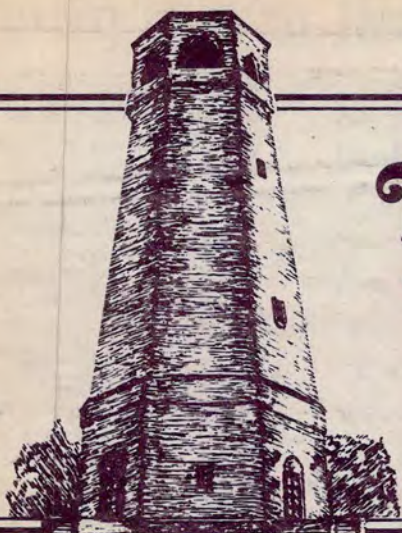




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Midwest Federal given okay to foreclose on troubled Village Mall

by T. D. Mischke

The status of the new Village Mall in Highland remained in limbo last week as developers of the 100,000-square-foot office and retail building failed to respond to a lawsuit filed March 10 by Midwest Federal Mortgage Company.

Construction at the site appears to have stopped even though the building is far from finished. Meanwhile, Ramsey County District Court officials have said that Midwest can move ahead with its foreclosure on the property since the developers, Milton Cohen and Joseph Weis, missed the 20-day, court-imposed deadline for responding to the suit.

Midwest claimed the developers had failed to make any payments on their \$8.5 million loan since last Sep-

tember. Neither Weis nor Cohen could be reached for comment, and officials at Midwest failed to return telephone calls.

Business people who have signed leases with Weis and Cohen say they are uncertain whether they'll be moving into the Village Mall at all. The four-level development was originally scheduled to open last fall, but the opening date has since been moved back several times. Work was recently completed on an adjacent 272-car parking ramp, but the interior of the mall has not progressed beyond bare concrete and sheetrock.

Mike Napoli, who has been arranging the Barbers Hairstyling's move into the Village Mall, said he is "a bit confused" by the whole af-

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The long-awaited project to replace the Lake Street-Marshall Avenue Bridge finally began last week with the clear-

ing of land on the Minneapolis side of the river and the placement of a crane to begin work on new foundations.

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Work begins on bigger, better Lake St. Bridge

Work finally began last week on building a replacement for the 101-year-old Lake Street-Marshall Avenue Bridge.

The C. S. McCrossen Construction Company went to work Monday, April 17, moving in construction equipment and clearing trees and shrubs from both flanks of the Minneapolis side of the bridge. By Friday, a huge, barge-borne crane was positioned in the middle of the river just upstream of the bridge, ready to begin work on foundations for the new bridge.

The project became possible last fall when the Federal Highway Administration promised to provide \$9.1 million toward the \$15.7 million bridge. Federal funding had been denied at the last minute in 1987, delaying the start of construction for a full year.

The new bridge, a four-lane span that will be more than twice as wide as the present bridge, is expected to be completed by the fall of 1991. The plan is to continue using the old bridge until August 1990, when two lanes of the new bridge are expected

to be completed. Those lanes would then carry all of the traffic, allowing demolition of the old bridge to begin.

Bob Hilgers, project manager for the Minnesota Department of Transportation, said the new bridge will be 1,483 feet long, or 200 feet longer than the old bridge. The extension will be added to the Minneapolis side of the river, where the banks will be excavated so that West River Road passes under the bridge, as Mississippi River Boulevard does on the St. Paul side.

The new bridge will be 83

feet wide, with four 12-foot traffic lanes, two 6-foot bike lanes and two 8-foot sidewalks. Plans also call for construction of "mini-plazas" on both ends of the bridge. The plazas will feature benches, decorative stone facing and Victorian carriage lamps.

The old bridge, which is the second-largest 19th-century metal-arch bridge in the country, suffered so much deterioration that a five-ton weight restriction was imposed in August 1987, and all buses and trucks were ban-

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KidsPark strives to withstand wave of new state rules

by Dale Mischke

State regulations are threatening to shut down a Macalester-Groveland self-help program that is just six months old but already hailed by public officials as a model for neighborhood initiative.

KidsPark, a part-time drop-in child-care program run by the families who use it, opened last October in the old warming house at Groveland Playground. A partnership between the city of St. Paul and the District 14 Community Council, KidsPark was granted a license to operate for a year as a parent cooperative.

Last February, the District 14 council received the city's Human Service Project of the Year award for KidsPark. The child-care center has also been nominated for a national honor, which will be awarded next month at the National Conference on Neighborhood

Concerns in Seattle to an outstanding neighborhood self-help project.

The awards, however, don't tell the story of how difficult it was for parents to establish a program as innovative as KidsPark. Nor will the awards guarantee that KidsPark will be around six months from now.

Since KidsPark opened, the rules for operating a child-care center in Minnesota have changed. The state Department of Human Services has done away with its designation for parent cooperatives, so District 14 volunteers may have a host of new hurdles to leap before KidsPark's license comes up for renewal this October.

Then, too, there is the state building code that requires new programs—even if they are located in an old city building—to be made accessible to the handicapped—new construction that could cost KidsPark more than \$26,000.

The new state licensing regulations involve strict qualifications for head teachers; the separation of children into sections for toddlers, pre-schoolers and school-age kids with a qualified head teacher for each group; and educational plans and progress reports for each child, dealing with his or her intellectual, physical, social and emotional development.

KidsPark's head teacher, Sue Wilson, who has a master's degree in recreational therapy, eight years of experience as a licensed in-home day-care provider, and a year of experience at KidsPark, is qualified according to the state. But under the new regulations, KidsPark would need to have not one but three head teachers so qualified—one for each age group.

"The state is trying to legislate quality child care, but it isn't necessary to have the same kinds of standards for full-time day care

as for baby-sitting," said Kathie Tarnowski, the community organizer for District 14. "The rules for drop-in child care should be different."

KidsPark's program was designed by the parents who use it, Tarnowski said, and it irritates them that the state doesn't credit them with having the judgment to make decisions concerning their own children. KidsPark is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on school days. It is meant to offer a couple of hours of inexpensive supervision for pre-school children while their parents go shopping, attend a class, or just take some time off from parenting.

The center, with two paid part-time teachers and one parent volunteer, serves a maximum of 17 children at any one time, and no child can spend more than 20 hours there in any one month.

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Work apparently has ceased on the Village Mall in Highland, whose developers are being sued for failure to repay a loan from the Midwest Federal Mortgage Company.

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fair. Napoli said he regularly calls the developers, but hasn't been able to learn much about the mall's status.

"I'm not really sure where all this puts us," Napoli said, "but it's kind of disappointing because we really looked forward to moving into the mall. We consider it a great location, and I think it's a shame what's happened."

The Barbers intended to open its upscale City Looks salon in the Village Mall, and convert its location in the Highland Village Center to a Cost Cutters discount hair-styling operation, Napoli said. For now, however, the company will continue to main-

tain its Barbers outlet on Ford Parkway.

Jean Kennedy, one of the owners of Title Wave Records, said she, too, is unsure where the legal action leaves her business. Title Wave had signed a lease on space in the Village Mall.

"We're still under contract and will be until July," Kennedy said. "We're not sure what's going to happen. We hear different things, like (the developers) might be looking for another buyer, but we're not sure."

"We would like to open, but if we do it probably won't be by the end of May, when we were supposed to be in."

Host of local projects vie for limited city funds

by Roger Fuller

Eight proposals submitted by local district councils are among the proposals to be considered as the city of St. Paul's Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) Committee begins its biennial ranking of capital funding projects city-wide. The CIB Committee is chaired by David McDonnell, 1988 Wellesley Ave., who has served in that capacity since his appointment in the early 1970s by then-mayor Larry Cohen.

Each biennium the CIB Committee receives and ranks requests for capital funding put forth by city departments and the city's 17 planning districts. The proposals are reviewed by one of three task forces and are given ratings that are used by the CIB Committee when it draws up its budget. The CIB Committee's recommendations are then forwarded to the mayor and the City Council for their approval.

In those neighborhoods served by this newspaper, the CIB requests receiving the most attention for the 1990-91 biennium have been

for new community recreation centers in District 16 (Summit Hill) and District 15 (Highland Park). The proposals have been endorsed and submitted by the Summit Hill Association and the Highland Park Community Council (HACC).

Christine Trost, community organizer for the Summit Hill Association, said the \$2 million proposal for a new recreation center and other improvements at Linwood Park is the only CIB project to be submitted this year by District 16. "The new rec center at Linwood has the wholehearted support of the (city's) Parks and Recreation Division," she said.

Michelle Lichtig, community organizer for the Highland Area Community Council, said it is the belief of that organization that improvements at Linwood and at Hillcrest Recreation Center in Highland Village merit city funding this biennium. The \$2.2 million Hillcrest proposal, which is also supported by Parks and Rec, includes construction of a new recreation center and the remodeling of the adjacent High-

The \$2 million proposal for a new recreation center and other improvements at Linwood Park is the only CIB project to be submitted this year by District 16.

land Park Branch Library.

Lichtig said District 15 has also requested funds for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Randolph Avenue and Albert Street, where increased vehicular traffic on Randolph and pedestrian traffic generated by Cretin-Derham Hall and Holy Spirit School and Church have created safety concerns. District 15 has also joined District 14 (Macalester-Groveland) in requesting

funds for the addition of left-turn lanes at the intersection of Randolph and Snelling avenues.

Kathie Tarnowski, District 14 community organizer, said requests have also been submitted for the construction of ball fields west of Groveland Elementary School, the installation of traffic signals at Cretin and Grand avenues and for improvements to the warming house at Groveland Playground, the site for the District 14-sponsored Kids-Park, a drop-in child-care center. Renovation of the building would make the facility accessible to handicapped people.

John Vaughn, community organizer for the Merriam Park Community Council, said proposals submitted by that organization include funds for the renovation of the Merriam Park Community Center and the replacement of the Merriam Park Branch Library. Merriam Park is one of three community councils in the District 13 consortium, that also includes the Lexington-Hamline and Snelling-Hamline community councils.

City staff submits CIB proposals of its own

In addition to district council proposals for funding through the St. Paul Capital Improvement Budget Committee, city departments have submitted numerous proposals that will also be considered by the CIB Committee. Projects proposed for the areas served by the *Highland Villager* include:

- Reconstruction (without widening) of Edgumbe Road between Lexington Parkway and Hamline Avenue.
- Installation of green-lantern street lighting on Edgumbe Road between Jefferson and Randolph avenues.
- Acquisition of right-of-way and widening of Lexington Parkway between Randolph and Jefferson avenues to alleviate congestion and correct safety problems related to the Randolph access to I-35E.
- An Environmental Impact Study on connecting Ayd Mill Road to I-35E.
- Reconstruction of the final leg of Mississippi River Boulevard, between Cretin Avenue and Emerald Street.
- Construction of a new building at the Crosby Farm Nature Center and resurfacing of the walking paths at Crosby Farm.
- Construction of an addition to the Highland maintenance storage facility.
- Redesign of the intersection of Cleveland and St. Paul avenues.

• Construction of new restroom facilities for the Highland Park picnic area and renovation of the Highland Park pavilion.

• Reconstruction of Marshall Avenue between Otis Avenue and Finn Street, which would include new traffic lights.

• Reconstruction of the Selby Avenue bridge.

• Reconstruction of Fairview Avenue between Hampshire Avenue and Howell Street to provide defined traffic lanes.

• Construction of a median at Ford Parkway and Mississippi River Boulevard to prevent unsafe and illegal turns.

• Installation of right-turn lanes at Snelling Avenue and West 7th Street.

• Replacement of the Edgumbe bridge that spans the ravine east of Hamline Avenue.

• Reconstruction of Randolph Avenue from Lexington Parkway to Edgumbe Road.

• Reconstruction of the Lawton Street steps.

• Reconstruction of the Grand-Oakland intersection.

• Reconstruction of Lexington Parkway from St. Clair to Lincoln and Lincoln to University avenues, including the installation of new lights.

• Providing new electrical service to Watergate Marina.

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An architect's drawing shows the concrete-arch structure that will replace the 101-year-old Lake Street-Marshall Avenue Bridge.

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ned from the bridge. According to the transportation department, 12,000 vehicles a day now use the bridge. Before the weight restrictions were imposed, the figure was over 24,000 vehicles a day.

State bridge engineer Don Flemming said the most recent inspection of the bridge showed no safety problems. "We still feel confident that

we'll be able to keep it open through the end of construction," he said.

Dan Hollihan Jr., chairman of the Lake Street-Marshall Avenue Bridge Citizens Committee, said the design selected by the state will make for a "really striking bridge" that "drew universal support from all members of the committee."

Even though he was relieved to see work finally be-

gin on the bridge, Hollihan said memories of the disappointment he felt when funding was denied in 1987 made the official groundbreaking on April 12 somewhat less than thrilling.

"I'm afraid I just took that in stride," he said. Still and all, he added, "we're going to wind up with something that all of us can be extremely proud of."



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Preparation for the construction of a new Lake Street-Marshall Avenue Bridge last week included the felling of numerous trees on the Minneapolis side of the river.

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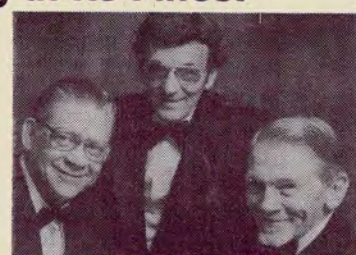
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KidsPark (cont'd from page 1)

As of last week, KidsPark had 218 families registered as members, who pay a \$15 annual fee and then \$1.50 an hour per child, or \$2.00 an hour for infants. Fulfilling the new state regulations would make KidsPark's costs prohibitive, according to Ellen Kluz, the chair of KidsPark's parent advisory committee.

Last week, Kluz and Tarnowski were down at the state Capitol seeking legislation that would exempt KidsPark from the same state regulations as larger part-time or full-time day-care centers. They may have found their solution in a bill sponsored by Kathleen Vellenga, the state representative from Macalester-Groveland.

Vellenga's bill, which has since been folded into a larger bill establishing new state child-care licensing requirements, would replace the exemptions for parent cooperatives with different regulations for child-care centers that serve no more than 30 children at a time, and each child no more than 30 hours a month.

That bill, among other things, would instruct the Department of Human Services to establish new, more flexible qualifications for the certification of head teachers at small drop-in centers, and it would allow them to group children 2, 3 and 4 years old together.

Under the bill, KidsPark would still have to apply for at least two variances from state regulations: one variance to care for kindergartners in the same room as toddlers, and another variance to get around the requirement for educational plans and progress reports for each child who stays at KidsPark. Department of Human Services officials have indicated, however, that District 14 should have no problem receiving those variances, Tarnowski said.

"KidsPark is a recreational, custodial program," she said, "and was never intended to be educational" in any professional sense of the word.

Vellenga said she is happy with the way her bill now reads. Initially, she would have preferred the state to allow parent-run child-care centers to write their own qualifications for head teachers, she said, but she was willing to go along with the advice of the state department on this point.

The population is a lot more mobile than it used to be, she explained. Families move in and out of neighborhoods faster than ever, and even though the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood is relatively stable in this regard, that doesn't hold true across the state, she said.

Vellenga expects the child-care licensing bill to reach the floor of the House and Senate sometime in early May. Tarnowski



Children lounge on bean-bag chairs while listening to teacher Priscilla LaBerge read at KidsPark, a drop-in day-care center operating in the old Groveland warming house.

said a KidsPark committee will be drafting the variance requests this week.

But even if KidsPark gets the variances it needs, there is still the matter of making the building handicapped accessible. This would involve building a wheelchair ramp from the street to KidsPark's entrance, and constructing a special barrier-free bathroom for handicapped people.

According to the state building code, older structures aren't required to be made acces-

sible to the handicapped unless they undergo a change in use. KidsPark was a change in use for the old Groveland warming house. It was granted a license to operate its first year with the understanding that the city would either make the building handicapped accessible or obtain a variance from the state.

KidsPark isn't licensed to care for handicapped children, and because of this District 14 thought it could lobby the state this year

to exempt such centers from the accessibility requirement.

But, as Vellenga pointed out, the state's accessibility requirement isn't just for the handicapped children who might stay at KidsPark, but also for the handicapped parents who would like to escort their children to the center and for the handicapped teachers who may be interested in working there.

Also, many parents of handicapped children want their kids to be able to mix with children who aren't handicapped, Vellenga said, and an exemption such as that sought by District 14 might discourage a child-care center from ever getting a license to serve handicapped children.

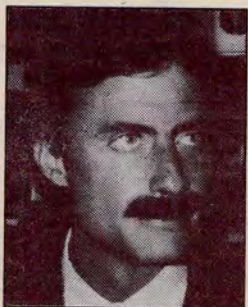
Making KidsPark accessible to the handicapped would cost \$26,500, according to the city's Division of Parks and Recreation. That money is going to have to come from outside sources, Tarnowski said, and that could be the Parks and Recreation budget or, more likely, the city's Capital Improvement Budget for 1990-91. But the Parks and Recreation budget is tight as ever this year, and the competition for CIB funding is stiff. KidsPark will be competing for CIB funding against other worthy projects not only in District 14 but all across the city.

KidsPark could be moved, Tarnowski said, "but I don't know where we'd move it to. There aren't very many city buildings that are handicapped accessible. Edgumbe Recreation Center is one, but it doesn't meet the state's health and fire code requirements."

Bob Long, St. Paul City Council member from Mac-Groveland, said he couldn't predict whether KidsPark would be selected for CIB funding, but, he added, child care is a high priority for the city. Last fall, St. Paul passed a child-care ordinance designed to encourage programs just like KidsPark. In fact, the example set by KidsPark was the impetus for the ordinance, Long said.

The ordinance established a matching grant program for neighborhood groups wishing to start a child-care program, and it created the position of a city coordinator to help neighbors cut through the all the red tape involved in getting a program licensed. The ordinance declared 1989 the Year of the Child in St. Paul, Long said, and it established "Kids Day," an annual event to demonstrate the value St. Paul places on its families and children.

Kids Day will be celebrated for the first time this October. Long surmised that it would only be in keeping with the city's commitment that St. Paul, that same month, help insure the renewal of KidsPark's license.



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A vacant lot on the southwest corner of Scheffer and Cleveland avenues, now home to a billboard, a few boulders and an occasional group of kids, has been proposed as a site for a new women's clothing store. Plans also call for paving the lot across Scheffer, next to Cecil's Delicatessen, for use as a 27-car parking lot.

Clothier hopes to develop last two vacant commercial lots in Village

by T. D. Mischke

The last two unimproved commercial properties in Highland Village won't suffer that distinction by the end of this year if all goes as planned.

Talbots, a women's clothing store, is expected to finalize a lease agreement in the coming weeks for the properties on both western corners of the intersection of Scheffer and Cleveland avenues. The company plans to erect a one-story, 5,000-square-foot retail outlet on the southwest corner and develop a 27-car parking lot on the northwest corner.

Talbots' plans were presented to the board of the Highland Area Community Council on April 13 after the plans had been approved earlier that week by the council's Community Development Committee. At the committee meeting the project was greeted with some resistance from nearby residents of Scheffer Avenue, who expressed concern about the additional traffic and parking demands the store would bring to the neighborhood. Their reservations were somewhat appeased when it was pointed out that a women's clothing store such as Talbots probably represented the best and least intrusive use for the commercially zoned property.

David Leventhal, owner of Cecil's Delicatessen, located just north of the proposed parking lot, also attended the meeting to voice his displeasure over the short notice he had received about the development and the adverse effect he expected it would have on his business. According to Leventhal, Cecil's itself was interested in developing the lot next door for parking. Leventhal said he had discussed his intentions with the landlord just a week earlier.

Both properties in question are owned by Fine and Associates of Minneapolis. Both have lain vacant since anyone can remember, serving

as little more than mud-caked weed patches and the site for four advertising billboards. Parking for Cecil's customers has been available on the lot abutting the deli, though the use has been technically illegal all these years because of the unimproved status of the lot, according to St. Paul zoning staff member Tom Beach.

Talbots' construction plans have already met with the general support of staff from the city's division of Planning and Economic Development, Beach said, though a few niggling issues still await resolution. The Highland Area Community Council, meanwhile, has also generally approved the site plan, though its board did recommend to the city that some conditions be attached to the final site plan approval.

"We want the city to look at and be involved in the final design of the parking lot," said Michelle Lichtig, HACC community organizer. "We're also asking that the billboards that are on the property be removed and never replaced, and that some kind of formal or informal shared parking agreement be reached with Cecil's."

