget about children—children don't vote, don't pay taxes, and don't have PACs. Too often, our public officials pay attention only to those who speak the loudest or have the most money behind them. Our 3rd Ward City Councilmember Bob Long is an exception. Bob has been a consistent spokesman for children in our city.

Bob helped establish KidsPark, an innovative child-care cooperative in the 3rd Ward. He was the chief author of St. Paul's Child Care Ordinance, which included provisions for Kidsday. Kidsday was a great experience for all parents and children to have fun and see some wonderful entertainment at many locations around St. Paul.

Bob Long will continue to make children a priority during his next term on the City Council. His initiatives and

leadership on this issue during his first term make me confident that he will carry through. The parents and children of St. Paul are fortunate to have a City Council member like Bob Long.

Jeanne Unger
2158 Berkeley Ave.

A pleasure to work with

Dear editor:

The Red Balloon Bookshop is now open. For those of you who followed our progress in building a 32-foot structure on a 40-foot lot, we had our anxious moments: removal of an existing duplex, an illegal union picket, ground cave-ins, mountains of sand, city and architect arm-wrestling and, of course, no parking in Milton Mall by divine decree.

This letter was written not to bore you with the joys of construction, but to share our heartfelt thanks to Ed and Jule Johnston, owners of Broomhouse Street Florals & Gifts. Unlike some, it was a pleasure to work with the Johnstons, who provided our water, electricity and yard space. At some of the hardest moments, when most people would have exploded, the Johnstons displayed understanding and a genuine concern. Scotty (Ed) always had a word of encouragement and Jule a smile, even through the inconvenience of having their gift store open with our mess next door. We say, "Thank you!"

For a pleasurable shopping experience and a chance to meet real people, please visit my friends at Broomhouse Street and Red Balloon Bookshop.

Dan Szmiot
Quality Carpentry
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Ryan to lead advising group

Dr. Carol Ryan, a Crocus Hill resident and an assistant professor at Metropolitan State University, was installed as president of the National Academic Advising Association in Houston, Texas, on October 16.

The 2,000-member association works to improve the quality of academic advising in colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. Ryan has been an advising faculty member of the association since 1985. She has held positions at Metro State since 1976 and earned a doctorate's degree in American studies from the University of Minnesota.



Dr. Carol Ryan

Carnival honors local couple

Summit Avenue residents Dick and Helen Murphy recently received the St. Paul Winter Carnival's Sal LoBaido Volunteer Service Award in recognition of their continued carnival support.

Helen served as Queen of the Snows in 1947 and Dick was the 1961 Prime Minister. The couple have also hosted a tea for the Queen of the Snow candidates in their home each year since 1963.

In addition to their service to the Winter Carnival, the

Murphys have assisted at the Guild Hall, Guild of Catholic Women, and the Dorothy Day Center.

Dick has also been active on the boards of the Minnesota and Ramsey County historical societies, the Summit Avenue Preservation Society, Downtown Rotary, Civil Air Patrol, the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and the College of St. Thomas. He is the owner of Murphy Warehouse Inc.

Cholesterol study volunteers sought

Men and women with high cholesterol levels are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to determine the effect of eating right and a new drug on lowering their risk of heart disease.

Participants, ages 18-70, will be placed on a special diet and be treated with either a cholesterol-reducing drug or a placebo. Volunteers will receive free medical care during the 12-week study, which will be conducted at the United Hospital professional building, 280 N. Smith Ave., Suite 400.

For more information, call Ann Crist or Mari Govek at 871-8266.

Larsen appointed to administration

Cari Larsen was recently appointed assistant administrator at the Episcopal Church Home of Minnesota, 1879 Feronia Ave.

Larsen began working at the Episcopal Church Home in 1987 as its volunteer director. Her new responsibilities include supervision of volunteers and human resources.

She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and plans to study for a nursing home administrator license. The Episcopal Church Home has been providing long-term care in the Midway area for more than 95 years.

JCC Happenings

HANUKAH BOUTIQUE TO OPEN

A Hanukkah boutique will be open from December 10 to 17 at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Children's books and toys, wrapping paper, chocolates and other gifts will be sold from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds will benefit the JCC's Day Care Scholarship Fund. For more information, call 698-0751.

ADULT CRAFTERS SOUGHT

The JCC is looking for adults interested in learning calligraphy, pottery, tie-dyeing, creative jewelry making, 35mm photography or home video making. If a minimum of six adults express interest in learning any one of these crafts, the JCC will hire a qualified instructor and make all the arrangements. Interested persons may call Miriam Weinstein or Kevin Olson at 698-0751. Let them know which class you would like the center to offer and whether you prefer a weeknight or a Sunday afternoon session.

ACTIVE SENIORS LIVE UP TO NAME

The JCC Active Seniors group has planned an excursion to see the holiday exhibit at Dayton's in Minneapolis and to visit Gaviidae Common on Wednesday, December 20. A lunch stop will be made at Eddington's.

The senior citizens will hold their annual Winter Wonderland Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 21. The affair will be catered by Doreen Greenblat with music for dancing provided by the Cyril Paul Group.

For more information on either event, call 698-0751.

Join your friends and neighbors for a Night Out in Highland Village



Thursday, December 14
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Long puts bid for council presidency on hold

by Roger Fuller

On the day after the city election last month, when most St. Paul City Council members were catching their breath at the conclusion of a hard-fought campaign, Ward 3 City Councilmember Bob Long was embarking on a new campaign.

Long garnered 72 percent of the vote on November 7 in his first bid for re-election, easily defeating challenger Mike DiSanto. On the day after, he turned his attention to succeeding Jim Scheibel as City Council president.

At the time, Long thought that he and Ward 5 City Councilmember Janice Rettman were the only likely candidates for the council presidency. It had seemed that Bill Wilson, the senior member of the City Council with nine years of incumbency, had lost to Roy Garza in Ward 1. A recount proved otherwise. Garza's 49-vote lead on election night evaporated in the ensuing weeks after hundreds of ballots that had previously gone uncounted were tallied.

"When Wilson won the recount against Garza, it changed things completely,"

said Long. Now Wilson, too, will be among those seeking the presidency when the City Council makes its committee assignments in the coming weeks.

"In a week or so, we'll approach this again," Long said. "It is important that we have the right mix on the committees."

Long had a relatively easy race this year compared to 1987, when he defeated incumbent John Drew by only about 200 votes. In fact, it appeared early on that Long wouldn't even be challenged for the election. DiSanto declared his candidacy a few days before filings closed.

Long stated that he was glad to have an opponent. "It forces you to get out and door knock and to keep your name before the public," he said. The lack of a challenger could create the false impression that he was universally supported by the ward, Long said. He also appreciated the way DiSanto conducted his campaign.

"We showed we could continue the Ward 3 tradition we had in 1987 and not get into personal attacks like many of the other wards did," Long said.

The new council, which takes office on January 2, will have a different working relationship under Scheibel than council members did when George Latimer was first elected in 1976, Long said.

"The mayor and the council, which were then elected citywide, were accountable to relatively few people—the DFL city convention, the Trades and Labor Assembly and several special interest groups," Long said. "The ward system changed that. The ward can be represented as easily by a community activist as a traditional political leader. The power bases of the mayor and council are different now because the mayor draws from the city

and the seven council members from their own wards."

Long said one of the reasons that Latimer was able to work so well with the council in the early years was because they both shared the same power base. When the ward system started, Latimer was already established as a major figure, he said.

"But in the last two years some tension began to develop in that relationship," Long said. "The council was becoming more independent because the members were accountable to different constituencies." Still, he said Scheibel should be well prepared to handle the tension because of his nearly eight years of experience as a council member.

Maccabee picks Ode as aide

Susan Ode, a Merriam Park resident and former community organizer for the Midway-Coalition/District 11 Community Council, has been chosen by 4th Ward City Councilmember-elect Paula Maccabee to serve as her aide.

Ode, who served as the Midway Coalition's coordinator from 1983 to 1986,

helped found such community organizations as the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium and the University UNITED organization, which reviews economic development along University Avenue. She has worked as a lobbyist at the state Legislature and has chaired the Minnesota Public Employment Relations Board.

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Sister Mary John Ryan, 101, weaves yarn around the pegs of a circular, wooden loom while making a scarf in her room at Bethany Convent.

Eyes of centenarian still twinkle when she talks about the old days

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

At 101 (and a half) years old, Sister Mary John Ryan still walks, with a companion, along the corridors of Bethany Convent, where she has made her home for more than a decade. She navigates the hallways under her own power in a wheelchair, reads newspapers and books (mostly biographies) and shuffles cards while playing bridge and cribbage several times a week.

Though her hearing is slightly impaired, her memory is as sharp as a young woman's. She recently talked with delight about her 100th birthday celebration, when more than 200 relatives, friends, and former students came to honor her. And she can still clearly recall when she decided to become a nun. It was on the day her oldest sister entered the convent.

"I decided when I was 7 that was what I was going to do," she said, "and I never changed my mind." Entering the convent was the best thing that ever happened to her, she said.

Each day, Sister Ryan dresses in her traditional habit. (She thinks it's terrible that nuns no longer wear them.) Snug around her face, her white cornet sets off the merriment in her eyes, which twinkle when she talks about the old days.

Christened Catherine, she was the youngest of 11 children born to Irish immigrant parents. Her early years were spent on her parents' farm near Coates, Minnesota, where she attended a one-room country school. What she remembers most of those early years is "love and joy, in a big family," she said.

Because of her youth and having seven older brothers, Catherine was spared farm chores but helped her mother and sisters in the house. When she was 11, the family moved to St. Paul and lived for a time on Lincoln Avenue while three of her brothers at-

tended the College of St. Thomas. Though he no longer farmed, her father always had a garden. He died while hoeing his plot at the age of 76.

Her oldest brother, the Reverend John Ryan, who was 19 years her senior, thought Catherine should see the world before entering the convent. When she was 23, he invited her on an extended tour of Europe. The archbishop, however, thought it might appear improper for a priest to be traveling alone overseas with a young lady. He suggested the two be accompanied by their brother, Lawrence, who was also a priest.

The three deliberately chose to travel by boat to give Lawrence time to recuperate from recent surgery. "We were all seasick," Sister Ryan recalled. "One morning I slept late and had breakfast with the captain, who said, 'Oh, Miss Ryan, your father has been up a long time!'" Remembering the captain's error of thinking her brother was her father still makes her laugh.

"We saw everything," she said. "England, Ireland, Scotland, Italy, Germany, Spain. My oldest brother knew languages well. He always read the menu."

While in Europe, two of her most memorable experiences were an audience with Pope Pius X and spending five days at Lourdes. In September 1912, after nearly four months of travel, the trio returned home by train across Canada. The next month, Catherine joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. She was given the name Sister Mary John in honor of her brother. Before taking her final vows, she enrolled at the College of St. Catherine.

Sister Ryan was an outstanding student and was even being considered to head the college's math department, but there were concerns about her health. She had missed much of her senior year in high school be-

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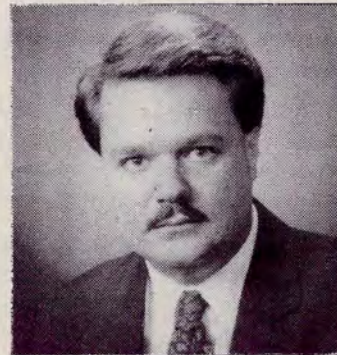
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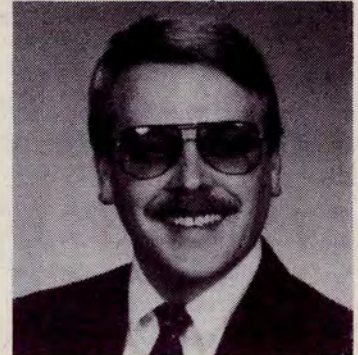


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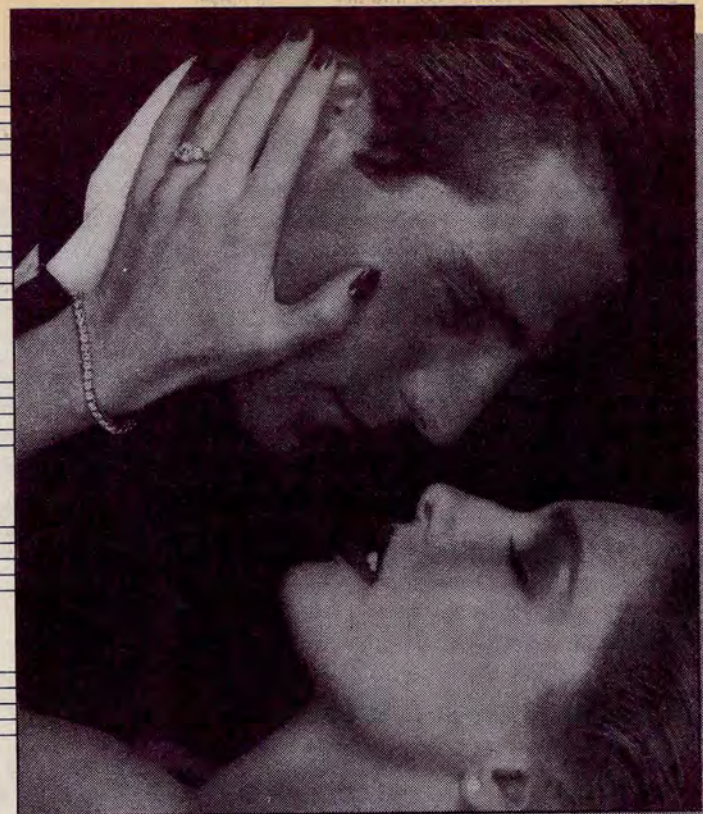
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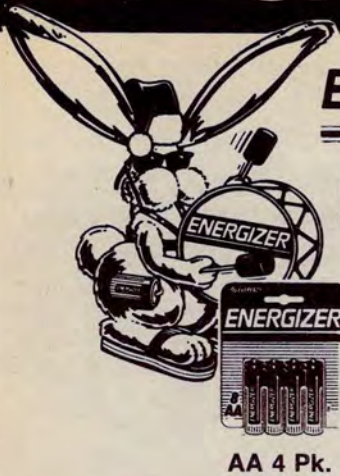
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cause of illness and was still pretty weak when entering college. At least one teacher didn't think she would even survive her freshman year, she said.

Her health improved, however, and the following year she was asked if she wanted to study science, which was her favorite subject.

"I was overjoyed," Sister Ryan said. She was sent to the University of Chicago to study chemistry and physics. She received a master's degree in organic chemistry and made her final vows the same year. She then returned to the College of St. Catherine to head its physics department.

A long career in education followed. Besides her work at St. Catherine's, Sister Ryan taught chemistry, physics and religion locally at St. Joseph's Academy, St. Margaret's Academy and the Academy of the Holy Angels, and in North Dakota at St. John's Academy in Jamestown and another Catholic school in Grand Forks. She also held a number of positions in school administration. Her science labs always began with a "Hail Mary," which she credits for the absence of even a minor accident during her many years of teaching science to hundreds of students.

Her former students, including many women who have become sisters themselves, are among her most ardent admirers. One of them, Sister Anne Godine, director of community living at Bethany Convent, remembers when Sister Ryan became principal at St. Joseph's Academy while she was a senior there.

"She made a big difference in the lives of the students who were there," Sister Godine said. "She really cared about the students, and let them know it."

Sister Ryan had completed 50 years as a nun when she retired from teaching in 1966. Though she was no longer in the classroom, she continued working in the registrar's office at Holy Angels.

In 1971, Sister Ryan and Lawrence, her only living brother, decided it was up to them to finish writing the Ryan family history. They asked each of their nieces and nephews to write about their own families, and then spent many happy hours editing the book.

Lawrence, who was in his 90s, was in frail health, and proofreading the pages for the



PHOTO BY MIKE LONG

Sister Ryan recalls a humorous moment while talking about her youth.

printer was a difficult task. But together they finished the project. The preface of the professionally bound volume carries an admonition to the next generation to carry on the work of recording the family history. After the book was finished, Sister Ryan helped care for her brother until his death.

At the age of 90, she flew alone to California on a jumbo jet, saw dozens of young relatives, "and had the time of my life," she said. Two days after her return, she suffered a stroke. Though she recovered all right, she decided to move into Bethany Convent.

Sister Ryan still remains active and cannot bear to be idle. When she's not reading or praying, she's busy knitting scarves on a circular wooden loom given to her by an occupational therapist. She has made some 35 scarves on her loom, giving some to friends and donating others to the Bethany gift shop.

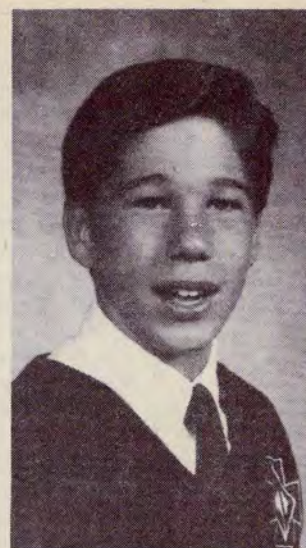
"I can't just sit," she said.

Nativity scout earns Eagle

Matthew Skally, 15, of 2149 Stanford Ave., has earned the Eagle Award, the highest award offered by the Boy Scouts of America. A member of Troop 671 sponsored by Nativity Parish, Skally can count himself among the approximately 2 percent of scouts nationwide who attain the rank of Eagle, according to Scoutmaster Tom Barry.

Eagle candidates must earn 21 merit badges and successfully complete a community service project to earn the award. For his project, Skally helped senior citizens participate in the District 14 Community Council's Neighborhood Cleanup Day by recruiting workers to pick up items from elders who were unable to drop off their unwanted household items at the site of the cleanup.

A sophomore at Cretin-



Matthew Skally

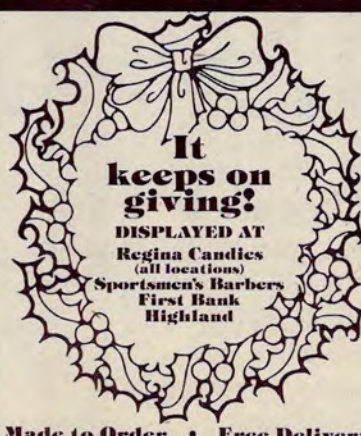
Derham Hall high school, Skally is the son of Cynthia Skally and Robert Jensen and a member of Nativity Church.

Ahrens to chair Salvation Army's Xmas committee

Ramsey County Commissioner Diane Ahrens has been named honorary chairperson of the Salvation Army's Christmas Committee for the St. Paul area, according to Major Stan Magoon, Ramsey County coordinator.

