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Hard sale of Victoria Crossing ramp begins

Exeter unveils plans for two floors of parking, one floor of retail stores

by Jane McClure

More than 50 Summit Hill residents and Grand Avenue business owners jammed the November 11 meeting of the Summit Hill Association (SHA) to hear about plans to build a parking ramp with retail space on the site of the existing surface parking lot at Grand Avenue and Victoria Street.

The architectural design of the building has yet to be determined, but preliminary plans call for 25,000 square feet of retail space on the first floor and 210 parking spaces on the second and third floors. The project would be financed without assistance from the city of St. Paul.

Victoria Crossing's 105-

space surface parking lot was purchased last summer by Exeter Realty Company, which manages three of the four Victoria Crossing malls. Since then, Jim Stolpestad of Exeter, his son Rob and Michael Lander of the Town Planning Collaborative have formed a development team with McGough Construction and Pope Associates, an architectural firm.

"We'd like to do this project if it's economically feasible," said Jim Stolpestad. "We think it would be good for Grand Avenue and good for the neighborhood."

Jim Stolpestad said he expects the development team to determine that feasibility

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Here's reading to you, kids. St. Paul School Superintendent Patricia Harvey reads to Groveland Park Elementary students as part of last week's celebration of reading. Harvey has initiated a citywide campaign challenging all children to read at least 25 books this school year. Assisting her is 4th-grader Tegan Carr. Pictured in the foreground dressed as Waldo of *Where's Waldo* fame is 6th-grader Robert Wills. Photo by Mike Long.

St. Paul's 'no' sends Twins in search of greener outfields

by Chris Smith

The stadium debate is dead. Long live the stadium debate.

Although the November 2 referendum on a baseball stadium in downtown St. Paul failed by 17 percentage points, few people on either side of the issue believe the issue has been put to rest.

"Somewhere down the road the region is going to have to resolve this issue if we want to keep the Twins and the Vikings here," said St. Paul Deputy Mayor Susan Kimberly. "It's unrealistic to say we can do that without any public money."

Mayor Norm Coleman was out of town last week on a trade mission to Germany, but according to Kimberly, he will not be the one to resurrect the ballpark issue. "We've said throughout that if the people said 'no,' that was it," she said. "We don't have a plan B."

St. Paul voters were asked on November 2 whether they favored raising the city's sales tax by one-half percent to cover one-third of the cost of a new \$325 million baseball stadium in or near downtown. Under the plan, the Twins would have picked up a third of the cost and the state of Minnesota the other third.

After months of sometimes emotional de-

bate, the initiative failed 43,767 to 32,022. The turnout of nearly 50 percent of registered voters was far above the usual turnout for a municipal election that does not include a mayoral race.

Tom Montgomery, the St. Paul attorney who formed the anti-stadium group FANS (Fiscal Accountability for New Stadiums) agreed that the issue probably is not dead. "FANS for St. Paul will morph into another organization that will continue to be a watchdog," he said. "There has to be a constant vigilance against this huge bailout of baseball."

Opposition to the plan came from both ends of the political spectrum—from Pro-

gressive Minnesota, which maintained that there are far greater public needs for taxpayer dollars than a stadium subsidy, to Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, which advocates for less government spending in general.

"You don't defeat these things with just the argument that it isn't fair to subsidize a stadium instead of helping poor people," Montgomery said. "You have to have a broad coalition discussing the many ways that this was an unfair deal."

FANS opposed both the specifics of the stadium proposal and the general notion of pro-

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Citizens find 2000 budget wanting as usual

by Jane McClure

The needs of the very young and very old were the dominant themes of the November 10 public hearing on St. Paul's proposed city budget for 2000 and capital improvement budget for 2000-2001.

Almost 100 people, many of them senior citizens, packed the City Council chambers. They heard pleas for more library materials and longer library hours, better playground equipment, the preservation of recreation programs for seniors and more affordable housing for the poor.

Two Macalester-Groveland residents, Kim Thompson and Maureen Owusu, made a case for new playground equipment at the Edgcombe Recreation Center. The Edgcombe Booster Club's request for \$211,000 was not included in the city's 2000-2001 capital improvement budget.

Earlier this year, the Macalester-Groveland Community Council was awarded \$20,000 for new equipment at Edgcombe through the city's Sales Tax Revitalization program. That allocation has to be matched one-to-one by private funds or in-kind contributions.

Others at the hearing complained of

proposed cuts to parks staff and how those cuts would affect activities for seniors at the city's recreation centers. The 2000 city budget, as proposed, would cut one full-time recreation director's position from the senior program, shifting those responsibilities to staff at the individual recreation centers.

"The Parks and Recreation Department can no longer continue to shift more and more programs to the staff at recreation centers without providing additional resources," said Jerry Serfling, a spokesman for the American

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City staff recommended approval of the variances, stating that allowing the expansion would be less intrusive than having St. Mary's Home expand in the surrounding neighborhood, and that it would allow the new units to share facilities with the nursing home.

Merriam Park board objects to vote on Ayd Mill options

The St. Paul Planning Commission's recommendation that Ayd Mill Road be rebuilt as a four-lane roadway connected to the freeway system is generating controversy in some affected neighborhoods.

The Merriam Park Community Council voted on November 10 to send the commission a letter objecting to its decision. The Snelling-Hamline Community Council passed a similar resolution on November 4. Other neighborhood councils are now being asked to do likewise.

Merriam Park board president Roger Meyer said he is upset that the Planning Commission disregarded years of citizen input and the recommendation of the Ayd Mill Road Task Force, which voted in August to support turning the roadway into a park.

The Merriam Park board voted earlier this year to support leaving Ayd Mill Road as it is. The Planning Commission voted 14-1 last month to rebuild Ayd Mill Road as a four-lane roadway with a direct connection to I-35E at the south end and indirect connection to I-94 at the north end. Two of the four traffic lanes would be dedicated to high-occupancy vehicles.

Merriam Park board member Mike Mad-den said the commission did not give due consideration to all six Ayd Mill Road alternatives and the 130-plus public comments made on the draft environmental impact statement. However, task force co-chair Steve Gordon and Mike Klassen of St. Paul Public Works defended the Planning Commission's decision, noting that the commission did not have to automatically endorse the task force's recommendation.

The Planning Commission's recommendation is now in the hands of Mayor Norm Coleman. The mayor has not made his own recommendation yet, according to spokes-person Mike Zipko. Once he does, it will go to the City Council, which is expected to vote on the matter in December or January.

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No rest for the wicked

Lone gunman Darnell Lee Anderson, 22, takes a break during a 90-minute standoff with police on the Portland Avenue side of House of Hope Church on November 4. Anderson fled toward the area following the armed robbery of Viking Pawn and Jewelry on Grand Avenue, where he reportedly shot out a door after the owner tried to lock him inside. Police eventually subdued Anderson by shooting him with plastic bullets. Photo by Mike Long.

The BZA has not formally denied the variances because it has not been able to muster the same seven members who were present at the October 12 meeting to get together for another vote. It is a BZA policy that those who voted on a decision must vote on any follow-up resolutions.

BZA members who voted against the variances agreed with neighbors who contended that the planned expansion is too large. They said the expansion would alter the character of the neighborhood, and that the Franciscan Health Community could build a five-story building with a smaller footprint set back farther from area streets without variances.

BZA members in support of the variances said the project would help meet St. Paul's growing need for senior housing.

St. Mary's appeals decision to deny its expansion plans

The Franciscan Health Community has appealed a St. Paul zoning board's decision to deny its variance requests for a proposed 101-unit assisted-living facility for seniors at St. Mary's Home, 1925 Norfolk Ave.

The controversy over the expansion project will now have to be settled by the St. Paul City Council, which will hold a hearing on the appeal on December 8.

Five variances to the city's zoning ordinance are being sought to accommodate the expansion. The variances include a 15-foot front-yard setback along Graham Avenue, a 9-foot side-yard setback along the eastern property line adjacent to the St. Therese Church parking lot, a 20-foot variance from the distance required between buildings, a 17-percent variance in lot coverage and a variance to build 24 more rooms than the city code allows.

The variances were rejected by the city's Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) on a 4-3 vote on October 12. In order to get the denial overturned, the Franciscan Health Community will have to prove that the BZA erred in its findings.

The appeal was filed even though BZA members have been unable to pass a final resolution of denial for almost a month. That resolution will spell out the rationale for the denial and will form the basis for the appeal.

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City Council approves STAR funds for four area projects

The St. Paul City Council voted on November 3 to approve 28 projects for Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) funds, including four from the Villager area.

The council's approval brings to an end six months of review by city staff and the STAR Board. A total of 54 applications were submitted this year, the most ever received by the city.

All told, the city allocated \$2.8 million in grants and \$4.4 million in loans this year. Local projects to receive funds include:

- A \$60,000 grant to the Macalester-Groveland Community Council to assist homeowners in replacing lead water service connections between their homes and the street. The council received a \$100,000 grant in 1998 for the same purpose. More than half of the 8,000 households in Macalester-Groveland have lead water service connections, which can be a source of lead poisoning.
- A \$150,000 grant to the Merriam Park and Snelling-Hamline community councils to continue their Pride in Neighborhood Housing program. The program, now in its third year, provides loans and grants for residents to make exterior home improvements.
- A \$67,500 loan to St. Clair Broiler owner Jimmy Theros to improve the energy efficiency of his building at 1580 St. Clair Ave. The two-story commercial and residential building was erected in 1927 and still has its original windows. The windows will be replaced, doorways will be rebuilt and new exterior signs and awnings will be added.
- A \$63,425 loan to the Buchmeier Agency to install underground utilities for the Crosby Lake Professional Building at 1567 W. 7th St. The insurance agency has been on West 7th Street since 1902. The new building will be just down the street from its present location at 1246 W. 7th St.

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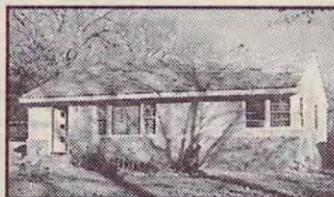
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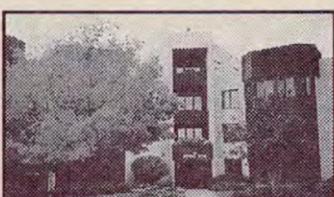
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Exeter unveils parking ramp plans to a wary Summit Hill audience /from page 1

by January. In the meantime, the team will meet with representatives of the Grand Avenue Business Association (GABA) and Summit Hill Association to solicit their comments. The meetings will be open to the public.