Concerns that Cecil's customers who have parked in the vacant lot in the past would park along Scheffer Avenue would be eased by a shared parking agreement, Lichtig said. She also said that Talbots will have more off-street parking spaces than the city requires once the lot is complete. The improved 27-car parking lot, plus a second smaller lot adjacent to the Talbots building, will also accommodate more cars than are now possible on the existing unimproved lot.

Concerns about the future of the four billboards are really nothing more than a means of stressing the provisions already set down in the Highland Village Sign Plan, according to HACC Community Development Committee member Mark Moeller. That plan, which was adopted in 1986 as part of the city

of St. Paul's comprehensive plan, dictates which kinds of signs are permitted—and which ones are not—within the confines of the Highland Village retail district. One of the provisions requires the permanent removal of advertising signs once they are displaced or require substantial work to repair.

Lichtig said the construction of Talbots would also be expected to follow those guidelines laid down in the Highland Village Plan, a document developed in conjunction with the 1985 Highland Village Improvement Project. That plan's intent is to create a uniformly attractive streetscape throughout Highland Village.

Talbots has indicated its willingness to accommodate all concerns, according to Beach.

Though lease negotiations with Fine and Associates are continuing, Monet LeMon, public relations manager for Talbots' corporate headquarters in Hingham, Massachusetts, said Talbots expects to be operating in its newly constructed Highland Village store by mid-October of this year. The Highland store will be Talbots' fourth in the Twin Cities area and one of 140 nationwide. Talbots' other Twin Cities outlets are located in downtown Minneapolis, Wayzata and Edina.

Talbots, which has been in operation since its founding in Hingham 42 years ago, is a "traditional upscale women's clothier," according to the company's real estate manager, Richard Seeler. The exterior of Talbots' stores generally reflect the company's New England heritage, Seeler said, and the Highland store is expected to follow suit. "If anything, the new Talbots will enhance the quality of the surrounding neighborhood," he said.

According to Seeler, Talbots was purchased by General Mills about 10 years ago. Last June General Mills sold Talbots to Jusco, a Tokyo-based corporation.

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Viewpoint



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by Maurice Mischke

Perhaps you recall seeing a television commercial where in a series of individuals are all trying to buy some extra time at a drive-through window. (Don't ask me, however, who's paying for that spot or what the firm is actually trying to sell. I never caught that part of it.) Well, based on the lead feature in last week's *Time* magazine, "buying time" is something all of us are engaged in more and more as we cope with the modern day-to-day rat race.

Leisure is now at such a premium with a majority of Americans, we're told, that time could end up being to the 1990s what money was to the 1980s. According to a Lou Harris survey alluded to in *Time*, the leisure time enjoyed by the average American has shrunk 37 percent since 1973. Over the same period, the average work week, including commuting, has jumped from under 41 hours to nearly 47 hours. The problem of time, or the absence thereof, is accentuated in two-income families, of course, and they are still a growing breed.

The need to save time is reflected in the growing demand for ever greater convenience in store location, shopping hours and available services. And it's reflected in the success of neighborhood shopping strips like Highland Village and Grand Avenue, both of which are well-located in the midst of a sizeable middle-income and upscale residential neighborhood.

All of which brings us to the Highland Village Customer Survey that the Highland Business Association published in this newspaper and also distributed among various store locations during the month of February. (The Grand Avenue Business Association plans to conduct a similar study, too, I'm told.) At the same time as

the customer survey was disseminated, the HBA also polled local business owners and managers. The primary objective was to assess whether current store hours were adequate to serve the needs of customers caught up in today's time squeeze, and to ascertain whether there was anything else local merchants could do to make shopping in Highland Village more inviting. The responses have now been tabulated and the results have proven to be rather interesting. Of course, the HBA makes no claims of scientific accuracy on a poll such as this. In fact, its Retail Promotion Committee harbors a slight suspicion that the results may be tilted a bit toward the senior-citizen age bracket since the Stuart Corporation did a good job of providing the forms to its (largely older) residents.

Be that as it may, the HBA collected 364 responses in all. Only five of those respondents said they don't shop in Highland Village, and three more said "almost never." The frequency with which these customers availed themselves of the Village's goods and services was impressive. A total of 40.5 percent visited Highland Village from one to five times a month, 34 percent shopped there six to 10 times a month, 12 percent 10 to 19 times a month and an amazing 12.5 percent said they came to Highland Village more than 20 times a month. That's a lot of customer loyalty.

When it came to preferred shopping times, the survey asked customers to check as many areas as applied. Here's how that came out:

Weekdays before 5:00 p.m.—210

Evenings after 5:00 p.m.—163

Saturdays—164

Sundays—138

Thus, for almost seven out of every 10, shopping preferences lean away from the weekday daytime hours—not entirely unexpected.

Although there are some Highland Village stores that are not now open in the evening or on Sunday, most of the respondents replied that the stores they prefer were open when shopping is most convenient for them—86 percent yes; 14 percent no. However, when they were asked whether they would be more inclined to shop in Highland Village more often if they knew that all of the stores were open from at least 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays, 10:00 a.m. to

6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays, 167 (56 percent) said yes, 131 (44 percent) said no.

I mentioned earlier that the HBA had polled area merchants. This companion survey attained a 34 percent response rate (35 out of 102). Highlights of that survey include the facts that:

- Most stores already exceed the suggested minimum open hours.

- There seems to be no clear pattern of a willingness or apparent necessity for additional store hours. Most of the operators believe that their store hours meet the needs of their customers and that extending hours would not result in enough additional business to warrant the cost.

As a result of reviewing the owner/manager surveys and the variety of hours represented, I can see more clearly some of the problems inherent in achieving greater uniformity of hours. Actually, I found the retail stores south of Ford Parkway to be pretty consistent, with all of them now open until at least 9:00 p.m. Exceptions are two optical shops—Pearle Vision Center, which is open until 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 6:00 p.m. on Friday and closed on Sunday; and InVision, which is open until 7:00 p.m. on weekdays, until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and also closed on Sunday. Village Shoe Service was, at one time, open until 9:00 p.m. but its owner found it wasn't fruitful, in that type of business, to stay open beyond 6:00 p.m. Carson Pirie Scott is now open until 9:30 p.m., Highland Drug until 10:00 p.m. (8:00 p.m. on Saturday), Baskin-Robbins until 10:00 p.m. seven nights a week; Great Wall Too until 10:00 p.m. on six nights, and until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday. Lund's goes to midnight seven days a week.

I couldn't begin to cover the variations north of Ford Parkway, where there isn't even any consistency in those that are open only certain evenings.

It seems that more could, and probably should, be done in Highland Village to achieve some minimum uniformity, but I doubt that the time is now. However, all the signs are relentlessly pointing in the direction of more evening and weekend shopping as time goes on. To compete favorably, local shopping centers are simply going to have to keep up with the trends that today's rat race demands. *Arrivederci.*

Depiction of life in institutions distorted the truth

by Toni Lippert

It is important for readers of the *Highland Villager* who read William G. Kubicek's article in "Viewpoint" (April 12) to be aware that a number of his arguments and statements are erroneous.

As an appointee to the state Department of Human Services' Regional Treatment Center (RTC) Negotiating Team, I have worked for the past year with Minnesota Congress of Advocates for the Retarded (MnCAR) representatives and have read their materials and heard their opinions. They represent a very small group of older parents whose sons and daughters live in the RTCs. I, too, am an older parent of a daughter who was labeled "profoundly" retarded in the 1960s and who has multiple physical and neurological impairments. Like their children, my daughter was also institution-

alized. For 16 years, I also considered her so handicapped that she would never develop. But here the similarities stop.

I was never convinced that institutional life provided a humane environment for any person. In fact, we use them to punish, isolate and segregate people convicted of crimes in our society. Other institutions—schools, hospitals, etc.—we use on a temporary basis. So I became a volunteer to advocate for improved services. When community homes began to develop in 1974, I visited them, compared their physical settings, staff attitudes and skills, and requested my daughter's transfer. It is a decision I've never regretted.

My volunteer work eventually led to my employment in the field of mental-retardation services 20 years ago. Since that time I have had opportunities to continue getting information about new ideas and practices in services. I have attended state and national

conferences, workshops and training sessions that brought me into contact with national leaders and professionals. I have read their studies or heard their reports on successful new strategies for teaching skills to people who have severe and profound mental retardation plus physical disabilities. I have even introduced and used many of their ideas in Minnesota. These professionals have produced the most comprehensive body of evidence on the progress made by people with severe handicaps.

Recently, the Association for Retarded Citizens Minnesota published a series of stories about the progress and success of people whose multiple and severe disabilities match most of those considered too handicapped to leave the RTCs. Every person featured was formerly institutionalized. Their parents had been reluctant to have them leave but are so much more satisfied now.

Kubicek's article talks about "dumping" people into the community. This is not true. The Department of Human Services' plan for transfer and the current bill in the state Legislature stipulate funds for using teams of specialists and crisis centers located throughout the state. Residents who are medically fragile or have behavioral problems will be located only in homes where immediate treatment and specialized services are available (hospitals, physicians, etc.) 24 hours a day to meet particular residents' needs. Residents who have families will live as near to them as possible, perhaps in their own communities once more. They will all receive training to make them less dependent than they are now.

As for the article's claim that "state of the art" is vested in these regional treatment

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The Village Post



Getting into the recycling act

To the editor:

I am glad to see all of the efforts being made at neighborhood recycling, but I am curious as to what efforts, if any, are being made to encourage local restaurants that sell bottled water and canned pop, and the local bars that sell great quantities of beer in cans and bottles, to recycle.

Certainly on a weekend night the amount of recyclable trash a bar puts out could equal a whole neighborhood's. How simple it would be for them to put out "bottles here" and "cans here" bins next to the garbage bins. If they are already getting into the act, I am not aware of it.

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My other concern is that with the efforts being made to ban certain plastics, why is nothing being said about disposable diapers? To quote excerpts from a recent Crib Diaper Service newsletter: "There are about 5 million tons of dirty diapers being buried in landfills throughout the U.S. every year and they can take up to 500 years to decompose. Also, public health officials have found 'live' polio and other intestinal viruses in these diapers."

With disposable diapers there is a ready alternative in cloth diapers, which are less expensive and softer, don't induce diaper rash and can be delivered to your door weekly by such companies as Crib Diaper Service, whom I have used and appreciated for 4½ years with two children. So many more people have to become aware of what they are absently throwing away in their trash.

Gretchen Dreisbach
1960 Iglehart Ave.

A disgruntled taxpayer writes

Dear editor,

We are told that we can't afford more jails, as the taxpayers will object. I, for one, would be willing to pay for more jails if they are not too elaborate. What I object to is paying for golf courses. Why do taxpayers pay for them? We don't sub-

sidize bowling alleys and dance halls.

I also object to bailing out every project that can't make it. I object to tax-increment financing. I am quite sure they will not give me tax-increment financing if I want to build a new garage. I also object to them valuing my house for more than it would sell for. Also, my tax is over twice what a similar house's is in a good district in Minneapolis.

E. F. Reiner
575 S. Saratoga St.

Pet owners, shape up

To the editor:

Many dog owners in the city of St. Paul are not obeying the ordinance governing dogs and other pets. The ordinance states that dogs must be leashed at all times and dog feces must be cleaned up.

In the area that I am most familiar with, Highland, and specifically the area along Mississippi River Boulevard, there is flagrant violation of this ordinance. Dogs roam freely. Dog excrement lines the walking path and very often is on the path. Trees and shrubs are being killed by urinating dogs.

Over \$8 million will have been spent on this area when city officials and designers have completed the project—an

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centers, one has only to review the findings of Minnesota's protection and advocacy agency to see the gross inaccuracy of this claim. In one case, farodic shock treatment is still being used in a center to stop a person's very dangerous self-injurious behavior when "state of the art" practice has denounced this treatment in favor of more humane strategies. We can't even use such treatment on convicted criminals, but it is approved in an RTC.

During a visit to one of the centers in the past year, I saw practices in the living area and day programs that were outdated 10 years ago, according to "state of the art" standards of community services. While I know state employees to be committed and caring people, their skills for the most part are below par. Proof of this was the lack of any challenge by the employees union rep-

resentatives on the RTC negotiating committee to the department's plan to include retraining of all staff as a condition of employment in state-operated community services.

Kubicek's claim that admission to RTCs is being blocked is blatantly false. When this same claim was made as recently as April 12 in a legislative hearing on the planned transfer, it was refuted by a department employee who testified that admissions are still accepted as long as people meet admission criteria established long before the transfer plan was proposed.

I have always staunchly supported parents' rights to plan and make decisions about where their children with mental retardation live. (In 1972 it was at my insistence that the department adopted this as a written policy.) However, parents also have a correspond-

ing responsibility to examine other alternatives. If they have never read about, never talked with other parents about, nor visited other living and program arrangements, they are not making an informed decision about what is best for their children.

No one, regardless of how profoundly they are retarded, needs an institution. We now have ample anecdotal and statistical evidence that institutional environments actually retard development and that transfers to community services allow more opportunities for personal expression, choice, flowering of individuality and acquisition of useful skills. My daughter is a living testament to this. She can carry on a simple conversation where before she could only repeat words over and over. She can dress herself, groom herself and prepare a simple meal with only verbal prompting. While in the institution she

had to be totally cared for. She even works and gets a small, but very real paycheck. These are things I never dreamed possible when she was institutionalized.

My experience has also shown that community services are not perfect. I hope that opponents of this transfer will join the majority of advocates in working for improvements in the quality of community services.

Editor's note: Toni Lippert, 169 N. Cretin Ave., recently retired as senior planner of the Developmental Disabilities Program of the Metropolitan Council. In 1987, the Minnesota Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps established the Antoinette Lippert Award for outstanding advocacy for persons with severe handicaps. She currently serves on the Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities.

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effort designed to make the river more accessible to walkers and bikers and to create a more park-like atmosphere.

It is imperative for those of us who want and value a clean and disease-free environment to speak out. Call animal control (645-3953) or the mayor's complaint office (298-4747) or your City Council representative to voice your concern.

Paul Endres
2162 Berkeley Ave.

A warning for parents, children

To the editor:

This past week it was brought to my attention that, as far as assaults on children are concerned, there is not always safety in numbers.

Three elementary-age children were walking together, returning from a local playground. They began to sense that they were being followed by a fellow who had also been at that playground. But, being children, they stopped to investigate something in the alley near their house rather than going straight inside. One of the children, a girl, was grabbed by the fellow, but she was released when the other two children screamed loudly. The fellow ran off.

This incident served to remind me that such things do indeed occur in this neighborhood, and that parents need to

be made aware of this. Spring is a time when children want to be outside, with friends, or just on their own, and explore their environment. They need to be reminded of all the necessary safety precautions to be followed when away from their own homes.

Dawn Clawson
897 S. Snelling Ave.

Editor's note: Police officials said last week that four separate complaints were lodged with police between April 3 and 13 about a young man approaching groups of children, and in one case lifting a child up, in the area of Hamline and Randolph avenues. Police said a 17-year-old male was charged April 17 in juvenile court with criminal sexual misconduct in relation to one of the incidents. Because of privacy rules that obtain in juvenile cases, neither the police nor the juvenile court would release any more information.

Thanks and farewell

To the editor:

Sister Virginia Bieren, principal of St. James Catholic School (486 View St.) for 11 years, has resigned to take a position as associate director of public relations in Mankato for her province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. She is a woman

whose endless gifts of talent, dedication and action have helped St. James in its struggle for existence.

During her 11 years at St. James, the school interior was repainted, the roof replaced, the basement and library remodeled, asbestos problems corrected, fund-raising and advertising implemented, Sandcastle Child Care conceived, constructed and expanded, computers acquired and traded, bookkeeping and long-range planning committees formed, the centennial celebrated and an all-school reunion held.

Sister Virginia's belief in developmental screening led to Kindergarten A, a preschool-within-a-school for 5-year-olds needing an additional year to become confident and secure. Her belief in educating the whole self led to a strong music program and an unprecedented computer program.

For 11 years, Sister Virginia has dedicated herself to St. James, its families and community. She is to be commended for her foresight and organizational skills. She is to be commended for her commitment to excellence in curriculum and financial stability. She is to be commended for her strength, her faith, her vision and her sense of humor. May she touch as many hearts in her new position as she has in her role as principal of St. James. Thank you, Sister Virginia.

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Details, details: Plastics ban leaves specifics unanswered

by John Rosengren

The St. Paul City Council is expected to pass an ordinance on Thursday, April 27, that will ban certain plastic food packaging. The ordinance, identical to the one passed by the Minneapolis City Council March 31, calls for the strictest plastics ban in the nation.

At this point, however, no one is sure exactly what packaging will be banned.

The ordinances call for the elimination of non-degradable, non-returnable and non-recyclable food and beverage packaging sold at retail food establishments unless no environmentally acceptable alternative is commercially available. Plastic ketchup, peanut butter and syrup containers and Styrofoam egg cartons are among the products likely to be banned, while packaging such as that for microwave dinners will probably be exempt. Plastic milk jugs and two-liter pop containers will be exempt if they can be incorporated in curbside recycling programs.

Ward 3 St. Paul City Councilmember Bob Long, the author of the ordinance, said he could not be certain which

packaging will be banned. The two cities plan to develop a joint advisory council of representatives of city government, business and industry trade associations, and consumer and environmental groups that will determine which packaging can be recycled and develop a list of specific packaging to be banned. The advisory council will make its recommendations to the city health commissioners for final determination.

Opponents of the ban criticize the ordinance for being too vague. Dave Locey, president of Recycle Minnesota and executive vice president of the Minnesota Soft Drink Association, called the ordinance unconstitutional because it is not specific about which packaging will be banned. He said the MSDA definitely plans to challenge it in court.

"There's not anyone with any common sense who can sit down and figure out if their packaging is exempt," Locey said. "People have a right to know if they're going to be able to sell their product by reading the law."

Long has heard the criticisms, but he does not think that will stop the City Council

Consumers would see the effects at grocery stores, at restaurants selling take-out food, and at all stores with a retail food section.

from passing the ordinance. The full council sitting as a committee approved the ordinance unanimously earlier this month, and Long said the city attorney has determined that it is not unconstitutional on its face.

But even if the ordinance passes, a measure at the state level could block the ban before it is scheduled to go into effect July 1, 1990. An amendment to a comprehensive recycling bill in the state Senate would pre-empt local jurisdictions from enacting packaging restrictions stricter than the state's. The bill must be approved by two more committees before it comes before the full Senate later this session.

Judy Cook, vice president of public affairs for the Minnesota Retail Merchants As-

sociation, one of the groups lobbying against the cities' ordinances, said state senators are concerned about a patchwork of ordinances that could hamper statewide efforts at recycling. She said her group is "cautiously optimistic" that its effort to block the St. Paul and Minneapolis ordinances would be successful.

Governor Rudy Perpich has come out in support of the cities' ordinances, but he also said he would not veto the pre-emption if it is attached to the recycling bill.

Meanwhile, efforts in the House and Senate to write the ordinance into a bill are probably too late for this session, but legislation is expected to be introduced next session that would place a similar ban on plastic packaging statewide. Perpich said he will appoint a citizens commission to study a statewide plastics ban and plans to submit recommendations to the 1990 Legislature.

A possible scenario would have the cities' ban pre-empted by the amendment to the recycling bill only to have the ban become statewide with the passage of another bill next session.

If the ordinances are al-

lowed to stand in St. Paul and Minneapolis, consumers will see the effects at grocery stores, at restaurants selling take-out food, and at all stores with a retail food section, such as Holiday, Target and Dayton's Marketplace. The effects may include higher prices, fewer choices of products, and an adjustment to packaging other than plastic.

Marty Wegleitner, manager of the Highland Park Lunds store, said the ban would cause some inconvenience as customers adjust to new forms of packaging. For instance, he said, meat products would be sold on cardboard rather than foam trays, plastic bags would not be available for produce, plastic containers would disappear from the salad bar, there would be no plastic carry-out bags, and plastic window packaging such as that found on some macaroni boxes would be eliminated.

Ron Fish, executive vice president of Rainbow Foods, said it would cost Rainbow \$1.5 million to comply with the ordinance at its six Twin Cities' stores, based on the prices of available replacements in the deli, produce and meat departments and for carryout bags. Rainbow

can absorb some of that cost, but not all of it, he said, and must pass some cost increases on to customers. "Everybody will be in the same price boat," Fish said. "All grocery stores will have to raise the same prices."

Wegleitner said he has already told some suppliers that if the ban is enacted, they must change their packaging for Lunds to continue carrying their products. "If they don't change, we won't be able to handle those products," he said. However, he added, "They'll find different packaging for them. They won't want to lose this market."