"Diane Ahrens has been a long-time supporter of the Salvation Army, and I couldn't be happier to have her support and encouragement throughout our busiest season," Magoon said.

Ahrens, a Crocus Hill resident, was recently appointed to the National AIDS Commission and is the chairperson of the Human Service Committee of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners.



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Co-Operative Plating's rezoning delayed again

by Jane McClure

A request by Co-Operative Plating to rezone a small parcel of land at 271 N. Snelling Ave. recently met its fourth City Council delay in three months.

The electroplating firm, located at 1605 Iglehart Ave., has been trying to get council approval since September to rezone the adjacent Corvette Center property from commercial to industrial as part of the plant's expansion plans. Because of a full agenda on November 21, council members tabled the rezoning request until their meeting on December 5.

The Merriam Park Community Council and residents living near the plant have fought Co-operative Plating's rezoning request for much of the past year. They cited the company's lengthy history of environmental violations as the main reason for their opposition.

Last summer, Co-Operative Plating was fined \$162,500 after the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission discovered that the company had violated 90 federal and local sewer discharge laws.

According to MWCC officials, excessive amounts of zinc, cadmium, chromium, copper, nickel and cyanide were found in the sewers surrounding the company during investigations in 1978, 1987 and 1988.

When heavy metals were first detected in the area 11 years ago, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency ordered all businesses using that section of sewer, including Co-Operative Plating, to stop any illegal discharges. Three years later, the PCA ordered that a separate sewer line be built for Co-Operative Plating because hazardous materials being discharged into the system had caused the metal pipes to erode.

Further monitoring two years ago showed that the pipes in the area had deteriorated again. A city and state lawsuit against Co-Operative Plating was settled out of court in June 1988. At that time, company officials paid a \$155,000 fine and agreed to install anti-pollution devices at the plant. But when the hazardous materials were detected again in 1988, those devices apparently weren't being used.

The MWCC has been regularly monitoring the plant's disposal of wastes, and no violations have been found at the company since June. According to MWCC officials, Co-Operative Plating is currently putting its waste into barrels and hauling the containers to the Metropolitan Recovery Systems facility in Roseville.

If the rezoning meets the council's approval, Co-Operative Plating is expected to

follow with a request to vacate the portion of Iglehart Avenue that runs from the present plant to the Corvette Center site. Although the company would like to see the rezoning acted on as soon as possible, Co-Operative Plating attorney William Rosen said the series of postponements won't affect or delay the plant's expansion plans.

Duffy Pearce, who chairs the Merriam Park Community Council's Community Issues Committee, said area residents would like to see the rezoning request postponed until company officials present a site plan and street vacation proposal. Ward 4 Councilmember Kiki Sonnen has favored delaying the rezoning for the same reasons, but several of her colleagues on the council said the rezoning should be decided on independently of other issues.

Minnesota Seasons opens Grand store

Minnesota Seasons held the grand opening last weekend of its new store in Victoria Crossing, 867 Grand Ave.

The store specializes in items made by Minnesotans, from furniture and duck decoys to tapes, books and shirts. Baskets filled with jellies, jams, maple syrup, wild rice, cranberry marmalade, mugs, potpourri and accessories

are some of the more popular holiday gifts offered at the store.

The Victoria Crossing location is the second for Minnesota Seasons, which opened its first shop in Bandana Square more than five years ago. Store hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, and from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Holiday Kingdom is decked out at Como

The Como Zoo and Conservatory will be decorated with ribbons, garland and 100,000 white lights this month as part of the zoo's annual Holiday Kingdom.

From 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. December 15-23, carolers will

stroll along the zoo grounds, filling the air with sounds of the season. Hot refreshments will be available in the main zoo building, and the Zoodale and Conservatory gift shops will be open. The event is free and open to the public.

Shepard Center Art Gallery to hold grand opening

The Shepard Center Gallery at St. Paul Academy and Summit School will mark its official opening on Friday, December 15. The gallery, located at 1712 Randolph Ave., was extensively expanded and improved recently with the aid of the Marbrook Foundation. The gallery is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The grand opening show will feature the works of St. Paul Academy and Summit School students.

The Shepard Center Gallery hosts monthly exhibitions of the work of prominent local artists. So far this year, the gallery has hosted Jerry Rundquist of Macalester College, fabric artist Nancy MacKenzie, jeweler Erica Spitzer and painter Paul Olson from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

Following the December 15 gallery opening, the St. Paul Academy and Summit School Upper School will present its annual holiday concert, featuring the school chorales and orchestras, in the school auditorium. Seventh- and 8th-graders will take the stage at 6:30 p.m., 9th- to 12-graders at 8:00 p.m.

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Tom Hysom, executive director of the Midway Family Service and Abuse Center.

Abuse center gives Family Service new tool to treat domestic woes

by Rosie O'Brien

At the end of October, the Family Service of Greater St. Paul acquired one of the most extensive domestic abuse treatment centers in the country.

The Midway Family Service and Abuse Center at 425 Aldine St. began as an affiliate of Midway Hospital and more recently of HealthEast. It was started six years ago at the urging of Midway Hospital emergency room nurses and doctors, who found themselves treating an increasing number of battered women—patients who needed more than just medical help.

"It was unusual for a service program (like the domestic abuse center) to be part of a hospital, which puts most of its focus on inpatient care," said Thomas Hysom, the abuse center's director since 1984. The new affiliation will be good for the center, Hysom added, because the two organizations share many of the same concerns.

The Family Service, whose offices are located at 333 Sibley St., offers a full spectrum of social services, from financial counseling and parental education to marriage counseling and senior citizens programs.

"The abuse center is really high quality," said Ron Reed, president of Family Service. "It fits into our mission of improving the quality of life for the individual, the family and the community."

Formerly known as the Midway Hospital Center for Domestic Abuse, the abuse center has a staff of seven therapists, three office personnel and half a dozen interns, many of whom are graduate students. Hysom, 33, is one of the youngest members of the staff.

The abuse center treats men, women and children who are caught up in what the staff there calls the cycle

of battering. Clients are referred to the center by the court system, other social service agencies and private individuals.

For the perpetrators of domestic abuse, the program primarily consists of four to six months of group therapy. "One characteristic of violent men is that they are very isolated socially," Hysom said. "So we try to help break down that social isolation through group therapy. Our focus is on holding men accountable for their behavior. We believe abusive behavior is learned and that it can be controlled."

The program for the victims of battering is based on the "empowerment model," Hysom said. "We believe that no one deserves to be abused and we work on self-esteem building, teaching that violence is never acceptable," he said.

The victims are also helped to explore their options. "We find that many women have been abused for a long time and that love and abuse have become all tangled up," he said. "We try to untangle those lines."

The domestic abuse center does not tell the victim whether she should continue her relationship with her abusive partner. Nor are both partners always in the program together. The center does offer counseling, though, to couples who have been through some kind of treatment.

The center's program for children consists mainly of individual therapy. Group therapy doesn't work as well with children because their ages vary so much, Hysom said. "We provide a safe environment and teach the kids to express their feelings and to work out their own conflicts in a nonviolent way."

The center also runs a special program, called "Strong and Free," for adolescent boys and girls at Sister Giovanni's Guadalupe Area

Project Alternative School on the West Side. A second program for pre-adolescents, called Climb and Grow, builds self-confidence by teaching outdoor survival skills. These programs are not limited to children from abusive families but are open to all children who are at risk because of abuse, poverty or chemical dependency within the family.

Beyond therapy, the abuse center will also help the victims of domestic abuse secure hospitalization or protection orders, or help them through the court system. The center recently started a support group for Adult Women Incest Survivors, and it offers community education classes and professional training for medical personnel.

In his five years as director, Hysom said he has seen an increase in the societal problems the abuse center treats. "There is more crack and cocaine, and it seems like the stresses of abuse, incest and drugs are getting more severe," he said. "I think some of that is due to the changes in our society, but much of it is due to large cutbacks in mental health services."

The problems are becoming more severe, he said, because people are not able to get the help when they first need it.

The December holidays, Hysom said, are a particularly stressful time for families. It is a season that typically sees an increase in domestic abuse. But while families are more apt to be in crisis around the holidays, they are less likely to leave an abusive situation or to enter therapy, he added.

Reed and Hysom are enthusiastic about the affiliation of the abuse center with the Family Service. The coordination of the two agencies' services will open up new avenues of treatment for their clients, and that is exciting, Hysom said.

Parting the Iron Curtain

Local educators give Twin Citians an inside look at Eastern Europe

by Leslie Walters

When the Iron Curtain clanged shut in Europe after World War II, the people of the Eastern bloc weren't the only ones to suffer. The West became prisoner, too. Denied information about and access to Eastern Europe, Americans and West Europeans lost touch with an area rich in history and culture.

Those days of separation may soon be over. The Iron Curtain, it seems, is parting ever wider every day. Watching these historic developments with firsthand knowledge of the situation are 24 Twin Cities residents who traveled through Poland, Hungary and Yugoslavia earlier this year with local educators Kenneth Zapp and Magda Paleczny-Zapp.

Among the tourists were Margaret Schally, a Hague Avenue resident, and Al Kvaal, who lives on North Griggs Street. Both said they were awestruck by Eastern Europe's beautiful countryside, its legacy of art and intellectualism, and the local people's joy for living—all standing in glaring contrast to the region's growing economic crisis, political turbulence, and the visible remnants of the devastation of World War II.

Last August's tour was the seventh international exchange conducted by the Zapps, who live on Holly Avenue. Ken is a professor of economics and finance at Metropolitan State University, and Magda is a professor of economics at Augsburg College.

But this year's tour was unique, the couple said, because it coincided with the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II as well as the election of Poland's first non-communist prime minister in many years.

"Most Americans don't understand that the problems of Eastern Europe extend back to the Second World War," said Ken, 45. "That's why it's so important to take people there to visit. They enjoy history and understand it better by going and seeing where it occurred."

"I was amazed at how current World War II still is for most of the people," said Schally, 52. "Everywhere you go, the aftermath of the war is still very visible."

"When a major war takes place in your homeland, you're never the same," said Magda, who was born in Poland near the end of World War II. "Poland was absolutely ruined" by the war, she said. Millions of Poles were killed or put in camps during the war. About 85 percent of Warsaw, the capital, was destroyed. Magda said she knows of no Polish family that was not somehow involved or affected by the war. "You don't forget these things," she said.

Ken and Magda met and were married in Poland 12 years ago. "We lead groups to Eastern Europe because we love the places we visit and we treasure the way others experience them for the first time," Ken said. "It certainly extends our understanding and appreciation of the people, history and culture."

Both Magda and Ken have strong personal ties in Eastern Europe, and because of this, Schally, Kvaal and the other tourists met some important people. The group had dinner with Yugoslavia's President Janez Drnovsek and Vice Prime Minister Zivko Pregl, whom Ken has known for 16 years. At dinner, Drnovsek shared his views on Yugosla-



College professors and Eastern Europe tour guides Magda and Ken Zapp relax in their Holly Avenue home.

via's economic situation and talked about domestic political troubles as well as the possibility for alternative systems of ownership in his socialist country.

Group members also met with Erno Zali, vice president of the Karl Marx University of Economics in Hungary, and they toured historic places like Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, a 700-year-old city; the King's Castle in Warsaw; and Auschwitz, Poland, site of a Nazi concentration camp.

"Nothing prepares one for the horror of the concentration camps," Ken said. "It is necessary to feel and touch it personally to begin to understand the depth of emotions both Poles and Jews have about Germany." The severity of Adolf Hitler's crimes against humanity, and the willingness of his followers to obey him, contributed to Joseph Stalin's paranoia and prompted the Soviet premier to tighten his country's grip on Eastern Europe, Ken said.

For all their travels, the Zapps hold Yugoslavia particularly dear. The old walled city of Dubrovnik on the Adriatic is their favorite vacation spot. Ken wrote his doctoral thesis on the Yugoslavian economy, and he has long been intrigued by the country's pioneer-

ing efforts with an industrial democracy.

A federation of six republics, Yugoslavia has used modernization and industrialization since 1950 to build an economy based largely on workers' collectives that elect management, Ken said. Between 1950 and 1980, Yugoslavia had the third fastest growing economy in the world, he added.

But even more fascinating is the country's many cultures, Ken said. At one time part of the Greek, Roman, Ottoman and Hapsburg empires, this small country on the western half of the Balkan Peninsula is now home to six major nationalities and three languages and religions.

"Yugoslavia has been the link between East and West for 2,500 years," Ken said.

A visit to the tomb of Yugoslavian war hero and long-time president Josip Broz Tito was one of Schally's most vivid tour memories, along with the monument at Sutjeska commemorating Tito's and his Partisans' battle with the Nazis.

Kvaal, 49, was impressed by the dismal state of Poland's economy. "The farmers' markets in Poland feature a few shriveled

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Eastern Europe (cont'd from 13)

carrots and a dilapidated beet or two at best," he said. "Lines, hoarding and a black market flourish there."

"Shopping in Poland forces us to face the grim reality of life there: economic disaster," Ken said.

A newly legalized, private exchange rate has helped people who have dollars, but there is very little in the stores to buy. The Zapps spent five days searching for a rug, but once they found it, they were able to purchase it at about one-tenth the price here in the Twin Cities. Everywhere in Poland, quality goods are priced shockingly low, but most stores have little or no stock—and no idea of when new shipments will arrive.

The Polish people are living on the edge, the Zapps said. The average monthly net income of a Polish worker is about \$15, according to the legal exchange rate. Since the dollar buys so much more there than here, that translates to about \$120 in the Twin Cities, the Zapps said.

The Polish economy is in need of reforms, they said. The huge government subsidies that have kept consumer goods priced unrealistically low must be reduced, and those prices must be allowed to reflect true costs, they explained. But Poland's inflation rate is already running at about 1,000 percent a year, and conditions there continue to worsen.

"It's easy to make economic reforms when you have a full stomach," Magda said of Hungary, whose progressive economy has grown rapidly and has been integrated into the world system. "But Po-

land is in true crisis. It can afford no more experiments."

The recent political developments in Eastern Europe have been breathtaking, Magda said, but she sees the meeting last weekend in Malta between President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev as more of an economic, rather than a political, event. The two superpowers will determine their investment in Eastern Europe by its value to their own economy, she said.

Not all of Eastern Europe shares Western values nor seeks to emulate Western capitalism, Magda said. But ultimately, the Eastern bloc is a huge potential market for the West. The region, she said, could be tapped as a source for cheaper labor, and opportunities for joint ventures and trade agreements abound.

Rabbi's teachings to be published

Bais Chana Tapes, distributors of a cassette tape lecture series by Rabbi Manis Friedman of Highland Park, has accepted an offer from Harper & Row to publish a book based on the teachings of Rabbi Friedman. The rabbi is dean of Bais Chana Women's Institute and director of the Upper Midwest regional office of Lubavitch, 15 Montcalm Court.

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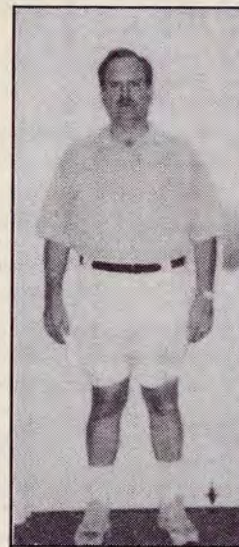
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A stroke of success

Painter-turned-entrepreneur finds brush with business to her liking

by Terry Andrews

Six years ago, Beth Bergman took a temporary position to help a friend who owned an art-supply store. "I was looking for a job and he hired me to help out with the back-to-school business in September," Bergman said. "I found out working there was kind of fun."

Six months later, Bergman was the new owner of Wet Paint, 1692 Grand Ave. "There I was with the keys in my hand," she recalled.

It's a success story that surprises even her. Not only did Bergman buy the business, but it has grown and prospered under her direction. She has expanded its size, its inventory and its customer base, and now stocks items that can't be found at other Twin Cities art-supply stores.

"If somebody had told me six years ago I would be working seven days a week, I might not have purchased this business," she said. "My priority now is to reclaim some of my time."

Still, she doesn't for a minute regret buying the business, which has been a learning experience for her, and a story of transition—from struggling artist to successful business owner.

Wet Paint was started by Hugh Huelster, one of Bergman's classmates at Macalester College in the early 1970s. Bergman, who has a degree in fine art from Macalester, had devoted two years to painting before buying the business. Prior to that, she had worked in sales for eight years for Ecolab (then Economics Laboratories) in St. Paul. "It was wonderful business training," she said.

Bergman was able to buy the store in the same way that many other people become small-business owners. "I had a long-time buying agreement from the previous owner and a loan from a relative," she said. "Even the Small Business Association tells you that—get a loan from a relative."

Within two years, Berg-

man had outgrown her space and decided to move the business two doors east. Because she had extra expenses then, she wanted to borrow money. "I went to a bank where I had been doing business and showed them my numbers, and they asked me how many zeros I had dropped off the end," she said. "I said none, and they said they couldn't help a business as small as mine. I was an artist with business experience in the corporate world who couldn't even show them a house they could take away if the business failed."

"That was my real big mistake in the beginning—I was banking with a large bank I was familiar with," she continued. "My advice to somebody starting a business is to pick the right bank in the beginning, because it's implicit in the relationship that sometime you're going to ask them for money. So match your needs. When I went to a smaller bank, they said, 'You don't need a loan, you need a line of credit.'"



Beth Bergman caters to the needs of a variety of artists at Wet Paint.

"In fact, I've discovered that's the case for everything I need. Somewhere out there is someone who thinks like you and can meet your needs. You just have to find them," she added.

Bergman, 38, came to the Twin Cities to attend college in 1970. She has been here ever since, living on or near Grand Avenue, which she said reminds her of the Southside Chicago neighborhood where she grew up.

"It has a shopping district and a sense of neighborhood, which is very important to me," Bergman said. "That's the reason I have my business on Grand Avenue and why I live so close. I joke that I might travel 35 miles a week, and almost all of it

is up and down Grand."

And, the store's location is convenient for her customers. "People zip in here to get white paint like they would stop at the grocery to get a dozen eggs," she said.

Bergman thoroughly enjoys being the proprietor of a small business. "I have competitors with fleets of 16 trucks who can deliver supplies to people. But I didn't get in this business to sit on the phone and quote good deals on cases of product," she said. "I got in because, really, I'm in love with the materials we sell. We have handmade papers from Japan, decorative papers (up to \$18 a sheet) that are extremely popular right now."