Several SHA board members told the developers that although they may have reservations about the new retail building and parking ramp, they liked the open process the developers had outlined. "It seems honest and straightforward," said Virginia Pharr of the SHA board. "I appreciate the concern they are showing for the neighborhood."

Lander said the development would be an asset to the neighborhood, bringing in more businesses and services while putting an attractive building where a paved lot has sat for decades. Some neighbors weren't so sure.

"If we get a parking ramp and a McDonald's, we'll be just like Uptown," said Lincoln Avenue resident Dick Plagens in reference to the Minneapolis shopping district.

But Alan Spaulding, who also lives on Lincoln, noted that the parking lot is already zoned for business use. "I'm in favor of a quality project now rather than a poorer quality project down the road," he said.

"Grand and Victoria has the largest parking shortfall of any corner in the city," said former SHA president Brian Wenger, who lives on Lincoln as well. "In order to enhance the neighborhood, a reduction in the parking shortfall must occur." Wenger questioned whether that would be the case.

The development would add close to 105 parking spaces at the corner, but it would also increase parking demand with its new retail tenants. Until the mix of tenants is known, it is not clear how many of the new spaces would be needed for new businesses.

The Stolpestads and Lander believe there would be a net increase in parking spaces if their project materializes, but they cautioned that one project alone cannot solve a parking



Exeter Realty Company wants to build retail shops and a 210-space parking ramp on this 105-space parking lot on Victoria Crossing's southwest corner. Photo by Mike Long.

problem that extends along the entire eastern end of Grand Avenue.

The developers admitted that the project presents many unanswered questions at this stage. These include the appearance of the building, the mix of tenants, the replacement of parking during construction and the fate of the \$70,000 bus shelter and pedestrian plaza that was built on that corner just a year ago.

The new building would be about 30 feet tall, in keeping with other buildings in the area. Its facade would be designed with the area's historic character in mind, according to Lander.

Preliminary plans call for constructing some kind of screen between the new build-

ing and the Grand-Lincoln alley behind it. That would address neighborhood concerns about light and noise from the ramp and the privacy of those living on the north side of Lincoln Avenue.

"We'll probably have a mix of national and local tenants," Jim Stolpestad said. "But Barnes and Noble will not be there. Borders will not be there. The Gap will not be there."

Exeter has been in contact with one national tenant, Pottery Barn, and a supermarket chain that was interested in the entire 25,000 square feet of first-floor space. The Stolpestads did not reveal the names of prospective local tenants.

Recalling the recent loss of some locally owned businesses on Grand, several Summit

Hill neighbors asked the developers to be careful to preserve the area's unique mix of businesses and not bring in too many national chains.

Others asked that new businesses be selected with the neighborhood's needs in mind. "It strikes me that we're becoming the hair and nails capital of Minnesota," said Randy Burnyeat, a Lincoln Avenue resident. "We only have so many heads around here."

"From my perspective, you have to treat the mix of businesses very carefully," Lander said. "At some point, you kill the golden goose."

Lander acknowledged that construction would be bound to disrupt parking for Victoria Crossing's other businesses. "It's going to be a huge problem," he said. Ideally, he added, construction would start next spring and take place over the summer. That would make longer walks to and from Victoria Crossing more tolerable.

Valet parking and shuttle service to and from other nearby parking lots, such as the House of Hope lot at Summit Avenue and Grotto Street, were also suggested.

"We can't proceed with the project if we don't have a solution (to the problem of parking during construction), it's as simple as that," said Jim Stolpestad. According to him, 50 percent of the current lot users are customers of Cafe Latté. "If the parking is shut down, Cafe Latte is shut down and we can't have that," he said.

Grand Avenue business owner Dick Cortwright asked if the bus shelter could be incorporated into the building. Lander said that though it could be incorporated, the developers' intent is to relocate it.

"I'd be really upset if we were to lose the shelter," said SHA board member Molly Coskran.

The shelter was built as a joint project of the SHA and GABA, Coskran said, and it is a symbol of the working relationship between residents and business people.

St. Paul's budget lacks for parks and library funds, citizens say /from page 1

Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the union that represents city parks and recreation employees.

According to Serfling, in the past five years recreation center directors have taken over the responsibility for the Night Moves basketball program, the Hillside of Horrors in Highland Park, a youth summer camp, the Gus Macker basketball tournament, the state track meet, the S'More Fun program, the Rec Check program, Learn-to-Skate, tennis and golf programs and new programs for disabled people. New Sunday hours have also been added.

All the programs have been added without additional funding, Serfling said. He ques-

tioned how programming for seniors could also be added.

Larry Grief of the East Side called it "lunacy" for the city to reduce senior citizen programs in the face of increasing demand. "The senior citizens aren't dying off like they used to," he said.

Advocates of affordable housing asked the City Council to appropriate \$10 million from the city's reserves to build more housing for low-income people. According to Stuart Goldbarg of Jewish Community Action, the city especially needs to do more for low-income renters. Rental vacancy rates are hovering at a tight 1 percent, he said, and poor families are having to pay more of their in-

come than they can afford for housing.

According to Goldbarg, at least 7,700 households in St. Paul are now spending more than 59 percent of their monthly income on rent. "People are having to choose between paying rent and buying food or paying rent and buying medicine," he said.

Friends of the St. Paul Public Library asked the City Council to restore to the budget more than \$200,000 in library materials. If \$100,000 is added to the materials budget, the Friends said, they will kick in \$50,000 of their own.

According to Friends member B.J. Fesler of Snelling-Hamline, it is not unusual for more than 100 people to be on the waiting list for a specific library book. And that demand, she

said, is causing excessive wear on materials. "Our libraries have dirty books—dirty, dog-eared, disheveled books," she said.

Friends members Ruby Hunt and Robert Johns, both of Macalester-Groveland, sought the City Council's support for the proposed \$16 million renovation of the Central Library downtown. "A lot of people don't have the resources to buy books or have computers in their homes," Johns said. The renovation project, for which the Friends have already raised \$5 million so far, would address those needs, he said.

The City Council will adopt the \$474 million city budget and \$80 million CIB budget by year's end.

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The benefits of UST's expansion

The controversy over the University of St. Thomas' desire to expand by developing a two-square-block link between its north and south campuses is only starting to heat up. That's as good a time as any to step back and coolly examine what that expansion might mean to the surrounding neighborhood and to St. Thomas itself.

St. Thomas officials recently announced that they would like to apply to the city to amend the university's special condition use permit and expand the campus boundaries to include UST-owned property on the block between Summit and Grand avenues west of Finn Street. St. Thomas owns every property on that block except for two houses and an apartment building. University-owned property on the block between Grand and Summit east of Finn already lies within the campus boundaries. That includes all but one house on Summit as well as an apartment building and commercial building on Grand. What's not widely known is that UST also owns three houses and an apartment building on the south side of Grand between Cleveland and Cretin, as well as three houses and a mixed-use commercial and apartment building east of Cleveland and north of Summit.

To its credit, St. Thomas has initiated, with the help of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council, a series of neighborhood meetings to discuss its still nascent plans. The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, at the Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St.

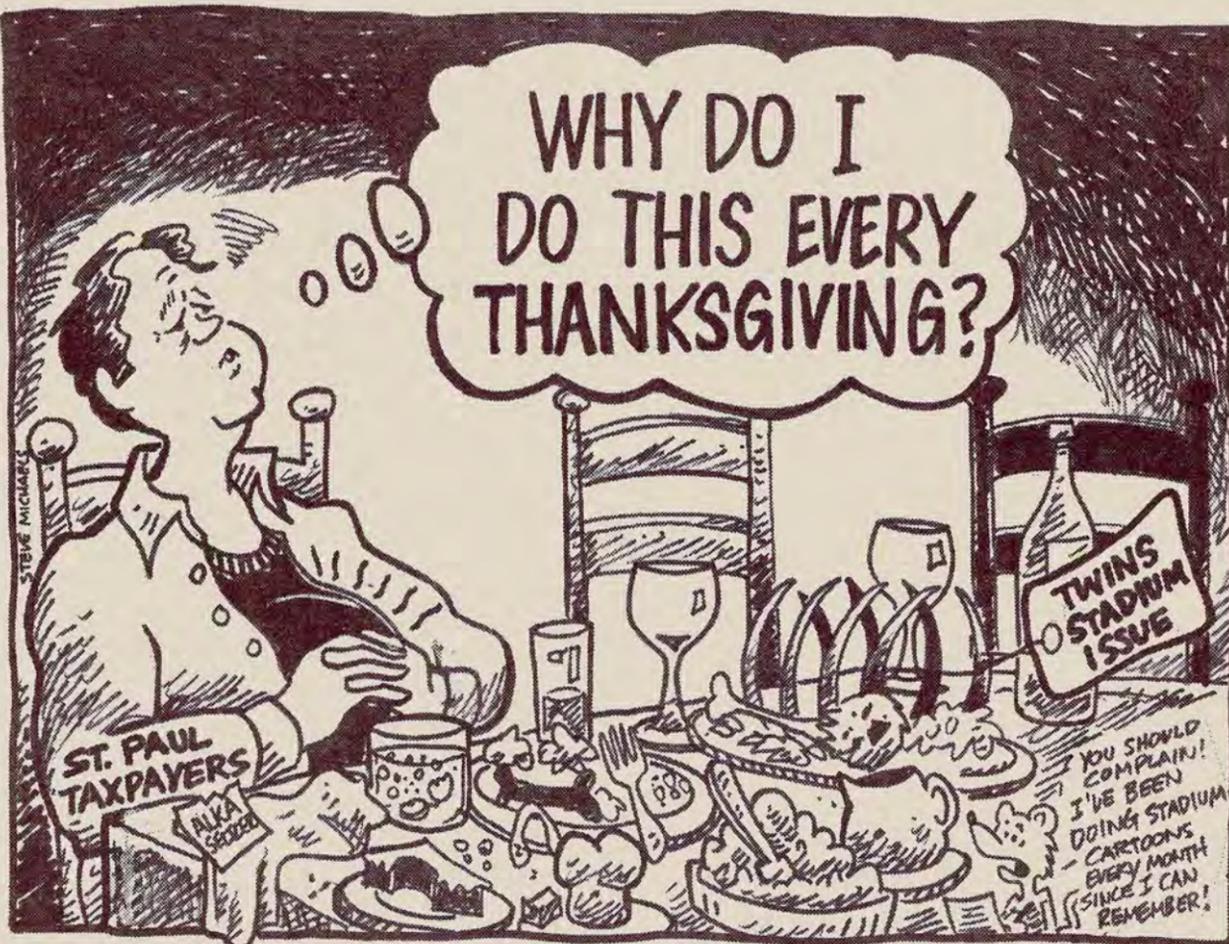
St. Thomas spokesman Doug Hennes said any new buildings constructed on Summit would be largely for educational uses. New buildings on Grand would be townhouse-style living quarters for mostly graduate students and staff. The university's most immediate institutional needs are for music education, now housed in three different buildings on campus, undergraduate business education, and off-street parking, preferably underground. The Christ Child Building and McNeely Hall on Summit would be razed to accommodate the new business center and music hall. Parking would likely be provided beneath them.