For some manufacturers, the ordinance will mean converting back to the glass containers that were used before products like salad dressing, cooking oils and syrup were put in plastic bottles. If a certain brand does not convert, Long said, it will likely be eliminated from the shelf.

Spokesmen for Pillsbury and General Mills said their companies were following the progress of the ordinances, but that they had no plans at this point to convert packaging. Both firms

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The HBA Today

by Constance M. Wittek, Executive Director
Highland Business Association

UPCOMING MEETINGS ANNOUNCED

The next general meeting of the Highland Business Association will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, at Tiffany's Bar and Grille, 2051 Ford Pkwy. The breakfast buffet will be followed by a presentation on business recycling as well as a brief address by St. Paul mayoral candidate Bob Fletcher, who is running as an independent.

Mary T'Kach of the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium will share information with business owners and managers about the wisdom of recycling in the workplace. Fletcher, a lieutenant with the St. Paul Police Department and a former city councilmember, will talk about what he considers to be top-priority business issues in St. Paul.

The Highland Fest Planning Committee will convene at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, in the board room of the Highland Bank. Anyone from the community—business person or not—who would like to help plan this year's festival is

invited to attend the meeting or call Connie Wittek (699-9042) for more information. Highland Fest '89 will be held Friday, August 11, through Sunday, August 13.

On Thursday, May 11, at 8:00 a.m., the HBA board will hold its monthly meeting in the Highland Bank board room. All HBA members are welcome at the meetings.

All interested Highland business people are invited to gather over the noon hour on Thursday, May 25, at HBA member-firm Road Rescue Inc., 1133 Rankin St., where those in attendance will be treated to a box lunch and a tour of this ambulance manufacturer. Registration information will be mailed out to HBA members in the May newsletter.

CUSTOMER SURVEY CONDUCTED

Members of HBA's Retail Promotions Committee spent time over the past month tabulating the results of the association's recent customer survey. In total, 364 individuals responded, using the survey form printed in the *Highland Villager*, the copies made available through Highland Village businesses, or the forms distributed at some of the area's apartment complexes. The primary purpose of the questionnaire was to determine whether customers are satisfied with current shopping in Highland Village.

The survey which was by no means scientific, suggested that customers were satisfied with store hours in Highland

village. Still, customers who responded to the survey indicated that, by a 56 percent to 44 percent margin, they would be inclined to shop in Highland Village more often if all stores were open during uniform hours.

Shoppers were also asked how area businesses could make shopping more attractive in the Village, and which types of businesses they would like to see come into Highland.

The HBA's Retail Promotions Committee will be working on the survey results and other related matters over the next few months in their continuing effort to make Highland Village a more attractive place to shop, eat and be entertained.

NEW MEMBER NAMED

City Councilmember Bob Long, who represents the Highland and Macalester-Groveland neighborhoods, is the most recent member of the Highland Business Association. Long has served as the City Councilmember from Ward 3 for the past two years. He is an attorney by training and formerly served as assistant attorney general for the state of Minnesota. A resident of this area since his days as an undergraduate of Macalester College, Long has served in a number of volunteer capacities in the community, including a stint as a board member of the District 14 Community Council. Councilmember Long resides at 2143 Berkeley Ave. with his wife, Karen, and infant son, Nicholas.

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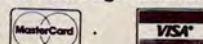
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DFL endorsement could be elusive for Scheibel

by Roger Fuller

Jim Scheibel may be leading the pack of mayoral candidates seeking DFL endorsement, but if tradition holds he will have a tough time actually winning the endorsement.

Scheibel came out of the city convention delegate-selection process earlier in April with 40.8 percent of the delegates committed to his candidacy. Ray Faricy had 22 percent, Norman Coleman had 14 percent, and 23 percent were uncommitted. The DFL city convention will be held Saturday, May 20.

At this point, Scheibel is 9 percentage points behind the pace set by George Latimer in 1976, when he failed to win DFL endorsement during his first run for mayor. Latimer had 49.6 percent of the delegates at the end of the selection process, and he picked up enough support in the pre-convention campaign to post 56 percent on the first ballot. His total rose to 59.8 percent during the seven-ballot contest, which was

nonetheless shy of the 60 percent needed for endorsement.

"Scheibel will have some hidden support among the uncommitted," said Todd Lefko, a delegate supporting Faricy. "He might pick up enough to start with 45 or 46 percent on the first ballot. The question is, where does he go from there?" Lefko said a frontrunner who is not within striking distance of the 60-percent mark on the first ballot can be stopped by well-organized opponents.

Carrie Orth, Coleman's campaign manager, said the past record of frontrunners shows that 40 percent is not a good starting point.

"There's a limit of how many uncommitted delegates Scheibel can pick up," she said. "We know a lot of them will be with us on the first ballot."

Scheibel had mixed results the two previous times he sought endorsement for the City Council race against opposition. In 1978, under the old citywide election system, he started out at slightly less

than 50 percent and reached a high of 55.7 percent on the fifth and final ballot.

When Scheibel ran for the Ward 2 seat in 1982, a limit of 10 ballots helped his campaign. He started out as a frontrunner with a 45-40-15 spread in a three-person race and eventually won on the eighth ballot.

Scheibel's ability to build on his present base of 40.8 percent will not be known until the results of the first ballot are read at the convention. Based on past re-

sults, Lefko said, a total in the low- or middle-40s will not be encouraging for Scheibel.

"It gets to be a game of expectations, he said. 'If he surprises and comes in at 50 percent or more on the first ballot, that's bound to give him a boost.'"

If the DFL does not make an endorsement May 20, all three DFL candidates are expected to enter the primary. Independent candidates running for mayor are Chris Nicosia, Bob Fletcher and Mary Jane Rachner.

Candidates forum to be held May 8

St. Paul School Board and mayoral candidates seeking DFL endorsement will meet at a candidates forum at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8. The forum will take place in Club Room C of the Martin Luther King Center, 270 Kent St.

All St. Paul voters are invited to attend the forum. For more information, call Darrell Ledger at 228-2234.

Correction

In a March 29 *Highland Villager* article dealing in part with Chris Nicosia's mayoral campaign, it was incorrectly stated that he previously served three years on the St. Paul City Council. In fact, he served three terms on the council, for a total of 5½ years. Nicosia is now employed by the city's Public Works Department, acting as a liaison between the department and the City Council.

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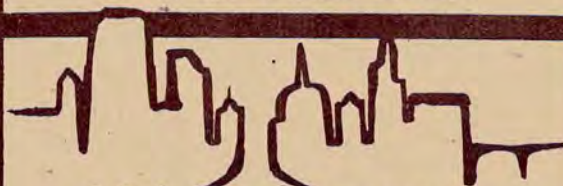
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Senate Files

by Sen. Dick Cohen
District 64



MORE ON ASSAULT RIFLES

In an effort to reduce crime in Minnesota, and specifically in the inner cities, I have introduced legislation that would prohibit the ownership, possession or sale of semi-automatic assault rifles. The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee, on which I serve, April 12 and will be debated next on the Senate floor.

The controversy surrounding gun legislation has escalated both at the state and federal levels. The public outcry arose after the murder of five schoolchildren with an AK-47 in a California schoolyard captured the nation's attention. Law enforcement officials across the country repeatedly tell us that they are out-gunned in the streets, as criminals routinely purchase Uzis and other semi-automatic weapons.

My legislation defines "military assault weapon" by listing the names and model numbers of the 24 most troublesome weapons, including Uzis, which have become the weapon of choice for today's violent drug dealers. It also includes a provision prohibiting look-alike models that are patterned after the specifically listed weapons. In an effort to reach a consensus on the bill, it allows those who already possess such guns to keep them. It does, however, also address the criminals by including mandatory minimum sentences for those convicted of a crime while using an illegal firearm.

While many gun-control opponents quote their constitu-

tional right to keep and bear arms, we should also be mindful that the Constitution's Second Amendment states: "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Our founding fathers surely couldn't have had crack lords and murderers in mind when they set these guidelines for a "well-regulated militia." Nonetheless, there is precedent for gun control that dates back to the 1930s. Few people are aware, or have had occasion to be aware, that machine guns have been outlawed since the days of Prohibition and gangster-style slayings in the streets. These automatics were the weapons of choice for the gangsters of the '30s because they fired many rounds of ammunition in a very short time.

The names have changed, and the weapons of choice today are only semi-automatic. However the effect is the same—these high-powered guns can, in rapid succession, do much more irreparable damage than any ordinary handgun or rifle.

These kind of weapons are used in "drive-by" shootings that are plaguing New York, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. I don't believe we should have to wait until someone dies before we take action. The police have already seized such weapons in raids here in the metro area, and law enforcement officials strongly support this legislation.

On the national level, President Bush has temporarily suspended the importation of most of these same weapons. However, the federal suspension does not affect domestic weapons. If George Bush, a member of the NRA, believes that enough of a threat exists to see his way clear to a ban, surely we must realize the threat is a serious one which must be dealt with.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to stop by and discuss them during my library office hours. I will continue to be available the first Monday of each month from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy., and the third Monday of each month from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. You can also reach me by writing to G-27 State Capitol, St. Paul, MN 55155, or by calling 296-5931.

Inside the House

by Rep. Kathleen Vellenga
District 64A



KEEPING THE LOTTERY CLEAN

I had not paid much attention to the lottery bill, H.F. 66, as it went through three committees this session. When the bill arrived at the Criminal Justice Division, I concluded, as chair, that our work was to look at the bill in terms of potential for illegal activity and how the bill addresses these issues.

Many people are reluctant to discuss this aspect of the lottery. The constitutional prohibition against the lottery was removed by the voters last fall and legislators generally believe that we have a mandate to pass a bill. It seems obvious to me that the Legislature also is compelled to pass a bill that would result in as clean an operation as possible. Some who support the lottery believe we should not suggest any negative consequences. Some who oppose the lottery believe we should not try to clean up a "bad idea."

Looking at other states with a lottery, we found that the most common illegal activity involves state employees or lottery officials convicted of extortion and bribery. The offense is tied to the selection of contracts. Ohio, Colorado, Illinois and Washington, D.C., have all had convictions or firings for crimes involving contract bids.

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The Midway National Bank board of directors has promoted David D. Gross (left) to the position of senior vice president and Bonnie S. Dougherty to assistant vice president of trust. Gross joined Midway as a vice president in 1985, and will continue to serve as the bank's senior loan officer. Dougherty joined Midway in 1980, and was most recently working as a trust officer.

Plastics ban (cont'd from p. 8)

said the majority of their packaging would be exempt since no commercially acceptable alternatives are available. If a substitute were found for, say, the inner plastic bags in cereal boxes, these companies might be forced to change their packaging.

Although plastic lids for beverages and plastic utensils are exempt from the ban, Styrofoam carry-out containers such as hamburger cartons would be prohibited. A plant in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, recycles this type of polystyrene, but Long said that since it could not handle the waste from St. Paul, poly-

styrene would not be included in the city's curbside recycling program.

The discussion of what's recyclable is mainly focused on plastic milk jugs and pop containers. If included in the city's curbside recycling program, they will be exempt from the ban. But plastic now costs more to recycle than other material, and neither the cities nor the plastic industry want to pay the additional costs.

Nearly everyone agrees that plastics should be recycled along with other products, but much disagreement remains on how to reach that end.

Highland Park places second in high school math tourney

The Highland Park Senior High School math team, with strong individual performances by seniors Tom Monikowski and Jon Lange, finished second at the state high school math tournament April 3, beating out archrival St. Louis Park and 26 other teams in the tournament but falling short of Owatonna.

The math team from St. Paul Academy placed 10th at the state tourney, but received a trophy for finishing first among smaller, Class A high schools.

Monikowski, a resident of Mount Curve Boulevard, took top honors in the state tourney's individual competition, and Lange, a Laurel Avenue resident, tied for fourth place in that category.

Highland Park was the champion at last year's state

tourney, and finished second in the state in 1987. Also competing for Highland at this year's tournament were senior Dean Godes; juniors Chris Leier, Cory Springhorn, David Wangenstein and Duc Vo; and sophomores Mark Jaszberenyi, Brian Palmer and Troy Thompson.

Thirty high school students in Minnesota will be selected to compete in the national math tournament on June 2. These students will be chosen from those who finished near the top at the state tournament and during the math league's regular season.

Among the top 20 math-league competitors in the state this season were Monikowski (ranked second), Jonathan Short of Central High School (third), Lange (eighth) and Husam Ansari of St. Paul Academy (19th).

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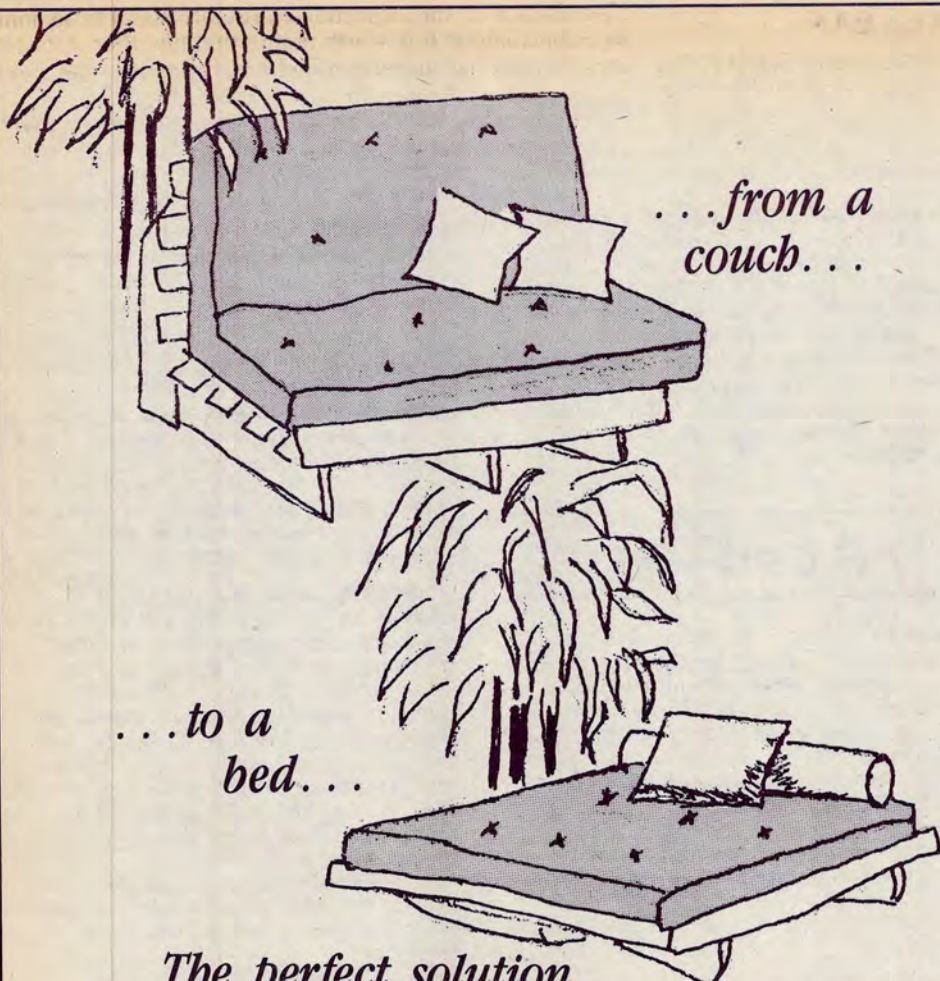
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April 26

A **SUPPORT GROUP** for persons suffering grief and loss meets today and every Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. in Room 4717 at United Hospital, 333 N. Smith Ave. No registration fees are required. For more information, call Nancy Massman (298-8709).

A **PUBLIC MEETING** to discuss the future of higher education in St. Paul will be held tonight from 7:00 to 9:30 at the West 7th Community Center, 265 Oneida St. The meeting is sponsored by the Oneida Education Center. Call 227-7803 for more information.

Dodge Nature Center, 1795 Charlton St. in West St. Paul. Naturalist Craig Hensley will conduct the three-hour program, which begins at 2:00. The cost is \$3.00, \$1.50 for children. For the required reservations, call 455-4531.

THE UPPER MIDWEST REGION of Hadassah will have its 64th spring conference today through Tuesday, May 2, at the Holiday Inn-Minneapolis West, 9970 Wayzata Blvd. For more information, or to make reservations for the conference, call Roz Heims at 938-4214.

"ISRAEL'S SELF-IMAGE in Its Literature, 1948-88" will be addressed at 3:00 p.m. today by Dr. Gila Ramras-Rauch, professor of Judaic Studies at Hebrew College in Brookline, Massachusetts. She will also speak about "The Woman in Contemporary Israeli Fiction" at 7:00 p.m. Both programs are free and open to the public. They will be held at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave.

April 27

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS will meet this morning to discuss "The Feasibility of an Advisory Board for the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation." The discussion will begin at 9:15 in the home of Barb Wolf, 2147 Lincoln Ave. Visitors are welcome.

THE KEY WAKOTA CHARTER CHAPTER of the American Business Women's Association will hold its monthly dinner meeting tonight at Southview Country Club, 239 E. Mendota Rd. A social hour will start at 5:30, and dinner will be served at 6:30. There will be presentations by a vocational speaker and by Officer George Hayes of Crime Stoppers. The cost is \$2.00 for the meeting only, \$12 with dinner. Call 647-3583 for more information.

WORLD WAR II FIGHTER ACE Richard A. "Bud" Peterson will speak at 7:00 this evening at the Minnesota Air Guard Museum, located just south of the intersection of Hiawatha Avenue and Crosstown Highway 62 in Minneapolis. Peterson, who flew 118 missions in a P-51, will also show a color video on the World War II history of his fighter group.

A **60-FAMILY GARAGE SALE** that will benefit the Jean Lyle Children's Center will run today through Saturday, April 29, at 1503 Lincoln Ave. Hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today and tomorrow and 9:00 to noon on Saturday. The children's center, located in St. Mary's Church at Laurel Avenue and Howell Street, offers preschool and kindergarten programs for children 3 to 6. For more information on the center, call 646-9603.

April 29

"FROM PATRIARCHY TO Wholeness," a workshop on the social systems that have distorted human development over the centuries, will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today at the Upper Midwest office of Global Education Associates, 1671 Summit Ave. The program will be led by Dorothy Olinger, director, and Mary Eileen Sorenson of the local United Nations Association, a former teacher at Cretin-Derham Hall high school. The fee is \$15, \$8.00 for students and people with low incomes. For more information, call 649-0510.

"AGING IS BECOMING," a half-day program for older adults, their families and others interested in the subject of aging, will be presented today from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Wilder Residence West, 514 Humboldt Ave. The free program will include seminars on dealing with loss, chronic pain, living wills, and funding sources available to pay for various services. For more information, call 642-4037.

April 30

EPHEMERAL WILDFLOWERS like hepaticas, bloodroots and trilliums will be sought out on a woodland hike this afternoon at the

May 1

A **RUMMAGE SALE** will be held today from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and tomorrow from 8:00 to 5:00 at St. Mark Lutheran Church, West 7th and Goodhue streets. There will be a bag sale tomorrow.

A **FORUM ON "Memory: Keeping It Sharp as You Age"** will begin tonight at 6:30 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. The forum is sponsored by the Macalester-Groveland and West 7th Living at Home projects and the Highland Block Nurse Program. Registration is \$1.00 in advance, \$2.00 at the door. For more information, or for assistance with transportation or respite care, call 698-7973.

A **SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS** of children with cerebral palsy and physical disabilities will meet in St. Paul on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 beginning tonight. No fee will be charged. For more information, or to register, call 646-7588.

MARK TWAIN'S Huckleberry Finn will be discussed today by the evening book club of the Jewish Community Center. The club will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 at the JCC, 1375 St. Paul Ave. New members are always welcome. Baby-sitting will be available. For more information, call 698-0751.

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT Walter F. Mondale will speak about the current political scene at 7:30 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. A question-and-answer session will follow his talk, which is free and open to all. Reservations are requested. Call 698-0751.

An **INFORMATIONAL SESSION** about an exchange program with Finland will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 tonight in the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy. The Twin Cities chapter of Friendship Force of Minnesota is seeking candidates for a one-week visit to Finland in early September. Participants, who would live in a Finnish home, would pay \$1,195 for the trip, with an option for a second week of touring or independent travel. Friendship Force is a non-political, non-denominational international citizens exchange program based on the principle of building peace and understanding through individual friendships.

May 2

MARIO TOSTO, a former advertising executive and now a Christian Science practitioner, will speak on "Christian Science: A Reasonable Basis for Hope" tonight at 7:30 in the Martin Luther King Center, 270 N. Kent St. There will be no admission charge or collection. Free parking and child care will be available.