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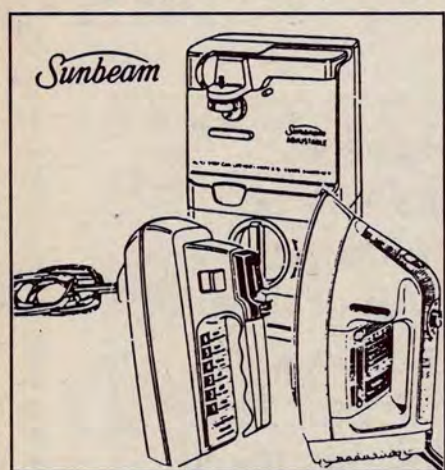
be used for everything from collages and endpapers in handmade books to backdrops in photography settings to wrapping paper. "Some of them take as long as nine months to order," she said.

"The bread and butter of art stores is white paint, illustration board, and canvas," she said. "We also carry paints that aren't readily available in the Midwest—watercolors and soft pastels from Rowney in England. But some of these things take a long time to market. As much as we believe artists are on the forefront and progressive, they tend to be conservative and not try new

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things."

Bergman has become accustomed to suppliers who enter the shop and say, "Boy, this is a real art-supply store." Her visits to art stores here and in other cities have shown her that Wet Paint is well stocked. "I'm pleased to see what we have in comparison," she said.

One of the things that surprised her most after she bought the store was the variety of customers. "I was amazed at how many people use art supplies and how they use them," she said. "I have students, professional artists, commercial artists, people who want to tie-dye or do fabric painting. I'm extending into a broader base of the population. I can't be everything to everybody, but I really feel everyone could come in here and find something they want."

One of her most surprising customers, she said, was an elderly woman who wanted to buy acrylic paint to freshen up an aging braided rug. "She said she wanted to revitalize the color," Bergman said. "I was hesitant to sell her the paint. I said, 'This won't be a nice soft rug when you're done.' I really worried about that." Two years later, the woman returned. The rug had turned out so well that she was going to paint one for a friend.

Her customers range in age from 5 to 100. "Art has no age bias whatsoever," Bergman said. "People do it as an avocation, a profession, they study it in school, they do it as a one-shot gift. Some come in just to see what new pen is on the market."

She admires people who are able to make a living through art, particularly painting. "The whole business made me terribly frustrated," said Bergman, who was a founding member of the WARM Gallery. She does

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perhaps one or two paintings a year now.

"Painting is on a real back burner now, but I feel all right about that," she said. "In six years of running this store, I've been bored maybe 10 minutes. The store keeps evolving and growing."

Her most famous customer to date is Red Skelton, who stopped in for some supplies when he was in town this fall. "He made two trips to the store," Bergman said. On the wall in her office, she has a small, delicate self-portrait that Skelton sketched and gave to her.

This fall, Robert Sprague, a nationally known retail advisor and consultant, visited St. Paul to speak with members of the Grand Avenue Business Association and the Highland Business Association. Sprague visited most of the shops on Grand Avenue and was particularly impressed when he stopped at Wet Paint.

"I was impressed with Bergman because of her passionate dedication to the business and her single-mindedness," Sprague said. "I was impressed with her deep inventory, and that she caters to the professional artist as well as the hobbyist. I was impressed with the commitment of her sales staff to service and their knowledge of the products in the store."

Sprague, who advises bus-

inesses nationwide in the areas of marketing, merchandising and operations, said: "I hope someday we see a lot of her stores around."

For now, Bergman is content to stay put and to remain small. Her sales people are all practicing artists or art students who have had experience with many of the 11,000 products Wet Paint sells. "It's the kind of service consumers generally don't get anymore, and it's important to me," she said. "That's why I'm here and not out finding new ventures."

"I'm here to earn a living and to enjoy what I'm doing. I don't want to sit in an office in a suit," she said. "I'm kind of a homebody, and I see this store as an extension of my home. I want to feel comfortable here. I want to be able to wear jeans and tennis shoes."

The challenge of running an art-supply store is the combination and variety of tasks, she said. "You have to know how to do payroll, how to mix a light magenta, how to frame a photograph, and what to do in the Grand Old Day parade," she said, pausing for a minute. "I'd like to retire at 55 and have time to paint. It's still in my system. But I'm not upset that I'm not painting now." No, for now, she's happy just where she is.

Apparel design studio opens on Grand Ave.

Fashion consultant and designer Connie Thompson is now selling custom apparel out of her new shop, called Khani's Studio and Apparel Design at 1854 Grand Ave.

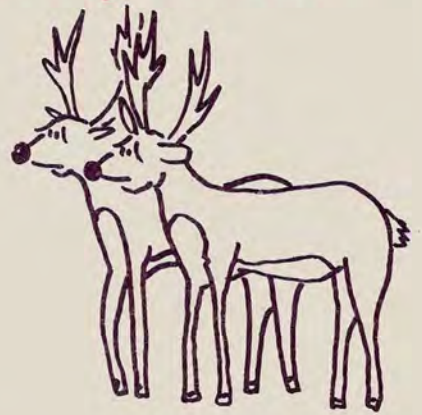
A 1983 graduate of Simley High School, Thompson attended Stout State in Meno-

monie, Wisconsin, and has been working as a free-lance apparel designer for the past 2½ years.

Her specialties are synthetic fur coats, bridal gowns and bridesmaid dresses, formal wear, business suits, sportswear and maternity clothing.

Thompson invites area residents to stop by and see what she has to offer. Khani's is open for walk-ins on Tuesdays and Thursdays and by appointment on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, call 690-2729.

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District 14 Community Council News

POLICE RELOCATION CONSIDERED

The District 14 Community Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, located on Griggs Street between St. Clair and Jefferson avenues.

Topping the meeting's agenda will be a discussion of the proposed relocation of the St. Paul Police Department's Southwest Area Team from its current headquarters in the old Edgumbe School building on Hamline Avenue and Ford Parkway. That building, which is owned by the St. Paul Public Schools, is now in the process of being sold to the Talmud Torah. The police team is interested in moving to a new building that would be constructed adjacent to the Highland Park Pool on Montreal and Hamline avenues. The estimated cost of building a new team headquarters is \$400,000.

After considerable discussion regarding the functioning of the team police and the critical need for recreational space in the southwest area of the city, it was decided at the council's November meeting that the matter should be laid over for full consideration at the council's December 14 meeting. On hand to discuss the issue will be representatives of the St. Paul Police Department, the Division of Parks and Recreation, and the Friends of St. Paul and Ramsey County Parks. Anyone with an interest in the issue is invited to come and participate in the discussion.

PROGRAM HAS NEW PROVIDER

Last September, the District 14 Community Council voted to end its sponsorship of the District 14 Living at Home Project. The program has been taken over by the Community Education Division of the St. Paul Public Schools. The new office will be located at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 104 S. Snelling Ave. The phone number is 690-5291.

The Living at Home Project has been a huge success and has greatly benefited many senior citizens in the Macalester-Groveland area. The District 14 Community Council thanks all of those who were involved in this project over the past three years and hopes they will continue to participate in the program under its new sponsorship.

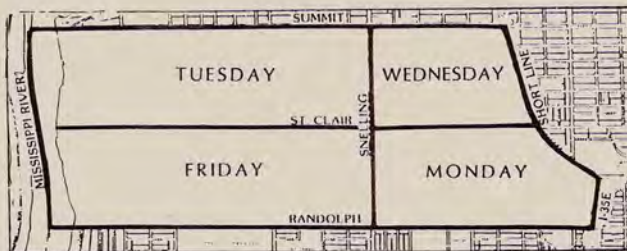
The District 14 Community Council will continue to operate its Neighborhood Senior Chore Service Program, which matches area youth and college students who want jobs with seniors who need work done. Some funds are available to help pay for chore services when the recipient is unable to pay. The program also recruits volunteers to help with chores. For more information, call the District 14 office at 698-7973.

COUNCIL ESTABLISHES GOALS

Also on the agenda for the December 14 meeting will be further discussion of the goals for the District 14 Community Council in 1990. They include providing an ongoing forum for citizen participation; support for and expansion of the council's network of organized blocks; crime-prevention

activities; reduction of parking problems and the tension these problems create in commercial areas and surrounding institutions; enhancement and revitalization of commercial areas through efforts such as the Randolph-Snelling Neighborhood Partnership Program slated for 1991; minimizing the disruption and loss of trees in association with sewer separation and street work; support for changes in state legislation that force cities like St. Paul to widen their streets to get state municipal aid funding for roadway reconstruction; continued sponsorship of the Living at Home and the Neighborhood Senior Chore Services programs; continued sponsorship of KidsPark; expansion of the Groveland S'More Fun after-school and holiday child-care program to other elementary schools; expansion of recycling and other solid-waste abatement efforts; exploration of volume-based organized trash collection; and continued cleanup and neighborhood beautification efforts.

Those with suggestions for other goals for the District 14 Community Council are invited to call the council office at 698-7973.



District 14 recycling days

RECYCLING REMINDER

The District 14 Community Council's recycling program offers Macalester-Groveland residents weekly pickup of their recyclable material. The area has been divided into four sections (see map) with each section being picked up on a different day. Materials for collection should be bagged, boxed or bundled and placed in the alley by 6:30 a.m. on pickup day. In Tangletown or where there is no alley, items should be placed on the front curb.

The council's recycling contractor, Eagle Sanitation, will collect newspapers, flattened corrugated boxes in pieces no bigger than 3 feet square, paper grocery bags (no plastic handles), metal food and beverage containers without labels, aluminum cans and trays, miscellaneous metal items (no motors) no larger than 3 feet square, glass containers without lids and sorted by color, car batteries, and motor oil in non-glass containers with tight-fitting lids.

Residents who wish to recycle white or light-colored non-glossy paper can drop that material off at the Waldorf Corporation paper stock loading dock, 2200 Myrtle St. Junk mail must be free of plastic, tape and mailing labels. Glossy paper cannot be recycled.

Missed pickups should be reported directly to Eagle Sanitation at 459-3029. For more information, call the District 14 office at 698-7973.

CHILD CARE OFFERED

KidsPark, a licensed drop-in child-care program sponsored by the District 14 Community Council, continues to operate

in the old warming house at Groveland Playground, 1961 St. Clair Ave. KidsPark was created a year ago to meet the needs of many at-home parents who said they needed intermittent child care in order to keep daytime appointments, shop, take classes, volunteer or just take a break from the kids.

KidsPark is open between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on days that school is in session. (KidsPark will also be open if there is a teachers strike.) The center serves infants from 6 weeks to 16 months old between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Each participating family pays an \$18 annual membership fee. The hourly charge is \$2.00 for infants and \$1.50 for children age 16 months and older. Parents may exchange hours of service for hours of child care.

Reservations to use KidsPark may be made one week in advance by calling 698-7841 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. To find out how you can help keep KidsPark successful, call Joe Thurston, chair of the KidsPark Advisory Committee, at 645-6525.

Fund raising is necessary to keep the fees for using KidsPark reasonable. One of the KidsPark fund-raisers for 1989-90 is the sale of Entertainment '90 family coupon books. The books feature hundreds of two-for-one or 50 percent discount offers for food, movies, sporting events, dry cleaning and travel.

The coupon books are now available at KidsPark and the District 14 office at Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St.

TREE COLLECTION PLANNED

The District 14 Community Council is now making plans for another Christmas tree collection. The collection day is tentatively scheduled for January 13, pending action by the City Council allowing the community council to use unspent neighborhood cleanup funds for the chipping of the trees.

Because Christmas trees are not classified as yard waste, they can be taken to the county's refuse-derived-fuel facility at Newport. However, the council's Environment Committee has been advised by NSP that Christmas trees are likely to fall out as residual after being shredded and thus will be taken to a landfill rather than burned. The council's Environment Committee would prefer to make an alternative available and has arranged for the trees to be collected and hauled to the University of Minnesota, where they will be chipped and used as mulch.

Area trash haulers have donated trucks for the proposed collection day, and the council has secured a small grant to cover the cost of chipping 2,000 trees. The council is hoping to use \$500 of the unspent cleanup funds for chipping if the number of trees exceeds 2,000.

Should the funds become available, the community council will need volunteers to help on collection day. Anyone willing to give a hand is invited to call Deborah Schlick, chair of the Environment Committee, at 698-6168, or Ellen Kluz at the District 14 office, 698-7973.

SENIOR WALKERS SOLICITED

Senior citizens are invited to stop by the Edgumbe Recreation Center Monday through Friday mornings for indoor walking. The gym is open for walking between 10:30 and 11:30. The activity is sponsored by the community council's Living at Home Project. More information is available by calling the council office at 698-7973.

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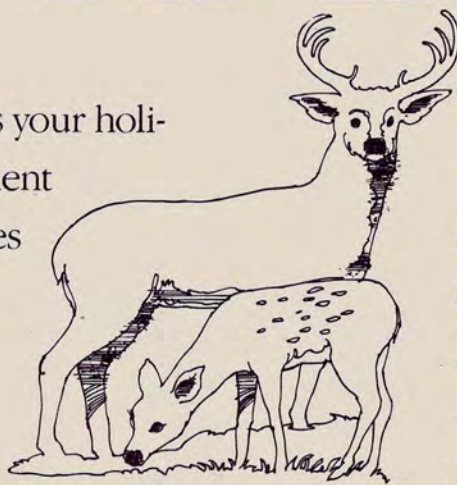


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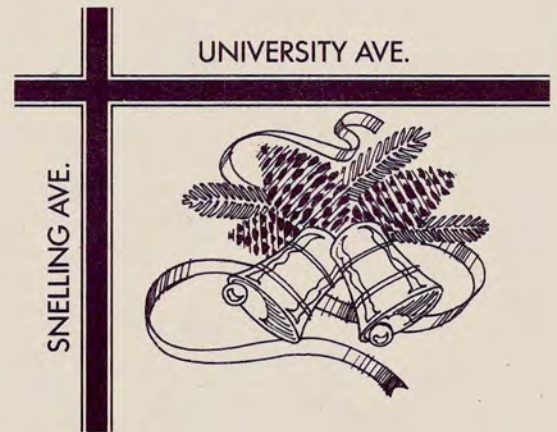
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Six-month-old Heidi Corbett wasn't overly awed by the guy in the funny red suit. But then, this is her very first Christmas and you couldn't expect her to be. Santa Claus

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Waitress injured in hit-run accident

A hit-and-run accident caused serious injuries to a St. Paul woman on November 26 outside Dixie's Bar & Grill, Grand Avenue and St. Albans Street.

Shannon Johnson, 32, who works as a waitress at the restaurant, was struck about

1:30 a.m. when a passing car hit a second car that was stopped in the street outside Dixie's. Johnson was talking to the driver of the stopped car, Scott Odman, who is also an employee at Dixie's.

According to Sam Siegel, Dixie's manager, Johnson

was standing alongside Odman's car by the driver's window. It is now known which car hit her.

"It was either the force of his (Odman's) car, or the other car hit her," Siegel said. "The other car just drove away. We don't have a description of the car or the driver."

Johnson suffered head injuries and a broken leg, and was hospitalized at St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center. According to Siegel, she is out of intensive care and awaiting surgery on her leg.

"Because there were head injuries, they have to wait to operate," he said. "But she is doing much better."

Siegel was not at the restaurant at the time of the accident, but arrived about 10 minutes later. He said there was one other waitress outside at the time, but she was not a witness to what happened.

Amateurs compete in talent contest

Amateur entertainers are invited to compete for more than \$2,000 in prizes in the St. Paul Winter Carnival's talent contest, which will open with preliminaries from January 16 to 20.

Contestants will compete in four age divisions: 12 and under, 13-18, 19-54, and 55 and older. Entry forms are available by calling 297-6953. The deadline for entering is January 5.

Tom Baumgartner lands in 'Hospital'

Tom Baumgartner, a former Macalester-Groveland resident now living in Los Angeles, has been cast in a recurring role on the ABC soap opera "General Hospital." Baumgartner, who lived at 1811 Goodrich Ave., plays Alan Quatermain's lawyer. His character first appeared in the December 4 episode.

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Inver Hills' St. Paul Center to present course offerings

Inver Hills Community College's St. Paul Center will offer 31 college credit classes during winter quarter, which runs from January 2 through March 21.

Classes will be held during the evenings and on Saturday mornings at Highland Park, Ramsey, and Central high schools as well as a number of locations in the West 7th Street area. Academic counseling is available by appointment at the St. Paul Center's new offices, 1211 W. 7th St.

Information on course offerings will be presented from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, in Room 109 at Ramsey Junior High School, 1700 Summit Ave.; on Tuesday, December 12, at Central High School, 275 N. Lexington Pkwy.; on Wednesday, December 13, in Room 112 at Highland Park Senior High School, 1015 S. Snelling Ave.; and on Monday, December 18, at Macalester Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave. For more information, call 297-5882.

YWCA to honor junior leaders

Seven area high school students have been selected to receive the St. Paul YWCA's Outstanding Junior Leader Award.

The young women will be honored at the YWCA's leader luncheon at noon Thursday, December 7, at the Radisson Hotel St. Paul. They include Tasha Baizerman, Central High School; Nancy O'Brien, Visitation; Rachel Powers, Cretin-Derham Hall; Joanna Unze, Highland Park;

Norah Scanlon, St. Paul Academy; Heidi Schnagl, St. Agnes High School; and Marie Notario, St. Paul Open School.

The students are being recognized for their leadership abilities and service to their schools and communities. Prior to the luncheon, they will participate in a leadership workshop led by Dr. Kathryn Adam of the College of St. Catherine's gifted and growing program.

Management Center director recognized for quality service

Dr. Earl Hall, director of the Management Center of the College of St. Thomas, has received a Quality Service Award from the Minnesota Council for Quality.

The Minnesota Council for Quality provides information to business, labor and the general public on the importance of quality management and the techniques for achieving and improving quality and productivity. The council also monitors developments and conducts research on quality improvement.

Hall has served as director of the Management Center since 1987. Formerly a research and development engineer at General Electric and a project manager and engineer for Fairchild Engine and Aircraft, Hall earned his

Ph.D. in sociology and economics at the New School for Social Research in New York City. He has also served as a senior partner of a management consulting firm, owned a systems analysis company, and directed management training programs in industries and schools.

Highland Friends meet Wednesdays

Highland Friends, a weekly support group for those who are separated or divorced, meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Holy Spirit School, 1406 Randolph Ave.