News of St. Thomas' desire to expand should come as no surprise to those who were around in 1990 when the university's present campus boundaries were set. St. Thomas has long been clear about its intent to create a north-south campus link. In fact, one of the "whereases" contained in the existing special condition use permit makes specific reference to the two blocks in question. "Whereas," it reads, "for the indefinite future the college will not acquire property with the intention of expanding its campus beyond the present main campus, the former seminary campus and the two blocks south of Summit between Cretin and Cleveland."

Rather than view the entirely predictable expansion as a threat, neighbors might do well to see the opportunities it presents. With 16 percent fewer students on its St. Paul campus today than it had in 1991, due largely to the success of its Minneapolis campus, St. Thomas is not building to increase its enrollment, but to improve its older, inadequate facilities. If there are two blocks of Summit Avenue where you could undertake such a project without adversely affecting the character of that historic street, these are probably those. You couldn't select a developer that has paid more attention to the architectural quality and integrity of its campus buildings than St. Thomas. And the off-street parking that its expansion would provide would go a long way toward easing the crunch that the vehicles of students, staff and neighbors have all helped to create over the years.

With that said, there's something St. Thomas could and should do to sweeten the pot. In return for the neighbors' support, St. Thomas should show a good faith effort, abide by the letter and spirit of the special condition use permit, and divest itself of all properties that it has bought or been given that lie outside its expanded campus boundaries.

Coupled with a binding agreement that the university would not seek to expand its campus beyond those additional two blocks, St. Thomas and the neighborhood would both clearly come out winners in the process.



No to stadium, yes to rec centers

To the editor:

Every St. Paul voter with whom I talked who voted "no" on the stadium tax would vote "yes" on a sales tax increase that would directly support the enhancement of our city parks, recreation centers and schools. Professional baseball in St. Paul would be fantastic, but not if the city has to obligate itself to finance a stadium that significantly benefits professional baseball owners. We want our leaders to focus on maintaining and improving the infrastructure that makes St. Paul a great place to live.

For example, the Highland Park High School fields are in disarray. The bleachers are old and in need of repair, the fields need improvement and the track is a disgrace to the community. Yet the fields are constantly used for school and community events. The "no" vote on the stadium was a statement to our leaders to prioritize their efforts and concentrate on improving our city's livability.

Dear Norm, please put some effort into improving the Highland Park High School track and fields for all to use.

Gary Marx
Highland Park

The Ayd Mill connection

Dear editor,

When the people of St. Paul voted against a local sales tax for a ballpark, Mayor Norm Coleman said the people have spoken and he accepted that decision. When the Ayd Mill Road Task Force rejected plans to connect Ayd Mill Road to I-94 on the north and I-35E on the south, the St. Paul Planning Commission and Department of Public Works criticized the task force's vote and recommended connecting Ayd Mill Road to the freeways. We think the Planning Commission and Public Works should follow the mayor's example and accept the recommendation of the citizens who sat as members of the Ayd Mill Road Task Force.

The task force rejected plans to connect Ayd Mill Road to the freeways for good reasons. Connections to the freeways will attract significantly more new traffic to the area, which already has problems caused by too many cars, namely congestion and dangerous conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. The additional traffic will bring increased noise and exhaust to contaminate our air, will likely reduce property values and will substantially reduce the appeal of living in this part of St. Paul.

The city's alternatives for connecting Ayd Mill Road to the freeways need to be improved. Key improvements would include development of a local traffic management plan to give relief to residents who live near Lexington Parkway and

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Randolph Avenue, traffic calming throughout the area and significant improvements in transit service.

We ask that the City Council, when it selects the preferred alternative for Ayd Mill Road, follow the lead of the task force, which ranked the four-lane, connected alternative lowest.

Scott Heiderich, Mat Hollinshead and Chip Welling
Merriam Park

Editor's note: The writers are all members of the Ayd Mill Road Task Force.

What \$100 million could buy

Dear editor,

Now that St. Paul voters have defeated the proposed sales tax increase to pay for a new baseball stadium, the question is, what publicly funded initiatives would city residents be willing to support?

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- 120 computer, science, art, music and English as a Second Language teachers per year for 15 years (at \$50,000 per teacher per year).
- 50,000 children enrolled in after-school recreation programs (at \$2,000 per student).
- 20 community centers expanded to provide modern educational and recreational facilities for all city residents (at \$5 million per center).

All of these options would generate far more jobs and would benefit far more people than the same \$100 million

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given to the Twins.

The question remains: Would you support a sales tax increase for any of these causes, or was the result on November 2 simply a vote against any tax increase, regardless of its merits?

Mayor Coleman, you say you care about St. Paul and you want us to become a world-class city. Is it really that hard for you and your administration to generate a list of ideas that would really benefit the city and its residents?

Helene and David Schultz
Summit Hill

Life after the Twins

To the editor:

Many St. Paul citizens are skeptical of the financial needs of the Minnesota Twins team owners and stockholders. Flight of capital is now possible. The lure of certain cities and their adjacent markets in the Sun Belt is all too real. The new equation involves television rights and the terrific competition for the consumer dollar. America's great pastime has been replaced by the sit-coms of television.

Richard Emery
Nokomis East, Minneapolis

News that isn't fit to print

To the editor,

The recent push for a new outdoor baseball stadium, the hype by its proponents and the huge amount of money that they spent—some \$300,000—was ridiculous. Luckily for us taxpayers, the stadium idea was defeated. The defeat of the billboard ban in St. Paul bothers me because the Scenic St. Paul group wanted to push through their unpopular opinions on not only us voters but legitimate businesses that use billboards. Just who are the members of Scenic St. Paul?

There is a lack of news devoted to making this a more peaceful world. Too much news is devoted to former and present wars and not how to prevent them. Nuclear arms production continues at a terrific pace as if our nation is getting ready for another world war. Why don't more citizens protest the terrific cost to their pocketbooks for these hellish

weapons of destruction? Let's tell our politicians to stop playing games and get down to serious decisions. Ban the missiles and sign up for banning them on a global basis.

Robert A. Havlik
Macalester-Groveland

Parks are not compost sites

Dear editor,

As the layer of fallen leaves deepens, our parks look more and more like potential compost sites to some people. They are not. Litter—whether beverage cans, cigarette packs, tree limbs or autumn leaves—is still litter.

Dumping leaves is not a perk for living near a park. We who are fortunate enough to live near parks should have the greatest interest in protecting them, but some of us do not. Otherwise good citizens often violate the litter law, creating eyesores for the rest of us and killing plants that would otherwise beautify public land.

If you notice people dumping their leaves in a park, remind them that it's illegal. If you see them doing it again, call the police. The parks are there for the enjoyment of all, not as a dump for the few.

John Kaplan
Highland Park

In the shadow of a giant

To the editor:

Ogre Inc. is going to start stumbling through the 'hood again, and this time the bulbous behemoth is wearing seven league boots. Knock a couple of blocks down on Summit Avenue? No problem. Who am I to stand against the march of Rome and its minions?

J. McNeil
Macalester-Groveland

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No sign of stopping

Though ballot lost, neighborhoods carry on efforts to regulate billboards

by Jane McClure

The proposed billboard ban in St. Paul may have been defeated at the polls on November 2, but there is no indication that the billboard debate will end anytime soon.

Two more St. Paul neighborhoods are now seeking designation as special sign districts as a way to ban new billboards and place additional restrictions on signs within their borders. Additional requests are expected to follow in the weeks ahead as other neighborhood councils discuss their options in the wake of the ballot vote.

Special sign district requests from the Snelling-Hamline and West Side councils will go to the Planning Commission's Zoning Committee on November 23. A full Planning Commission recommendation is expected to be considered by the City Council on December 8.

If approved, the new special sign districts would become the fourth and fifth to be established in St. Paul this year. St. Anthony Park was the first to receive the designation last spring. Requests from the Merriam Park and Hamline-Midway neighborhoods were approved last month. Grand Avenue, Highland Village and Smith Avenue have enjoyed special sign district status for over a decade.

Had the billboard ballot question passed—and survived a likely legal challenge by the billboard industry—citywide billboard restrictions would have taken effect. About half of the billboards in St. Paul would have been declared public nuisances and would have been removed over a five-year period. The measure would not have affected billboards governed by state or federal laws, such as those along interstate highways.

The ballot question was defeated by a margin of 53 percent to 47 percent (40,176 votes against and 35,082 votes for). It carried all but one precinct in Ward 4, most of Ward 3 and all of the Summit Hill portion of Ward 2. However, it failed to pass in most East Side wards and in much of Wards 1 and 5.

"I think people responded to the issue of property rights, that you don't take someone's property without compensation," said Lee-Ann Muller, local president of Eller Media, which owns the vast majority of billboards in St. Paul. She said that a company survey conducted prior to the vote indicated that 67 percent of those polled did not believe billboards are an issue in St. Paul.

Scenic St. Paul chair John Mannillo said he was disappointed, but not surprised, by the outcome. In fact, he said he was encouraged by the close vote. "If we can get the facts out there, we can come back with this ballot question in a year," he said.

Mannillo attributed the loss in part to an expensive pro-billboard campaign waged in the days prior to the election. Billboard companies had indicated they would spend \$500,000 to defeat the measure after a court challenge to remove the ballot question failed in October.

"Even if the ban had passed, we would still have had more than 300 billboards in St. Paul," Mannillo said. "That's still more billboards per capita than any other city in Minnesota."

Muller said the expensive advertising campaign was justified to protect billboard companies' business interests. Had the billboard ban passed, she said the billboard industry was prepared to challenge it in court.

As for what happens next, Muller said she is



The Snelling-Hamline and West Side neighborhoods are the latest to seek designation as special sign districts in an effort to remove unsightly billboards like the one above.

willing to look at billboards in St. Paul on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis to see if Eller and residents can find some common ground. She said there are places in the city where billboards may not be appropriate and that older billboard stanchions should be replaced with newer, more attractive ones.