WILLIAM SHEENAN, a Highland area resident and author of the recently published book *Planets and Perception*, will give a free

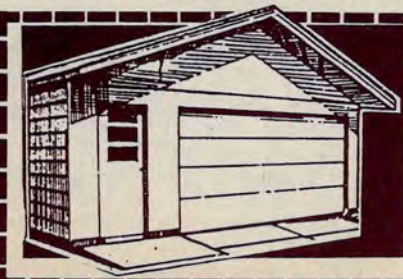
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lecture on the history of planetary astronomy at the May meeting of the Minnesota Astronomical Society today. The meeting, open to the public, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Room 412 of Mendel Hall on the College of St. Catherine campus.

May 3

THE SPRING GENERAL MEETING of the Summit Hill Association/District 16 will begin tonight at 7:00 in St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. The program will feature an update on plans for the Linwood Recreation Center and speeches by Mayor George Latimer and Officer Don Hase, who patrols Grand Avenue for the St. Paul Police Department.

AN AUTHENTIC MEDIEVAL and Renaissance costume pageant will be presented today when the Guild of Catholic Women meets at the College Club, 990 Summit Ave. The pageant, under the direction of costumer and narrator Susan Thimsen, will feature early-European costumes, and will include portrayals of such women as the wives of Henry VIII, Teresa of Avila, Clotilda, and St. Clare of Italy. Registration will be taken after 11:00 a.m., with a guild meeting at 11:30, Mass at noon and a luncheon at 12:30. The costume pageant will follow lunch. For reservations, send a check for \$7.50 to the Guild of Catholic Women, 286 Marshall Ave., St. Paul, MN 55102. Call 227-3352 for more information.

May 4

THE ANNUAL MEETING and spring luncheon of the St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary will be held today in the Deco Restaurant in the Minnesota Museum of Art, St. Peter Street and Kellogg Boulevard. A social hour will begin at 11:00, with lunch at noon. Fran Galvin, a humorist and motivational speaker, will give a presentation. Admission is \$15 per person, and reservations are due by April 28. Call 699-8494 for more information.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of the Hazel Park Congregational Church will have its

spring rummage sale today from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and tomorrow from 8:30 to noon in the church, 1831 E. Minnehaha Ave.

May 5

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will hold its annual May Fellowship Day, an ecumenical program of worship, today. The daytime section will gather at 9:30 a.m. at Macalester Plymouth Church, Lincoln Avenue and Macalester Street. A luncheon will follow the program. The evening section will meet for dinner at 6:15 at Cleveland Avenue United Methodist Church, 235 S. Cleveland Ave. For more information, contact Kathryn Crim at 451-6258 or Esther Berntsen at 706 Heinel Drive in St. Paul.

May 6

THE QUOTA CLUB OF ST. PAUL will hold its annual rummage sale today from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Selby-Dale Community Center, 665 Selby Ave. The sale will feature furniture, clothing, jewelry, plants, small electrical appliances and more. The Quota Club is a service organization of professional and executive business women.

A NEIGHBORHOOD SPRING cleanup sponsored by the Summit Hill Association/District 16 will be held today. Dumpsters will be located at 843 Fairmount Ave., 998 Linwood Ave., 634 and 1021 Goodrich Ave., and in the alley west of Dunlap between Grand and Summit avenues. Tires may be dropped off for \$1.00 each at the compost site on Pleasant Avenue just south of St. Clair. Today only, brush and tree limbs will also be accepted at the compost site.

ST. MARK'S COUNCIL of Catholic Women will hold its spring rummage sale today from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the small auditorium of the school at Dayton Avenue and Moore Street. The sale, which will continue with a bag sale from 9:00 to noon tomorrow, will feature clothing, jewelry, furniture, plants, toys and collectibles. Coffee, doughnuts and homemade cupcakes will be sold in the coffee shop.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST Episcopal Church, Portland Avenue and Kent Street, will have a spring sale today from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The gym will be filled with books, housewares, linens, clothing and more. There will also be a bag sale from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8.

THERE WILL BE A RUMMAGE sale today from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and tomorrow from 9:00 to noon at St. Mark's auditorium, Dayton and Moore avenues.

INFORMATION ON RECREATIONAL options available in Ramsey County to people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities will be featured at a "Summer '89 Recreation Resources Expo," which will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today at the South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Ave. Sponsored by the Association for Retarded Citizens, the expo is open to parents, care providers and others who assist people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. The cost for the event is \$8.00 for ARC members, \$10 for non-members. Call 224-3301 for more information.

May 7

LONGFELLOW SCHOOL STUDENTS will be washing cars between noon and 5:00 p.m. today at Highland Repair Service, St. Clair and Prior avenues. Proceeds will benefit the Longfellow School Environmental Learning Center Fund.

May 8

A DRIVERS REFRESHER COURSE for senior citizens 55 and older will be conducted by AAA from 3:00 to 6:00 this afternoon at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. The eight-hour course will continue from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. tomorrow and from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 10. The cost is \$20 and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 297-2466.

THE LONGFELLOW HOUSE Restoration Group will have a fund-raising auction at its

meeting tonight at 7:00 at 5125 S. 17th Ave., Minneapolis. For more information, call 724-4047 or 729-6967.

May 9

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Jewish Community Relations Council/Anti-Defamation League will start tonight at 8:00 at Temple of Aaron, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. The program will feature a discussion by five Holocaust survivors of "How We Teach About the Holocaust." There will also be an election of officers. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

"THE REAL STORY BEHIND THE PLIGHT of Asian Refugees" will be addressed this afternoon by Stephen Young, a lawyer and a professor at Hamline University. The public is invited to his talk, which will begin at 3:00 in the theater of Coffman Union at the University of Minnesota.

OBTAINING A FOSTER-CARE LICENSE for children will be the subject of an informational meeting conducted this evening by the Ramsey County Human Services Department. The meeting will begin at 6:30 at the St. Paul Public Schools building, 360 Colborne St. For more information, call 298-5437.

THE ST. PAUL DOG TRAINING CLUB will begin new classes in obedience training today at the Pleasant Avenue Ice Arena, 848 Pleasant Ave. The classes, held every Tuesday evening for nine weeks, cost \$55. For advance registration, call 457-8989 or 699-4696.

May 10

THE ST. PAUL CHAPTER of Hadassah will present "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," a dramatic musical program featuring the poetry and drawings of the Terezin children, at 11:45 a.m. today at the Temple of Aaron. Of the 15,000 children who passed through the Terezin concentration camp, only about 100 survived. To make lunch reservations, send a check for \$8.50 to Charlotte Legan, 1742 Saunders Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116. Call 699-9963 for more information.

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Highland Area Community Council Capsule

NEW BUILDINGS, LICENSE OKAYED

Several land-use issues were reviewed at the April 13 meeting of the Highland Area Community Council, including Talbots' plans for a new women's apparel store and parking lot in Highland Village, the proposed expansion of Road Rescue, and a 3.2 beer license for Walgreens drug store on South Snelling Avenue.

Talbots proposes to build a 5,000-square-foot store on the southwest corner of Scheffer and Cleveland avenues with a parking lot on the northwest corner of the intersection (next to Cecil's Delicatessen). Parking for 31 cars would be provided. The billboards currently on the site of the parking lot would be removed. The undeveloped lots are zoned B-2, for retail business.

The board of directors recommended approving Talbots' plans with the following stipulations: that the present billboards be removed and not replaced, the parking lot plan be reviewed by the city for the best entrance and exit design, and that Talbots adhere to the Highland Village landscaping and signage guidelines and work with Cecil's on a shared parking arrangement.

The board recommended the approval of Walgreens' application for a 3.2 off-sale beer license. John Hartung, manager of the new store at 522 S. Snelling Ave., said Walgreens would prevent minors from purchasing beer by checking identification cards, posting warnings, and employing a check-out clerk who is at least 21 years old.

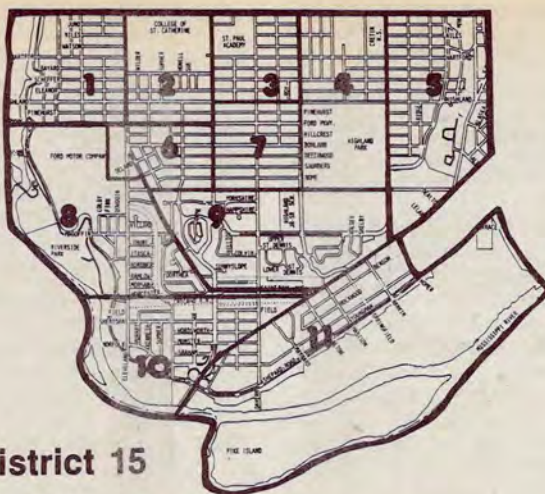
The board also recommended the approval of Bill Huestis' plans to build a 2,000-square-foot addition on his Road Rescue ambulance-manufacturing business at 1135 Rankin St. The new construction would take place on the west end of the existing building. Additional parking would also be provided. Local residents raised concerns about standing water and an increase in traffic and noise. Members of the board suggested that if mosquitoes were a problem, the metropolitan mosquito control agency should be contacted, and if the neighbors were bothered by noise, the city should be called so that officials could measure the noise and take appropriate action.

BUNIN ELECTED COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Scott Bunin was elected president of the Highland Area Community Council at the April meeting, and Eve Gillis Stein was elected vice president. Linn Teal Ward will serve as treasurer and Chuck Wiley as secretary for the coming year. Chosen to chair committees were Valerie Liston, Human Services; Don Lampland, Transportation; and Gordon Glen-denning, Community Development. Pat Persson was elected by the board to serve as the designated alternate member.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSED

Capital Improvement Budget projects proposed for the Highland area were discussed by people attending the April



District 15

meeting. The board is in the process of ranking the proposals according to their priority. Addressed at the meeting were:

Hillcrest and Highland Park Library expansion. Mark Moeller, chair of the Hillcrest/Highland Library CIB task force, discussed the growing need for recreational and library services in the community. According to the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation, each community should be served by a recreational facility, and Highland's is an out-dated warming house. The Highland Park Library is one of the most used branches in the St. Paul public library system, often topping the downtown library in circulation. The current proposal is for the construction of a new recreation center building at Hillcrest and an addition to the library.

The Edgcombe Road sewer and construction work was described as a good proposal by area residents in attendance, as long as the road is not widened and an attempt is made to save existing trees.

A new signal light on Randolph Avenue at Albert Street was supported by Sister Susan Oeffling of Cretin-Derham Hall high school. The intersection, she said, is a crossing for students from Cretin-Derham Hall and Holy Spirit grade school, and for the many kids using the nearby playing fields during the summer. Oeffling said traffic along Randolph has increased greatly since the opening of I-35E, and with it the danger for local pedestrians.

MAYOR TO ADDRESS RIVERFRONT PLAN

The Highland Area Community Council is sponsoring a meeting with Mayor George Latimer to discuss riverfront issues. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 8, at Hillcrest Recreation Center, Ford Parkway and Kenneth Street. Area residents are invited to attend and to voice their concerns about the riverfront.

HELP SOUGHT FOR WASTE COLLECTION

Volunteers are being sought to help out with the Household Hazardous Waste Collection scheduled for Saturday, June 3, at Highland Park Senior High School, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. Volunteers will work in two shifts—from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ramsey County will provide professionals to handle the hazardous waste.

Volunteers would fulfill such duties as setting up and taking down tables and tents, directing traffic, passing out surveys to incoming cars, helping remove waste material from cars, sorting paint, opening cans and pouring paint into large barrels, and staffing a recycling information booth. For more information on volunteering, call HACC (690-0866) or June Wiley (698-7384).

Hazardous wastes that can be dropped off June 3 include relatively full cans of paint (half a can of paint or less can be dried out), paint thinners and solvents, pesticides, cleaning solvents, automotive chemicals, photographic and other hobby chemicals, wood preservatives, car batteries and motor oil.

Among the hazardous wastes that cannot be handled by the collection program are radioactive material, compressed gas, propane tanks, explosives, and industrial and business waste. An informational brochure with further details on the program will be delivered door to door in May.

RECYCLABLES PICKED UP MAY 8, 22

Did you know St. Paul generates nearly 760 tons of garbage each day? That figures out to 277,000 tons of garbage a year—about 40 percent of it from St. Paul homes, 32 percent from industries, and 28 percent from businesses.

Area residents can lighten that load by taking part in Highland's twice-monthly curbside recycling program. Recyclable materials should be set out on the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the days of pickup, which are the second and fourth Mondays of the month, or May 8 and 22. For more information on recycling, call the HACC office at 690-0866.

Advisory groups hold elections

Elections will be held this may to fill 85 seats on community councils that advise the board of directors of Ramsey Action Programs Inc. Advisory council members have a say in such programs as Head Start, Self-Sufficiency, Fare Share, and programs dealing with the distribution of commodities, energy assistance and congregate dining for the elderly.

All Ramsey County residents 15 and older can vote in the Ramsey Action Programs community elections. The voting sites will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26. Residents of the Highland Park, West 7th/West End, Crocus Hill and Macalester-Groveland areas can vote at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave., West 7th Community Center, 265 Oneida St., and Country Club Foods,

West 7th Street and St. Clair Avenue.

For more information on voting, call 291-7497. For information on how to become a candidate for a community advisory board, call that number by May 5.

Toastmasters meet Saturday mornings

The King Boreas Toastmasters Club is now meeting over breakfast at 7:30 a.m. every Saturday at Patty's Pantry, 1088 University Ave. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

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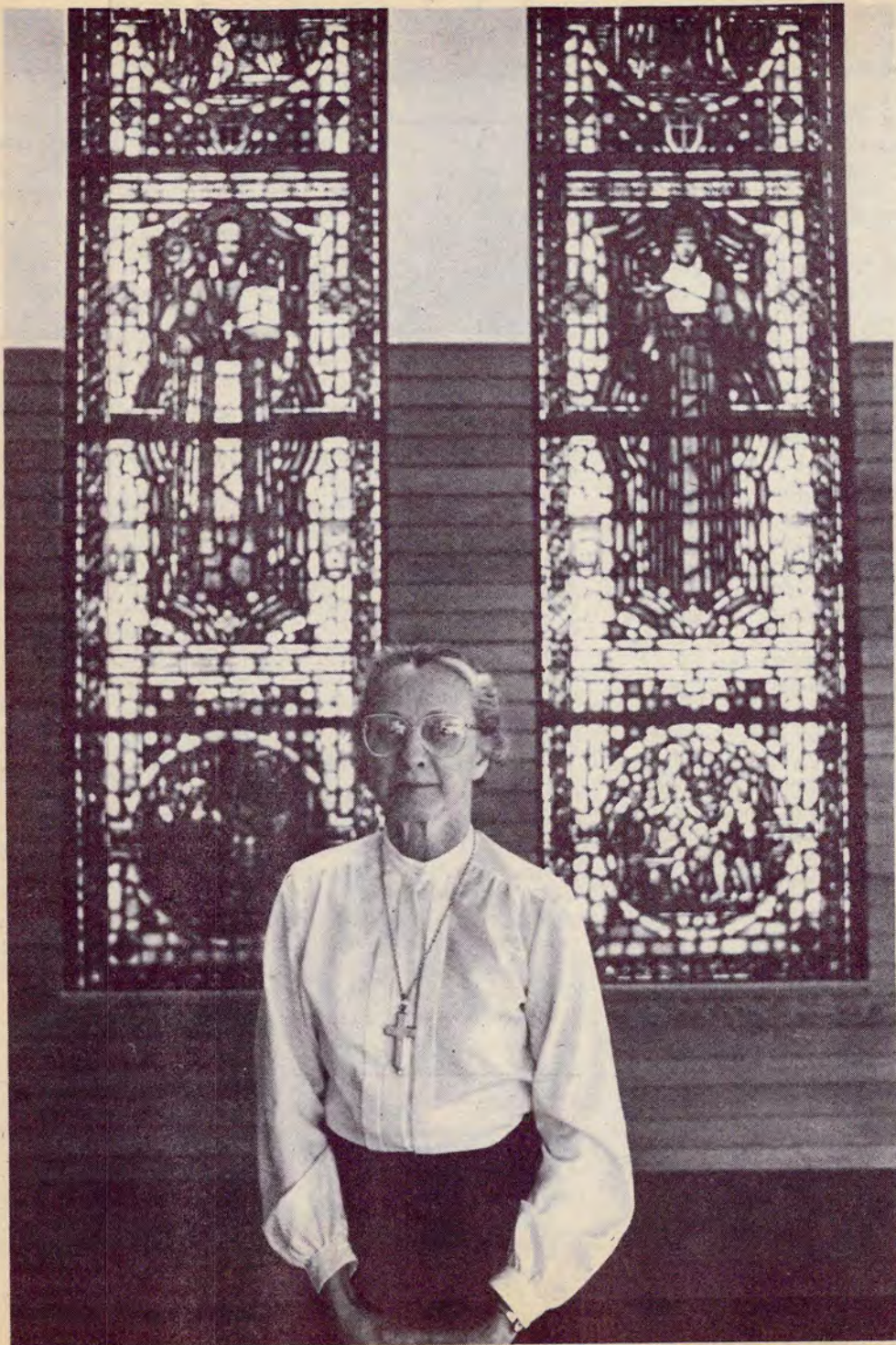
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Sister Peronne Marie Thibert, superior of the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary in Mendota Heights, recently translated the 17th-century letters of Sts. Francis de Sales and Jane de Chantal. Stained-glass likenesses of both saints adorn the entrance to the Convent of the Visitation School in Mendota Heights.

Nun's translation breathes new life into centuries-old letters of saints

by Terry Andrews

Reading letters is fun. Letters bring up-to-date news, information, and tidbits of gossip. Letters are tangible, unlike phone calls. You can read them again and again, savoring their morsels of humor or wisdom. Good or bad, they put you in touch with the writer's feelings or thoughts. And you can save them as a record of a moment.

Old letters, especially old letters not addressed to you, can be entertaining, illuminating, and even instructive. It is an intimate experience to unfold a yellowed sheet of paper and stare at the handwriting, because what you are about to read was never intended for your eyes.

In part, that is what makes *Francis de Sales, Jane de Chantal: Letters of Spiritual Direction* so interesting to read. This is a collection of letters written to teach, to guide, occasionally to chastise, but they were meant only for the recipient. That they have survived almost 400 years and still appear fresh is testimony not only to the wealth of their content but to the able hand of Sister Peronne Marie Thibert, who translated them from French into this volume just published by the Paulist Press.

Francis de Sales and Jane de Chantal lived in the turbulent years of the early 1600s, a time when existing scientific theories were being challenged by Copernicus and Galileo, when the Reformation and religious wars had left France and the Catholic Church in upheaval. Francis was a Roman Catholic Bishop; Jane was a widowed baroness with young children. When Jane approached the bishop for spiritual guidance, the two became close friends. Together, in 1610, they founded the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary.

As the introduction to the book states, it

was for "women who felt drawn to a life of religious commitment but who were not sufficiently young, robust, or free of family ties to enter one of the austere, reformed, women's communities." As a member of this order, Jane was able to oversee its growth as well as care for her children (one of her daughters grew up to marry Francis' brother). Francis, as the order's spiritual guide, was able to instruct and teach the gentle, optimistic Salesian spirituality.

The letters in this volume were selected by Wendy M. Wright, who has a doctorate in religious studies, and Joseph F. Power, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales and founder of the De Sales Resource Center in New York. The two of them asked Thibert, who is the superior of the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary in Mendota Heights, to translate the selected letters.

"Francis de Sales is a great 17th-century humanist," Thibert said. "He and Jane de Chantal were both good letter writers, and we think these letters have something to say today." Many of the letters had been translated before, but existed only in "old, inaccessible translations," she added.

"Salesian spirituality is very practical," Thibert explained. "You don't have to go off to the monastery to find God. You can find it in the busyness of life. The emphasis is on gentleness and simplicity."

Thibert was teaching French at Convent of the Visitation School in Mendota Heights when she was asked to do the translation. "I was happy to change careers for this," she recalled. "I took a year off to work on it."

The time off included a trip to Annecy, France, to visit the archives where the origi-

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District 14 Community Council News

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The District 14 Community Council will hold its 1989 annual meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, at Macalester Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave. The agenda for that meeting will begin with the election of half of the organization's board of directors. This year all odd-numbered grid representatives are up for election to two-year terms. Also to be elected are half of the board's at-large positions.