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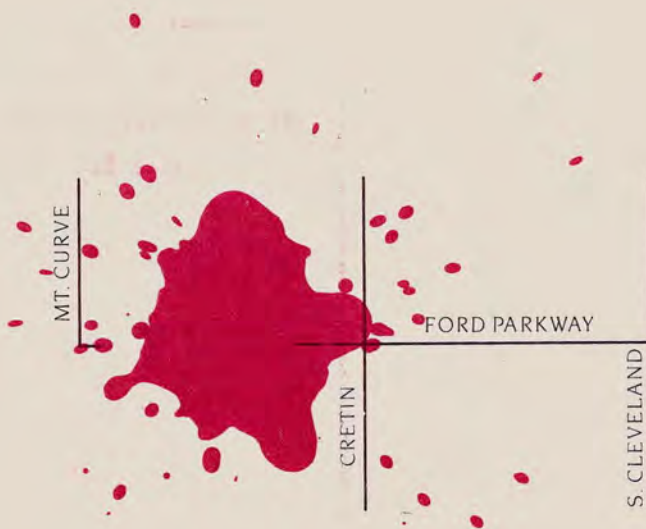
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Veteran directors guide children's production of 'A Christmas Carol'

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

Highland area families will have two chances to take in Charles Dickens' holiday classic this season at a price that even the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge could appreciate.

The children's theater class at Hillcrest Recreation Center, under the direction of Roseanne Tripi and Laurie McElwee, will present free performances of *A Christmas Carol* at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, December 13 and 14, at Highland Park High School, 1015 S. Snelling Ave.

A group of 40 children in grades 2 through 7 have spent numerous hours after school preparing for the production. The cast and crew hail from several of the Highland area elementary and junior high schools.

The show is being staged as a musical. Tripi has rewritten some of the tunes from the movie *Scrooge*, and added others to provide parts for as many youngsters as possible.

For most of the children, this will be their first experience on stage. The youngsters auditioned for their parts and have been rehearsing several times a week at Highland Catholic School.

The cast for *A Christmas Carol* is younger than most of the children's groups the pair has worked with, Tripi said. The two women met more than six years ago in Iowa where they were both working for Showbiz International, a talent agency. Sharing a mutual interest in theater, they visited friends in the Twin Cities and discovered a thriving theater community here.

"Lots of our background is in musical theater, and this is really a good place to work," McElwee said. They were able to find good roles as actresses, but couldn't make a living at it. So, they turned to directing.

The two women have been working as a team ever since, with Tripi serving as the director and McElwee playing the part of choreographer and assistant director. They produced *Annie* at the Como Lakeside Pavilion last summer, and have worked with children's productions at several schools in the Highland area as well as the northern St. Paul suburbs.

The two women said they have noticed a great deal of interest in children's theater in the Twin Cities. The children's theater program has been offered for the past three years at Hillcrest and has more than doubled its enrollment during that time. Tripi and McElwee have worked with the program since its inception.

Seeing children mature as they perform is the greatest reward of their vocation, they said. "Some of the kids that come in are totally shy and don't say a word," McElwee said. "After the show, their parents come and say, 'When can we get them into another one?' Their grades have gone up, they socialize, their teachers are calling to say what a big difference it has made in their lives."

Both women hold full-time jobs, since directing children's community theater won't

"Some of the kids that come in are totally shy and don't say a word," McElwee said. "After the show, their parents come and say, 'When can we get them into another one?'"

pay the rent. McElwee teaches in the early childhood music program at the MacPhail Center for the Arts, and Tripi is the director of food service at the Waldorf Corporation.

Still, they agree it would be nice to one day be earning their living in theater. They envision starting a St. Paul area children's theater company and plan to start working on the project next spring, once they've finished directing *The Wiz* at Central Park in Roseville and *Godspell* in Highland.

One of the problems with forming their own theater group, they said, is finding storage space for the props and costumes that would be left over after a production. "We're looking for an abandoned movie theater or a school willing to lease space," Tripi said. "We're looking for a theater home."

Both directors are sensitive to the miscues that can plague actors during a production. It has happened to them. Tripi recalled the time she got an attack of stage fright and had to be pushed out on the stage. McElwee once waltzed on stage one scene too early and nearly caused her fellow actors' hearts to fail. Once while playing Anna in *The King and I*, the zipper of Tripi's costume broke while she was on stage. She made a hasty exit, wrapped herself in a cloak and continued on with her performance.

Cast members in children's theater don't have understudies, which means Tripi and McElwee, on occasion, have had to suit up and go onstage themselves to replace an absent actor. But for the most part, the children are well prepared and good at ad-libbing when they forget a line, they said.

"We explain that acting is more than just saying the lines," Tripi said. "If you know what is happening in the scene, there is no way you can technically make a mistake. Listen to what is being said to you and converse, respond. That's all acting is."

The two directors stress to their young charges that each play has a message. "It's their job to give that message to the audience," Tripi said. "We're big on teaching that we do theater because there's a need for communication in the world. We both believe in that. Too many problems are caused because we do not communicate."



Directors Roseanne Tripi and Laurie McElwee, seated, discuss parts for Hillcrest Recreation Center's upcoming production of *A Christmas Carol* with cast members, from left, David Nathan (who plays Bob Cratchit and Jacob Marley), Jessie Nowlin (Scrooge), Shawn Powers (Young Ebenezer), Angie Haigh (Ghost of Christmas Past) and Lindsay Eisbach (Ghost of Christmas Present).



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The sounds of the season rang out from all corners of Grand Avenue on November 25, but especially in the mall at Victoria Crossing West where the J.J. Hill Elementary

School Band (left) and the Nativity School Children's Choir (right) entertained holiday shoppers with seasonal favorites.

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Your guide to the services of local health, legal and financial professionals

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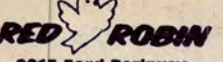
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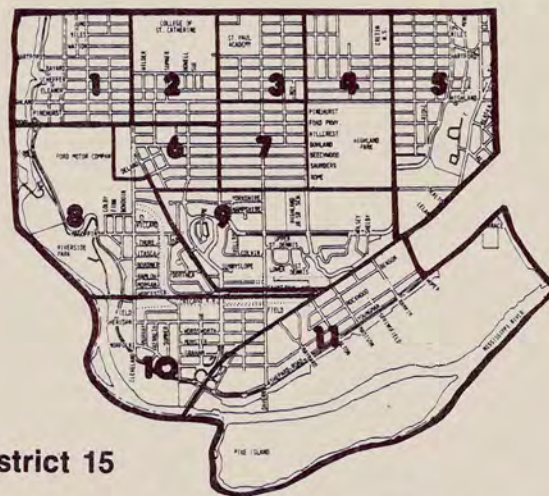
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Highland Area Community Council Capsule



District 15

NEXT RECYCLING DAY IS DEC. 18

The next recycling date in the Highland area is Monday, December 18. Recyclable materials must be sorted, bagged and placed at curbside by 7:00 that morning. The pickup times vary each week due to the amount of recycling and the weather conditions. Do not wrap recyclables in plastic if it is raining or snowing.

During the holiday season, a large amount of trash is generated that cannot be recycled. Items that are not recyclable include gift wrap, greeting cards and envelopes, paper tubes, gift boxes, glossy corrugated boxes, glass dishes or ornaments, scrap metal, ribbons, paper plates, cups or napkins.

For more information on recycling, call the Neighborhood Energy Consortium at 644-5436 or the Highland Area Community Council at 690-0866.

ABC's OF RECYCLING CONTINUE

The Council Capsule's A-to-Z recycling and disposal guide for common household items continues this issue with information on what to do with old furniture and junk mail.

Furniture. Furniture and other household items will be accepted by various second-hand stores in St. Paul. Many of these stores also offer pickup service. Local stores that will take furniture include: the Disabled American Veterans Thrift Store, 572 University Ave., 292-1707; Goodwill, 2543 Como Ave., 646-2591; and the Salvation Army, 927 Payne Ave., 776-3585.

Junk mail. Most junk mail is not recyclable. The best way to reduce the amount of junk mail being delivered to your home is to try to remove your name from unwanted mailing lists. To request an application for removing your name from mailing lists, write to Direct Marketing, 6 E. 43rd St., New York, New York 10017.

BOARD WON'T MEET THIS MONTH

The Highland Area Community Council will not meet in December. The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 11, at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy.

Coloring-contest winners earn trip to see Sesame Street Live

Several children recently parlayed their artistic skills into ringside seats to Sesame Street Live's "Silly Dancing" show as part of a coloring contest sponsored by the Highland Villager and 10 other area businesses.

Hundreds of children, ages 4-12, colored in their favorite Sesame Street characters and dropped off their entries at the participating businesses. One winner from each location received four tickets to see Sesame Street Live at the Met Center on Wednesday, November 29.

The contest winners, their ages and addresses, and the businesses from which they won their tickets are: Jonathan Koenig, 7, 1865 Portland Ave., James Soda Grill; Sarah Cattanaach, 10, 1737 Summit Ave., Bober Drug; Ashley Butler, 4, 1763 Eleanor Ave., Lund & Lange Florists; Meg Fleming Wolfe, 5, 1667 Palace Ave., Toyboat; Kari Stevenson, 9, 2029 Wellesley Ave., James Pharmacy & Gifts; Danny Wozniak, 5, 32 Otis Ave., Carbone's Pizza; Amber Kienenberger, 7, 10907 Pioneer Drive, Burns-

ville, Lee's Kitchen; Billy Funk, 4, 1951 Crown Point Drive, Mendota Heights, Ace Hardware; Michael Keating, 6, 1427 Bayard Ave., NW Computer Services; and Molly Fleming Wolfe, 4, 1667 Palace Ave., Cliff's Hardware Hank.

St. Mary's offers a 'Tree of Lights'

St. Mary's Home, 1925 Norfolk Ave., is celebrating this Christmas with a "Tree of Lights."

Lights may be purchased in honor or in memory of someone. Cards will be sent to the honoree or the family of those memorialized to acknowledge the gift. A tree-lighting prayer service will follow the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, December 13.

Lights start at \$25. Order forms are available by calling 698-5508.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church

Welcomes 8:45 a.m. you to and worship 10:30 a.m.

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225 So. Cleveland (at St. Clair) 699-2350

Gordon L. Richards, Pastor,

9 am Choir Practice 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship (Nursery)

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Christmas at Calvary

Sun., Dec. 17: 10:30 a.m. Worship with Sunday School Christmas Program. Sun., Dec. 24: Christmas Eve. 10:30 a.m. Family Worship, 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Senior Choir. Mon., Dec. 25: Christmas Day. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Sun., Dec. 31: New Years Eve. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion.

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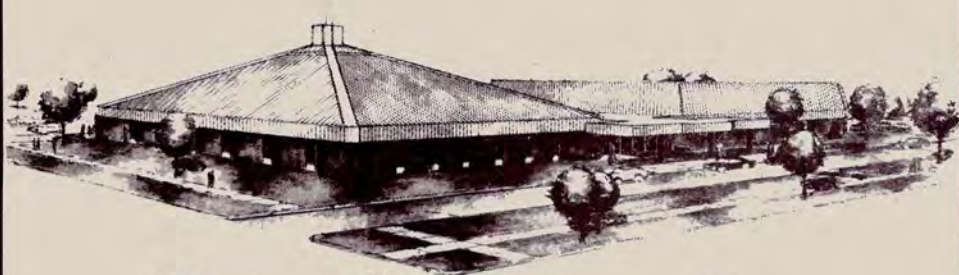
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CHRISTMAS EVE, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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December 6

PRESCHOOL STORY HOURS will be held at 10:30 a.m. today and on the next two Wednesdays at the Nokomis Library, 5100 S. 34th Ave., Minneapolis.

CHRYSLIS EAST is offering a support group for women from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning today at the Family Tree, 1619 Dayton Ave. The group will assist women in developing a sense of their own self-worth. For more information or to register, call 222-2823.

NORWEGIAN NATIVE May Breivik will reveal the secrets of making rosettes, krumkaka and sandbakkelse in a two-week course that begins at 6:30 p.m. today at Roosevelt School, 4029 S. 28th Ave., Minneapolis. The cost is \$7.50. To register, call 627-2697.

SISTER HELEN COUGHLAN will present a free lecture, "Independence, Liberty, Freedom: Growth Toward Selfhood," at 7:30 p.m. today in St. Joseph Hall at the College of St. Catherine.

THE REVEREND TIM O'LEARY, a founder of the Victory Bible Institute and Rhema Ministerial Association International, will speak on "Restoring the Legitimate Supernatural Powers of God in the Church Today" at 7:30 p.m. today and tomorrow at Established Heart Ministries, 562 S. Snelling Ave. For more information, call 699-6068.

December 7

AN OPEN HOUSE for preschool children and their parents will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening at Hamline Cooperative Nursery School, located in Hamline United Methodist Church, 1514 Englewood Ave. Openings are available for children 2½ to 5 years old. For more information, call 644-0017.

UNITED HOSPITAL'S obesity surgery support group will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. today in the St. Luke's Room of the Heart and Lung Center, 255 N. Smith Ave. Marlene Skrivseth will speak on skin care and makeup application. Admission is free. For reservations, call 220-8050.

FREE BLOOD-PRESSURE CHECKS for senior citizens will be conducted from 10:30 to 11:30 this morning at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For more information, call 698-0751.

THE MIDWAY YMCA, 1761 University Ave., will be offering computerized fitness evaluations from 6:30 to 9:00 this evening. Participants will be checked for muscle strength and endurance, flexibility, body fat, cardiovascular fitness and blood pressure. The cost is \$5.00. For more information, call the YMCA at 646-4557.

A FREE PUBLIC FORUM on whether public assistance is a right or a privilege will be held at 7:30 this evening at St. Stephen's Church, 2211 S. Clinton Ave., Minneapolis. The event is the fourth in a series of nine forums on Ethics and the Homeless being sponsored by the College of St. Thomas and St. Stephen's shelter for the homeless.

THE RAMSEY COUNTY ALLIANCE for the Mentally Ill will meet at 7:00 p.m. today at Assumption Catholic Church in downtown St. Paul. Glenn Samuelson from the Social Security Administration will speak on social security benefits for those suffering from a mental illness.

THE SALVATION ARMY'S Holiday Civic Dinner will be held at 7:00 this evening at the Minneapolis City Center Marriott Hotel. The dinner will feature Miss America 1989 Gretchen Carlson, with Angela Astore as the master of ceremonies. Tickets at \$50 are available by calling 566-2040.

THE REVEREND PAUL SIRBA, associate pastor of St. Olaf Church, will speak on "Sacramental and Devotions of the Catholic Church" from 7:30 to 9:00 this evening in the parish office building at the Church of St. Helena, 3204 E. 43rd St., Minneapolis. Sirba will explain some of the sacraments, such as holy water, stations of the cross and devotions, and will teach participants how to recite the rosary. The cost is \$2.50. For more information, call 729-7321.

December 8

"HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS" is the topic of a workshop to be offered from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. today at the Skyway YMCA, 6th and Sibley streets. Parents will have a chance to



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Running a little late for their appointment in the Grand Meander parade, the Northstar Barbershop Chorus hitched a ride aboard an antique fire truck on Grand Avenue. From its bed and runningboards the chorus regaled holiday shoppers with sounds of the season in four-part harmony.

hear a guest speaker while their children are involved in staff-led activities. The cost is \$5.00 per family.

THE FRENCH CANADIAN SOCIETY will hold its annual Christmas party and potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. today at St. Francis de Sales social hall, 426 S. Osceola St. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children for those unable to bring food. The event will include carols sung in French by Les Canadiens Errants, door prizes, gifts for the children, and a visit from le Pere Noel. The evening will close with a square dance. For more information, call Mark La Bine at 222-4280.

December 9

A HOLIDAY BAKE SALE featuring rosettes, pizzelles, fresh bread, caramel rolls and other pastries will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. today and from 9:00 a.m. to noon tomorrow, December 10, at St. Gregory's Church, 1640 Montreal Ave. Poinsettias and chrysanthemums will also be for sale. Flowers may be reserved by calling 698-9220 by December 6.

A SATURDAY SPECIAL on "Handling the Holidays" will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to noon today at the Family Service, 333 Sibley St. The cost is on an adjusted-fee scale. For more information, call 222-0311.

THE DODGE NATURE CENTER, 1795 Charlton St., West St. Paul, will hold its monthly open house from noon to 5:00 p.m. today. Visitors will be able to make natural Christmas ornaments at 1:30 and take a nature hike at 3:00. The event is free and open to the public.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HOME, 484 Ashland Ave., will hold its annual holiday bazaar from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. today. The bazaar will include holiday gift items, ceramics, concessions, a bake sale and a Christmas tree raffle.

AN ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS celebration

with the theme "Who's Birthday is It, Anyway?" will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today at Merriam-Lexington Presbyterian Church, 203 N. Howell St. There will be puppet plays, storytelling, shirt painting, crafts and gifts. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

December 10

BOY SCOUT TROOP 671 will hold a pancake breakfast fund-raiser from 7:30 a.m. to noon today at Nativity School, 1900 Stanford Ave. The cost is \$3.00 for adults, \$1.50 for children 4-11, and free for children 3 and younger.

A SPAGHETTI DINNER will be served from noon to 6:00 p.m. today at the Midway YMCA, 1761 University Ave. The cost is \$4.50 for adults, \$3.00 for children, or \$12 per family. Proceeds will assist families using the YMCA Child Care Center.

December 11

THE DAYTIME BOOK CLUB of the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave., will meet from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. today to discuss Truman Capote's *A Christmas Memory*. Rhoda Lewin, a writer for the *American Jewish World*, will be the facilitator.

December 12

ADULTS IN THEIR 30s and 40s can learn how to put play and humor back into their lives during a workshop from 7:30 to 9:00 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Michael Earhart, a licensed psychologist and family therapist, will explore the benefits of having a good

sense of humor. The cost is \$7.50. Call 698-0751 by December 7 to register.

A CIVICS/ENGLISH TEST for amnesty applicants will be held at 7:30 p.m. today and at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 13, at the International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como Ave. The test lasts for 30 minutes and may be taken twice. For more information, call 647-0191.

December 13

A FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR for individuals who have recently retired will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today at Lee's Village Inn, 800 S. Cleveland Ave. The \$10 fee includes lunch. To register, call 298-6212.

"A HOUSEMAN'S HOLIDAY" will be offered at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. today at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Costumed guides will show visitors how the home used to be prepared for the holidays circa 1910. Performances will continue on December 14-15, 20-22 and 27-29. Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for senior citizens and children ages 6-15, free for children 5 and younger. For reservations, call 297-2555.

December 16

BIRD WATCHERS can learn about winter bird identification and help the Dodge Nature Center assess its bird populations during a winter bird survey from 7:00 to 11:00 this morning. Bring your own binoculars and dress warmly for the free program, which will meet in the center's Red Schoolhouse at 1795 Charlton St., West St. Paul. Register by calling the nature center at 455-4531.

COSTUMED GUIDES will give their impressions of the Hill family during tours that will begin every 15 minutes from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for senior citizens and children ages 6-15, free for children 5 and younger. For more information, call 297-2555.