With the billboard question defeated, a Planning Commission committee will now resume its study of advertising sign regulations, according to city planner Larry Soderholm. Most of St. Paul is already under an interim moratorium that does not allow new billboards to be erected. The moratorium will end after the study is completed and acted on by the City Council.

At the same time, the Highland District Council is now looking at a special sign district for the Shepard-Davern area, according to community organizer Gayle Summers.

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will also look at establishing a special sign district, according to community orga-

nizer Kathie Tarnowski. "People are happy with how the special sign district has worked on Grand Avenue and there may be an interest in having similar restrictions elsewhere," she said.

Summit Hill Association executive director Ellen Biales said she is not sure what direction the SHA board will take, but the group's Land Use Committee will be looking at the issue.

Mannillo said the special sign district approach is the only way neighborhoods can regulate billboards. However, Muller said district councils might do well to think twice before establishing the districts, because it gives billboard companies no recourse but to leave the existing signs in place.

Muller said that special sign districts do not allow opportunities for billboard companies and residents to discuss which signs should come down and which should stay.

"If you put a freeze on the existing signs," she said, "then what you'll get is what you have."

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Failed referendum is just the latest in two-year effort to restrict billboards

by Jane McClure

The current billboard debate in St. Paul got its start in the mid-1990s when the Urban Coalition's Billboard Action Team conducted an inventory of billboards and the messages they displayed. One of its findings was that in low-income neighborhoods about half of all non-freeway billboards advertised tobacco products.

In late 1997, outgoing City Council member Bobbi Megard proposed an ordinance to ban new billboards in St. Paul. Her proposal won unanimous City Council approval, but it was vetoed on December 26 by Mayor Norm Coleman, who called it "anti-business."

The veto put the issue in the hands of a new City Council when it convened to consider an override in January of 1998. The new council did not have the five votes needed to override. Instead, the council voted in February to adopt an interim ordinance regulating billboards and calling for a study of the city's existing billboard ordinance.

The interim ordinance, initiated by City Council member Jay Benanav, who had replaced Megard, set up a council-appointed task force to study the city's billboard regulations. The task force, composed of neighborhood, organized labor and billboard industry representatives, was to look at the effectiveness of special sign districts, conduct its own inventory of advertising signs, study permit fees and clarify the city's policy of granting sign credits to billboard companies that take down signs. The companies

can use the credits to erect new signs.

The task force completed its work in the fall of 1998, but it came up with conflicting recommendations. That prompted the Planning Commission to set up its own committee. The committee suspended its work twice during 1999—once to await action by the Minnesota Legislature on whether billboards could be removed through amortization and again to await the outcome of the November 2 ballot question.

The Legislature ultimately approved a bill that prohibits local units of government from using amortization to eliminate billboards, junk yards, gravel mines, adult entertainment businesses and other so-called "undesirable land uses." Some Planning Commission members had earlier suggested that the city amortize and remove billboards that are located in residential areas, the Mississippi River Corridor, historic districts, special sign districts where new billboards are already prohibited, downtown, small neighborhood commercial zones and large commercial zones that are near residential areas. Billboards in large commercial zones or on federal or state highways would not be removed.

Meanwhile, an anti-billboard group called Scenic St. Paul had formed to place a ballot initiative before voters that would ban billboards through amortization. The new state legislation forced Scenic St. Paul to switch gears on its ballot petition drive. Instead of regulating billboards through amortization, the question placed on the ballot would have regulated billboards under public nuisance statutes.

Stadium debate moves on

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viding large public subsidies for professional baseball. "Baseball has got to get its house in order and get salaries under control, create some revenue sharing and figure out better ways to build stadiums," Montgomery said.

Montgomery felt FANS' argument was strong, but he began to worry when stadium proponents, including the mayor's office and the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, started appealing to voters' emotions. "I became concerned when it went from an economic argument to, 'If you love St. Paul or if you love baseball, vote for this,'" he said. "We were dealing with some of the best public relations people in America."

Kimberly said she detected a good deal of emotional rhetoric coming from stadium opponents as well. "I was surprised by the level of anger this issue stirred up for some people," she said. "Clearly, these are more conservative times in terms of what people want government to do."

However, Chris Coleman, who was easily re-elected to his Ward 2 seat despite being the only City Council candidate to express his support for the stadium initiative, felt the debate was fair and thoughtful. "The pro-stadium people certainly can't say they didn't have a chance to get their message out," he said. "I was impressed with the high level of discussion. People were debating economic projections and the details of this proposal."

The Yes! St. Paul organization, a political arm of the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, spent more than \$340,000 in support of the stadium initiative. "We felt that the impact of \$75 million to \$100 million of additional economic activity a year, creating 1,500 to 2,000 new St. Paul jobs, and bringing 2 mil-

lion to 3 million people a year into the downtown core would help revitalize downtown more quickly," said Jeff Peterson, the chamber's director of public affairs. "Some of our members thought it would help attract and retain employees. But we already have the hockey arena, the new Science Museum, RiverCentre, the Lawson building. This would have helped advance our progress."

Though the referendum failed, Peterson felt that the chamber's high profile in the effort will pay off in the long run. "We're more visible and stronger for this," he said. "Our members see us working for economic development."

Peterson is concerned that a new Twins stadium may yet be built but elsewhere in the Twin Cities. "It would be too bad if it were built in Minneapolis with a metrowide tax," he said. "We'd still be paying for it but not getting the benefit."

Kimberly agreed that St. Paul is the best location for a new stadium. "It would be transformative in downtown St. Paul in a way that it wouldn't be in some other Twin Cities community," she said. "It wouldn't change downtown Minneapolis as much. It wouldn't have the same impact out in Bloomington."

Kimberly does not have any regrets about the administration's failed backing of the initiative. "I think from the very beginning, the substantial majority thought that putting this on the ballot was the right thing to do," she said. "A ballpark is not a necessity, so it was appropriate to go to a vote."

"We received a serious drubbing," Kimberly said, "but the result was better than the 30 percentage points we were supposed to lose by. We did a whale of a job turning out both sides."



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Harris hits the ground running as Ward 3's new City Council member

by Chris Smith

The tight race that was anticipated for the only open seat on the St. Paul City Council ended up being something of a rout on November 2 when Ward 3 voters elected Pat Harris over Mitch Gordon by a 57 to 43 percent margin.

"It shows that people in this neighborhood vote with their minds," said Harris, the brother of outgoing Ward 3 council member Mike Harris. "They vote for honesty and people who are going to do it right for the city."

Gordon, though he had the endorsement of the DFL Party and numerous labor unions, including the St. Paul Police Federation and AFSCME, said that beating the independent Harris was doubly difficult because, as the brother of Mike, he had all the advantages of incumbency and none of the disadvantages.

"Harris has the name of the incumbent but no record to run against," Gordon said. "To people who liked Mike Harris, he was able to say, 'I'm just like Mike Harris.' To people who didn't like Mike Harris, he was able to say, 'I'm a different person. I'm not my brother.'"

Pat Harris has already begun preparing to take office in January by hiring political newcomer Matt Reinartz as his full-time legislative aide. "He'll bring a citizen's perspective to my office," Harris said.

Harris and Reinartz are already discussing ways to improve pedestrian safety in the ward and to make city government more efficient.

Harris said he will be able to hit the ground running in January because he has worked with each of the current City Council members, either on volunteer committees or through his former job as aide to Ramsey County commissioner Sue Haigh.

Ward 2 council member Chris Coleman, who was re-elected to his second term this fall, is good friends with Pat Harris. "I think he'll be a good council member," Coleman said. "He's got the experience and knowledge. I think he'll work well with us."

Haigh, Harris' former boss, said Harris will bring both expertise and energy to the council. "He's going to be an excellent addition," Haigh said. "His experience and expertise will make

him a good consensus builder. He's interested in looking at how government can provide better service."

Mike Harris agreed. "Pat's a smart guy, very involved and has an incredible amount of energy," he said. "He's got great ideas and really cares for the neighborhood."

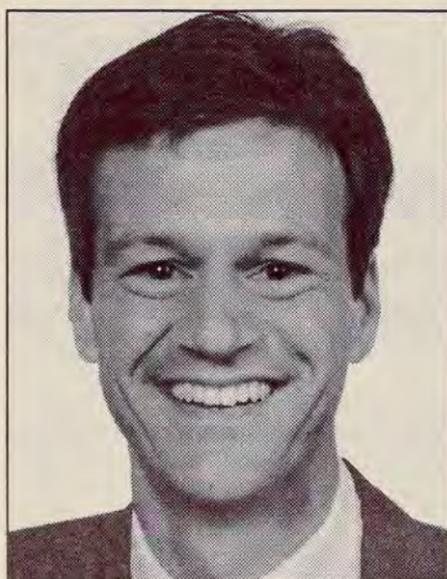
Gordon had few regrets about his unsuccessful campaign, believing he helped galvanize opposition to the stadium referendum. "I was outspoken on this long before any of the other candidates," he said. "Mine were the first anti-tax lawn signs."

Gordon does not think his strong stance against the stadium tax hurt him. "People respected me for taking a stand," he said.

Harris will keep his full-time job as a senior associate with a subsidiary of Dain Rauscher. He thinks that working in the private sector,

"People are too smart in the Third Ward. They define candidates on the issues, not on negative politics."

—Pat Harris



Pat Harris



Mitch Gordon

coupled with his public sector background and volunteer work, will give him an important perspective.

"I think the main difference between Mike and me is that I've been both in government and outside," Pat Harris said. "I've seen what works and what doesn't work. But at the same time, he's shown me how important it is to provide a citizen's perspective to government."

As an independent, Harris said he accepted no endorsements and no money from political action committees or special interest groups. However, in the final weeks of the election, Gordon attacked Harris for those claims. He mailed a letter throughout the ward pointing out that Harris' individual contributors included lobbyists and influential business people.

"I don't see how he can truthfully say he didn't take special-interest money," Gordon said. "I was honest about where my money came from."

Harris declined to discuss Gordon's tactics and whether they had an impact on the results, but he did say, "People are too smart in the Third Ward. They define candidates on the issues, not on negative politics."

Coleman re-elected in Ward 2

DFLer Chris Coleman was easily re-elected in Ward 2 with 65 percent of the vote to 35 percent for his Republican-endorsed opponent, Victor Gomez.