Board members whose seats are up for election include:
Grid 1 — Tom Kayser, 466 S. Mississippi River Blvd.
Grid 3 — Jeffrey Cairns, 1894 Summit Ave.
Grid 5 — Gaius Nelson, 206 S. Wheeler St.
Grid 7 — Paul Plunkett, 1370 Goodrich Ave.
Grid 9 — Sara Pillow, 2116 Jefferson Ave.
Grid 11 — Pat Berendt, 1808 Stanford Ave.
Grid 13 — Sally Frost, 1225 Stanford Ave.
Grid 15 — Dave McVary, 375 S. Snelling Ave.
Grid 17 — Linda Varro, 1208 Palace Ave.

At-Large residential — Gayle Summers, 2258 Goodrich Ave., and Kevin Johnson, 1880 Grand Ave.

Religious institutions — Tom Flynn, Nativity Church.

Businesses — Tom Goldstein, Sports Collection.

Residents of all odd-numbered grids will caucus and elect their representatives. All Macalester-Groveland residents in attendance will be eligible to vote for the at-large representatives from the residential membership. District 14 churches and businesses will caucus to elect representatives from their groups.

Those who are interested in running for any of these positions are invited to call the District 14 Community Council office (698-7973) for a copy of the election rules and procedures.

CIB PROPOSALS RANKED

District 14's 1989 annual meeting will also feature a "town meeting" on the issue of vehicular speed in residential neighborhoods, especially near schools and playgrounds. A panel including City Traffic Engineer Don Sobania, Police Sergeant John Ballis and Ramsey County Judge Margaret Marrinan will address the issue, including the merits of instituting a new method of speed control which would make it possible for cameras placed at an appropriate site to identify and photograph motor vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

Other business at the annual meeting will include consideration of a bylaw amendment that would allow community council officers to chair council committees. A straw vote of those in attendance will also be conducted to rank capital improvements proposed for the Macalester-Groveland area in the coming two years. Those improvements include:

- Construction of ball fields west of Groveland Elementary School
- Making the Groveland warming house accessible to the handicapped so that the state can renew the child-care license for KidsPark, the community council's drop-in child-care program
- Installation of left-turn lanes at Snelling and Randolph avenues
- Installation of semaphores at Grand and Cretin avenues
- Installation of semaphores at Randolph Avenue and Albert Street

- Reconstruction (without widening) of Edgcombe Road between Lexington Parkway and Hamline Avenue
- Installation of green lantern street lighting on Edgcombe Road between Jefferson and Randolph avenues
- Acquisition of right-of-way and widening of Lexington Parkway between Randolph and Jefferson avenues to correct congestion and safety problems associated with the Randolph access to I-35E
- An environmental-impact study on connecting Ayd Mill Road to I-35E

Following the annual meeting, the new board will convene to rank District 14 capital improvements, an important component in the determination of whether or not a proposal ultimately receives funds.

For more information about the annual meeting, call the District 14 Community Council office at 698-7973.

RECYCLING GLUT ADDRESSED

Recycling is a three-phased process that includes the collection of materials, the processing of those materials and the demand for the new products created from the materials. Where any phase is out of sync, recycling suffers.

In recent weeks there has been a recycled newspaper glut in the Twin Cities metro area. New recycling programs in the metro area have been providing more newsprint for processing, but the demand for products that use recycled paper fibers has not increased to meet the supply.

Because Waldorf Corporation and Pioneer Paper, the two major newspaper buyers in the area, cannot expand the amount of newspaper they can process or sell without an attendant increase in the demand for products using recycled fibers, any long-term solution will require a change in the purchasing of buyers, manufacturers and consumers. Consumers would be well advised to purchase products that use recycled material. Examples include motor oil and laundry detergent in cardboard containers that are grey or brown on the inside rather than plastic.

For the short term, consumers can continue to put newspapers out for recycling. Ramsey County has allocated \$40,000 to enable county recyclers to take excess paper to the Newport Refuse Derived Fuel Facility where it will be turned into boiler fuel to generate electricity.

RECYCLING SERVICES PLUGGED

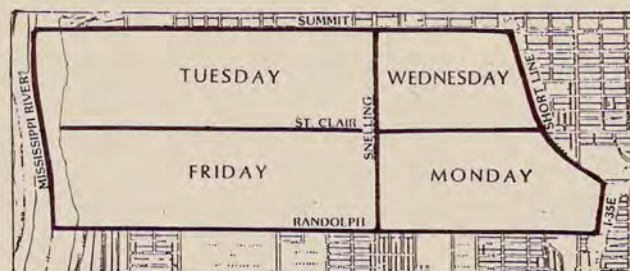
District 14 residents now receive weekly recycling collection services. Materials collected include newspaper and corrugated cardboard, metal and glass food and beverage containers, metal items without motors that are no longer than 3 feet, car batteries and used motor oil.

Recyclables should be placed in the alley (except for those who live in Tangletown or where there is no alley) by 6:30 a.m. on collection day. (See map.) Newspapers, paper bags and cardboard should be flattened and bagged or bundled. Glass should be rinsed, separated by color, and free of metal rings. Aluminum and metal cans should be rinsed and their labels removed. Metals may be mixed together. Motor oil must be put out in a non-glass container with a tightly fitting lid. Because of contamination (plastic, tape and food residue), District 14's recycling contractor can no longer collect cardboard boxes such as cereal boxes and office paper.

For more information about recycling, call the District 14 Community Council office at 698-7973 or the council's recycling contractor, Eagle Sanitation, at 459-3029.

STREET CLOSINGS ANNOUNCED

Spring has arrived and with it, sewer-separation and street-construction season. Three sewer-separation projects will affect the Macalester-Groveland area: the Cleveland-Portland project in the area around the College of St. Thomas; the



District 14 recycling days

Marshall-Hamline project in the area between University and Marshall avenues, from just west of Snelling to just east of Hamline avenues; and the Fairmount-Syndicate project in the area generally bounded by Portland, Saratoga, St. Clair and Lexington. The St. Clair bridge over Ayd Mill Road will also be reconstructed, as will St. Clair between Snelling and Lexington.

The city's Public Works Department has reported that Mississippi River Boulevard between Cretin and Dayton avenues will be closed from May to September. Cretin will be closed for 60 days beginning in early summer, with traffic being routed down Cleveland via Grand. Cleveland between Summit and Selby avenues will be closed for 45 days in late summer after Cretin is reopened. Cleveland between Marshall and University avenues will be closed for 21 days during the same time it is closed near Summit. Snelling will not be closed at all, but some lanes will be closed during non-peak hours. Parts of Hamline Avenue will be closed for 30 days beginning in May. St. Clair will be closed between Lexington and Hamline in early summer. St. Clair between Hamline and Snelling will be closed in mid- or late-summer after the stretch between Lexington and Hamline is completed. The St. Clair bridge will be closed from mid-June through mid-September.

The city has spent considerable time implementing a phased-construction schedule. Contracts have definite time requirements and plans have been made to reconstruct streets in such a way that adjacent arterials will not be closed at the same time. Regardless, area motorists are advised to give themselves extra time and to be prepared for detours.

BENEFIT YARD SALE SET

A KidsPark Yard Sale will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, in the gym at the Groveland Recreation Center. The event is a fund-raiser for the community council's drop-in child-care program. Items to be sold include children's clothing, toys, books, furniture and plants.

Those wishing to donate items to the yard sale are invited to call Sue Hall at 690-2564. Donations are tax-deductible and arrangements can be made to have them picked up.

KidsPark operates from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on school days in the warming house at Groveland. The program is licensed to serve children age 6 weeks through kindergarten. KidsPark charges \$2.00 an hour for infants, \$1.50 for older children, and parents who want to exchange work for KidsPark hours may do so. Each family must pay a \$15 annual membership fee. For information or to make reservations, call KidsPark at 698-7841.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETS

The Environment Committee will hold its next meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, at the Edgcombe Recreation Center. The agenda will include further discussion about promoting business recycling and final planning for the area-wide household hazardous waste collection on June 3. For more information, call Environment Committee chair Carol Andrews at 296-8585 or the community council office.

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nal letters are kept. "Sister Marie-Patricia Burns there is the scholar on St. Jane," Thibert said. "She was enormously helpful. The last edition of the Jane letters was in the 19th century, but she is preparing a six-volume work of the letters. I couldn't have had a greater source."

All of those involved in this project wanted the letters to have an updated feeling without losing their authenticity. It is to Thibert's credit that the letters retain their poetic quality and flow. "There was a fine line between letting (Francis and Jane) be 17th-century people but not making the translation be so literal that it would turn off the 20th-century reader," she said.

Seeing some of the original letters was "a riot," Thibert said. "Some of Jane's letters are written on the back of another piece of paper with writing on it, or she would write around the margins."

Thibert takes her religious name from one of the founders of the order, Sister Peronne-Marie. "She was kind of feisty and loved all the things I love—the parties, the poetry—so I feel very rooted," Thibert said. One of Thibert's favorite passages in the book is found in a letter from Francis to Sister Peronne-Marie: "Truly, you are right, my poor dear Peronne-Marie, when you say there are in you two men, or, rather, two women. One... is a bit touchy, resentful and ready to flare up if anyone crosses her... the other... fully intends to belong totally to God." The first, the letter continues, "is satisfied to make you lose time when she is unable to make you lose eternity."

The letters of Francis offer philosophical direction: "I don't mean we shouldn't head

in the direction of perfection," he writes, "but that we mustn't try to get there in a day." And: "One of the great benefits of suffering is that we come to see the depths of our own nothingness, and the debris of our bad inclinations floats to the top."

Many of Jane's letters deal with the everyday business of life. In one of them she writes: "like a honey bee, while you are carefully making the honey of devotion, at the same time make the wax of your household affairs."

Some of her most fascinating letters are those written to her daughter, Francoise, who was independent and strong-willed. In one of the letters, Jane cautions her daughter not to "waste time fussing about jewelry and fashions." Jane arranged for her daughter's marriage to a man 15 years older. She writes: "darling, you will be much happier with him than with some rash, dissolute, young fool like the young men of today... He has lived honorably at court and on the battlefield, has received high appointments from the king."

Thibert would like to do a second book just on the relationship between Jane and her daughters. "I think that would be fascinating, although there's not much to document it," she said.

For now, she is enjoying the response to this book, especially hearing from former students and others who are reading the book.

"Francis is such an optimist, and sees humanity in such a positive light," she said. "These letters say, 'Be yourself, don't play games.' They were written to people in all walks of life. They represent practical spirituality, if you will."

Sibley House museums open on May 2

The Sibley House Association Properties, Minnesota's oldest historic site, will open for its 80th season on Tuesday, May 2. Consisting of six historic buildings on eight acres near the junction of the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers, the museums have long been a mecca for local history buffs.

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There will be several special events during this anniversary season. On May 6 and 7, members of the fur-trade re-enactment group La Compaigne will hold a rendezvous on the grounds of the museums. Visitors will get a close look at the housing, clothing, foods and games of the voyageurs.

June will be devoted to 19th-century wedding cus-

tombs with special exhibits from the museum's collection of historic fashion.

The museums are open May through October from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5:00 on Sundays. Admission prices are \$2.50 for adults, \$2.00 for senior citizens and 50 cents for those 6 to 16 years old.

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Two young lasses displayed their skill in the Highland fling during last year's Scottish Country Fair at Macalester College. The 17th annual fair is set for May 6.

Macalester's annual Scots fest coming to town Saturday, May 6

The sights and sounds of the Scottish Highlands will hold sway for the day when Macalester College celebrates its 17th annual Scottish Country Fair on Saturday, May 6.

From 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Macalester's Shaw Field at Snelling and St. Clair avenues will come alive with the sounds of bagpipers, storytellers and minstrels. There will also be Highland dance competitions, traditional games of brawn, an arts and crafts fair, Scottish cuisine, sheepdog demonstrations and more.

The gates will open at 10:00, and the games of brawn will begin at 10:30. Used by early Scottish kings to select the best runners and warriors, the games of brawn include the hammer throw, the caber toss and the throwing of 56-pound weights. A sheepshearing demonstration will be given at 11:30, followed by the welcoming ceremonies at noon.

The ceremonies will include the introduction of honored guests, the spectacular massed bands event—in which 150 pipers and drummers in full Scottish dress march to "Scotland the Brave"—and a "massed fling," led by trophy winners in the pre-open dance competition. The ceremonies, which will also feature a performance by

the Twin Cities Royal Scottish Country Dancers, will end with a parade of clans and tartans.

The band competition, as well as the Lakes and Prairies Open Dance Championship, will get under way at 1:30. All of the dances, including the Highland fling, the sword dance and the *seann truibhas*, require intricate footwork and much spirited leaping. A sheepdog demonstration will be given at 4:00, followed by award ceremonies at 5:00.

Throughout the day, the works of 150 artisans will be on display in the arts and crafts fair. New this year will be re-enactments of daily life in 16th-century Scotland, presented by the Highland Living History Group. A children's area will feature storytelling, music, crafts and much more. There will also be an abundance of food on sale, including Scottish goodies like shortbread, scones and meat pies.

As always, Scottish clans from throughout the United States will set up their tents to display their tartans and crests, and will take part in the parade of tartans.

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The McCabes have backgrounds in construction and electrical contracting, and they plan to redesign the store and to devote much of the space to home services, such as the repairing of televisions, small engines, lamps, vacuum cleaners, windows and screens.

The new owners are now operating the store, but they won't be holding their grand-opening celebration for about two months.

Archdiocese seeks members for panel

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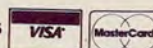
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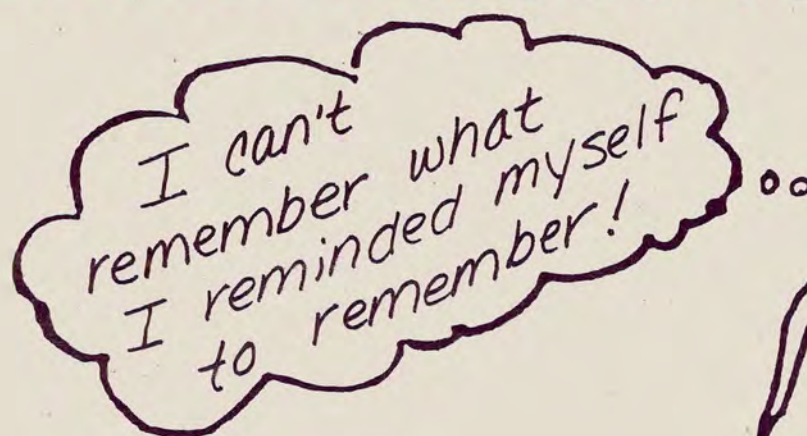
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Disability shouldn't dampen desire for volunteer work, says local man

by Roger Fuller

George Failes was riding home from a downtown meeting a few years ago with four other handicapped persons. When they arrived at his house on South Cleveland Avenue, one of his companions remarked, "It's nice to have someone to come home to."

Failes said that got him thinking "about how lucky I was to have a nice, supportive wife. A great many disabled people live alone. I almost cried when I started thinking about it."

Failes, whose eyesight and hearing are impaired, called up dating services in the Twin Cities to find out what was available for disabled people. "The general answer was something like, 'What is he up to?'" he said.

Failes then contacted the community services section of the St. Paul Society for the Blind to see what could be done to help disabled people improve their social skills.

Disabled people "should be able to learn to talk more easily with each other and to learn about the emotions of being single," Failes said. But at the time there wasn't an organization that facilitated that kind of learning.

Last fall, however, after a year of planning, Failes, with the help of the Society for the Blind, the United Handicapped Federation and Courage Center, set up a 10-week singles support group. Meetings were held on Sunday nights in a classroom at the College of St. Thomas.

"We talked about such things as loneliness, depression, the single culture, adjustment, and disability services," Failes said. "There was a core group of about 16 people who attended every session. This fall we are planning to repeat the program."

Failes, 63, has been retired for 10 years and now spends a great deal of his time doing volunteer work. He suffers about 65 percent hearing loss, and wears two hear-

"It is time for the disabled person to learn to volunteer his own services," Failes said. "We have civil rights, but there are also civil responsibilities."

ing aids whenever he leaves the house.

Failes' hearing was slightly better when he was in elementary school—about 50 percent—but it wasn't until he was 19 that he found out he would have problems with his eyesight as well.

"They said I had Usher Syndrome, which affects both sight and hearing," he said. "When the eye doctor told me this, he didn't prepare me for the way I would lose my sight. It doesn't happen all at once, but is very gradual."

Failes attended Cretin High School, where he competed in track and football, graduated from the College of St. Thomas, and earned a master's degree in botany and soils at the University of Minnesota.

He was employed for 24 years by Cenex, lastly as a senior agronomist. But in 1978, his disability forced his early retirement. "They gave me a golden parachute and a little shove to go with it," he said. His severance pay "was generous," he said, "with profit sharing, pension and full salary for two years after retirement."

As Failes' eyesight worsened, he first noticed a loss in peripheral vision and a new difficulty with nighttime driving. The portion of his eyes used for reading was the last to be affected.

"My problem was at first peripheral vision," he said.

"Most people can see with a sight range of about 180 degrees. Mine is about 20 degrees now."

Failes reads books and newspapers with the help of a device similar to a closed-circuit television. He places the page under a zoom lens that can magnify the print up to 60 times, and then moves the page slowly as the enlarged words appear on the screen one by one.

"I was depressed after I left work," he said. "I referred myself to the Society for the Blind, where I took an intensive six-month course covering such areas as cane travel, counting with an abacus, typing, cooking and daily living."

Once he completed his training, Failes became a peer counselor, helping the newly blind adjust to their disability.

Failes recommends volunteering to the people he meets who are handicapped. His idea for the singles support group led to the establishment of the Differently Abled Volunteer Project.

The volunteer project "is based on the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program, in which the federal government pays the travel costs for seniors 65 years or older who volunteer," Failes said.

"We wanted to develop something along the same lines that would encourage handicapped persons under 65 to volunteer. The plan is to establish a resource center where social service agencies could call if they needed someone to come into the office to do a couple hours of typing or wanted a man to serve as a big brother to a boy."

"It is time for the disabled person to learn to volunteer his own services," Failes said. "We have civil rights, but there are also civil responsibilities."

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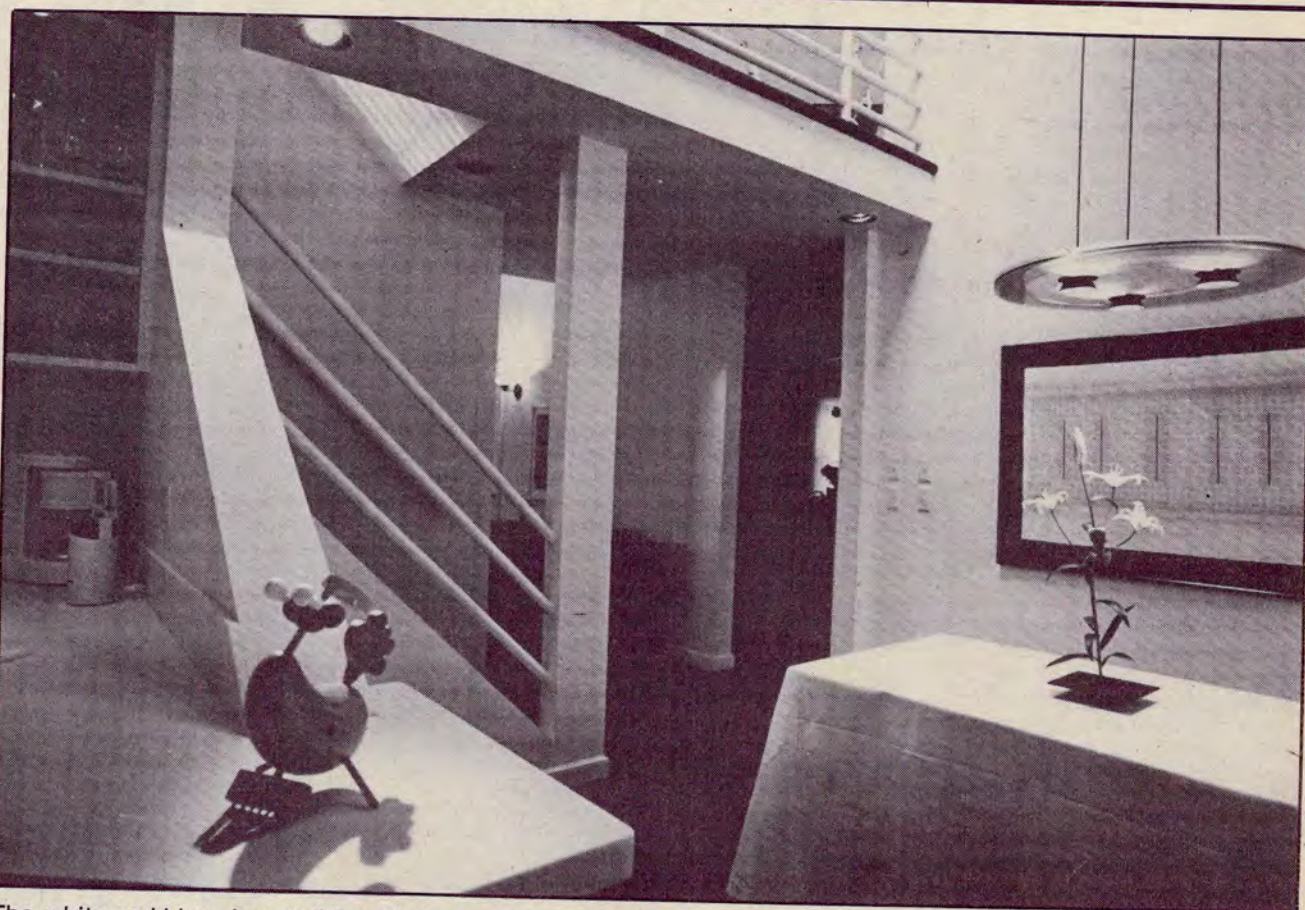
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Impairments of his hearing and eyesight forced George Failes to retire 10 years ago, but the Cleveland Avenue resident has kept himself busy ever since. In the past year, he helped establish a singles support group and a volunteers program for disabled people.