THE MAYOR'S ANNUAL Holiday Party for Children of St. Paul will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon today in the Roy Wilkins Auditorium at the St. Paul Civic Center. Mayor George Latimer will host the free event, which will feature entertainment by the Max Metzger's Orchestra and the City of St. Paul Choir, and appearances by Ronald McDonald, Como Zoo animals, the Winter Carnival Royalty, clowns, and, of course, Santa Claus. Each child in attendance will receive a Christmas stocking filled with candy when they leave.

December 17

PROFESSOR KARLIS KAUFMANIS will present an entertaining lecture on the origin of the Star of Bethlehem at 3:00 p.m. today at the Bell Museum, 10 S. E. Church St., Minneapolis. Admission is \$3.00.

LEARN HOW TO TURN a Christmas tree into an attractive food source for birds during an open house from noon to 5:00 p.m. today at the Dodge Nature Center, 1795 Charlton St., West St. Paul. Visitors will receive recipes and ideas for natural tree decorations at 1:30, and may participate in a guided nature hike at 3:00. The center's live reptile and amphibian exhibit will also be available for viewing. Admission is free.

December 18

THE GARDEN CLUB OF RAMSEY COUNTY will hold a Christmas party at 8:00 p.m. today at Lee's Village Inn, 800 S. Cleveland Ave.

A MASS OF THANKSGIVING and individual prayers for healing will be said at 7:00 p.m. today at St. Therese Church, 1928 Norfolk Ave. The Mass is sponsored by the St. Francis Prayer Group, which meets every Monday at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call 690-1501.

December 20

HOLIDAY FILMS for children ages 3-5 will be shown at 10:30 this morning at the East Lake Library, 2727 E. Lake St., Minneapolis. The films will include "Frosty the Snowman" and "Rudolph the Reindeer."

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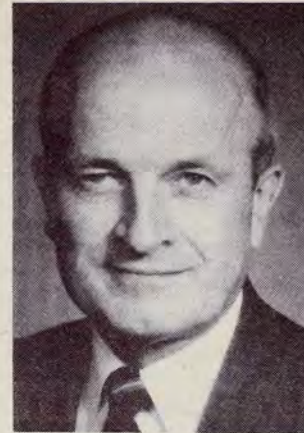
Becky Mickelberg

Kellogg promoted to president

Martin Kellogg, 339 Mount Curve Blvd., was recently elected president of UFE Incorporated, a Stillwater company specializing in thermoplastic technology.

Previously responsible for operations and administration, Kellogg will now also direct UFE's marketing efforts. He has been the company's executive vice president since 1982. Before joining UFE, Kellogg was treasurer of the Tennant Company. He also served on the Metropolitan Council from 1972-82.

The 36-year-old company has three production plants in Wisconsin, employs more than 600 workers at its three



Martin Kellogg

St. Croix Valley locations and makes annual sales in excess of \$40 million.

Laurel Street Flowers opens St. Clair store

Laurel Street Flowers has opened a new floral studio at 1783 St. Clair Ave., the former location of Raess' Market.

Owners Lorna Call and Barbara Nyen specialize in European-style bouquets for all occasions, dried and silk arrangements, unique gift items, and custom floral design for weddings.

Borchardt promoted at Stuart Building

Robert Borchardt has been promoted to director of operations for the Highland Park-based Stuart Building Corporation. Borchardt now oversees the daily operations for all construction projects. He was previously the company's senior project manager.

Nash named dean at college of art

Dr. Anedith Nash, 669 S. Howell St., has been appointed as the new dean of continuing studies at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Her appointment is effective December 15.

Nash has a Ph.D. in American studies from the University of Minnesota, with concentrations in art history and cultural studies. She has been a faculty member at Hamline University for the past two years and was the program director for City Arts, an off-campus program for undergraduate liberal arts majors.

Leverenz to direct int'l sales

Craig C. Leverenz of 439 Mount Curve Blvd. has been hired as director of international sales and marketing for Angeion Corporation, a Minneapolis-based medical products company.

Leverenz is the former

owner of ProMed, a distributor of medical devices that he helped found in 1982. Previously, he worked on the sale and distribution of mechanical valves for St. Jude Medical, and was a stockbroker at Merrill Lynch.

Runners to compete at Como

The Midway YMCA and Bandana Square will host the annual Bandana Blitz at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, December 9, at Lake Como. Race-day registration will take place from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. at Bandana Square, located on Energy Park Drive just west of Lexington Parkway.

Races of 1.7, 3.4 and 5.4 miles will start at the Como Lakeside Pavilion. Runners

will be asked to predict their finishing time when registering. The individual in each race guessing the closest to his or her actual time will be the winner.

Registration fees are \$9.00 in advance, \$11 on race day, and include a T-shirt, refreshments and the chance at a prize drawing.

For more information, call Marisa Cuneo at 646-4557.

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On the Towns

Highland band measuring up to standards of new leader

by Terry Andrews

It's 4:00 p.m. on a Friday, the end of a long school day, the end of a long week. But W Rayford Johnson is still crisp in a tailored suit, still energetic, still ready to tackle the world, or whatever small part of it presents itself in his band rehearsal room, where he is listening to Rimsky-Korsakov and planning the school's two upcoming winter concerts.

Johnson, the newly appointed conductor of bands at Highland Park High School, has just finished band rehearsal and he is using this time to finish some school business. Johnson likes to keep his weekends free for other pursuits: performing with his dance band, playing in a college orchestra, doing research for a book about a black composer, or working with the Minnesota Youth Symphonies.

He just accepted an appointment this fall as conductor of the MYS repertory orchestra. Music is in his blood, he said, and introducing others to the satisfaction that music can bring is why he teaches and conducts.

"I motivate students by a great deal of nurturing, by encouraging them, by being consistent," Johnson said. "Kids say they can depend on that. I visit their homes, go to their bar mitzvahs, their graduations. And I always try to provide them with new experiences."

Johnson has been busy lining up new experiences for band members at Highland. The school's marching band is scheduled to perform in the St. Paul Winter Carnival's Torchlight and Grande Day parades—a first for Highland Park. The band also performed this fall in the University of Minnesota's homecoming parade—another first—and at a dedication ceremony at the St. Paul Technical Institute.

"We're getting lots of calls," Johnson said. "The junior high band is the official band for the Festival of Nations. This is the sixth year for that."

"There'd never ever been an official band for that before. But we got a call to come down to see the Festival of Nations, and I said, 'We do music of 33 nationalities, so I would like to have an opportunity to perform rather than just visit.' The woman in charge came out to hear us, and she sat and just cried."

"We played for 30,000 other kids and for the naturalization ceremony at the festival," Johnson said. "We have ruffles and flourishes just like a military band. I wrote to Washington, D.C., and got information on it and we did it to a T."

This is Johnson's sixth year at Highland, his 20th in the St. Paul Public School system. He started his career at Central High School, and in succeeding years taught at Wilson, Harding, Humboldt, Longfellow and Hancock. At Highland Park Senior High, he replaced



W Rayford Johnson was obviously pleased with what he was hearing while conducting a practice of the Highland Park Symphonic Band.

Loren Koppelman, who has taken over the band program at Central.

Johnson was formerly in charge of Highland Park's junior high band program and taught junior high music. He is now responsible for all five bands at the junior and senior high—the junior varsity, varsity, concert, symphonic (the school's most advanced band) and jazz bands—and he has given up his teaching duties to devote his full time to the band program.

One of his first undertakings as the senior high band director was to prepare the marching band for half-time shows at football games—something the school had never had.

"For as long as I've been here—since the school opened—this is the first time the band has been out there in full uniform performing during half time," said Highland Park athletic director Jerome Larson. "People in the community have been appreciative. It certainly makes the football game more showy."

"I was in marching band all my days—from junior high through college," said Johnson, who has a bachelor's degree in music from Alabama State University and a master's degree in music education from the University of Minnesota. As a member of the Alabama State University marching band in the mid-1960s, Johnson even performed at nationally televised professional football games.

A marching band has to be in top physical shape, Johnson said. "The first day this year, all the band members were excited because it was new," he said. "The second day, their calf and thigh and stomach muscles were so sore from marching, they were saying, 'Mr. Johnson, do we have to?'"

"We use a 90-degree knee lift," Johnson continued, illustrating the maneuver with his toe pointed to the floor, lifting his knee until his leg formed a perfect right angle. "I had to teach (the band) kinesiology, how to use the body, how to march and play at the same time."

In college, Johnson studied with a

protege of William Foster and learned the fast-cadence marching that Foster developed in 1945.

"The Alabama State University band was unique in that it did fast-cadence marching, which is 360 steps a minute," Johnson said. "It was very exciting. The band members were in better shape than the football team. We had kids from all over the country who wanted to be in that band." Johnson still attends every homecoming football game at his alma mater to see the marching band perform.

A Detroit native, Johnson is very active in local music circles. He has been president of Black Music Educators of the Twin Cities and served on the board of the Walker School of Music. He has composed jingles, wedding songs, gospel music, and rock 'n' roll tunes, and last year he was given a special award for education at the seventh annual Minnesota Black Music Awards ceremony. He has also worked with Terry Lewis of Flyte Time and with Prince.

"Prince used to come to Central on Saturday mornings with his little red guitar to play when I had a jazz group there," Johnson recalled.

During his tenure at Central High, Johnson took the band to Europe. He hopes to take the Highland Park band on a similar trip in the not-too-distant future. "We've already been invited by the Lord Mayor of London to come there," he said.

Johnson started playing piano at the age of 5, then switched in grade school to the drums, and then the baritone, and finally the tuba. "That became my love," he recalled. "But I had a band director who insisted we play all the instruments, so I learned to play trombone, bassoon, sax, euphonium, violin and string bass. I would hang around him and sight read music by the hour. The band played every piece of music in the school library. That's where my appreciation of music came from."

Johnson is frequently asked to play a variety of instruments for both community and private events, from percussion at a recent Pilgrim Baptist

Church concert to the tuba and trombone with the Lakewood Community College Orchestra and the Macalester College Band.

"At one concert, I had to play both the tuba and trombone," he said. "I would lay down one instrument and pick up the other. It was hilarious." His dance band, the Tangents, plays at weddings.

Johnson, who is married and has three daughters, ages 7, 10, and 14, was one of four people honored by Alabama State University at its centennial in 1974 as the school's outstanding alumni of the century. He is currently writing the biography of another recipient of the award, African-American composer John Duncan, with whom he studied at ASU.

"I am constantly doing research," Johnson said, "particularly about African-American musicians who are unsung heroes. Francis Johnson, for example, took the first band from this country to Europe in 1833. He was a composer, and his music is in the public domain now, but no one is doing anything with it."

Johnson has also introduced his students to the music of black composers. "We're the only school in the state to have a program on the music of African-American composers and the music of the African-American experience—classical, folk, vocal, jazz," he said. "We give a concert here at school every year—last year it was televised on public TV."

Johnson ticked off the names of pieces his Highland Park bands will perform at their winter concerts this year, including the *Nutcracker* theme, "Sleigh Ride," and works by Mozart and Wagner. "I get to talking about the things these kids are doing and their potential and I just get excited," he said.

Johnson tries to impress upon his students that they're capable of doing a lot more than they give themselves credit for. "I'm enjoying this," he said of his position at Highland. "I really am. It's a lot of work, but I don't look at it as such. I look at it as an investment in the lives of young people. 'Somebody's got to replace me some day,' I tell these kids, 'and maybe it will be one of you.'"

W Rayford Johnson will be directing his Highland Park High School bands in two concerts this month at the secondary complex. The senior high band, orchestra and choir will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 14. Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students. The junior high band, orchestra and choir will perform at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 21. A donation of \$1.00 will be requested.



A junior varsity musician reaches deep for the wind necessary to sound his tuba.



A Highland Junior High saxophonist plays with his eyes riveted to his musical part.

On the Towns Briefly

Concerts

The Macalester College Collegium Musicum Players and Singers will perform sacred and secular music from the Italian Renaissance at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, at St. Paul's Church on the Hill, 1524 Summit Ave. The Collegium Musicum features a mixed consort of recorders, sackbuts, double reeds and percussion, a vocal ensemble and a viol consort. A second concert will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 10, at Macalester Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave. Both concerts have free admission.

Musicians and vocalists from the colleges of St. Thomas and St. Catherine will perform a free Protege Concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 7, in Gallery 301 at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

Roger Whittaker will be joined by his 17-year-old daughter, J. J., for "A Whittaker Family Christmas," a holiday concert featuring hit tunes and seasonal classics, at 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 8, in Northrop Auditorium. Whittaker has 185 silver, gold and platinum albums to his credit. Tickets, priced from \$17.50 to \$23.50, are available by calling 371-5656.

Hungarian-born conductor Ivan Fischer will conduct the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra in a program featuring the works of Rossini, Busoni, Copland and Mendelssohn at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9, at the Ordway Music Theatre. Fischer is regarded as one of Europe's leading conductors. He will be joined by Richard Stoltzman, the first clarinetist to perform a recital at Carnegie Hall and the first wind player to be awarded the Avery Fisher Prize. He will perform Bosoni's Concertino for Clarinet and Chamber Orchestra, and Copland's Clarinet Concerto. The program will also include Rossini's "Overture to La scala di seta" and Mendelssohn's "Suite from Midsummer Night's Dream." Tickets, priced from \$10 to \$24, are available by calling 224-4222.



Moore by Four, one of the Twin Cities most renowned vocal jazz ensembles, will open its holiday extravaganza,

A Candlelight Christmas concert will be held at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 9, in the chapel of the College of St. Catherine. The program will include performances by the Canticum Novum, the Women's Chorus, the Concert Choir, the Liturgical Choir and the College Orchestra. The concert will feature Mendelssohn's rarely performed "Von Himmel Hoch." The event is free and open to the public.

St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict will present their third annual Celebrating the Seasons concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 9, at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. The concert will feature performances by more than 200 musicians, and will include chants, Christmas carols and instrumental works. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, free for those age 18 and younger.

The Apollo Male Chorus will perform a concert of holiday music at 8:00 p.m. Saturday,

December 9, at Orchestra Hall. The program will feature classical, religious, contemporary and folk music. Tickets, priced at \$10 and \$12, are available by calling 933-6322.

Violinist Daria Tedeschi, a Highland resident, will be the featured soloist during a concert by the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 10, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Hall Avenue and Robie Street. The program will include Beethoven's "Coriolan Overture," Concerto for Violin in D, and Symphony No. 3 in E-flat. Tedeschi is a violinist with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Santa Fe Opera Orchestra. She was formerly a concerto soloist with the New American Chamber Orchestra and performed in the United States, Europe and Scandinavia. Admission is by a suggested donation of \$5.00.

Hamline University's Sinfonia, Baroque Ensemble, Wind Ensemble and Women's Chorale

will perform a holiday concert at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 10, in the Sundin Music Hall, 1536 Hewitt Ave. The program will include pieces by Bizet, Copland, Britten, John Jacob Niles and Alfred Burt. The concert is free and open to the public.

Concordia College will present its annual Christmas concert at 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 10, in the Buetow Memorial Music Center at the college, 275 N. Syndicate St. The program will include Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata" along with works by Praetorius, Willan and Pierce. The college's Christus Chorus, Jubilate Choir and brass and handbell ensembles will perform. The CrossCurrent Dance Theatre will also make an appearance. Admission is free.

The Ordway Music Theatre will present a choral Christmas spectacular with the Dale Warland Singers and Symphonic Chorus, and the Holiday Brass at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Sunday,

December 10, and at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 12. The program will feature a collection of holiday favorites, including Christmas carols, English and Canadian music, and festive Latin tunes. Tickets, priced from \$10 to \$18.50 (\$10 for children), are available by calling 224-4222.

A Christmas concert will be presented at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 10, at Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 E. 50th St., Minneapolis. The Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Mini Ringers, Joy Bells and Alleluia Bell Choir will perform. A reception will follow the concert.

Sugar-plum dreams and other holiday magic will unfold in a seasonal concert, "Winter Wonderland," to be performed by the Minnesota Orchestra at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday, December 12-14, at Orchestra Hall. The program will feature Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," excerpts from Humperdinck's "Hansel

and Gretel," and popular holiday classics. Each concert will include an audience sing-along and a visit from Santa. Thursday's concert will be a benefit for the Minneapolis Society for the Blind. Tickets, priced from \$9.00 to \$18.50, are available by calling 371-5656.

The Holiday Pops Orchestra will present two free concerts this month at the St. Paul Center, 7th and Cedar streets. The orchestra will join with the Plymouth Music Series Festival Chorus for holiday carols and Christmas pop tunes at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 12, and will conclude the series with holiday tunes featuring the Bel Canto Voices at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 19.

Sophomore Anne Cotter will perform selections by Bach, Brahms, Dello Joio and Handel during a piano recital at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 13, in the Brady Educational Center auditorium at the College of St. Thomas. She will be assisted by David Haas, Kirk Patridge and Jeanne Cotter. Admission is free.

The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra will perform Handel's "Messiah" at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, December 13-16, in the Ordway Music Theatre. Featured performers include soprano Faith Esham, mezzo-soprano Danna Fortunato, tenor Dennis Petersen, bass John Ostendorf and the Minnesota Choral. Tickets are priced from \$8.00 to \$20 (\$10 to \$24 on the weekend). Sing-along performances of the "Messiah" will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 11, at the Ordway and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 17, at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. Admission for the sing-alongs is \$10. For tickets, call 224-4222.

Moore by Four, one of the Twin Cities most celebrated jazz vocal ensembles, will present a holiday extravaganza entitled "Singin' Joy to the World" at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, December 14, at the World Theater, 10 E. Exchange St. The program will include songs from the group's award-winning "Red Hot Holidays" album along with new arrangements of holiday music. Performances will continue at 8:00 p.m. on December 15, 16, 19, 20, 22 and 23, with ad-

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Violist Tamas Strasser will be the featured soloist during a concert by the Jewish Community Center's Symphony Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 14, at the center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The orchestra, which is the third oldest in Minnesota, will perform Teleman's Two Viola Concerto in G, Hindemith's "Trauermusik for Viola and Strings," Brahms' Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Berlioz's "Roman Carnival Overture" and Wernick's "Hanukah Festival Overture." Tickets at \$4.00, \$3.00 for senior citizens and children, are available by calling 698-0751.

John Noble Moyer from the College of St. Catherine's music department will conduct the Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra in a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 14, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 2914 W. 44th St., Minneapolis. The program will include Mozart's "Così fan tutti" overture and Haydn's Symphony No. 104.