However, his second term will be his last, Coleman said. "Six years is enough time on the City Council to get done what you intend to get done," he said. "Never say never, but I think you can take that to the bank."

Coleman said the newly extended four-year term for City Council members will allow him to focus on initiatives that take more than two years, like housing development, which he called his top priority. "If we can get some of these housing projects in Ward 2 rolling next year, it'll still be two or three years before we see them finished," he said.

Mac-Groveland council opposes use of Mattocks as off-leash site

by Jane McClure

Mattocks Park may not be going to the dogs after all.

A proposal to make the park at Palace Avenue and Davern Street an area where dogs could run free has failed to win the support of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council.

After hearing from members of Responsible Owners of Mannerly Pets last week, the community council voted to recommend

muzzling the proposal for Mattocks. The council cited the small size of the park, the lack of a fenced area for dogs, and plans for a new children's playground at Mattocks as reason for withholding support.

The community council instead will ask the city's Parks and Recreation Commission to consider designating the eastern end of Hidden Falls Park and the area near the Como Park pool as sites for free-running dogs, according to Macalester-Groveland community organizer Kathie Tarnowski.

Mattocks is one of nine parks that have been suggested as "off-leash sites" by a citizens task force that has been studying the matter for the past several months. District councils in the nine affected neighborhoods have been asked to comment on the proposals. The comments are due back to the Parks and Recreation Commission by December 15.

Other areas that are being considered as off-leash sites are the Highland Park ravine east of the disc golf course and north of the two picnic shelters, College Park in St. An-

thony Park, Newell Park in Hamline-Midway and Arlington Park, Arkwright Park, Furness Park, Prosperity Heights Park, Taylor Park and the Mounds Park maintenance facility grounds on the East Side.

The Parks and Recreation Commission has set several criteria for off-leash sites, including adequate space and parking, water, shade and natural barriers.

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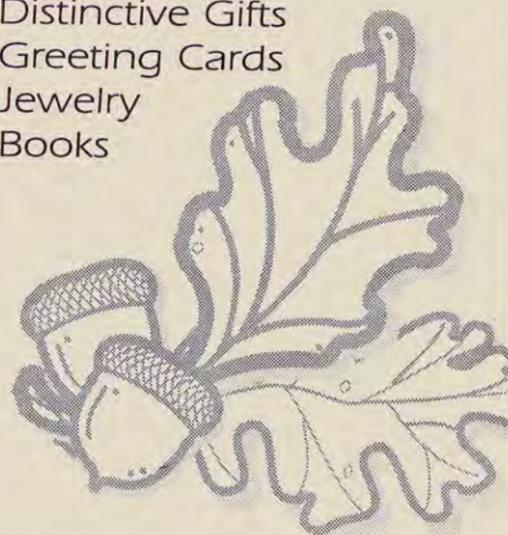
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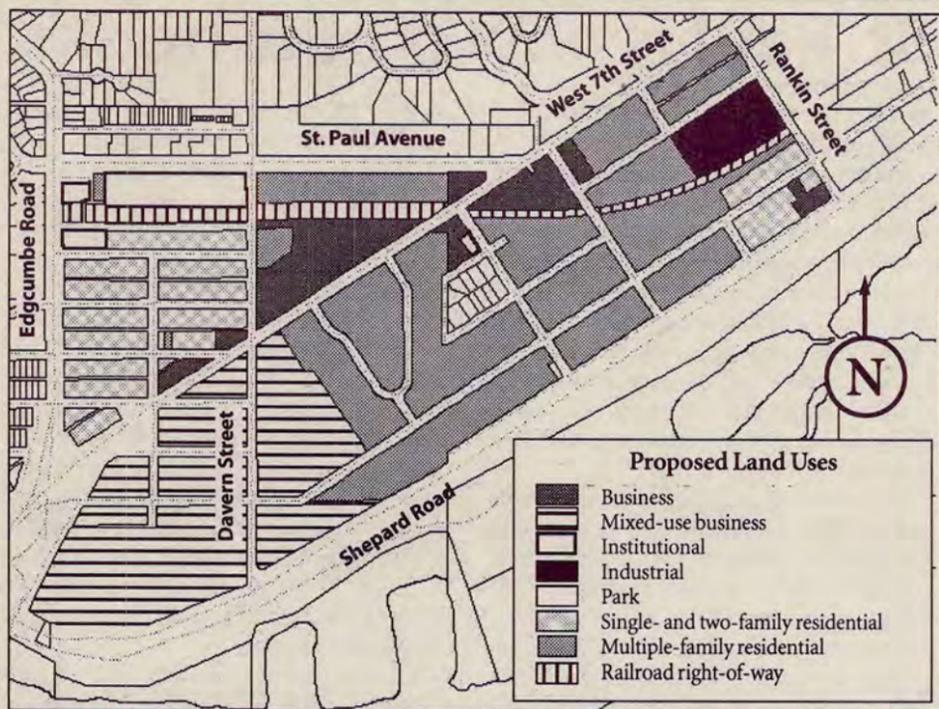
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The St. Paul Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on new zoning and design guidelines for the Shepard-Davern area (above) on November 19.

Shepard-Davern planning group sends mixed message to City Hall

Task force disagrees over building height, setback limits

by Jane McClure

City staff and citizens serving on a local land-use task force have reached an impasse over new building height and setback restrictions in the Shepard-Davern area of Highland Park.

Much of the area lies within the Mississippi River Corridor, where building heights have been limited to 40 feet since the 1980s. City staff and consultants have suggested raising the height restriction to 65 feet. Otherwise, they say, it would not be practical for developers to construct housing or commercial buildings there.

Some members of the task force and the Highland District Council are vehemently opposed to taller buildings in the river corridor. The scenic views of the Mississippi River need to be preserved, said Highland District Council president and task force co-chair Shawn Bartsh.

"If I had to choose between a 65-foot hotel and a park-and-fly (parking lot), I'd choose the park-and-fly," Bartsh said.

That choice will now have to be made by the St. Paul Planning Commission and City Council. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on new zoning and design guidelines for the Shepard-Davern area at 8:30 a.m. Friday, November 19. The City Council's public hearing on the same matter will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 8.

The design guidelines are a supplement to the larger Shepard-Davern Gateway Small Area Plan, which the City Council adopted in September. The guidelines address building heights, setbacks, landscaping, building materials, signs and other design features.

"The Shepard-Davern area is a difficult area to redevelop," said city planner Jim Zdon. Bedrock lies just below the surface of much of the area, greatly increasing construction costs. To attract high-quality development, the city must allow taller buildings, Zdon said. In exchange, the city could require added landscaping and underground parking, he said.

Zdon noted that the small area planning process was launched in 1997 in part to encourage alternative uses for the parking lots in the Shepard-Davern area that are now serving customers of Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Without incentives to redevelop those properties, the parking lots will remain, Zdon said.

That prediction was supported by a recent report by city consultants Quam Sumnicht

and Associates. The report outlines the annual revenue and construction costs for three types of developments at Shepard-Davern.

The report estimates that an airport park-and-fly lot would cost \$5.4 million to build and would generate annual revenue of \$3.6 million. Low-rise commercial and residential buildings with three leased floors would cost \$16.9 million to build and generate annual revenue of \$2.5 million. Commercial and residential buildings with five leased floors would cost \$25.4 million to build and generate annual revenue of \$4.2 million.

"Only the (park-and-fly lots) and the higher-rise uses will induce development," the report stated. "A developer faced with losing money with a 40-foot height restriction will not look at building in this area."

City staff and the citizens task force have also disagreed over building setback restrictions along West 7th Street and landscaping requirements. City staff have recommended little or no setbacks, thereby creating a denser, more pedestrian-friendly environment.

Bartsh, on the other hand, is seeking setbacks that would allow for more landscaping, along with requirements that property owners plant trees and shrubs in the setback area.

City staff insist that the city cannot dictate how private property is landscaped.

The drafting of the design guidelines for Shepard-Davern is being watched closely by two developers, Jerry Trooien of JLT Group and Gateway West.

In the last two years, JLT redeveloped the former Unisys plant as RiverBank Business Center, now home to almost 2,000 US Bank employees. JLT is also building a parking ramp adjacent to the business center and plans to construct an additional four-story commercial building.

Gateway has signed purchase agreements for more than half of the homes in the area bounded by Norfolk Avenue and West 7th and Davern streets. Gateway is hoping to replace the 44 homes and two businesses there with a \$50 million commercial development. JLT has also sent letters to homeowners in the area offering to buy their property.

Trooien has questioned some of the restrictions that have been proposed for the Shepard-Davern area, including height limits, landscaping and building materials. "I think we're getting into a little bit of micromanaging here," he said.

Gary Vogel, an architect working with Gateway, said some of the requirements, such as sign restrictions, might affect the city's ability to lure businesses there.

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Modified version of Compete St. Paul is now on the books

by Jane McClure

After months of wrangling, a modified plan to contract with private firms to provide some city services in St. Paul is finally in place.

The St. Paul City Council voted 5-1 on November 10 to approve an ordinance that would allow the competitive process to be waived for private firms that are already providing city services under contract. The waivers can also be granted in other situations, including emergencies and for services the city cannot provide. However, the waivers cannot result in the layoff or transfer of city employees.

The waiver ordinance is a companion to a more controversial one that was approved by the City Council in October. The so-called managed-competition ordinance gives city employees two years to find ways to more efficiently perform the services they deliver before the city puts the jobs out for bid. Mayor Norm Coleman vetoed the ordinance, but the council overrode the veto on November 3.

The two ordinances were the result of a

lengthy and contentious debate over Compete St. Paul, the mayor's initiative to introduce competition into the provision of city services by entertaining contracts with private firms. Only the police and fire departments would be exempt from such contracts.

During the skirmish over Compete St. Paul, the mayor announced his plan late last month to seek bids to privatize four city services—tree trimming, grass cutting, civil service testing and the operation of Watergate Marina in Highland Park. The mayor has about 30 days to seek the bids before the managed-competition ordinance takes effect.

Coleman said Compete St. Paul will help the city save taxpayer dollars while continuing to provide needed city services. He has cited examples of other U.S. cities where contracting out city services has produced significant savings.

However, union representatives and a majority of City Council members have taken issue with Coleman, arguing that the process would take away jobs from city employees and could cause the quality of services to de-

teriorate. They have also questioned whether there would be any savings to the city.

At a public hearing on November 3, several city department heads spoke in favor of the waiver ordinance so current contracts with private firms could continue. St. Paul already contracts out hundreds of city services to private firms, including construction projects, engineering and design work, technical services, book binding, police training, tree removal, background checks for police and firefighter recruits, ambulance service billing and park concessions.