On the Towns



The Finlaysons' house is relatively small, but skylights, as here in their loft, give the illusion of more space.



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The white-and-blue decor of the Finlaysons' house is color-designed around an Italian light in the center of their striking dining room. Both the living room and dining room feature vaulted ceilings.

May home tour will tout the benefits of city living

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

On the first weekend in May, 60 St. Paul and Minneapolis homeowners will throw open their doors, inviting all comers to inspect their houses and their neighborhoods. The free, self-guided home tour is a joint project of the two cities to showcase city living. Minneapolis, which welcomed 10,000 visitors to the first home tour last spring, found the venture so successful that St. Paul decided to join the project this year.

According to Paul Schuster of the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development, the tour is "a good, positive way of drawing attention to neighborhoods." Houses on the tour include renovated and remodeled homes, new construction, townhouses and a downtown condominium. Several homes in the Highland Park, Macalester-Groveland and Summit-University areas will be featured, and several locations will be designated as seminar homes, where visitors can attend presentations on such topics as energy conservation, schools and remodeling techniques.

One of the featured Highland Park homes belongs to Pat and Don Finlayson. After purchasing the home less than two years ago, with plans for extensive remodeling, Pat Finlayson says the home has been "rewired, replumbed, re-everythinged."

The couple has, in fact, virtually gutted the Cape Cod-style home at 1900 Eleanor Ave., vaulted the living and dining room

ceilings, pushed the kitchen out into the breezeway, enlarged the bathroom to install a whirlpool tub and a separate shower stall, and turned a small bedroom into a customized closet/dressing room. The cabinetry in the kitchen, bathroom and dressing room is all European style. "They are smaller," Pat Finlayson explained, "and I wanted every inch of space." Everything—from jewelry and shoes to laundry and the ironing board—has a customized storage area.

The Finlaysons wanted a small house that was easy to maintain and within walking distance of shopping and other amenities, she said. They also wanted to live in a well-established city neighborhood. In spite of the extensive remodeling, the Finlaysons kept the home within its original exterior.

"We wanted to keep the house so it looked like part of the neighborhood," she said.

The house originally had two bedrooms, and while the Finlaysons have only one bedroom now, an enclosed breezeway could be converted into a second bedroom. While remodeling the kitchen, the Finlaysons planned ahead and installed piping for a future second bathroom.

Only the bedroom is still "in progress," Finlayson said. Though their tastes are contemporary, one of their treasures is an antique bedroom set that once belonged to her great aunt, and among their furnishings are several antique prints.

The Finlaysons' home recently won an award for interior remodeling from the Twin Cities Remodelers Council. Part of Finlayson's interest in the extensive remodeling project and in showing her home on the tour is professional. She is an interior designer and wants "to show people what can be done." As is often the case with remodeling projects, she added, "we probably put more into it than we planned." She and her husband lived in the house most of the time it was under construction, though they hired professionals to do the work.

For such a large-scale project, Finlayson said, her advice to other homeowners would be to "seek professionals." They can help save money in the long run, she said, because they are able to put a homeowner in touch with people who can incorporate the needs of the family into the final product.

In marked contrast to the contemporary remodeling of the Finlayson's home is the 5,500-square-foot Second French Empire home of Greg and Sue Hotzler at 193 Mackubin St. Schuster said the home was chosen because it has been "historically and lovingly restored."

Built in 1882 by Civil War General Judson Wade Bishop, commander of the 2nd Minnesota Regiment, the house suffered at the hands of successive owners, and before the Hotzlers bought it in 1982 had been converted into 19 sleeping rooms. It had also suffered some damage from vandals.

Over the past few years, the Hotzlers

have completely restored and renovated both the exterior and interior of the house. Except for the master bathroom, which now has a whirlpool tub and marble tile, and the kitchen, which, according to Greg Hotzler, retains the old style but is now "functional," the house has been restored to its original state. His own expertise as a contractor enabled him to play detective and figure out the original plan and intricacies of the house. With the aid of six historical photographs, two porches and exterior soffits were also restored.

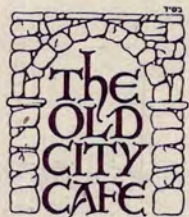
Even though he is in the construction business and his own company did most of the work, Hotzler said the project was expensive and still cost more than the original estimate.

Hotzler decided to show his home as a way of promoting both his construction business and his neighborhood. The majority of homes near his have undergone substantial renovation in the past 10 years, and some new construction has replaced dilapidated dwellings.

The Hotzlers purchased their home in the Selby-Dale neighborhood because they got more house for their dollar there. Besides, Hotzler said, "it's nice to live in a house where a Civil War general lived." They purchased two books written by General Bishop to display in their home, which is furnished with antiques they have collected over the past 15 years.

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Concerts

In celebration of the French Revolution, French singer Serge Kerval will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, in the Janet Wallace Recital Hall at Macalester College. Kerval will be singing a repertory of revolutionary songs in the spirit of 1789. The concert, free and open to all, is sponsored by the University of Minnesota, Macalester College and the Alliance Francaise.

Spider John Koerner, U. Utah Phillips and Ramblin' Jack Elliott, three legends of American folk music, will share a stage for the first time on Friday, April 28. The concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the World Theater. Koerner, a folk and blues guitarist, is one of the greatest practitioners of traditional song. Phillips, a minstrel and storyteller, captivates his audience with his tall tales, wit and songs of love, politics, coal mines and factories. Elliott, who got his start with Woody Guthrie, has been traveling and playing for the past 30 years. For tickets, priced at \$13.50, \$11.50 and \$8.50, call the World at 298-1300.

The Plymouth Music Series will highlight one of its most important commissions—Libby Larsen's choral symphony, "Coming Forth Into Day"—during the final concert of its 20th anniversary season, set for 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, in the Cathedral of St. Paul. Jehan Sadat, who collaborated with Larsen on the text selection, will return to narrate the performance by the Plymouth Festival Chorus and Orchestra. Also on the program will be two works by Egyptian composers Halim El-Dabh and Yousef El-Sisi. El-Sisi will conduct El-Dabh's symphony, "Ramses the Great," and the Gustavus Adolphus College Brass Choir will perform the premiere of a work composed by El-Sisi. For tickets, priced from \$9.00 to \$15, call 870-0943.

Women of the Calabash, an ensemble that performs music from Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and black America, will perform at 8:00 p.m. on



The prim Mrs. Prysselius (Wendy Lehr) tries to tame the rambunctious Pippi Longstocking (Tiffany Quick) when

Saturday, April 29, at the Walker Art Center auditorium. Using handcrafted instruments made from natural materials (calabash, bamboo and wood), augmented by lyrically lush and harmonic vocals, the ensemble weaves informal dialogue into free-flowing performances. Tickets are \$8.00, \$6.00 for senior citizens. Call 375-7622 for reservations or more information.

Prize-winning cellist Anthony Ross will be featured in his Twin Cities recital debut with

pianist Evelynne Brancart in the final concert of this season's Music in the Park Series at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 30. The recital, to be presented at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., will feature sonatas by Beethoven, Hindemith, Samuel Barber and Brahms, as well as the premiere of a new work written for Ross by New York composer Matthew Harris. Since joining the Minnesota Orchestra last September, Ross has earned high praise from local critics

and listeners. Brancart collaborates frequently in recital with Ross, with whom she was a finalist in the Munich International Duo Competition. For tickets, priced at \$8.00, call the St. Anthony Park (646-5651) or Grand Avenue (222-0321) Bible Lot Shop, or Micawber's Bookstore (646-5506). Call 644-4234 for more information.

Renowned tenor William Wahman will be the guest soloist in a concert presented by the music department of Minnehaha Academy on Sunday, April

30. The concert, commemorating Minnehaha's 75th anniversary, will begin at 3:30 p.m. in O'Shaughnessy Auditorium on the College of St. Catherine campus. Wahman, a 1962 graduate of Minnehaha Academy, debuted with the San Francisco Opera in 1974 and has appeared frequently with the company. For ticket information, call 690-6700.

Soprano Julie Rombach and organist Lawrence Archbold will present a concert at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, in St.

Paul's Church on the Hill at 1524 Summit Ave. The program will include a number of rarely heard works originally for voice and organ, among them excerpts from Stanford's "Bible Songs," sacred songs in Latin and German by Liszt, Bruckner and Wolf, the "Salve Regina" of DeSeverac and the celebrated "Pie Jesu" by Lili Boulanger. Archbold will also perform two solos, "Schwing dich auf zu deinem Gott" from Ethel Smyth's Short Chorale Preludes, and the Choral of DeSeverac. Call 698-0371 for more information.

Karel Paukert, organist and curator of musical instruments at the Cleveland Museum, will perform in recital at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at House of Hope Presbyterian Church, 797 Summit Ave. A native of Czechoslovakia, Paukert studied at the conservatories in Prague and Ghent. He will play Prelude and Fugue in D Major by Bach; Prelude and Fugue on B.A.C.H. by Liszt; Prelude, Fugue et Variation by Franck; and works by Messiaen, Janacek, Lorentzen, Bellini, Cavazzoni and Pasquini. Admission is free and open to the public.

The LaSalle Trio will complete its seventh season with an 8:00 p.m. concert on Tuesday, May 2, at the Ordway's McKnight Theatre. Guest artist William Preucil, a violinist, will join the trio in the C Minor Piano Quartet of Brahms. Other works on the program will include piano trios by Mozart, and the Trio in D Minor by Bohuslav Martinu. For tickets, priced at \$10, \$8.00 for senior citizens and students, call the Ordway at 224-4222 or Dayton's at 989-2987.

The combined choirs of Nativity Catholic and Pilgrim Lutheran churches will be featured in the third annual Ecumenical Ascension Eve Service at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1935 St. Clair Ave. The service will feature the anthem "O Clap Your Hands" by Ralph Vaughan Williams as well as music for three trumpets and organ.

Macalester College will present "Song of the American People," a concert of music from Native-American, Hispanic, African-American, and North-American traditions on Thurs-



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day and Friday, May 4 and 5. The Thursday concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the Friday concert at 8:00 p.m., both in the concert hall of the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center on the Macalester campus. The Thursday show will feature Gary Hines and the American Music Ensemble, David Hernandez and Street Sounds, and the Macalester Concert Choir. The Friday concert will feature the same performers, joined by the Red Lake Singers. Both concerts are free and open to all.

The Lark Quartet will present a children's concert at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, in St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Sponsored by the Music in the Park Series and St. Anthony Park Bank, the concert is designed for children in preschool through 6th grade and includes five short movements taken from string quartets by Beethoven, Schubert and Britten. Between pieces, the performers talk about each instrument, why each member chose the one she did, and what playing music means to them. Tickets are \$2.00 in advance and \$3.00 at the door. Call Micawber's Bookstore at 646-5506 or the Bibelot Shop at 646-5651 for tickets.

Ensemble Capriccio will give a premier performance of Mary Ellen Child's "Web" during a 3:00 p.m. concert Sunday, May 7, at the Walker Art Center. In addition to "Web," which was commissioned by the ensemble, the program will include Franz Schubert's String Trio in B-flat Major, and Piano Quintet in A Major, op. 81, by Dvorak. Members of the ensemble are all prominent members of the Minnesota Orchestra: Chouhei Min, associate concertmaster, Cynthia Phelps, principal viola, and Mina Fisher, cello. They will be joined by pianist Wu Han and violinist Deborah Serafini. Tickets are \$8.00. For reservations or more information, call 375-7622.

The Department of Music of the College of St. Catherine will present the College Orchestra

in concert at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, in O'Shaughnessy Auditorium. The program will include "Fantasia on Green-sleeves" by Ralph Vaughan-Williams, J. S. Bach's Concerto for Harpsichord in F Minor, and Beethoven's Symphony No. 4. The soloist will be Dr. Mary Ann Hanley, C.S.J., a member of the music faculty at St. Catherine's. The concert is free and open to all.

Gospel Choirs United, a group that encompasses nearly 200 members from six black church choirs in the Twin Cities, will perform at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, at the Ordway Music Theatre. This is a rare opportunity to hear foot-stomping, hand-clapping renditions of gospel standards, shouting exaltations of songs of praise and the sweet harmonies of Negro spirituals. Gospel Choirs United, which appeared in the Guthrie Theater's acclaimed *Gospel at Colonus*, has recorded two albums. For tickets, priced from \$8.00 to \$15.50 (\$8.00 for children), call the Ordway at 224-4222 or Dayton's at 989-2987.

The Nativity Church Choir, accompanied by a small orchestra under the direction of Bob Wills, will perform at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 7, at Nativity, Stanford and Prior avenues. The choir will sing Mozart's Mass in C Major ("Coronation Mass") and Mozart's "Regina Coeli." The public is invited to attend.

Theater

A production of German playwright Franz X. Kroetz's *Farmyard* is being presented now through May 28 at Spirit of the Horse Theatre on the fourth floor of the Rossmor Building, 127 E. 9th St. The play is being produced by Frank Theatre, a new company formed by director Wendy Knox and performer Bernadette Sullivan. *Farmyard* is a tough but tender play about a rural couple, their retarded adolescent daughter



Broadway soprano Tia Riebling will be featured in a Temple of Aaron fund-raiser set for Saturday, April 29. For details, see listing.

and a hired farmhand. The relationship among the four of them shifts dramatically when it is discovered that the daughter is pregnant. The curtain will go up at 8:00 p.m. Friday-Sunday, with an added show at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15. Tickets are \$6.00 and may be reserved by calling 871-8836 or Tickets to Go at 333-6841. For more information, call 374-5641.

At the Foot of the Mountain Theater explores the layers of America's ever-changing, multicultural society in *Green Card*, a story of the U.S. immigrants' experience playing Thursday through Sunday now until May 28. Playwright JoAnne Akalaitis researched the play for two years, interviewing immigrants from recent years and long ago and finding in their very different experiences the common problem of adapting to a new land. All performances are at 8:00 p.m. For reservations, call Tickets to Go at 332-6841.

Mixed Blood Theatre Company will present the premiere of *Buenavista*, winner of the theater's playwriting contest, at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 26. Bernardo Solano's Latin American saga spans four generations, 5,000 miles and the entire 20th century. Thirteen actors portray a cast of thousands, from the invincible

Buenavista brothers to cynical saints and talking skulls. Echoes of the past, present and future are heard in this play of magical realism. Performances will be presented at 8:00 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays and at 7:00 p.m. Saturdays through May 14 at the firehouse theater, 1501 S. 4th St. For tickets, priced at \$10, \$7.50 on Thursdays and Sundays, call 338-6131.

Convent of the Visitation School and St. Thomas Academy will open a production of *Great Klaus and Little Klaus*, a musical play based on the children's story by Hans Christian Andersen, at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, in the Scallan Fine Arts Center at Visitation. The play is a delightful tale of two villagers engaged in a struggle for wealth and power, in a production that reveals the consequences of greed and selfishness. It will continue at 8:00 p.m. on April 29 and May 5-6, with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on April 29. Tickets, available at the door, are \$3.50 for students, \$5.00 for adults.

Hamline University Theatre will open a production of Tom Stoppard's *Travesties* at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, at the university's Drew Fine Arts Center, 1530 Taylor Ave. *Travesties* uses as its starting point the little-known fact that Lenin, James Joyce and Dada founder Tristan Tzara all lived in Zurich during World War I. Joyce organized a production of the Oscar Wilde comedy *The Importance of Being Earnest* and chose a British consul named Henry Carr to play the lead role. Stoppard makes Carr his hero, and around him swirl political, literary and artistic revolutionaries. The result is a witty exercise that moves in and out of Wilde's dialogue and involves political history, artistic debate and an occasional song and dance. The play will continue at 8:00 p.m. on April 29 and May 4-6. For tickets, priced at \$5.00, call 641-2905.

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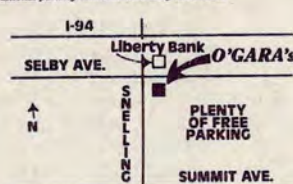


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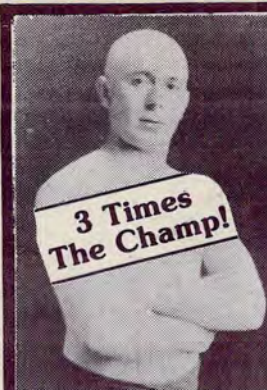
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The jazz dance "Merry-Go-Round" by Danny Buraczkeski, performed here by Keith Thompson and Jane Shockley, will be among the jazz and modern works presented by the Zenon Dance Company in shows May 4-6. For details, see listing.

at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, at the church. For more information, call 872-0142.

Bye Bye Birdie, a musical comedy by Mike Stewart and Charles Strause, will be presented at Cretin-Derham Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, in the school theater at 550 S. Albert St. Admission is \$5.00.

The WestSide Players, a new theater group, will present a benefit performance of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* as its inaugural production. Proceeds will go to *The Voice* a West St. Paul newspaper. *The Importance of Being Earnest*, considered Wilde's best play, is a cutting satire on late-19th-century England. It will be presented at Brady High School, 1200 Oakdale Ave. in West St. Paul, at 8:00 p.m. May 5, 6, 12, and 13, and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday the 14th. Tickets will be \$5.00 at the door. Call 277-4414 or 823-1758 for more information.

Pippi Longstocking, the popular musical based on the adventures of a raucous, incorrigible young Swedish girl, will return to the Children's Theatre in Minneapolis May 5 through June 18. As the play begins, Pippi Longstocking has just moved into the ramshackle Villa Villekulla with only her horse and a pet monkey, Mr. Nilsson. Her unabashed disregard for authority endear her to two neighboring children, but the Child Welfare Board thinks she should be in a home for children. Pippi, however, simply won't have it, and she turns the Swedish village upside down with one crazy antic after another. The production opens at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 5, at the theater, 2400 S. 3rd Ave., Minneapolis. For information on tickets and show times, call 874-0400.

flects the powerful, enduring presence of the church and of "machismo" in society and their repression of Latin women. For ticket information and reservations, call 690-6700.

Eiko and Koma will present the world premiere of a new dance, created during a month-long Twin Cities residency, in five shows May 3-7 at the Southern Theater, 1420 S. Washington Ave., Minneapolis. Part of the Forward Motion series sponsored by the Walker Art Center and the Minnesota Dance Alliance, the shows will begin at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 3:00 p.m. Sunday. The *New York Times* has said that while watching Eiko and Koma perform, "one cannot be sure if one is beholding creatures at the dawn of time or at the end of history." For information on tickets, priced at \$7.00, \$5.00 for senior citizens, call 375-7622.

Zenon Dance Company will present three new works in modern dance in three performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 4-6. The shows will begin at 8:00 p.m. in O'Shaughnessy Auditorium at the College of St. Catherine. The program will include "Edges" by Hannah Kahn with music by Leos Janacek, "Ever Faithful" by Doug Varone with Mozart arias sung by Kathleen Battle, a modern dance by Victoria Marks, two jazz dances by Danny Buraczkeski, and the post-modern dance "This Room Has No Windows, and I Can't Find You Anywhere" by Bebe Miller. For ticket information and reservations, call 690-6700.

Schroeder, director of *Barfly*. Admission is \$5.00, \$7.00 for both parts (\$4.00 and \$6.00 for senior citizens.) For more information, call 375-7622.