Tom and Dick Smothers will join the Minnesota Orchestra for a Smothers Brothers Christmas at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 17, at Orchestra Hall. The concert will be filled with music, comedy and holiday high jinks, including Tom's famous yo-yo maneuvers. Tickets, priced from \$12 to \$24, are available by calling 371-5656.

The Twin Cities Male Chorus will present a holiday concert, "Chestnuts, Candles and Carols," at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$11 at the door. For ticket information, call 336-4079.

National Lutheran Choir will presents its annual Christmas Festival concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 15, in the Basilica of St. Mary, 88 N. 17th St., Minneapolis. Tickets at \$9.00 are available by calling 722-2301.



Highland resident Daria Tedeschi will be the featured violinist during an all-Beethoven concert by the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra on December 10. For details, see listing.

The Minneapolis Jewish Community Center Chamber Orchestra will celebrate Hanukah with two young people's concerts at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, December 16, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 17, at the center, 4330 S. Cedar Lake Road, Minneapolis. Director Bob Wills will discuss school songs during Brahms' "Academic Festival Overture," and dances during Haydn's "Surprise Symphony" and Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite." The program will also include Steve Barnett's lively "Chanukah Suite" in celebration of the holiday. The concerts are appropriate for children age 5 and older. The cost is \$3.00 for children, \$8.00 for adults accompanied by children and \$9.00 for adults coming alone. For reservations, call 377-8330.

Concentus Musicus, the Upper Midwest's oldest Renaissance performance ensemble, will present its annual Christmas concert at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 16, at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 901 Portland Ave. Costumed musicians will present carols and noels on period instruments, while dancers perform steps that were once seen in festive halls of old. The concert will include the combined talents of Concentus Musicus' dance company, vocal and instrumental

ensemble and 24-voice a cappella choir. Tickets at \$10, \$6.00 for students and senior citizens, are available by calling 379-4463.

A festival of Christmas music will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 16, and at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, December 17, by the sanctuary choir and orchestra of the Summit Avenue Assembly of God, 845 Summit Ave. This year's concert, entitled "Everlasting Light," will feature familiar Christmas carols woven in with new songs. Admission is free, but tickets are available for early seating by calling 228-0811.

The Chieftains, an internationally renowned Irish band that has been performing for a quarter of a century, will perform "A Christmas in Ireland" at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 19, at the Ordway Music Theatre. The Chieftains have performed with such pop stars as Eric Clapton, Van Morrison and Jackson Browne. The band has made 20 albums, received five Grammy nominations, appeared on numerous television specials and recorded with such artists as Art Garfunkel, Dan Fogelberg and Mick Jagger. Tickets, priced from \$12 to \$19.50, are available by calling 224-4222.

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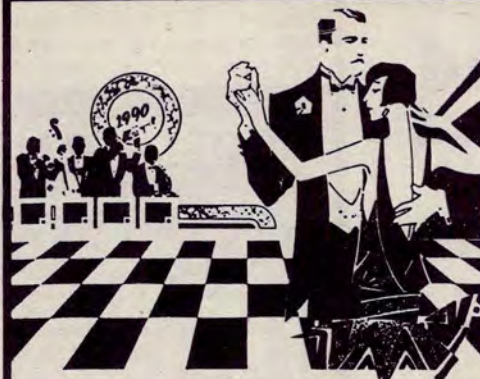
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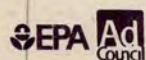
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The Zenon Dance Company will present a program of modern and jazz works at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16, and at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 17, in the Ordway's McKnight Theatre. The program will include modern dances choreographed by Keith Young, Doug Varone and Wil Swanson along with three jazz pieces by Danny Buraczeski. Tickets at \$11, \$9.00 for students, are available by calling 224-4222.

Pop Wagner and the Rockin' Pinecones will present a blend of Cajun-influenced rhythm and blues and rockabilly music during a dance at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 20, at the Cedar Cultural Centre, 416 S. Cedar Ave., Minneapolis. Admission is \$4.00.



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open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, until 9:00 p.m. Thursday and from noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 870-3000.

The Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., is currently exhibiting crafts and photography by leading Midwestern artists. The exhibit will run through April 15. Gallery hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays and from noon to 4:00 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 644-9200.

A colorful group of 37 American paintings from the late 19th and early 20th centuries will go on display beginning Saturday, December 9, at the Kramer Gallery, 229 E. 6th St. The exhibit includes an 1888 panoramic painting of St. Anthony Falls, a romanticized view of the Rocky Mountains, a shimmering sunset on the Mississippi River and a historic view of Fort Snelling circa 1887. The gallery is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays. The exhibit will remain on display through January 13.

"Twentieth Century Venus," an exhibit of sculpture and draw-

ings by Gaston Lachaise, will open on Sunday, December 10, in the Landmark Center Galleries of the Minnesota Museum of Art. The exhibit includes 39 bronze sculptures and 21 drawings by the Paris-born artist (1882-1935), who was educated in France but immigrated to the United States in 1906. The works range from standing or walking figures in elegant repose to figures that evoke rebellion, suffering, or the power and pain of birth and sexual energy. An opening reception will be held from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. on December 10 in the Landmark Center. A lecture by Gerald Nordland, a Lachaise specialist, will begin at 2:00 p.m. Admission to the reception is \$2.50. The exhibit will remain on view through January 28.

Photographers David Monson and Mark Steenerson will open an exhibit of recent works on Friday, December 15, at Film in the Cities Gallery, 2388 University Ave. A reception will be held that evening from 5:30 to 7:30. Steenerson's work has been influenced by the 1960s school of "social landscape" photography. Monson uses the refuse of industrial production to create large-scale, three-

dimensional objects that force the viewer to look through, over and around obstacles to see the photographic images behind them. The exhibit will remain on view through January 21. The gallery is open to the public free of charge from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 646-6104.

Film

Miracle on 34th Street, the story of a department-store Santa who claims to be the real Kris Kringle, will be shown at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 8, at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Edwin Gwenn, Maureen O'Hara and Natalie Wood star in this 1947 film. Admission is \$1.50, 50 cents for children 12 and under, and free to senior citizens.

Ingmar Bergman's film **Fanny and Alexander**, about a year in the lives of two Swedish children and their impressions of the eccentric characters in their lives, will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Friday, December 8,

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To Kill a Priest, a psychological thriller based on a true story and set in Poland during that country's moral and political crisis of the early 1980s, will open on Friday, December 8, at the University Film Society's Bell Auditorium, located at 17th and University avenues in Minneapolis. The film was shot by writer and director Agnieszka Holland four years after the death of Father Jerzy Popieluszko in 1984, on whose life it is based. It tells about the conflict between two men who believe in the moral purity of their principles and are willing to die for them: Father Alek, an idealistic priest and fervent supporter of the Polish Solidarity movement; and Stefan, a high-ranking secret policeman determined to crush Solidarity. The film will be shown at 7:15 nightly for a limited run, with additional shows at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 627-4430.

An animated episode featuring the kind and noble elephant Babar will be shown at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 16, at the Walker Art Center. Following the film, participants may join Babar and some of his friends from the Children's Theatre production, *The Story of Babar the Little Elephant*, for refreshments in the Walker lobby. Admission is free, but reservations are required by calling 375-7622.

"Welcome to Toontown," a series of classic animated cartoons made during the golden age of Hollywood, will be shown at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. December 16, 17 and 23 at the Jerome Hill Theater, located in the First Trust Center at 5th and Jackson street. The features will include "Popeye Meets Sinbad," "The Screwy Truant," "Yankee Doodle Mouse," "The Billion Dollar Limited" and "Horton Hatches an Egg." Admission is \$3.00.

Theater

Moscow's Central Children's Theatre will present the U.S. premiere of *A Dream to Be Continued* Wednesday through Sunday, December 6-10, at the World Theater, 10 E. Exchange St. The dramatic dance, which has been part of the Soviet troupe's repertoire for eight years, is partly based on the familiar *Nutcracker* story. It will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The production is part of a two-year exchange with the Children's Theatre of Minneapolis. Last March, CTC Artistic Director Jon Cranney directed some of the actors who appear in *Dream* in the Soviet premiere of *Tom Sawyer*. Tickets, priced from \$16 to \$6.00, can be reserved by calling 874-0400.

Annie Get Your Gun, Irving Berlin's classic Broadway musical, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday, December 7 and 9, by the youth theater company of the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. A group of 35 teen-agers make up the cast and crew for the production, which is being directed by Bonnie Plummer. The play includes such popular songs as "There's No Business Like Show Business," "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better," and "They Say It's Wonderful." Additional performances will be given at 10:00 a.m. Friday, De-



Tatiana Ushmaikina portrays Lyuba in the Central Children's Theatre of Moscow's production of *A Dream to Be Continued*. The musical drama is based on the retelling of the familiar *Nutcracker* story. It will be presented December 6-10 at the World Theater. For details see listing.

cember 8, and at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, December 10. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens and students under 12.

Expectations, a heart-warming holiday play by Dean Corrin, will open on Friday, December 8, at Actors Theatre, 28 W. 7th Place. The charming Midwestern comedy tells the story of the Schroeders, who reunite for Christmas following the recent death of the family matriarch. Yuletide traditions take on new meanings as the children try to assert themselves, the "significant others" just try to fit in, and the turkey... well, there's always the left-over chili in the freezer. Performances will be at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday through December 30, with Saturday matinees at 4:00 p.m. beginning December 16. Tickets at \$13 and \$16 (\$11 and \$14 for the matinees) are available by calling 227-0050 after noon.

Amahl and the Night Visitors and **Peter and the Wolf** will be performed at 8:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday, December 8 to 10, with a 3:00 p.m. matinee on December 10, in O'Shaughnessy Auditorium at the College of St. Catherine. *Amahl* is the story of a small boy and his mother who are visited by three kings. The play features performances by Janis Hardy as the mother and Tom Tipton as King Balthazar, with music by the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies. The story of *Peter and the Wolf* will be narrated by celebrity readers. Tickets, priced at \$10 and \$12 (\$5.00 and \$8.00 for children), are available by calling 690-6700.

Life on Summit Avenue around the turn of the century will be re-created again this holiday season by the Great North American History Theatre. For the eighth year, the St. Paul troupe will present *A Servant's Christmas*, opening at 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 15, in the Crawford Livingston Theater, 30 E. 10th St. The light-hearted play dramatizes a society long since vanished, a time when butlers, cooks and second girls staffed the mansions of the wealthy. A newly hired servant girl named Monica dreams of a college education while she scrubs the floors in the Warner home, a staid, Protestant household dominated by a strict German cook and two mischievous children. Monica attempts to hide her Jewish heritage from the family, but her secret gets out. The result is an ecumenical holiday celebration that warms the hearts of the Warner household. The play will be presented nine times, with preview performances at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 13, and 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 14, and 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 15. Additional shows are scheduled

for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, December 20 and 21, 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 23, and 1:00 p.m. Sunday, December 24. Tickets, priced at \$10, \$12 on Fridays and Saturdays (with discounts for students, senior citizens and groups), are available by calling 292-4323.

A Christmas Cup of Tea, a story written and performed by Tom Hegg, will be presented at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, December 17, at Bethel Temple, 1466 Portland Ave. The Christmas tale, a powerful and emotional story, is based on the recollections of Hegg's grandparents and great aunt. Admission is free and open to the public.

Et cetera

Jane Smiley will read from her new work, *Ordinary Love & Good Will—Two Novellas*, at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, December 7, at the Hungry Mind bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave. Smiley's previous novella, *The Age of Grief*, was nominated for a national book critics award. She is a teacher of creative writing and world literature at Iowa State University.

Paul Schurke will discuss and sign his new book, *Bering Bridge*, at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 9, at the Hungry Mind bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave.

Poetry, theater and jazz, blues and gospel music will all be part of a performance by Louis Alemayehu, the improvisational ensemble Ancestor Energy, and special guest Rebecca Rice beginning at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16, at the Intermedia Arts Gallery, 413 N. 1st Ave., Minneapolis. Admission is \$6.00.

"The Nutcracker on Ice," an adaptation of the Christmas fantasy performed on figure skates, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 15, at the St. Paul Civic Center. The production features Canadian national champion Tracey Wainman and Olympic bronze medalist Jozef Sabovcik along with dazzling special effects and the music of Tchaikovsky. Tickets, priced at \$12.50 and \$15, are available at the Civic Center, Dayton's, Ticketmaster and by calling 989-5151.

Tomie de Paola, the author and illustrator of many popular children's books, will be signing copies of his latest book, *Tony's Bread*, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 17, at the Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave. The event is free and open to the public.

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Sports

High school coaches size up their prospects in basketball

by Tom Cody

The weather report for the coming months is in, and, as most Minnesotans are probably aware, the outlook is bleak. An extremely cold winter has been forecast, with the only consolation being the promise of an above-average snowfall.

Cabin fever could be rampant come mid-January if people don't get out from behind their television sets and circulate.

Sure, you could always brave the fierce northwesterlies and ski, skate and sled your way through December, January and February, but there are more sensible ways for sports fans to survive a Minnesota winter without going stir crazy. Watching high school basketball is one.

A new season is just getting under way for the boys' and girls' teams at eight local high schools. And the competition should be stiff this year in their respective conferences, as evidenced by the *Villager's* annual preseason coaches poll.

We asked the coaches of teams from Highland Park, Central, Henry Sibley, Cretin-Derham Hall, St. Thomas Academy, Visitation, Minnehaha Academy, St. Paul Academy and Roosevelt high schools just how the cards stack up for them this year. They were asked to name the best players on their team and to describe their squads' strengths and weaknesses. They were also asked to consider which of their players, or which position, would be critical to their success this season. Their answers to these questions follow:

Boys' basketball

Highland Park

League: St. Paul City

Last year's record: 8-14

Coach: Charles Portis

Key players and their strengths:

•Vernon Edwards, senior guard. A good outside shooter who can penetrate a defense.

•Jon Berhanie. The junior guard plays the point with poise.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

Edwards will be an effective player, but he's about it. Portis has a decent crop of sophomores, but the Scots are awfully small. Scoring, rebounding and the inside game are all big question marks.

Impact player or critical position:

"We need a surprise, like (6-foot-2 senior post player) Roy Allen," Portis said. "Either him or maybe one of the sophomores coming along faster than we hoped."

Outlook for season:

"Central might say, 'No,' to Cretin-Derham Hall, but they're the only ones who can," said Portis. "Como might surprise people. They've got good senior talent." Portis ought to know. He coached at Como two years ago.

Central

League: St. Paul City

Last year's record: 23-4, city, Twin Cities, and Region 3AA champs

Coach: Dan Brink

Key players and their strengths:

•Jason Myles, senior center. A 6-foot-2 musclemen under the boards.

•Jerome Paul, senior forward. Another physical player who can shoot.

•Stephen Kennedy, senior guard. A lefty who quarterbacks the offense and defense.

•Preston Cunningham, senior forward. A defensive specialist who can squelch an opposing team's rally.

•Corky Carter, senior guard. The team's best three-point shooter.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

Only two of Central's top eight players are back from last year's championship squad. Brink cited a lack of height, lack of experience, and a lack of shooting ability (besides Carter) as team weaknesses. As for team strengths, "We will be good defensively, in half court and full court," Brink said.

Impact player or critical position:

"Our key player hasn't shown up at practice yet," Brink groaned. "He's a guy who has to duck under the door frame on his way into the gym."

Outlook for season:

"Cretin's the best team," Brink said. "Sticha is their key guy. I see us fighting with them for the city title."

St. Thomas Academy

League: St. Paul Suburban

Last year's record: 18-6

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PHOTOS BY MIKE LONG

Airborne Cretin-Derham Hall forward Sean Devine reaches upward for a one-handed dunk during a recent practice.

Prep hockey coaches foresee uphill struggle for any title

by Tom Cody

The long season is just getting under way for seven local high school hockey squads, but their coaches already have some indication of how their players will fare this winter. Teams from Roosevelt, Henry Sibley and Cretin-Derham Hall, Minnehaha, St. Thomas and St. Paul academies, and a combined Central-Highland Park high school squad had been practicing for several weeks already when the *Villager* conducted its annual preseason coaches poll.

We asked the seven coaches just how they expected their teams to perform this season, which of their players were the keys to their success, what were their team's strengths and weaknesses, and which player or position was especially critical to their winning this year.

None of the coaches is predicting a conference title for his team this year, but most of them are entering the season with hopes of improving on last year's record. Sibley has a talented team but a brand new goalie, and the Warriors, along with the Cadets of St. Thomas face a tough schedule in the St. Paul Suburban Conference. The hockey team from Cretin-Derham Hall also looks good, but local coaches are picking Johnson High to win the City Conference crown. St. Paul Academy has some talent on its team but not much depth, and Roosevelt has experience—at every position but goalie, that is.



Central-Highland Park goalie Dave Dexter couldn't recover in time to stop teammate Greg Munson's shot in a recent practice.

But a lot can happen in a 20-game season. Here's how the coaches see it at the outset of their conference schedule:

Henry Sibley

League: St. Paul Suburban

Last year's record: 14-9

Coach: Terry Halver

Key players and their strengths:

•Mark Shaughnessy. The senior wing and defenseman is a top-notch skater and scorer.

•Derek Shepherd, senior defenseman. A blue-liner with a booming slap shot.

•Glen Johnson, senior wing. A speedster on ice, he's a nifty puck-handler, too.

•Steve Winge, junior center. A solid playmaker who can score goals.

•Tony DeNardo, senior goalie. He's quick and intelligent.

•Paul Schiltgen. The junior wing will give the Warriors size in the corners.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

Finesse will be the Warriors' forte—it will have to be; their not very big. "We'll look to skate and pass and control the game with puck handling," Halver said. His defensemen can all shoot the puck, but his goal scorers up front all graduated last June.

Impact player or critical position:

First-year goalie DeNardo will be an important cog in Sibley's wheel of fortune. "We'll be decent on the blue line, so the goalie's go-

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Basketball preview (cont'd from page 34)

Coach: Mike Manning

Key players and their strengths:

- Jim Leibel, senior. The 6-foot-7 center can score inside and out.
- Terry Flynn, senior guard. He knows the game and is a leader on offense.
- Ako Stafford, senior forward. At 6-foot-2, he's quick, a good rebounder and jumper.
- Dave Rowley, senior guard. He's quick and a good shot from three-point range.
- Brad Wilhelmy, senior forward. Good defender with a great sense for the ball.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

Leibel can do it all. The Cadets also have eight big, rugged football players in the lineup, but they reported late because of the grid playoffs. "Our guards are quick, but the big people aren't," said Manning, who in his first year as coach takes St. Thomas into a new conference.

Impact player or critical position:

Stafford. "If he can come on and dominate offensively, we'll be a good team," Manning said.