Department heads asked that the waiver ordinance be modified so there would be flexibility for emergency and potential new contracts. City Council members amended the waiver ordinance to address some of the department heads' concerns.

Ward 3 council member Mike Harris cast the lone votes against the management-competition ordinance, the veto override and the waiver ordinance. Harris, who co-chaired the Compete St. Paul Task Force that studied privatization, suggested that the council was simply creating more bureaucracy. He criti-

cized the administration and unions for not being able to resolve their differences.

Harris' attempts to amend the managed competition and waiver ordinances failed to muster sufficient votes. He also could not pass a conflict-of-interest ordinance requiring disclosure of campaign contributions related to services that could be contracted out under the managed-competition plan. That ordinance tried to tie campaign contributions from employee unions and political action committees to any bids on proposed managed-competition contracts. Harris, who has never accepted union or political action committee contributions, said his colleagues received \$33,080 in campaign contributions from labor in 1997-99. He questioned the influence labor could wield on the managed-competition process.

Part of the process does call for disclosure of campaign donations by the private sector when bids are submitted for city services. Council member Jay Benanav said that step is meant to ensure that the city does not contract with friends, relatives and businesses that may have ties to elected officials.

Commission considers permit, variance for Mac building

by Jane McClure

Macalester College's plans for a new three-story commercial and residential building at 1681 Grand Ave. will be reviewed by the St. Paul Planning Commission on November 19. The commission will consider at that time issuing a special condition use permit for shared parking and granting a setback variance for a parking lot.

If the permit is approved, work on the \$2 million project will get under way this year, according to Macalester College neighborhood liaison Donna Kelly. Because soil testing and grading are needed at the site, actual construction would not start until next spring.

The college is proposing to construct a brick building with 4,000 square feet of retail space on the ground floor and eight apartments on the second and third floors. The building would be designed to resemble other Grand Avenue structures and would be built flush to the sidewalk at the northeast corner of Grand and Cambridge Street. A 21-foot setback variance is being sought for the Cambridge side. A 25-foot setback is



Work could get under way this year on Macalester College's plans for a \$2 million commercial and residential building at the corner of Grand Avenue and Cambridge Street.

required by city code.

The permit and variance have the support of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council and the Planning Commission's Zoning Committee.

The property has been vacant for more than a year. It was most recently occupied by building that use to house Grand Photo, which has moved to a college-owned building at Grand and Snelling avenues. A Standard Oil and later Amoco service station originally occupied the corner. Amoco do-

minated the property to the college after the station closed. The building on the site was torn down more than a year ago.

The college intends to build a 23-space parking lot behind the building with access to and from Cambridge Street. The Cultural House, a converted home that is used for college programs at 34 Cambridge St., would be torn down or moved.

Summit Avenue resident Tom Enestvedt has objected to the project. He does not want to see the Cultural House removed and has

expressed concern about the college's "invasion" into the surrounding residential neighborhood.

Zoning Committee members questioned whether the lot would provide enough parking for the building's tenants. The lot will have 12 spaces for residents and 11 for customers and employees. Because Macalester does not have commercial tenants lined up for the building yet, the exact parking needs are not known.

Kelly said what she does know is that the college is not going to lease space to a restaurant because of the amount of parking that would require. The college would like to have up to three tenants on the Grand Avenue side of the building and possibly a small office on the Cambridge side.

"I don't think we need any additional coffee shops," Kelly said. There are already nine restaurants and two coffee shops in the neighborhood, with a 10th restaurant now in the planning stages.

Kelly said the project is expected to relieve some of the pressure on St. Paul's tight rental housing market and attract more retail customers to the area.

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Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels founders Bill Foussard and Barb Aslesen are pictured with turkeys in hand and some of the volunteers from their early days.

Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels marks 30th anniversary of serving the Cities

Bill Foussard is Thanksgiving's version of Santa Claus. Instead of toys, the gifts that this Highland Park resident delivers come in the form of turkey dinners with all the trimmings.

Foussard, his partner Barb Aslesen and a dedicated group of volunteers will celebrate their 30th year of preparing and delivering thousands of full-course meals on Thanksgiving morning. Come Thursday, November 25, their nonprofit Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels program will be at it again, supplying around 14,000 meals for some 2,600 needy Twin Cities families.

Foussard and Aslesen launched what became Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels in 1970 when the two Merriam Park neighbors were high school juniors at St. Thomas Academy and Derham Hall. In the first year, they stayed up all night on Thanksgiving eve to prepare ham and scalloped potatoes for 24 adults and children who were gathering at a friend's house on St. Paul's East Side and had a bare cupboard that holiday.

After that first year, they contacted social service agencies in search of others who could use their help. The program snowballed from there.

"I'm amazed that it's grown to the extent it has," Foussard said. "It just seems unbelievable to go from serving three families to 2,600."

Several hundred volunteers are once again being sought to deliver the meals. Anyone with a car and a few hours to spare on Thanksgiving morning is invited to pick up the meals and a routing map at the entrance of Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. Delivery begins at 7:00 a.m. and is over in

time for the volunteers to be back home by 10:30 a.m., in plenty of time for their own Thanksgiving dinners.

"We request that there be two adults per vehicle, and we urge people to bring along the kids to make it a family affair," Foussard said. Coffee, rolls and orange juice will be waiting for early risers inside Cretin-Derham Hall that day.

All told, about 2,000 volunteers help with packaging, routing, distribution and traffic control to make the meal delivery run smoothly.

"The energy on Thanksgiving morning is amazing," Foussard said.

The program, which now serves the five-county metro area, entails the preparation of 25,000 pounds of turkey and dressing, 12,700 pounds of potatoes, 131 cases of gravy, 270 cases of peas and corn, 161 cases of cranberries, 700 pounds of butter, 1,275 gallons of milk, 1,175 dozen rolls and 3,200 pies.

Volunteers may choose between delivering meals in the east or west metro areas. There often is a short wait while the routing process is completed, but it gives people a chance to mingle. "It's become a tradition for families to see each other here every year," Foussard said.

Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels is also seeking financial assistance to help defray food costs. (The bill for the turkey and dressing alone will run over \$41,000 this year, according to Foussard.)

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day evening, November 30, at Shalom Home East, 1554 Midway Pkwy. Call Judy Marcus at 612-542-4840.

Operation Joy and its member agencies need volunteers for a phone bank to help register families who need help during the holiday season. The phone bank is operating from noon to 8:00 p.m. now through December 10. Bilingual volunteers are especially needed. Call Bettina Graupner at 612-824-7116.

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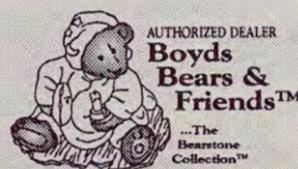
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Commission recommends University as light-rail route

by Jane McClure

Following an abbreviated three-month study, the St. Paul Planning Commission has recommended University Avenue between the downtowns of Minneapolis and St. Paul as the preferred route for light-rail transit in the east metropolitan area.

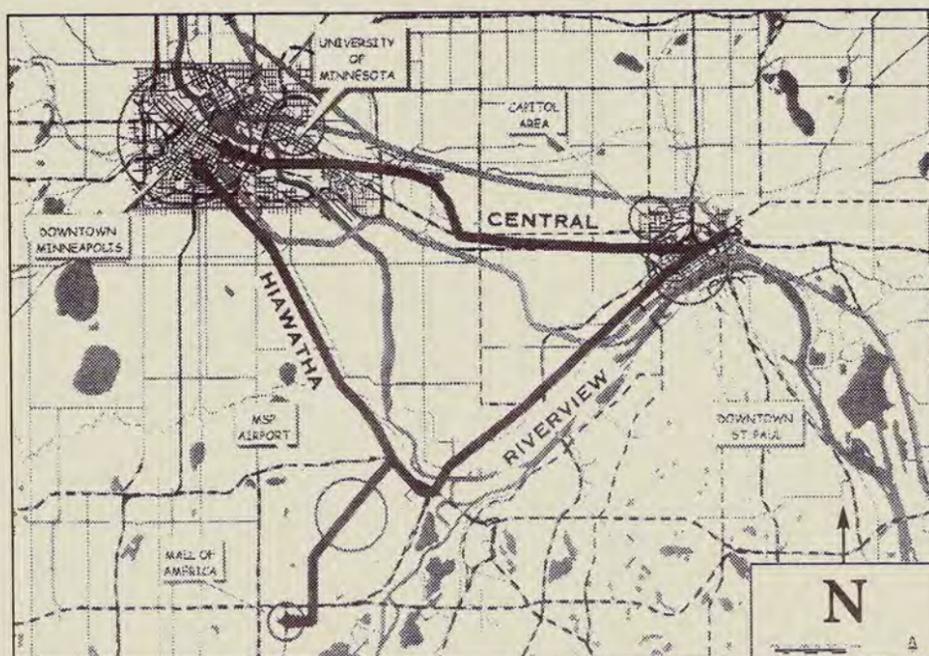
The St. Paul City Council received a preliminary review of that recommendation on November 10 and will consider voting on the matter on November 24.

The city of St. Paul and Ramsey County are still hoping to agree on a preferred route for light-rail transit before the 2000 Minnesota Legislature convenes in February. State and Metropolitan Council officials have said that if the city and county cannot agree on a preferred alignment, the next light-rail line will be built in the western suburbs of Minneapolis.

Whether the city and county can come to an agreement is still a question. The city's transportation and land-use plans state a preference for the Central Corridor between the two downtowns. The Ramsey County Board supports a "transit triangle" involving the Central Corridor, the Riverview Corridor between downtown St. Paul, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, and Minneapolis' Hiawatha Corridor.

Resolving those differences may not be easy, according to Ward 3 City Council member Mike Harris. "Some of us are adamantly opposed to the county and the priority it has given to the Riverview Corridor," he said.

Last August, the City Council directed the Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Economic Development to study light-rail transit in the Central Corridor. The study did not look at the Riverview Corridor, nor did it consider the costs or the prospects for funding light-rail transit in the



The St. Paul Planning Commission has recommended University Avenue as the alignment for light-rail transit through the Central Corridor. Meanwhile, the Ramsey County Board continues to push for the development of the transit triangle above.

Central Corridor.

"We had to look at issues that could be studied in a short time," said city planner Ken Ford.

The study considered the demand for light rail in the Central Corridor, alternative designs and alignments, how light rail might affect neighborhoods and business districts through which it passes, and how it would affect motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic and safety.