Spark Among the Ashes: A Bar Mitzvah in Poland, an award-winning film about a 13-year-old American boy who holds his Bar Mitzvah in Cracow—the first such ceremony there in more than 40 years—will be shown on Wednesday, May 3. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. A brief candle-lighting commemoration ceremony will precede the screening. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call 698-0751.

"Morals, Movies and Medicine," a series of films addressing the ethical aspects of medical issues, will open on May 8 with the showing of three short films about AIDS. Co-sponsored by St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center, the series will run at 7:00 p.m. on three consecutive Mondays at the Jerome Hill Theatre, 180 E. 5th St. The first program will feature "We Bring a Quilt," documenting the creation of a gigantic quilt with hundreds of panels memorializing victims of AIDS; "Living With AIDS," which chronicles the help a dying man receives from support groups; and "Testing the Limits," about political activism regarding AIDS. A discussion led by Don Postema, a philosophy teacher at Bethel College, will follow. Admission is \$3.00; free to people with AIDS.

Film

Exhibits

The Bukowski Tapes, four hours of footage about one of American literature's darker figures, Charles Bukowski, the subject of the recent movie *Barfly*, will be shown in two parts this week at the Walker Art Center. Part One will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, and at 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 28. Part Two will roll at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 27, and at 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 28. *The Bukowski Tapes* is one of the most intimate, revealing and unsparing glimpses of a writer's life and personality ever recorded for the screen. Bukowski shares his view on writing, drinking and women in often lengthy monologues filled with humor and despair. The show was videotaped over a three-year period by Barbet

"Art in Bloom," an exhibition of flowers arranged to complement museum masterpieces, will be held Wednesday-Saturday, April 26-29, at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. An annual fund-raiser for the institute, the show will open with a gala preview from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, featuring music in the galleries, a buffet dinner and auction. A host of related events will accompany the exhibit, including lectures and demonstrations on horticulture and floral design, fashion shows, tours, luncheons, and a panel discussion on gardening. For more information and reservations, call 870-3045.

An exhibition opening Saturday, April 29, at the Minnesota Historical Society's James

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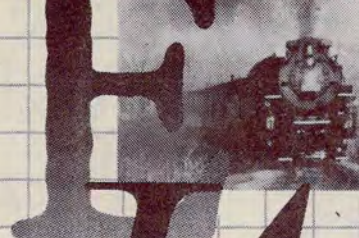
Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre, one of six Spanish dance companies in the United States, will present its repertoire of rhythmically wild flamenco music and dance along with two new works in three performances April 27-29. The shows will begin at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday in O'Shaughnessy Auditorium at the College of St. Catherine. One of the new works is "Las Mujeres de Las Sombras," (Women of the Shadows), a dramatic solo piece that re-

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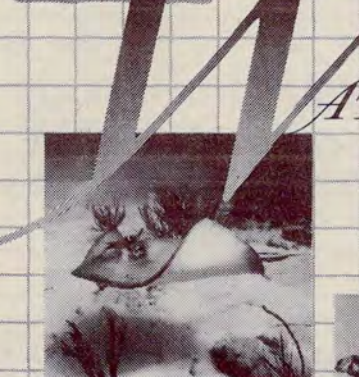
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J. Hill House will feature 50 "guests of honor"—men, women and children from varied walks of life whose portraits preserve a sense of their personalities and the times in which they lived. The exhibit, which will be on view through November 11, draws on one of the largest categories in the historical society's art collection, portraits of Minnesotans, often by Minnesotans, in a variety of styles and media. Along with the likenesses of such well-known historical figures as railroad builder James J. Hill and Archbishop John Ireland, the exhibit will feature such faces as those of painter Frances Cranmer Greenman and motion-picture entrepreneur M. L. Finkelstein. Tours of the exhibition and the Hill House, located at 240 Summit Ave., are available from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for senior citizens and children 6-15. Call 297-2555 for more information.

Works by Jewish artists will be featured in a tour of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts on Sunday, April 30. Art historian Maureen Beck will lead the tour of such rarely displayed art as the drawings of Amadeo Modigliani and Chana Orloff. The tour will leave at 2:30 p.m. from the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost, including transportation, is \$5.00, \$4.00 for students and senior citizens. To register, call 698-0751.

Hillcrest Avenue resident Kate Christopher will exhibit her metal and ceramic sculptures and reliefs at Concordia College during the month of May. The exhibit will be on view in the Buetow Music Building at the corner of Hamline and Marshall avenues. An opening reception will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8.

Hamline University senior Eric Nelson will exhibit his paintings and prints May 2-20 in the Hamline University Gallery. An opening reception is planned for 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, May 2. The gallery is located in Hamline's Learning Center at 1556 Hewitt Ave.

American landscapes of the 19th and 20th centuries, in-

cluding paintings, drawings, prints and photographs, will be displayed May 7 to November 12 at the Minnesota Museum of Art's Jemne Building, Kellogg Boulevard and St. Peter Street. The exhibition examines the development of the American landscape as a separate discipline, from its beginnings in the 1820s to the present. That tradition will be explored by Dr. George Tapley in an illustrated lecture beginning at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 7. Admission to the lecture is \$2.50. The museum is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call 292-4355.

Et cetera

Midwestern authors Jonis Agee, Jack Driscoll and Bill Meissner will sign copies of their new books from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, at Odegard Books St. Paul, 857 Grand Ave. Agee, a St. Paul resident and a teacher at the College of St. Catherine, has two collections of short stories out this spring: *Bend This Heart* and *Pretend We've Never Met*. Driscoll and Meissner, of northern Michigan and St. Cloud, Minnesota, respectively, have collaborated on a recently published volume of poems, *Twin Sons of Different Mirrors*.

Children's book illustrator Barb Knutson will read and sign copies of her books beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, at the Red Balloon Bookshop, 867 Grand Ave. A talented storyteller as well, Knutson is the author of *Why the Crab Has No Head*, an African folk tale about the origins of the crab, and *Count Your Way Through Africa*, a beginner's guide to the Swahili numerical system.

Silent and live auctions for the benefit of Actors Theatre of St. Paul will be held on Saturday, April 29, in the lobby of the World Trade Center. The benefit, Encore '89, will begin at 7:30 p.m. with the silent auction, featuring hundreds of donated items, including original art work, jewelry, furs, small

appliances, tickets to sporting events, vacation travel packages, shopping sprees, and lunch with actor Eddie Albert. Ruth McKenzie and trio will entertain. A patron's dinner at Dayton's River Room will precede the silent auction. Tickets to the dinner are \$75 each. The live auction will begin at 10:00 p.m. An Encore '89 Preview Party will be held in the World Trade Center lobby from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28. For tickets to Encore '89, come to the Preview Party or call the box office at 227-0050. Tickets are \$20 each.

Broadway soprano Tia Riebling will be featured in the Temple of Aaron's annual fund-raiser, set for 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, at the synagogue, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. Riebling will be joined by Temple of Aaron cantor Mitchell Kowitz (who has also sung on Broadway), local performers Jenna Zark and Judy Morris, and Temple of Aaron organist and pianist Tom Bartsch. Songs and dances for the show will come from the smash productions of *Les Miserables*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Porgy and Bess*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *South Pacific* and more. Following the entertainment there will be a raffle for a trip for two to Broadway. For more information, call 698-8874.

Carol Muske-Dukes, an award-winning poet, will read selections from her first novel, *Dear Digby*, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at the Hungry Mind bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave. Just published by Viking, *Dear Digby* is the story of the trials and tribulations of Willis Jane Digby, letters editor at a feminist magazine and a Miss Lonelyhearts for the 1980s. Admission to the reading is free and open to all.

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre will lead its 15th annual May Day Parade on Sunday, May 7, in Minneapolis. "Voices of Trees," a celebration of the goodness of trees, will be the theme of the march, which steps out from the corner of Bloomington Avenue and 26th Street at 1:00 p.m. and proceeds to Powder-

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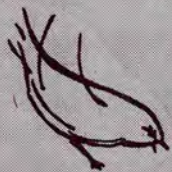
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Unity Unitarian Church will play host to a variety of entertainment on Sunday, May 7. The afternoon program, "Waltzing With Bears," will feature music by the Holly Rockers, pianist Sandy Waterman, David Baldwin of the Summit Hill Brass Quintet, and the Unity Church Choir. Children's author and storyteller Jim Latimer will perform, and so will a mystery tap-dancing chef. The event will begin at 4:00 at the church, Grotto Street and Holly Avenue. Refreshments will be

served. Admission is \$5.00 for the first person in any size group, and \$2.00 for each additional group member. For more information, call 228-1456.

Susan Hauser will read from *Meant to Be Read Out Loud*, her collection of meditative essays on the wilds of Minnesota, on Monday, May 8. The reading will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Hungry Mind bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave. Admission is free and open to all.

Nicholas Carolan, an Irish musicologist who is spearheading efforts to preserve traditional Irish music, will discuss his work and play audio tapes of the earliest recordings of this music, most of which were made in America, at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, in the auditorium of the O'Shaugh-

nessy Educational Center at the College of St. Thomas. Carolan is the founder and director of the Irish Traditional Music Archive and secretary of the Irish Folk Music Society. He also plays the fiddle and tin whistle. Tickets to his talk, sponsored by the St. Paul-based Irish American Cultural Institute, are \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door. Call 647-5678 for more information.

The Dale Warland Singers will hold auditions for the 1989-90 concert season from May 17 to 20. Paid positions are available in all sections of this professional mixed choir of 40 voices. To schedule an appointment, submit a vocal resume, including voice part, address and telephone numbers, to: Dale Warland Singers, P.O. Box 16207, St. Paul, MN 55116.

City home tour (cont'd from page 21)

The area also has a strong neighborhood association, Hotzler said. A native of St. James, Minnesota, Hotzler said his neighborhood has almost a small town feel. "You know your neighborhood and your neighbors," he said.

Schuster said the goal of the annual tour is to stimulate interest in city living, to show renters the possibilities of home ownership, and to help people contemplating remodeling projects find workable ideas. Homeowners choose to

show their home, he said, because "it is a way of attracting the kind of people they want as neighbors."

Homes on the tour will be open on Saturday, May 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, May 7, from noon to 6:00 p.m.

The Minneapolis/St. Paul Home Tour Guide will be distributed free of charge in the May 3 issue of the *Twin Cities Reader* and at area businesses.



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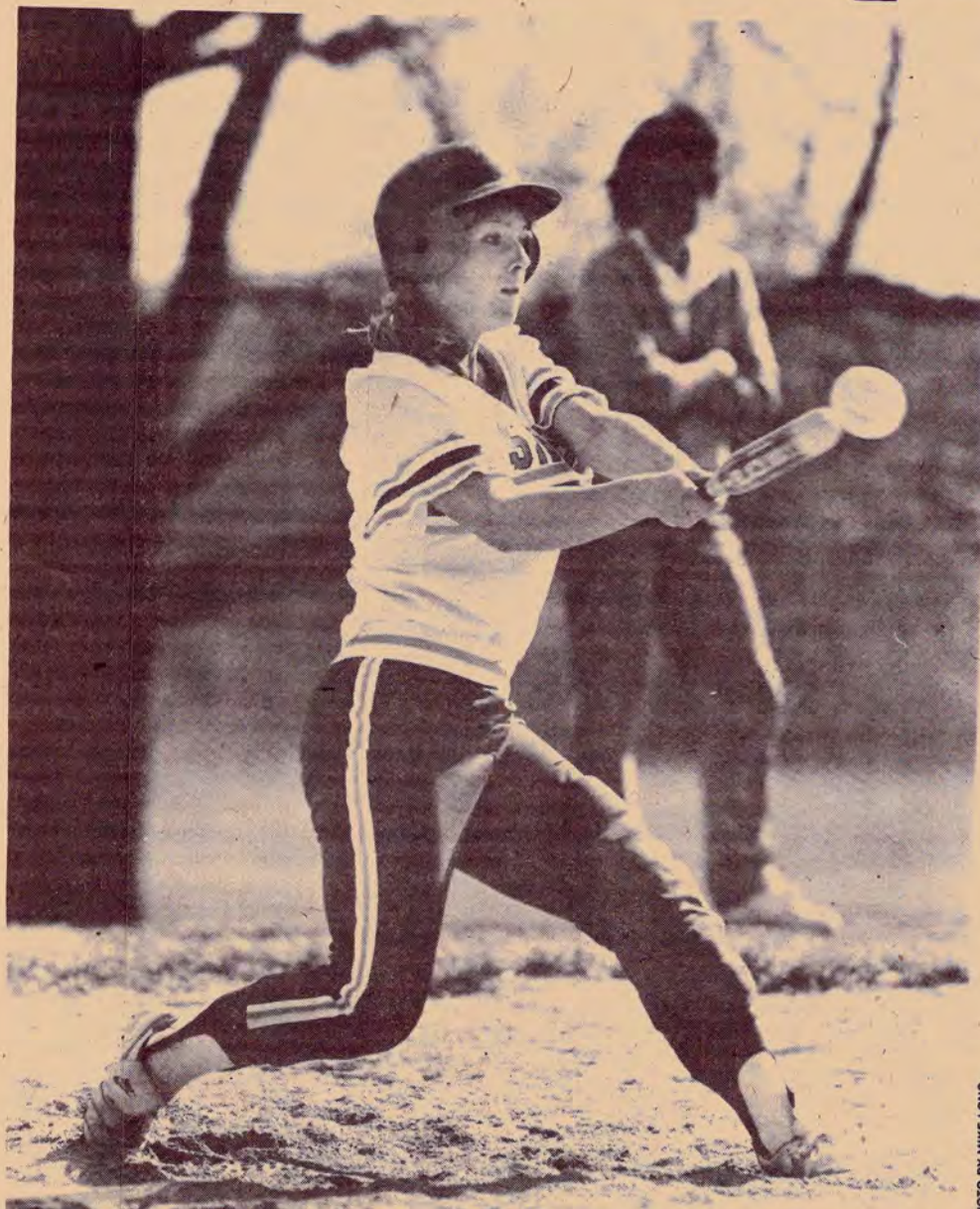
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Sports



After working all summer to recover from a knee-crunching collision last season, Sibley's Vicki Skarda is back in the batter's box, ready to re-establish herself as one of the best hitters in the St. Paul Suburban Conference.

Sibley standout returns from injury for fifth season in Warriors' line-up

by Tom Cody

It has been almost a year since the big collision at home plate, but Sibley High School softball star Vicki Skarda recalls the incident as if it happened yesterday.

"I was catching in our second game (of 1988) and they (North St. Paul) had the bases loaded with one out," Skarda said. "A ground ball was hit to third and the throw came home late. I stretched out for the force, but the runner hit my leg, and it gave really easily."

Skarda underwent surgery immediately. One ligament was repaired and the other was stapled back into place.

"I missed the whole (junior) season and all of summer softball," she said. "I went to physical therapy three times a week. It was tough, but now I'm happy that I did all the exercises because I'm back playing again."

She certainly is. Twelve months after her home-plate collision, Skarda is playing center field for the Warriors, and she will undoubtedly be one of the top hitters in the St. Paul Suburban Conference this spring, as she was in each of her previous three seasons.

Skarda broke into Sibley's varsity program early. Her sister, Shelly, used to pitch

for the Warriors, so Vicki would hang around and wait for her to finish practice. "George Wilkie was the varsity coach then and he saw me play in the summer," Skarda said. "I got serious about the game in the summer before 8th grade." Starting with the Warriors as an 8th-grader the next spring, Skarda showed her natural ability at the plate by hitting an incredible .417.

"She had an innocence at the plate," recalled Wilkie, who retired as a softball coach in 1987. "Vicki didn't seem to realize just how difficult hitting a softball really was. We batted her seventh or eighth in the order that spring, but by the playoffs she was hitting third. I've never coached anybody with more intensity."

"She'll have a tougher time hitting .400 now that people know who she is," he added. "They'll pitch around her."

Wayne Erickson, the softball coach at North St. Paul, concurred with Wilkie's assessment. "Skarda has great concentration and great discipline at the plate," he said. "She's one of the toughest competitors we face. She's got the nice, natural swing."

The secret to Skarda's success as a batter is fairly simple. "I expect to hit," she said, "not to walk. I watch

the ball off the pitcher's hip, keep my chin down on my left shoulder and watch the bat hit the ball. I've always been able to hit."

Skarda's average hovered around .370 during her freshman and sophomore years at Sibley. After starting at third base, Wilkie moved her to catcher.

"I think that took a few points off my batting average," Skarda said. "I was a lot more tired after catching, especially on those hot days." This season, first-year coach Kathy Fletcher has moved Skarda into center field to keep her away from infield collisions as much as possible. "Center might be her best position anyway," Wilkie said. "She could play anywhere."

"We need a little help out in the outfield this year and Vicki's really stabilized that position for us," Fletcher said. "The way she approaches the game, I wish I had 15 more just like her." Fletcher's battery this spring is made up of two freshmen, pitcher Nicki Loutch—who struck out nine batters in her first varsity performance against South St. Paul—and catcher Amy Redding. Skarda is doing double duty as Sibley's second pitcher.

(cont'd on page 29)

Ex-Gophers no longer the top dogs in local sports

by Dick Gordon

How quickly things have changed at the top of the state's major sports teams.

It was just a couple of summers ago that Mendota Heights resident Bruce Telander hosted a golfing foursome that included Paul Giel, Lou Nanne and Herb Brooks. Giel was then the University of Minnesota athletic director. Nanne and Brooks were the Damon and Pythias duo that was to lead the North Stars back to the forefront of the National Hockey League, with Nanne as general manager and Brooks as coach.

Today, not one member of that trio holds such a prestigious position. Giel and Brooks were fired, while Nanne resigned early last year and was kicked upstairs to the less demanding role of club president. Even if Telander wanted to, it would not be feasible to get his foursome together for

another round of golf. Nanne and Brooks scarcely exchange pleasantries anymore.

What the three had in common was that all of them were either Minnesota-born or had state university roots—or both in the cases of Winona-native Giel and St. Paulite Brooks. If you go back to the early '80s and throw in ex-Gopher end Bud Grant as head coach of the Vikings, and ex-Gopher quarterback Joe Salem as the U of M's football coach, the state sporting scene had a definite maroon-and-gold tinge.

That is all over now. All those former Gophers have been replaced by out-of-state guys from Ohio (U of M athletic director Rick Bay), Duke (U of M football coach John Gutekunst), Michigan and Iowa (Viking head coach Jerry Burns), and Canada (North Star general manager Jack Ferreira and coach Pierre Page).

There's nothing wrong with having all

these outsiders calling the shots. For better or worse, it's a fact of life; that's the way the ball bounces. One of the changes, however, must be regretted: Giel's departure from the institution he served so long and so faithfully.

He left the U of M to work for Nanne and the North Stars, with company sales his main responsibility. Whatever his exact duties, it just doesn't seem to make sense for the man who bled maroon and gold for so long, and whose heart still belongs to the Gophers, to be involved in efforts to help the North Stars become solvent.

As Telander, a long-time friend of Giel, says, "Paul belongs at the university—absolutely." There are a lot of other Gopher boosters and friends of Giel who feel the same way.

Giel himself does not sound bitter as he begins his new job with the North Stars.

He said he had a very good relationship with Nils Hasselmo, the U's recently appointed president, when they worked together during the Peter McGrath administration.

His one-on-one meeting with Hasselmo a couple of weeks ago didn't produce a job offer, but Giel said he didn't really expect it to. He said the U has too many problems with the Legislature and elsewhere at this point to create the special fund-raising job he had been seeking. Hasselmo simply did not have the authority to call Giel up and hire him the way Nanne eventually did.

So good luck to the erstwhile Gopher Golden Boy and what he called his "new challenge." It's just too bad he couldn't go out and raise thousands of dollars for his alma mater the same way his touchdown runs and passes raised havoc with Gopher football opposition.