Outlook for season:

Manning likes Hastings, Woodbury and Tartan. "With a little luck, we might crack the top three," he said.

Cretin-Derham Hall

League: St. Paul City

Last year's record: 16-7

Coach: Len Horyza

Key players and their strengths:

- Sean Devine, senior forward. The All-City sharpshooter had a 14 ppg. average last year.
- Jim Sticha, senior guard. All-City, too, Sticha's a good ball-handler, can penetrate, and averaged 13 ppg. last year.
- Chris Lavoie, senior center. At 6-foot-8, he's a tall man under the boards with a soft touch at shooting.
- Josh Krieger, sophomore center. A 6-foot-8 bookend with Lavoie, Krieger has a good touch inside.
- Matt McDonagh, junior guard. A gunner from three-point range.
- John Tauer. The 6-foot-3 junior forward has a good shot with an excellent touch.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

Height, experience and an All-City scoring ability may give Horyza his best team in years. The Raiders will play a man-to-man defense, and that may require some practice, the coach said. The team also will be hard-pressed to replace All-Stater Jeff Rosga's 25 ppg. last year.

Impact player or critical position:

"Nobody can take up Rosga's slack all by himself," Horyza said. "Sticha and Devine will have to take over on offense."

Outlook for season:

Any title talk in this league centers around Central, Horyza said, "but we'll be right in there with them."

Minnehaha Academy

League: Tri-Metro

Last year's record: 15-6

Coach: Bill Carlson

Key players and their strengths:

- Jay Mahler, senior forward. He rebounds with power and is a good defender.
- Jason Franklin. The senior guard is quick, a good defender, and a scoring threat from outside.
- Ned Helmich, junior. The 6-foot-4 forward can shoot from the perimeter.
- Nate Mork, senior. A point guard back from last year's starting lineup.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

Defense and depth should keep 'Haha in most games. Carlson has 10 juniors and six seniors, including many players off last year's 18-1 B-squad. "But we're a bit timid offensively," Carlson said.

Impact player or critical position:

"We need to find a center," Carlson said. "We need a kid who can deal with the opponent's post player and get us a few rebounds."

Outlook for season:

St. Bernard's returns five starters, St. Agnes has Parnell Charles, and De La Salle is always tough. Carlson is hoping to break the top four.

St. Paul Academy

League: Tri-Valley

Last year's record: 19-2, league champion

Coach: Dave Thomforde

Key players and their strengths:

- Manuel Lagos, senior guard. A veteran, very physical player.

•Tony Sanneh. The senior forward is a talented offensive player.

•Travis Lee. The 5-foot-8 senior guard sets up the offense.

•Adam Benepe, junior forward. At 6-foot-4, he's a good rebounder, and works well with his back to hoop.

•Dan Satran, junior forward. He can drive and score.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

The Spartans' inside game is suspect, and rebounding may be a weakness. But their guard play is strong, and their man-to-man defense, fast-break game, and scoring abilities are all above average.

Impact player or critical position:

Tony Sanneh. "If he has a good year, if he can keep his head in the game all the time, we'll be tough," Thomforde said.

Outlook for season:

Mayer Lutheran has two 6-foot-8 players back, so they rate as favorites. "We'd like to lay in the weeds and catch somebody sleeping," said Thomforde.

Roosevelt

League: Minneapolis City

Last year's record: 11-12

Coach: Frank Hentges

Key players and their strengths:

- John Rose, senior forward. He's big, at 6-foot-6 and 220 pounds, and strong off the glass.
- Duane McInnis, senior guard. He can jump, and is an exciting player at both ends of the court.
- Wayne Charles, junior forward. He's 6-foot-6 and can jump and score.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

The Teddies are a big, strong, physical club that will use a full-court press. Shooting is only average, so "to be successful, we'll have to improve defensively," said Hentges, who coached Roosevelt's girls' team last year.

Impact player or critical position:

"We must find a point guard who can give leadership, defense and eight points a game," said Hentges. The candidates are senior Mario Tyson and junior Quincy McFarland.

Outlook for season:

North, Henry and South are all better teams on paper, but Hentges' squads always improve. Look for Roosevelt to be very competitive come playoff time.

Henry Sibley

League: St. Paul Suburban

Last year's record: 5-16

Coach: Joel Andrychowicz

Key players and their strengths:

- Eric Gustafson, senior forward. An all-conference scorer with a 12 ppg. average as a junior.
- Nate Jarpe. The senior forward can sink it from long range.
- Brian Thoenke, senior center. At 6-foot-3, he's a powerful rebounder.
- Nat Burow, senior guard. A threat from three-point range, he has shot 60 percent from the field.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

The four key players return from last year's squad after off-seasons of hard work. Size is Andrychowicz' biggest worry; his guards are as big as his post players. "We fear not being able to come up with the big rebounds late in the game," the coach said.

Impact player or critical position:

"If Gustafson is scoring big night after night, we'll be okay," Andrychowicz said. "Point guard is another critical position for us."

Outlook for season:

Sibley would be thrilled to crack the top four of its tough conference. Hastings returns everybody, Woodbury has picked up a couple of good transfers, Tartan is tough, and St. Thomas Academy, new to the league, may be, too.

Girls' basketball

Roosevelt

League: Minneapolis City

Last year's record: 20-4, city, Twin Cities champs

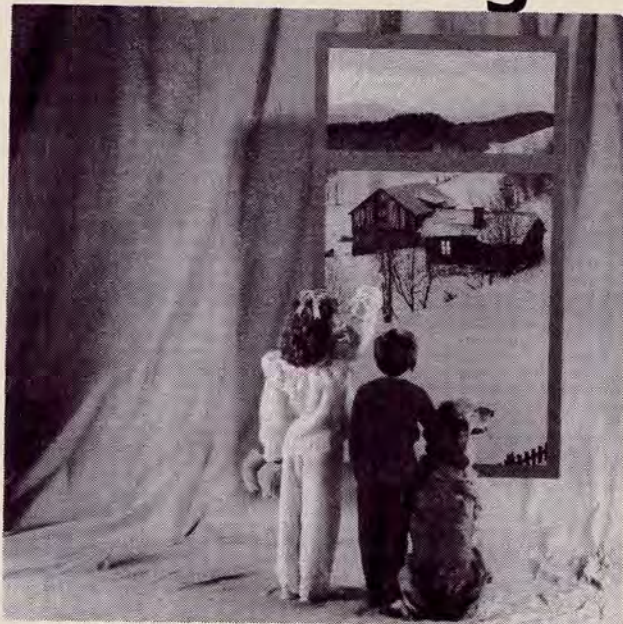
Coach: Bruce Kugath

Key players and their strengths:

- Cindy Hovet, senior guard. One of the best in the state, she does it all.
- Carita Goines, senior guard. She's quick,

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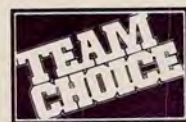
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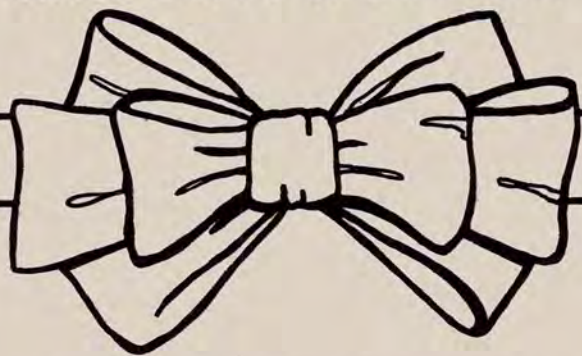
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ing to get some help," Halver said. "But DeNardo's still the key."

Outlook for season:

"It'd take a big upset to unseat South St. Paul," claimed the coach. Halver sees his squad finishing in the middle of the standings, but says the team will be much improved by playoff time.

Central-Highland

League: St. Paul City

Last year's record: 3-20

Coach: Jim Munkelwitz

Key players and their strengths:

- Greg Munson. The senior wing should provide some scoring punch.
- Jeff Robertson. The senior defenseman knows how to protect his end of the rink.
- Ben Cowan, sophomore center. This swift skater lays down a good pass.
- Aaron Rutzick. The junior wing is a worker and a team leader.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

Sean Gibbons, last year's scoring leader, is gone and will be tough to replace, Munkelwitz said. "But the work ethic has been good, and we've got 14 players back," he pointed out. "Still, we've got no stars."

Impact player or critical position:

Andy Cavallaro, senior goalie. "When he's on, he can keep us in some games," said the coach. "For us to have any success at all, he'll have to be good."

Outlook for season:

The conference race will be interesting, Munkelwitz said, with Johnson and Cretin-Derham Hall battling for first. Humboldt and Como aren't as strong as in past years, he added, and that gives his team some hope.

Cretin-Derham Hall

League: St. Paul City

Last year's record: 16-7-1

Coach: John Redpath

Key players and their strengths:

- Mike Vogel, senior wing. A strong, hard worker who can score goals.
- Pat McQuillan. The junior defenseman and wing is the team's best skater and knows how to win.
- Kevin Scanlon. The senior wing handles the puck well and will score.
- Chris Thienes, senior wing. A hard-nosed all-purpose player.
- Chris Weinke, senior wing. A rugged, all-around athlete.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

The goalie assignment is still up in the air. "We'll have to play good position defense to keep it out of our end," said Redpath, a first-year coach. "We'll be very disciplined, and I think we'll score a lot of goals."

Impact player or critical position:

Redpath is searching for good blue-liners. "We'll have to come up with a couple of defensemen if we're going to be very good," he said.

Outlook for season:

Redpath rates Johnson as the conference favorite and South St. Paul as the top seed in Section 4. "But we'll be right in the hunt," he said.

Roosevelt

League: Minneapolis City

Last year's record: 11-11

Coach: Tom Peart

Key players and their strengths:

- Chad Lynch, senior. A speedy wing with a knack for the net.
- Mike Cheeseman, senior wing. A strong defender who is tough in the corners.
- Nick Mulvey, senior. A tough, 6-foot-2, 215-pound defenseman.
- Chuck Mattern, senior defenseman. A team leader, he has an excellent shot from the point.
- Chris Rowland. The junior center is the fastest skater on the team.
- Nick Rea. The strong, senior wing is tough at both ends of the rink.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

Rookie coach Peart has 13 players back from last year's team. They'll score some goals and provide important leadership, but the team's new system on defense will take some time to learn, he said.

Impact player or critical position:

The Teddies lost goalie Dan Olson for a year. Multi-purpose athlete Brett Olsen will attempt to fill his skates, but he has been a wing for four seasons. "Brett's a soccer midfielder and a baseball shortstop," Peart said.

"and he gets better every day in the nets."

Outlook for season:

Edison is the heavy favorite in the Mill City, Peart said. Roosevelt may battle Southwest and Washburn for runner-up.

Minnehaha Academy

League: Tri-Metro

Last year's record: 3-20

Coach: Dave Palmquist

Key players and their strengths:

- Jim O'Neil. The senior defenseman is an adroit puck-handler with a booming shot.
- Eric Stine, senior defenseman. A solid, smart and physical player.
- Terry VanDerWalker. The junior center is a flashy playmaker.
- Eric Edlund. A junior wing, he's a clever puck-handler and can score.
- Bret Haller, junior wing. An asset both offensively and defensively.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

While Palmquist's defense should be formidable, his team's scoring ability and speed are suspect. Three of last year's top four defensemen are back, and two transfer students should fill the goalie position.

Impact player or critical position:

The first line of VanDerWalker, Edlund and Haller. "If these three juniors can keep pace with the other teams' first lines and match goals with them, we'll have a chance," Palmquist said.

Outlook for season:

Powerful Blake brings back 17 players from last year and rates as the favorite in the Tri-Metro Gold Division. Palmquist's crew would love to win 10 games.

St. Paul Academy

League: Independent

Last year's record: 9-12

Coach: Jim Steiner

Key players and their strengths:

- Dave Belde. The senior defenseman is big and strong, a Division I college prospect.
- Darren Strafelta, senior. The defenseman tallied 32 points last year.
- Christian Morris, junior center. In the last two seasons, he tallied 41 points.
- Jason Seaholm, senior wing. A solid forward and an asset on defense.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

The Spartans have seven or eight quality players, but not much else. The team is fast and has four players who can score from anywhere on the ice, but it is without a sure-fire goalie and hasn't any depth at forward.

Impact player or critical position:

Strafelta and Belde will have to stay on the ice 35 to 40 minutes a game for SPA to win much, according to Steiner. "These two will have to stay injury-free and score a lot of goals for us," he said.

Outlook for season:

Steiner rates South St. Paul as the favorite in Section 4, but suspects that Henry Sibley could be a sleeper by playoff time. The Spartans, he said, will be competitive.

St. Thomas Academy

League: St. Paul Suburban

Last year's record: 12-12

Coach: Pat Funk

Key players and their strengths:

- Mike Jambor. The senior wing is fast and works hard day after day.
- Matt Dudley, senior wing. He had 12 goals and nine assists as a junior.
- Ryan Murray, senior defenseman. An all-around player who's good with the puck.
- Brett Malinski. The junior center is a good playmaker and passer.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

The Cadet line-up includes 14 three-sport athletes. "We have a group of quality kids," Funk said. "And our defense should be very good." The team, however, will have to substitute hard work for proven scoring ability.

Impact player or critical position:

"We're very inexperienced in the nets," Funk said. Three juniors are battling for the position: Bob Carlson, Mike Corcoran and Charley Simmons. The coach figures his team will have to come up with a primary stopper by midseason.

Outlook for season:

South St. Paul, Hastings and Park head up a tough conference schedule for the Cadets. Their first year in the St. Paul Suburban will probably find them somewhere around the middle of the pack, Funk said.

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can score and is the best defender on the team.

- Kim Carpenter, senior center. She's 6 feet tall, is quick on her feet and can shoot.
- Jenny Hanson, senior forward. A good passer and all-around player.
- Katrina Wheeler, sophomore forward. A rugged player under the boards.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

Four starters are back from last year's championship team, and they bring confidence, experience and a spirit of unity to this year's squad. First-year coach Kugath inherits a good defensive team that can run and gun. Although he has no depth and his team's rebounding skills are suspect, the Teddies are among the state's top 10.

Impact player or critical position:

Cindy Hovet was one of the best guards at Minnesota Elite Camp last summer. "As she goes, we'll go," Kugath said.

Outlook for season:

Roosevelt should win the city title without much trouble, but they will face an awesome field in the regional playoffs, where strong clubs from Holy Angels, Fridley, and Osseo may be contending for the crown as well.

Highland Park

League: St. Paul City

Last year's record: 11-9

Coach: Betty Richardson

Key players and their strengths:

- Michele Levine, senior forward. A track star who can fly down the court.
- Miriam Mems, sophomore center. A 6-foot-1 post player with promise.
- Cookie Williams, senior guard. An intense performer who's always giving 150 percent.
- Latisha Eaddy, senior. A power forward who crashes the boards.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

The Scots lost all five starters from their '89 club. They're not a great shooting team, but one of the quickest Richardson has coached. Mems gives Highland Park some rebounding strength.

Impact player or critical position:

Williams. "If we can't get it up the floor, we won't be much of a team," Richardson said. "Point guard is always the key."

Outlook for season:

"Harding is head and shoulders above the rest of us this year," said the coach. This year's squad won't be one of Highland's best, but they'll be battling for a place among the city's top three.

Central

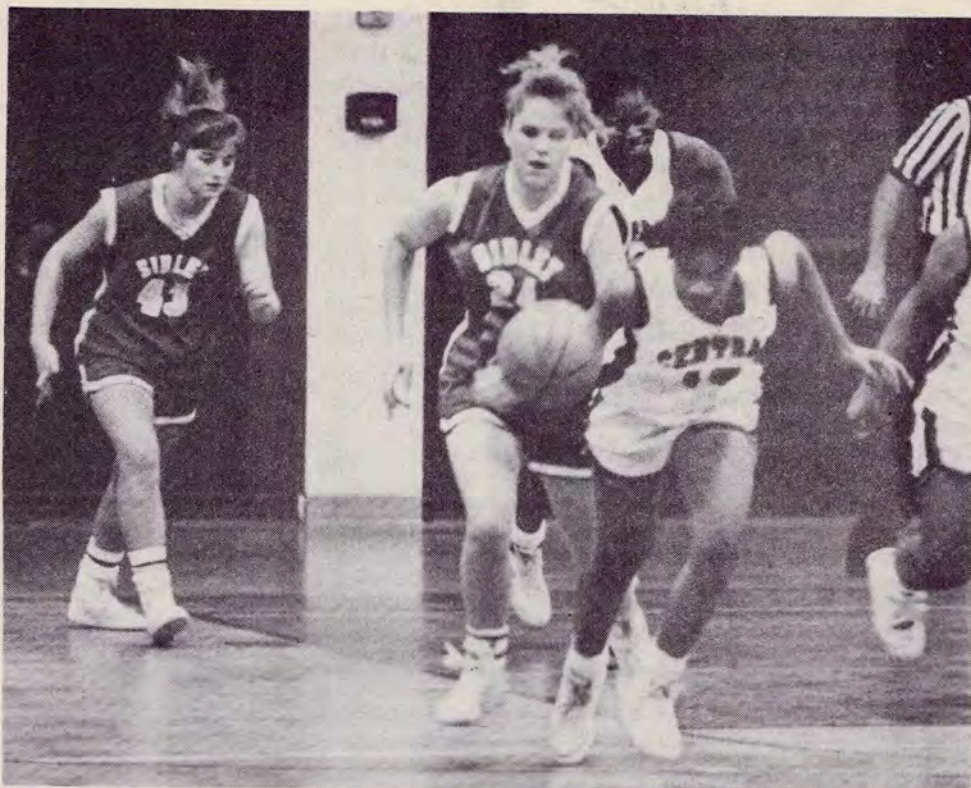
League: St. Paul City

Last year's record: 5-12

Coach: Carol Sellers

Key players and their strengths:

- Terri Erickson, senior guard. A good ball-handler who can shoot from outside.
- Vanessa Hughes, senior. The 5-foot-7 forward can jump high and is a good rebounder.



Central's Marqua Harris leads a breakaway during a non-conference girls' basketball game against Henry Sibley on November 28. The Warriors won the contest, 58-31.

•Alfredmy Chessor. The senior forward shoots with accuracy, especially underneath.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

Sellers, a first-year coach, will have a team with loads of experience. Passing and defense should be good, but the team lacks height. Central's tallest player is 5-foot-8.

Impact player or critical position:

"It's impossible to tell," said Sellers. "We're so balanced, so used to working together, that everybody's about the same."