Ten years ago, I-94 was favored over University Avenue as the preferred alignment for light-rail transit in the Central Corridor because of concerns about the loss of on-street parking and motor vehicle access along Uni-

versity and the effect that would have on business. But with recent changes in transit technology, city planners now believe that light rail can be accommodated along University Avenue without the loss of right-of-way or much on-street parking.

The study recommends an alignment down the center of University Avenue instead of off to one side. Tracks would be set on a smooth bed 6 inches above street level. Curbs would separate the tracks from motor vehicle lanes except at intersections.

The study concluded that light-rail transit along University Avenue would encourage redevelopment and strengthen neighborhoods far better than an alignment along I-94. How-

ever, Ford added, the city would have to play a role in encouraging development.

Several district councils along University Avenue, the Midway Area Chamber of Commerce and University UNITED recently completed work on a University Avenue Corridor Initiative. The initiative outlined several ideas for commercial and residential redevelopment, mass transit improvements, streetscape redesigns and pedestrian-friendly improvements.

To take advantage of the redevelopment potential, planning for light-rail station sites along University Avenue should begin as quickly as possible, the Planning Commission recommended.

In Minneapolis, where the Hiawatha Corridor light-rail line is being designed, station sites are being planned at the same time as light-rail engineering. To avoid the difficulties Minneapolis planners are experiencing, Ford said, station planning in St. Paul should begin immediately after a preferred alignment is chosen.

According to Ramsey County Board chair Rafael Ortega, the county's Regional Rail Authority will wrap up its own study of the Riverview Corridor early next year. The county is also hoping to have updated the old Central Corridor studies within the next year. "Why should the city take a position on anything until we finish the studies of both corridors?" he asked.

In any case, it may be prudent for the city and county to refrain from requesting any light-rail funds until they have had a chance to judge the mood of the 2000 Legislature, Ortega said. Recent increases in the projected cost of a Hiawatha Corridor line have soured some legislators on light-rail transit.

"We need to see which way the wind is blowing," Ortega said.

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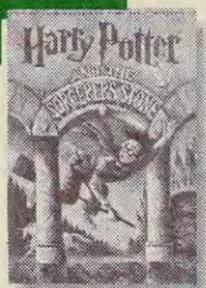
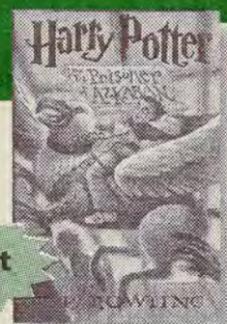
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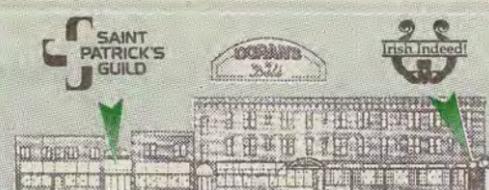
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Chipotle Grill liquor license hinges on commercial district designation

by Jane McClure

The wait may soon be over for those who have wanted to order a margarita with their meal at the Chipotle Mexican Grill in Highland Village.

The St. Paul City Council will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, November 30, on establishing a commercial development district for the Highland Crossing restaurant. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

If the City Council approves the district, Chipotle can apply to the city for an on-sale liquor license. The Highland District Council recommended approval of the district last May and the St. Paul Planning Commission did likewise on November 5.

Commercial development districts are designated by the city as a way to grant on-sale liquor licenses in council wards where no licenses are available. Ward 3, which includes Highland Village, is allowed to have only seven on-sale liquor licenses, the fewest of any ward in the city. (By comparison, Ward 4 has the next fewest with 16 and Ward 2 has the most with 39.) The limits were set by the City Council years ago and can only be increased by amending the City Charter. Thus, in Ward 3 prospective bar and restaurant owners either have to wait until one of the seven already licensed businesses closes or obtain commercial development district status.

Commercial development districts were established more than a decade ago as a way to encourage clusters of bars and restaurants to develop as entertainment districts. Selby Avenue in the Cathedral Hill area was among the first to be designated as such. There are a total of nine such districts in St. Paul today.

However, commercial development districts have been used in recent years to secure on-sale liquor licenses for a single location in wards that have no additional licenses available. Four such single-location districts have been approved in St. Paul since 1991, including Buca at 2728 Gannon Road and a storefront in Sibley Plaza that was once occupied by the original Champps. When Champps

moved to a larger space in Sibley Plaza, its owners intended to develop a new bar and Mexican restaurant in the old space, but those plans never materialized.

In the past, Planning Commission members have objected to the use of commercial development districts for just one address. They have argued that the city should simply issue more on-sale liquor licenses.

During the discussion of Chipotle's application on November 5, some commissioners questioned why a commercial development district should even be needed by Chipotle to serve margaritas only. Chipotle's request is unique in St. Paul, said Jim Zdon of the city's Department of Planning and Economic Development. In letters, application documents and public testimony, Chipotle representatives have indicated that the restaurant would not expand its liquor service beyond margaritas and the beer it is already licensed to serve.

"The primary focus of Chipotle Mexican Grill is food; alcoholic beverages are simply offered to complement the menu," said attorney Kaela Brennan, who has worked on the commercial development district with Chipotle and building owner Highland Crossing LLC. Brennan said that less than 2 percent of Chipotle's sales are alcoholic beverages.

However, city staff has determined that a commercial development district is required for an on-sale liquor license at that location, and that a liquor license is needed to serve pre-mixed margaritas.

The Highland District Council had wanted the commercial development district to be designated for Chipotle only and not for any future occupants of the space. However, city staff determined that a future occupant could use the full on-sale liquor license, Zdon said.

When it won district council support last spring, Chipotle's request was thought to be one of two commercial development districts being eyed in Highland Village. A potential occupant of the former Pizza Hut at 1941 Ford Pkwy. was also considering seeking a commercial development district. That deal fell through, as did a later deal that would have brought a Schlotzsky's Deli to Ford Parkway. The building remains vacant.

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Pilgrim Lutheran Church, St. Clair and Prior avenues, will present a forum at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, November 21, on Jubilee 2000 and the Christian movement to forgive the debts of the poorest nations. Pilgrim will offer a forum on the Lutheran approach to the healing service at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, November 28. It will be followed at 10:00 a.m. by a healing service.

Temple of Aaron Synagogue, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd., will offer the following programs in the coming weeks: a Congregational Sabbath Dinner and Seder Shabbat at 6:00 p.m. Friday, November 19; a Learner's Minyan on the meaning of Sabbath services at 9:10 a.m. Saturday, November 20; the monthly Shabbat Lunch and Learn study group following services on Saturday, November 20; and Men's and Women's Torah Break at noon on Wednesday, November 24. For reservations, call 651-698-8874.

"Praying with Scripture," a four-week spirituality series revolving around Advent and the year 2000, will be led by Sister Virginia

Matter from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mondays beginning November 29 at the Benedictine Center, 2675 E. Larpenteur Ave. The cost is \$75. For information, call 651-777-7251.

Jewish singles of all ages are invited to participate in a Sabbath dinner and worship service at 6:00 p.m. Friday, November 19, at Mayim Rabim, a reconstructionist congregation in Minneapolis. The event is co-sponsored by the St. Paul Jewish Community Center. Call Marianna at 612-692-8306.

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Mendota is one of 19 Twin Cities Catholic churches featured in the 2000 calendar created by architectural photographer Doug Ohman. The calendar's release coincides with the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The featured churches were selected from among the 222 Catholic churches in the 12-county archdiocese for their beauty and historical and architectural significance. A portion of the sale of each calendar will support St. Joseph's Home for Children. Call 651-291-4411.

The Queen of the Angels Rosary Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, December 2, to pray and to make rosaries for those who do not have one. For more information on the club and the meeting location, call Darlene Thomas, associate of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Paul, at 651-690-1501.

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People in your neighborhood

By getting to know each other, residents are helping fight crime a block at a time

by Catherine Condon

Highland Park's Sandy McGurran can attest to the power of block clubs. Since she assumed leadership of her Dorothea Avenue block club just months ago, the residents there have organized an ice cream social, helped clean up an unkempt yard for a new family, removed a brush pile that was blocking traffic on St. Paul Avenue, and started a quarterly newsletter on crime prevention.

McGurran was among more than 50 people who turned out for "Networking with Neighbors" on November 4 at the Hillcrest Recreation Center. The gathering, which was sponsored by the Macalester-Groveland, Highland Park and Summit Hill planning councils, provided new and existing block club leaders with information on starting a block club, communicating with neighbors, community policing and crime prevention.

Participants picked up a newly created block leader handbook created by the councils. The handbook lists ideas for block club activities, such as organizing alley cleanups and progressive dinners, distributing recycling information and containers, painting an elderly neighbor's house or garage, inviting speakers who are experts in various areas, conducting home security checks, and starting book or exercise clubs.

They also listened to police and local crime prevention coordinators speak about the need for more block clubs.

"It's great when residents get involved with their community, but it's even better when you get involved as a block leader," said

Macalester-Groveland crime prevention coordinator Laura Gutmann. "Every time you have a social gathering where your neighbors get to know one another better, that's a form of crime prevention."

"When we work together, we lessen our workload," added Summit Hill crime prevention coordinator Martha Sheppard, "and we multiply all the good effects."

The Summit Hill neighborhood has 87 block clubs. "Just about every block has a block leader," said Sheppard. Most of the clubs were formed as a crime-prevention measure.

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Macalester-Groveland has 253 block club leaders, meaning about 75 percent of the blocks in the neighborhood are covered. Most of the clubs formed in the early 1980s when curbside recycling organizers turned their attention to crime prevention and other efforts. Gutmann said she hopes to get every block in the neighborhood into the fold.

Only about one out of every six blocks is organized in the Highland Park neighborhood, which has about 100 block clubs. Most of the clubs have been going strong since at least 1993, according to newly hired crime prevention coordinator Linda Moeller.

"Some get together twice a year for parties," she said. "Others are more involved. One group got rid of a drug house. They got it shut down within two weeks."

Of the blocks that are organized, Moeller said about 80 percent meet for social reasons and the remainder center around crime prevention. She said she is working to entice more blocks to get organized.



Highland Park crime prevention coordinator Linda Moeller, left, talks with local block club leaders Sandy McGurran and Melissa Shaw. Photo by Sean Beauchane.