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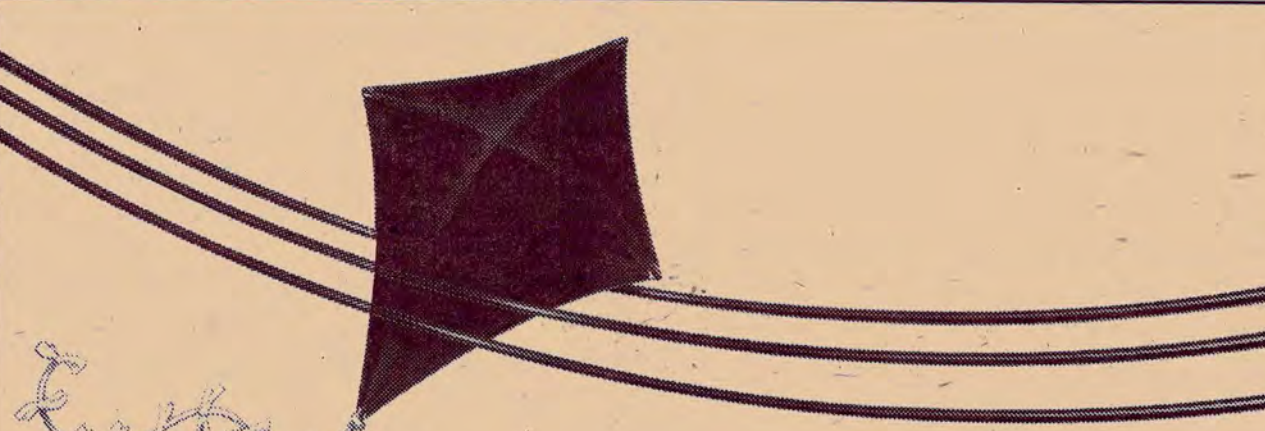
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STA hires new basketball coach; Ihnot miffed at being forced out

by Bill Wagner

A new era in St. Thomas Academy basketball began April 14 when the Mendota Heights school named 28-year-old Mike Manning as the new varsity coach. He replaces 13-year veteran Tom Ihnot, who resigned after STA declined to offer him a new contract.

Manning, who has taught English at St. Thomas for three years and was the B-squad coach for the Cadets last season, will coach STA in its initial season as a member of the St. Paul Suburban Conference next fall.

"I don't think there will be a great deal of changes," Manning said. "I think Tom Ihnot did a nice job, and I'd like to build on what he started. I think I'm lucky in that I had as 10th-graders all the juniors and seniors I'll have next year."

Ihnot, who will continue to coach golf and teach social studies at STA, said he was both saddened and angered by the school's decision not to renew his contract. Pointing to his career record of 204 wins and 106 losses, which included last season's 11-game winning streak before the Cadets lost to Cretin-Derham Hall in the playoffs, Ihnot maintained he hadn't been treated fairly.

"I'd say that I'm pretty angry about it," Ihnot said. "But things work in mysterious ways. I'm hoping that it will mean a good opportunity and change for me. I'd like to get into (coaching in a) public school."

STA headmaster George Schnell confirmed that when rumors that Ihnot would not be offered a new contract surfaced early in April, athletic director Jack Zahr asked Ihnot if he would consider resigning as head basketball coach. When Ihnot declined, Schnell said, he was told he would be forced to give up his job. Several days later, Schnell said, Ihnot submitted his resignation.



Mike Manning

"I don't like to do a lot of ranting and raving," Manning said. "I hope to develop team leaders who can help handle tough situations when they come up."

"It's was Jack Zahr's recommendation" to replace Ihnot, Schnell said. "And after talking to a large number of people, I found no reason to overrule it."

"I'm very proud of what we accomplished here," Ihnot said. "But the last two or three years were very difficult because there were two or three parents who were very interfering. They made it very difficult."

In fact, some STA insiders said Ihnot has been at odds with many of his players' parents over the years, but both Zahr and Schnell denied that those relationships had anything to do with the coaching change.

"The parents don't pick the coach," Zahr said.

Schnell said he knew of only two parents who had expressed displeasure with Ihnot's coaching this year.

He also said Ihnot's coaching record was not a factor in the decision. "It was just a whole series of things that happened over several years," he said.

Two people familiar with Ihnot's coaching style had nothing but praise upon hearing of the changes at STA.

"I don't understand why he no longer has a job," said Central High School coach Dan Brink. "His teams always came well-prepared and well-disciplined."

"I'm sorry to hear about it," said Ron Causton, former basketball coach at Highland Park High School. "Tom always seemed like a class act."

Manning was one of three finalists interviewed during the search to replace Ihnot. Zahr said it was obvious to him that Manning was the right choice. "He was very impressive in his interview," he said. "We just liked his answers. He's a really articulate guy, and really calm."

Manning apparently intends to bring that same style to the court. "I try to be a little more communicative," he said. "I don't like to do a lot of ranting and raving. What I hope to do is to develop team leaders who can help to handle tough situations when they come up. Kids are definitely different today, even from the days when I was in school."

Manning, a native of Hopkins, earned all-conference honors in basketball, football and baseball at Hopkins Eisenhower High School. He continued his basketball career at St. John's, where he played on teams that went to the NCAA Division III and NAIA tournaments.

At St. Thomas Academy, Manning has served as 9th-grade football and basketball coach, assistant varsity basketball coach and 10th-grade basketball coach. He also worked at STA's summer basketball camp, as well as at a camp sponsored by St. John's.



Wielding shovels, spades, garden rakes and wheelbarrows, an army of parents and players descended on the Highland Little League's Cleveland Avenue ball fields two Saturdays ago to get them in shape for the coming season. The Little League itself appears to be shaping up these days as more than 200 area youngsters have registered to play. That's double the size of the league three years ago.

Vis runners take track honors

Kristin Mulrooney, a senior at Convent of the Visitation School, finished first in the 55-meter and 200-meter dash at the state high school indoor track meet April 1. Visitation's track team placed fourth overall at the state meet.

Visitation placed second overall among 14 AA high schools competing at the Metro Indoor Track Meet at the University of Minnesota in March. There, Mulrooney set new U of M meet records

in the 55-meter and 200-meter dash. Visitation senior Sarah Guggemos set a new U of M meet record in the 400-meter dash, and her teammate, sophomore Angela Rogosheske, came in second.

Visitation sophomore Teresa Lamey placed first in the 1,600-meter run at the metro meet, sophomore Ann Culbertson placed third in the 55-meter hurdles, and sophomore Ann Dady finished fourth in the 800-meter run.

Registration set for summer ball

Registration and tryouts for the Hi-Tower Babe Ruth Baseball League will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, at the Cretin-Derham Hall field, Hamline and Randolph avenues.

The Cretin-Derham Hall Summer Baseball League will begin June 12 for boys now in 4th and 5th grade. Boys in 6th and 7th grade start play June 13.

For more information, call John Berthiaume at 690-5521 or 698-9490.

Special Olympics held May 6

Close to 400 outstanding mentally retarded athletes from Ramsey, Dakota and Washington counties will be competing on Saturday, May 6, in the Special Olympics Area 12 Spring Games.

The competition will begin at 11:00 a.m. in O'Shaughnessy Stadium at the College of St. Thomas. (In case of rain, the Games will take place on Sunday, May 14.) The public is invited to cheer

on the contestants. Admission is free of charge.

Athletes of varying abilities and ages will be competing in several events, including the high jump, 100-meter relay and 400-meter run. In between events, they will be entertained by such local celebrities as the Terminators, a professional wrestling team; Minnesota Zoo petting animals; and local TV and radio celebrities Kevin McDowell and Chris O'Connor.

Cadet selected for int'l science fair

St. Thomas Academy senior Todd Capistrant has been selected to participate in the International Science Fair May 7-14 in Pittsburgh. Capistrant's exhibit, "Hourly Ammonia Levels and Use by the Public of the Invertebrate Touch Tank at the Minnesota Zoo" was named one of the top two projects at the Twin Cities Regional Science Fair April 1.

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Cinco de Mayo Fiesta to take to the streets May 6

Art will take center stage at the fifth annual Concord Street Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on Saturday, May 6. Running from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., the outdoor celebration will feature an exhibit of works by local artists in addition to cultural events, music and dance presentations, a parade, children's activities and food with a Latin flavor.

The fiesta, sponsored by the Concord Street Business Association, is free and open to the public. The parade will start at 1:30 p.m., winding its way from Concord and Wabasha streets through the business district to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

"Chicano Art Perspectives" will be featured in Parque Castillo at Concord and State streets during the entire fiesta. The exhibit will include 25 works by local artists. Fiesta-goers will also have the chance to meet and talk with some of the artists who created the many public murals on view in the Concord Street area.

Continuous musical entertainment will be offered on six stages and will include

jazz, salsa, folk music, a '50s band and country-western music. A cultural program at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, beginning at 11:30 a.m., will include performances by the Zorongo Flamenco Dance Company and a children's ballet company. The children's group Nuestritos Pequeños Hermanos from Cuernavaca, Mexico, will also perform in St. Paul Center's Town Court from noon to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5.

The 30 members of the company come from the world's largest orphanage. A Mexican fiesta to raise money for the Mexican orphanage is planned for April 30 at Mother Mary of the Church in Burnsville, at which the dance company will also perform. That event is being coordinated by Highland resident Laurel Bolger. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7.00 for children. For reservations or more information, call 890-0045.

For more information on the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, call 222-6347.

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SUMMER REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Registration is still being taken for summer sports (including T-ball and slow- and fast-pitch softball) at all local recreation centers. All fees must be paid at the time of registration, and a birth certificate, if it is not already on file, must accompany registration. Call your local recreation center for more information.

Hillcrest Recreation Center is also taking registration for its summer musical. Participants will meet approximately five days a week to prepare for the production, which will be presented at the Como Lakeside Pavilion. Tentative plans call for giving performances on the weekend of July 15 or 22. The cost is \$25, and the first meeting is set for Monday, June 12. Call Hillcrest to register or for more information.

REC CETERA

Hillcrest, Homecroft, Edgcumbe and Groveland rec centers are sponsoring a trip to a Twins game on Monday, May 15. The cost will be \$3.00 for those 14 and older, free to those under 14. Participants must register by May 10.

Volunteers are needed to coach summer athletics for youths at local rec centers. If interested, call the center nearest you.

Special thanks are extended to everyone who took part in the Park Cleanup Day on April 15.



Skarda, who is playing center field this season, closes in on an infield fly during a 2-0 win over Hastings last week.

Skarda (cont'd from p. 27)

The Warriors split their first two games after missing a week of practice because of the severe damage vandals inflicted on Sibley High School. High levels of asbestos in the gym, a result of the vandalism, kept the softball players away from their equipment in late March.

"We used old gloves, old balls, anything we could dig up from the basements," Fletcher said. "It put us way behind because we couldn't hit for nearly a week."

Skarda didn't hit much herself in the first two games. She was walked five times in seven at-bats. "I wear a brace while I'm playing that limits my mobility a little," she

said. "But I did okay with it in tennis last fall." (Better than okay, actually: Skarda and partner Pam Mills advanced to the state tourney in doubles.) "Starts and stops are tough on the knee, but other than that I'm used to the brace."

As for her future, Skarda is not certain what she'll do. She had made plans earlier to walk on at the University of Minnesota and try to make the softball team. "Linda Wells just resigned as the head coach, though," she pointed out. "And she at least knew who I was. I'm not sure how the coaching change will affect my future there."

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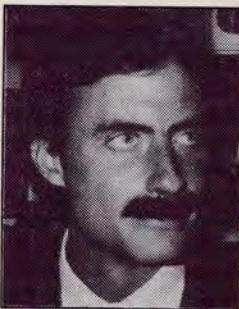


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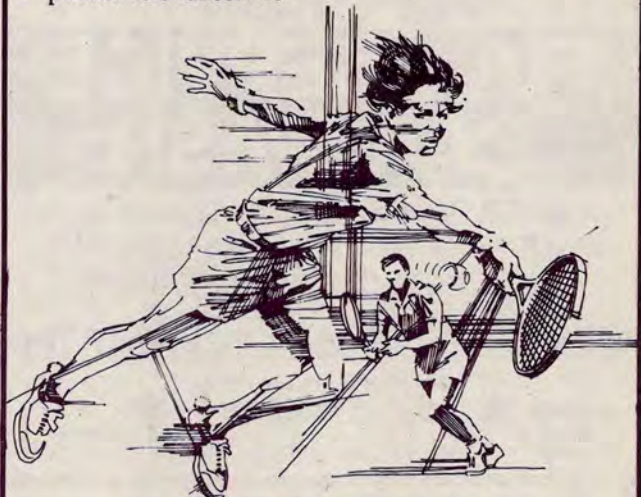
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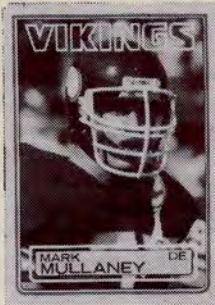
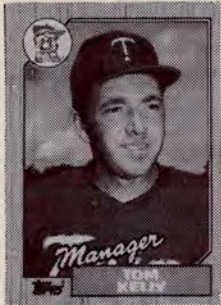


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Cody's Corner

by Tom Cody

BIG TOP BLUES

Great timing. I had been offered tickets to the Twins game, but my wife landed four tickets to the Shrine Circus the same night. Just guess where this baseball fan ended up.

My kids claimed they loved it. And why not? They spent the evening eating snow cones and peanuts, and dueling with their \$4.00 souvenir Star Wars light sabers. I was bored to tears. (Thank goodness I at least remembered to bring a radio with headphones. Hrbek homered during the Flying Garcias' aerial act.)

One thing I couldn't help noticing at the circus was that they put this thing on with about 10 performers. I swear I recognized one guy in five different acts, with five different names. He was, among other things, the lion tamer, a juggler and the dog-trick assistant. And I thought Cesar Tovar was versatile.

One of the sorrier moments was watching them wheel in some moth-eaten, drugged-up Kodiak and polar bears for the death-defying animal act. These bears looked about as dangerous as the Philadelphia Phillies. The tired old circus band reminded me of the Petticoat Junction quintet. I missed the Cannonball Man, alas, having left early in hopes of retrieving my car (parked some 12 blocks away) before midnight.

The Greatest Show on Earth? You're stretching it just a bit, boys.

STEEE-RIKE, PLEASE!

It is time for me to make my annual plea to umpires young and old at every level of baseball and softball: Please call strikes. And I mean anything close. If the batter can get at the ball with a surfboard, throw that right arm up. The walk is the single greatest drawback to the greatest game on earth.

Walks destroy any momentum that teams can muster in baseball, either on offense or defense. Umpires with strike zones the size of an 8-by-11-inch piece of paper can take a ballgame and turn it into a death march, especially on a hot afternoon.

Cretin-Derham Hall baseball coach Dennis Denning, who runs a youth league in the summer, has taken matters into his own hands in an attempt to discourage walks.

"If a pitcher walks two in one inning, he's removed and the coach pitches, so we get strikes," Denning said. "If the kid walks two more, he's done for the day and he has to go practice on his own before he pitches again. Walks wreck the game for everybody."

My own solution is more radical. I say a runner goes to first base after four balls, but the batter stays put until he hits the ball someplace. If you want to walk, go to the Minnesota Zoo; if you're going to play ball, take a whack at it.

AND THE WINNER WAS...

Last weekend I had an opportunity to listen to Jim Valvano, the hilarious basketball coach from North Carolina State. Valvano was his usual high-powered, up-tempo self as he exuberantly replayed the NCCA playoffs for us.

"We got beat on a bad call in the Georgetown game with 1:47 to go," he explained. "Our guard (Chris Corchiani) didn't travel. He was fouled by Alonzo Mourning, which was his fifth foul. So there's no doubt that we really won that game. Then, we'd have had Duke in the region final. We've beaten them 12 out of our last 18 games, so there's another win."

"In the Final Four," he continued, "there's no way I could lose to Seton Hall. (Coach P. J.) Carlesimo is Italian and he's younger than I am. In the finals, we're not going to lose to some assistant coach (Steve Fisher of Michigan). So there you have it: we're national champs again."

Congratulations, Jim.

THOUGHTS ON SPRING SPORTS

I actually watched the overtime periods of both North Stars' losses at St. Louis. It was the most pro hockey I'd seen all

year, and I can honestly state that I'd never even heard of at least seven players on the North Stars. On the bright side, there are just eight hockey teams still in playoff contention now. That first round had all the excitement of a "Colbys" episode...

NBA playoffs start this weekend. Many baseball teams will be mathematically eliminated before a basketball champion is crowned this June. Think about that...

Real baseball will be played outdoors this weekend at Siebert Field. The Gophers entertain Illinois in a pair of double dips starting at 1:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. If you've never caught a Gophers' game, give it a try...

It sometimes seems as though every person in America is somehow affiliated with one sports talk show or another on radio or television these days. That must be the case, since even this writer is now a regular on "View From the Cheap Seats," a cable-access baseball talk show. The weekly show (Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Channel 33) was the brainchild of producer/Bert Blyleven fan Mary Peterson. It's easier to find this show than it is to find a Twins game on television lately, so tune us in...

Sean McKamie, who will graduate from Central High School this spring, has signed with the Dodgers organization and will play this summer in their rookie league in Great Falls, Montana. Last year, McKamie was an all-state shortstop, but he'll make the move to second base in the minors. "He's got the great hands on defense and at the plate," said Central coach Dave Hagman. "He runs well, he's gotten stronger... he's got a shot."

LAURELS FOR PREP ATHLETES

Darren Strafelda (St. Paul Academy baseball) pitched his way to two victories as Mike Brown's Spartans got off to a quick start. Strafelda, a junior, pitched two complete games in wins over Randolph and St. Croix Lutheran, recording 28 strikeouts in 14 innings. "He's got the good curve, the sneaky fast ball and a decent little cut slider," Brown said. "His best pitch? Depends on the day."

Jenny Tschida (Cretin-Derham Hall softball) hurled a no-hitter in her team's opener, a 3-0 win over Central. Tschida, who finished 18-2 as a junior, narrowly missed a perfect game as she walked a batter in the fifth inning and faced only 22 hitters for the day (one over the minimum). "She'll be one of the best around this spring," said first-year coach Jaime Sherwood. "She really helps herself with her defensive abilities, too."

Mary Triviski (Highland Park softball) got hits in all three of the Scots' games during the second week of April. The junior catcher has done well behind the plate for coach Anne Leahy's club. "She's aggressive, she's smart and she plays heads-up," Leahy said.

Ryan Murray, John Hendrickson and Lee Hannah (St. Thomas Academy track) were all standouts in the Park Relays, where the Cadets managed a second-place finish behind Red Wing. Murray, a junior, won the 200-meter (50.4 seconds) and 400-meter races; Hendrickson, a sophomore, took the 800-meter in 2:04; and Hannah won the 110-meter hurdles.

Crystal Wooten and Roy Allen (Highland Park track) have been turning in great performances for coach Todd Wallert. Wooten, a senior, took first in the 200 and 400 against Harding. "She also came from 20 yards behind in the (4-by-200) relay to win," Wallert said. "We lost (star junior sprinter) Michelle Levine with a hamstring injury, so Wooten's really the key now." Allen, a senior, will be the bread-and-butter member of the boys' team. He hadn't lost a race head to head in the 200- or 400-meter in the first month. "He can fly," Wallert said. "He's got the long stride and takes one step while you take two. He never looks back."

Jeanna Brown and Jenny King (Cretin-Derham Hall track) have been big point-getters in early-season action. Brown, a senior, is performing in the 100, 200, long jump and 300-meter hurdles. She won three of those events in a meet against Como Park. Freshman King took first in the U of M indoor two-mile event.

Ken Brown (Central baseball) got the big game-winning hit in one of the weirdest games of the year. "We were down 12-0 in the third inning (to Hudson) in our first game of the year," said coach Dave Hagman. "I thought, 'This is going to be a great season.' We came back to score seven runs in the bottom of the seventh to win 20-19." The four-hour affair was finally settled when Brown, a junior leftfielder, laced a bases-loaded double over the rightfielder's head. "And it all started with two outs and nobody on base," Hagman said.

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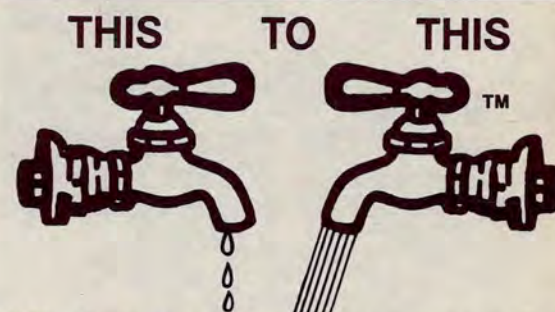
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SUPER SALE to Benefit Young Life, Saturday, April 29; 2015 Summit. Antiques, furniture, books, clothes, records, much misc.; 9-4. **v**

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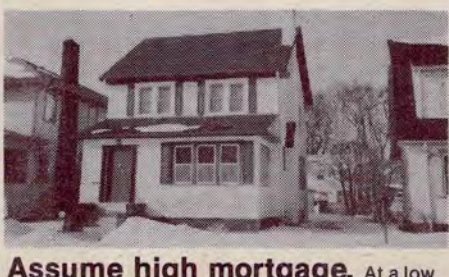
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