Outlook for season:

Central finished seventh in the city in '88, fifth in '89. Sellers hopes to crack the top four this year. Harding is her pick to win it.

Minnehaha Academy

League: Tri-Metro

Last year's record: 12-11

Coach: Aldo Sicoli

Key players and their strengths:

- Julie Olson, senior forward. A good, all-around player, she rebounds, shoots and defends with skill.
- Allison Doran, senior center. A strong player under the boards.
- Jen Greener, junior guard. She shoots with accuracy from outside.
- Rochelle Nelson, junior forward. Another deft shooter and rebounder.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

'Haha has a small team and is lacking in ball-handling skills. Defense, however, should be a plus, along with an aggressive-

ness under the basket. "We'll full-court press a great deal," said Sicoli.

Impact player or critical position:

Point guard Steph Harves is hurt and out for the year, making this position a key to 'Haha's season. Two juniors are battling for the post position.

Outlook for season:

St. Bernard's, with All-Stater Karen Valentino, is the team to beat in the Tri-Metro. Minnehaha lost quite a bit of talent off last year's .500 team, so this may not be a winning season for rookie coach Sicoli.

St. Paul Academy

League: Tri-Valley

Last year's record: 9-11

Coach: Steve Payne

Key players and their strengths:

- Jennifer Young, junior. The 5-foot-10 forward is an aggressive rebounder.
- Kitty Higgenbottom, senior center. She's quick, and measures up well under the hoop.
- Maria Adams, junior guard. She plays the game base line to base line, and can penetrate a defense.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

Young and Higgenbottom have some height, but they're the only ones. Inexperience is another weakness for SPA, but its defense should be good.

Impact player or critical position:

"Our two big girls are definitely our key," said Payne. "If they don't come through inside, we're in trouble."

Outlook for season:

Mayer Lutheran returns a big scorer, and St. Croix Lutheran has two good post players. SPA may be contending for a spot in the middle of the pack.

Visitation

League: Tri-Valley

Last year's record: 9-11

Coach: Charles Hallman

Key players and their strengths:

- Lisa Mulrooney, junior. The 5-foot-8 forward is a scrappy rebounder and a good shot.
- Fran Baillon, junior guard. She excels on defense.
- Ann McNearney, junior forward. She's Vis' best outside shooter.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

Vis' defense was third in the league last year, and that aspect will probably be the team's chief strength this year. But all five starters in '88-89 have graduated. Hallman asks, "Can those who didn't score much last year . . . score for us this year? That's the question."

Impact player or critical position:

Lisa Mulrooney will be asked to fill the shoes of her big sister, Kristin, who graduated last June. "We're resting a lot of hopes on Lisa," Hallman said.

Outlook for season:

Hallman likes Mayer Lutheran and Brady. "Concordia won't be bad, either," he said. He hopes to see his squad battling somewhere in the middle of the standings.

Henry Sibley

League: St. Paul Suburban

Last year's record: 8-13

Coach: George Fahey

Key players and their strengths:

- Kelly Lindell, junior forward. An aggressive player who handles the ball well.
- Kristy Lindell, junior guard. She plays the point with poise and shoots with accuracy.
- Leslie Barrett, junior forward. She's quick, can jump high, and rebound.
- Lakisha McGaney. The junior center plays well under the basket.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

The Warriors are quick and can run the fast break, but they will have trouble inside. First-year coach Fahey described his team as being too young and too small for greatness. "We might have a little trouble against the press," he added.

Impact player or critical position:

Kristy Lindell at the point. "She'll be the key guard against pressure teams," Fahey said. "She must keep her composure when the heat is on."

Outlook for season:

Everybody is back from Woodbury's conference and regional championship team last year. Fahey's looking for a .500 season from his team.

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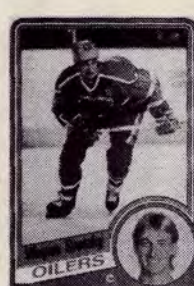
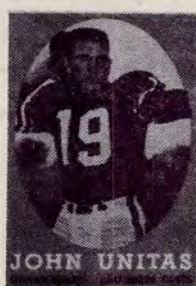
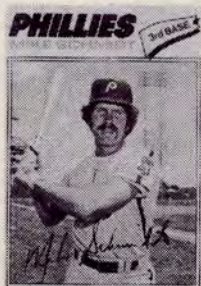
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Girls' basketball

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Cretin-Derham Hall

League: St. Paul City

Last year's record: 20-4, city champs

Coach: Tom Cody

Key players and their strengths:

•Amy Bellus, senior forward. A 5-foot-8 battler under the boards, she's also the team's best shooter.

•Connie Barbato, senior forward. A tenacious rebounder and defender.

•Sue Schommer, senior guard. She can fly on a fast break and penetrates opposing defenses well.

•Krista O'Malley, senior guard. An outstanding passer and scrappy defender.

•Jenny Haigh, junior guard. The lone starter back from last year's team, she plays a smooth point guard.

•Jenny Woods, junior forward. A creative force on offense, she can hit with a jumper.

Team strengths and weaknesses:

A lack of size and scoring ability will hurt the Raiders, but they have the strongest bench around. Speed and defense are two of their strengths. The team will play a quick game of pressing on defense and running the fast break on offense.

Impact player or critical position:

The post position is critical. No starter will be over 5-foot-8 unless Cody dips into a tall and talented freshman class. "You can't run the break if you don't rebound the ball," the coach said.

Outlook for season:

Harding has an outstanding club, led by All-Stater Shannon Loeblein. The Knights should coast through the conference schedule. Look for Cretin-Derham Hall to make things interesting at times. "We play every minute like it's the last minute," Cody said. "We'll be fun to watch."

Crosby offers free winter fun

Attracting birds and understanding nature are two of the activities being offered during December at the Crosby Park Nature Center.

Children's programs, to be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, include making a holiday dinner for birds, December 12; and learning how the seasons change, December 19.

Adult programs, scheduled from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays, include how to play safely in the snow, December 7; making bird feeders, December 14; and the changing season, December 21.

Families can take a winter bird walk from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 10; hear bird myths and stories from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 12; learn the mechanics of the seasons from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 17; and discover why fir trees are green and the significance of mistletoe from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19.

All of the programs are free and will begin at the interpretive center just inside the park, located on Shepard and Gannon roads. For more information, call Deborah Freberg at 292-6548.

Visitation swim coach is honored

Convent of the Visitation swimming coach Sue Brings was named the Section 3 coach of the year following the state swim meet on November 17-18 at Hamline University.

Under Brings command, the Visitation swimming and diving team finished sixth out of 19 schools this year in the sectionals, with four team members qualifying for the state meet.

Senior Cindy Makens received all-state honors after finishing fourth at state in the 200-meter freestyle and sixth in the 100-meter butterfly. Seventh-grader Mairin Brzica, who was the section champion in the 100-meter breaststroke, took second at the state meet. Eighth-grader Missy Makens was 13th in the 100-meter breaststroke, and junior Amy Bohaty qualified for the finals in diving. Bob Anderson is the diving coach for the Blazers.

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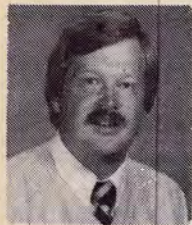
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Cody's Corner

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BAFFLED BY BOWL BIDS

The NCAA's way of picking a national college football champion with a haphazard system of holiday bowls has always struck me as ludicrous, but this year's arrangement seems particularly misguided. Instead of clearly determining a national champion by nightfall on New Year's Day, this year's postseason bowl games will probably do more to confuse the issue.

It all started with the bowl bids, which were extended the week before the important Miami-Notre Dame game. Orange Bowl officials were counting on a Notre Dame-Colorado clash for the national title, but Miami's 27-10 upset of the Irish ruined their plans to stage a battle of the unbeaten. The Orange Bowl could just as easily have pitted hometown Miami against Colorado, but no, the officials couldn't wait and relied on their faulty crystal ball instead. Sending out bowl invitations weeks before the season is over makes about as much sense as picking the Super Bowl teams before the playoffs.

Let's get this straight. Michigan (10-1) can capture the NCAA crown, but only if it wins the Rose Bowl. Alabama (still undefeated) can also win it, but only with a Sugar Bowl victory.

It's ironic. Major universities all over the country are cheating and conniving to attract players . . . and for what? There's not even a true national championship at stake; there's nothing even worth cheating for. Money, that's the only reason there is no Division I football tournament. The bowls pay off big with their lucrative television contracts. A tourney would satisfy silly sports fans but it wouldn't produce the same revenue.

Don't hold your breath waiting for a real college football champion out of all this mess. Just tune in to all seven bowl games on New Year's Day. Then you try to figure it out.

ONE BRIGHT SPOT

Mercifully, John Gutekunst's Gophers were spared the indignity of an invitation to a college bowl. Their 43-7 final game drubbing of archrival Iowa can stand on its own merits. This was a gutsy, overmatched team that survived incredible media-bashing, untimely injuries and a series of assorted misfortunes. They managed a 6-5 season, good enough for Gutey to keep his job, but let's be real. This was not a bowl team.

An extra month of practice just to take a luxurious trip to, say, the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, Louisiana? Quite a recruiting ploy, huh? Let Gopher running back Darrell Thompson play in a couple all-star games; he's more than deserving of postseason play. The rest of the U of M gridders should be at home studying for finals and kissing co-eds under the mistletoe.

BASEBALL'S BEST?

This year's choice for the American League's most valuable player was one of the worst ever. Robin Yount seems to be a wonderful young man, an admirable fielder and a highly coveted offensive commodity. But the league's MVP? I don't think so.

Long have I questioned the very definition of this award. The Cy Young Award is given to pitchers on individual merit alone, while the MVP requirements are far more mysterious and ill-defined. If Yount was so valuable, then why did the Brewers fail so miserably down the stretch?

If the award was meant for the best team's most valuable player, then certainly it shouldn't have gone to Yount. By this definition, almost any member of the powerful Oakland

A's should have received the trophy. Or how about Cal Ripken's contributions to the overhauled Orioles? Or George Bell's 104-RBI season for the AL East champion Blue Jays?

If the award is supposed to be given for the best performance, regardless of team finish, then Yount would fail again. His numbers (a .318 batting average, 101 runs, 21 home runs and 103 RBI) don't stack up against Texas phenom Ruben Sierra's stats (.306, 101 runs, 29 home runs and 119 RBI).

Kevin Mitchell only played half a season, but he was still named the National League's MVP. His teammate, Will Clark, was clearly the Giants' inspirational leader, clutch hitter and MVP, but was passed by in the balloting. Who's voting for these things? Let's rename the award "Player of the Year" and establish some criteria for the honor.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL, SOUTHERN STYLE

Cretin-Derham Hall's star quarterback, Chris Weinke, is among the most coveted high school recruits in the nation. The drop-back passer just returned from his first official campus visit to the University of Alabama. Weinke also plans to visit the University of Illinois and Florida State this month, but they'll have to be pretty impressive to top the Alabama weekend. The Crimson Tide served Weinke a generous helping of homegrown Southern hospitality . . . and then some.

"They met me at the (Birmingham) airport with one of the 'Bama Belles," said Weinke. "She's one of 52 cheerleaders. She drove me to the campus (at Tuscaloosa) and took me to football practice. They stopped practice and introduced me to the whole team. Then I had dinner with the president of the university."

"Then I went out to the baseball facility," he continued. "There was a baseball uniform laid out in a locker with my name and number (20) on it. They had my name on towels, batting gloves and a hat. Then they took me to the Alabama Hall of Fame. There was my football jersey (No. 12) in the trophy case, next to (former Alabama quarterbacks) Joe Namath's and Ken Stabler's. They had made a tape of me quarterbacking the team in the '94 Sugar Bowl. The announcer had us winning the national championship, and me winning the Heisman Trophy."

"I watched the team beat Southern Mississippi," Weinke said. "They introduced me to the crowd at halftime. Coach (Bill) Curry took me to a postgame party at his house and talked to me for an hour alone in his basement, giving me his pitch. It was fun at first but by the end of the weekend it got a little out of hand."

"I kept a list of all the things that I liked about the campus. It's going to be very confusing if everybody rolls out the red carpet like this. I mean, how do you choose?"

MISCELLANEOUS PILE

Kirby Puckett's \$9 million, three-year salary settlement went nearly unnoticed in the local media. It's as if this sort of thing happens every day. At the time, it was just your average highest-paid-player-in-the-history-of-the-game contract. Good for you Puck . . . if anybody's worth it, you are.

It must have been freezing in hell last month as the North Stars took the total points lead in the National Hockey League. Pierre Page's magic has turned a pack of mongrels into actual contenders and veritable monsters on home ice. They'll have their tough times this winter, but it's great to have them back in town.

A lot of comparisons have been made on how the Timberwolves stack up against other new basketball franchises in the NBA. But it really doesn't matter right now, since it's the big picture, the long-range plans that count. All the Wolves' owners need to do is field an exciting team until it becomes competitive. The fans will still eat it up. Nothing else matters at the moment.

The Vikings? These guys are tougher to figure out than the *New York Times* crossword puzzle. There are at least six Pro Bowlers on the Purple Crew's roster, but they still find ways to lose football games. Maybe the team should compete in professional bowling next year. Something's not working. Even if the Vikes make the playoffs, some changes have to be made. Since it's tough to clean house on offense or defense, it's time to say adios to Burnsie.

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Volunteers sought at United Hospital

United Hospital is currently in need of adult volunteers to support families of critically ill patients or to become part of its transport pool.

Friends of the Family, a new program at United, is in need of volunteers who are available during the early evenings or on weekends. The program provides support for family members who are lonely, frightened or in need of a friend to help them through a difficult time. Training will be provided.

The transport pool needs physically active adults to move patients and materials throughout the hospital campus. Positions are available during daytime hours seven days a week. Volunteers receive free uniforms, parking and meal vouchers.

For more information, call United's Volunteer Services office at 220-8644.

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Edina Realty Presents



This has cash flow! Up/down 2-plus bedroom duplex in heart of tri-college area. No qualifying, 9% FHA mortgage to assume! Nice new flooring, carpeting, natural wood and built-in buffet. Great rents! Separate utilities. Debbie Sherman (690-8404).



First-time buyers. 3-bedroom home with 2nd-floor den or nursery, 2-car garage, fenced backyard, updated kitchen, new furnace, electric and plumbing. Well kept home in nice Merriam Park neighborhood. S. Buelow (690-8471). \$56,000.



Summit Ave. twinhome. This great stucco twinhome is perfect for professionals, young families, retirees. 4 bedrooms, fireplace, formal dining, newer kitchen and bath, huge yard for gardens and skating rink. Roger Claesgens (690-8411).



A terrific buy for the 1st-time home buyer or investor. Move right in and enjoy. Maintenance-free exterior, new gas forced air heat, updated electrical, reinsulated and freshly painted. Call Blanche (690-8448).



2-bedroom expansion. This nice stucco home could be nicer. Fireplace in living room, terrific 3-season porch, exciting expansion potential, 2-car garage. Bring your paint brush and build equity! 2140 Juno Ave. John Strickland (690-8414). \$86,900.



Fabulous starter home on Highland Parkway. Low interest and only \$51,000 make this really affordable. Newer foundation, electrical, plumbing and furnace. 1 bedroom plus den. 2-car garage. Jim and Sue Lindsay (698-2434).

Edina Realty again joins Santa Anonymous program

More than 150,000 new gifts and nearly \$200,000 will be collected and distributed to 50,000 needy families in the Twin Cities area this Christmas. The program that will make it all possible is Santa Anonymous, and Edina Realty is proud once again to be playing a major role in that holiday drive.

Edina Realty's two local offices are now serving as drop-off spots where area residents can bring new gifts or tax-deductible cash donations. The *Star-Tribune*, co-sponsors of the program, along with the St. Paul and Minneapolis associations of Realtors, will pick up and distribute the gifts to local United Way agencies, which will then offer parents the opportunity

to select those gifts that they would like to give their children at Christmas time. Every penny of the cash donations goes toward the purchase of toys to be similarly distributed.

From now through December 16, Edina Realty's Grand Avenue and Highland Park offices will be accepting your contributions to the Santa Anonymous program. Toys must be new, unwrapped, and geared to children ages infant to 14. Checks should be made out to Santa Anonymous Fund.

Please join us in this effort to make the holiday season a little merrier for a lot of local residents. For all of them, and from all of us, thank you.

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Fabulous features. This stunning 3-bedroom Highland colonial invites comparison! Family-sized kitchen, 3 fireplaces, main-floor family room and 1/2 bath, 1 1/2 lots. New roof, rec room. \$182,000. Call Mary Belisle or Andrea Burmeister (698-2434).



Side-by-side duplex. Two separate units—one 3-bedroom and one 4-bedroom, each with two baths, fireplace, attached garage and private deck. Lovely winter porch common to both units. Mary Gallivan (690-8415).



Best 5-bedroom buy in Mendota Heights! Neat as a pin and ready to move in. 2 baths, one on each floor. Large living/dining room with kitchen. 2-car garage, fenced yard. Becky Mickelberg (690-8417). \$104,900.



Highland twin-home. Great split-level twin-home in south Highland. 2 bedrooms plus lower unfinished family room and 2nd bath. Double tuck-under garage. Just enough yard for winter bird watching. Roger Claesgens (690-8411). Just call Roger!



Red brick colonial. This classic 4-bedroom brick home near river in King's Maplewood has huge family room, 3-season stone-floored porch, 3 baths, fireplace and very private yard. Roger Claesgens (690-8411). Just call Roger!



Yule love the inside! Parkway ranch with 3-plus bedrooms, grand living room, formal dining, extra-large kitchen, new decor, new carpeting, master bath, gorgeous brick fireplace and family room. Kids can walk to school! Debbie Sherman (690-8404).



Custom JA home. In Copperfield, located south of Delaware in a development with ponds and walking paths. Stop over on Sunday afternoons. We are always there at 2314 Copperfield. Jane Salen (224-4321).



Rambler townhomes! Ready-to-go models going up. Prices from \$150's to \$190's. Custom JA homes—a leading builder in Mendota Heights. Contact Jane Salen (224-4321).



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Fabulous colonial. Stunning duplex with fireplaces, natural woodwork, oak floors. Finished lower level with bath, perfect for student. Owner's unit has 4 bedrooms, charming kitchen nook and cabinets, double garage. Assume VA mortgage or CD terms. Bobbie Benno (690-8408).



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A jewel of a home. A rare find! Beautiful woodwork, beamed ceilings, fireplace, built-in buffet, 3 bedrooms, two 3-season porches, lovely new bath, move-in condition. \$75,000. Mary Gallivan (690-8415) or Mary Farrell (690-8403).