Sergeant Jim Misencik, a 22-year police veteran and one of three afternoon patrol supervisors in the city's West District, said he believes strongly in the effect block clubs have in deterring crime. "The concept of block clubs is to curb negative behavior in your neighborhood," he said. "You know who should be there and who shouldn't be. If you can get license numbers (of the vehicles of suspected criminals), we love that. We love descriptions of cars. We love to know what kind of activity is going on."

Misencik said the most important thing residents can do when they witness criminal activity is to pick up the phone.

"The biggest problem in police work is people are afraid to call," he said. "They think they're somehow inconveniencing us, but this is our job. If we get a lot of calls about problems with kids on Cleveland and Ford Parkway, for example, we're going to do something about it."

Highland Village beat cop Paul Lewsader agreed. "I'd guess that 80 or 90 percent of the crimes that we encounter and the arrests that we engage in are the result of citizens who live in neighborhoods who see something and call us," he said. "In essence, all of you police the police department. You set the tone for where you want us to focus our attention."

"When I came on the job, it was, 'Respond to the calls. Know your victim and know your

crook,'" Misencik said. "That's not happening anymore. We want to get involved in the neighborhood. We have a team and we need your help. Hopefully, we can build on block clubs, district councils and neighborhood groups."

Each year, neighborhood assistance officer Sherm Grossman of Highland Park conducts hundreds of free security surveys for households. Arranged through block club leaders, the surveys evaluate home lighting, locks, windows and security systems. NAOs also patrol the homes of vacationing residents.

"Quite honestly, we don't have near the number of (NAOs) we need," said Grossman, who has volunteered for the St. Paul Police Department for 20 years. "If you're leaving Friday night and coming home Sunday, the chance of getting someone out there is almost impossible. (For that reason), I agree completely with the importance of a block club."

Local crime prevention coordinators hope to schedule a less-structured meeting in the future that will offer block club members a chance to mingle and share ideas.

"I challenge all of you to go to your neighborhood and try to find individuals on those blocks who aren't here tonight," Gutmann said. "That way, the next time we come together this auditorium is going to be fuller, and the next time even fuller. We're only helping ourselves."

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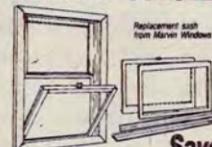
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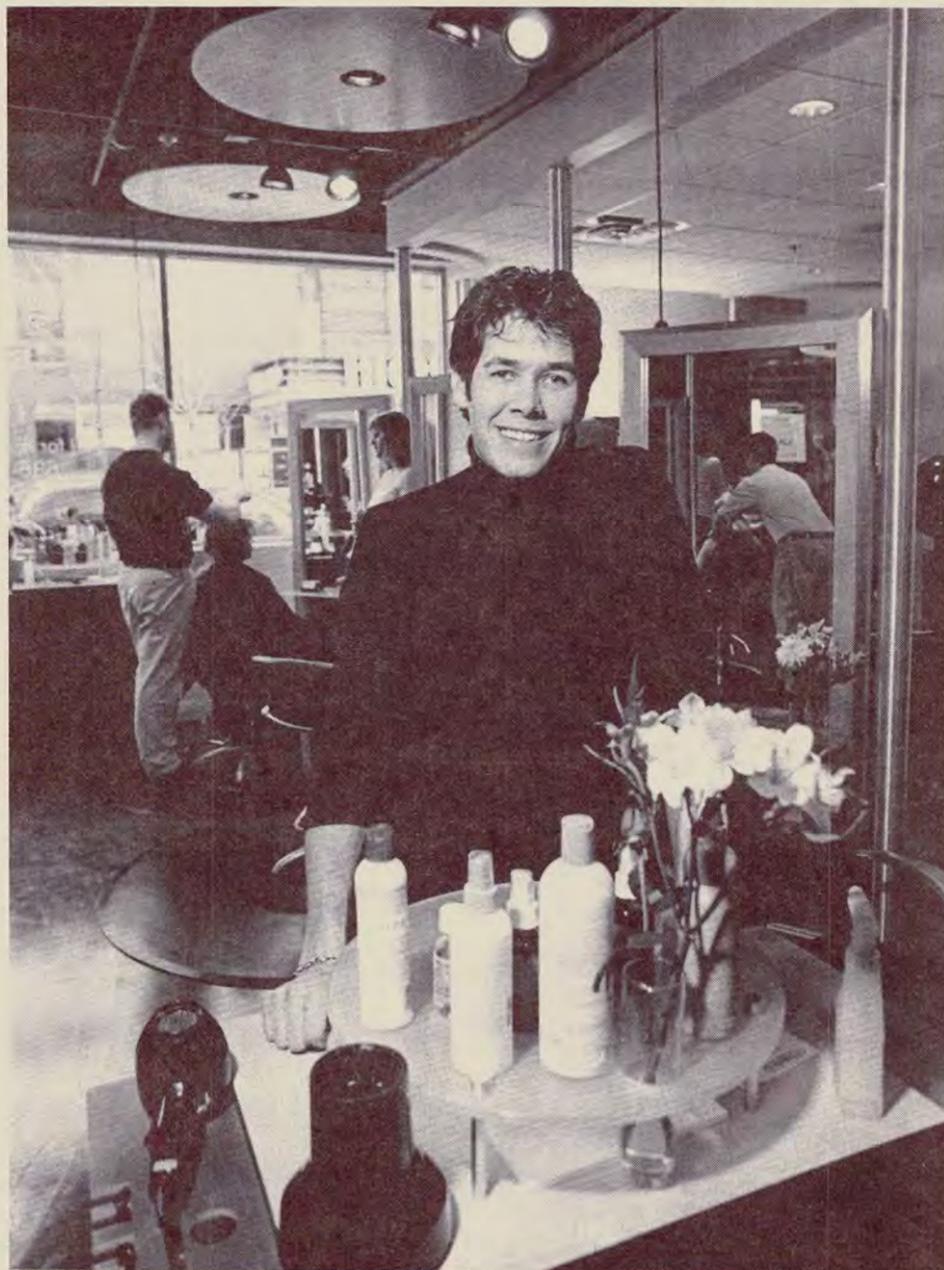
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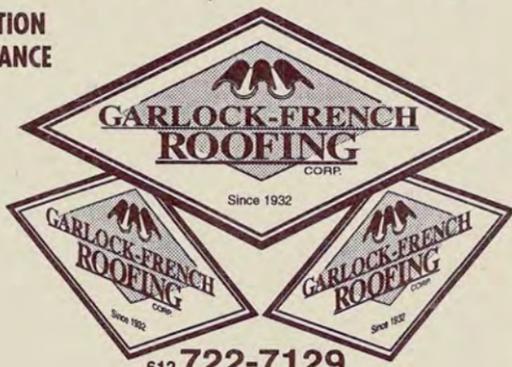
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**For owner of new Village salon,
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by Leslie Walters

What does a person do after being named, for two years running, the top stylist for a nationally renowned salon and day spa corporation?

For Brian Horst, 28, the answer was easy. He decided to establish his own roots in the industry by opening his own salon. The result is Details Salon/Spa, which opened last month in the Firststar Bank building at 757 S. Cleveland Ave. The salon specializes in hair styling, coloring and perms as well as massage, facial and nail services.

"We see our appeal more in younger families," said Brian, a former Macalester-Groveland resident who now lives in the Summit-University neighborhood. "Our target market includes those in their teens to late 50s—people who enjoy full service and are into wellness."

Though he is no relation to Aveda founder Horst Redelbacher, Brian was greatly influenced by the renowned stylist. He received advanced training at the Horst Education Center and worked in Horst Salons for most of his 10-year career in the beauty industry. He was named the top stylist of the Horst Salons and Dayspa Corporation in 1997 and 1998, and this year was part of a select group to teach Aveda classes on a national level.

"I have a lot of respect for Horst and his vision," Brian said. "I wanted to work for a top salon and see how things ran. When I found out Horst was selling his hair salons, I thought, what a great opportunity to watch the company transition from one owner to another."

Brian said he witnessed many incidents where he thought the stylists were not being treated properly. That's when he decided to open his own salon.

"I wanted to feed the goose so it would lay

the golden egg," he said. "If you treat somebody well, it'll come back to you. That's what I saw Horst do and that was something that was lost when he sold the company."

Brian said he chose Highland Village because he saw it as "an area where we could really support the community and the community could support us."

Details Salon/Spa is elegant, yet comfortable. Smiling stylists are quick to greet customers and offer them a look around. Cool birch and Westin-Nielsen furniture accent the interior. Soft fabrics hang along the upper walls. Frosted glass, and lots of it, displays the full line of Aveda beauty products. The soothing scents of "Rainforest," "Madagascar" and "Lavandou" fill the air.

The shop's 2,000 square feet includes eight styling stations, two massage rooms, a shampoo room where customers can opt to lie down or sit up, a manicure and pedicure room, and an area for colorings and perms. Brian has brought nine Horst-trained stylists with him to Details, including four color and perm specialists. He employs two massage therapists, an esthetician (skin expert) and a nail technician.

A typical day at Details could include a one-hour massage and facial, manicure, pedicure, shampoo and style—all for \$200 to \$225. All haircuts include a scalp, neck and shoulder massage, shampoo, blow dry and makeup touchup. Prices range from \$20 to \$60, depending on the stylist.

Brian has invested about \$225,000 in Details, most of it with help from his parents. He said the \$173,000 design "build out," among other expenses, was significantly higher than he had anticipated.

Since opening on October 11, Brian said business has been good. He would eventually

Salon/see next page

BUSINESS BRIEFS

The **Bead Monkey** is expanding into part of the former Jack & Jill space at Victoria Crossing West, 867 Grand Ave. Owner Tina Agar said the expansion should quadruple her bead jewelry business, which has operated in the mall since April 1998. The expansion will allow for extra retail space and a new 780-square-foot classroom where customers can rent a table on an hourly basis and work on their craft projects. Remodeling is expected to be finished by November 26.

A **singles mixer** will be offered from 6:00 to 9:00

p.m. Monday, November 22, at the Caravan Serai, 2175 Ford Pkwy. Games, quizzes and prizes will all be part of the fun along with dinner and drinks. For information, call 651-690-1935.

The **Maccabee Group**, led by president Paul Maccabee of Merriam Park, recently received two major public relations awards. It earned the International Festivals and Events Association's "Most Creative/Effective News Stunt of the Year" award for carving Governor Jesse Ventura's head out of 5,000 pounds of Kemps ice cream for the St. Paul Winter

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Casper's Cherokee Sirloin Room, 886 S. Smith Ave., will once again be serving a free Thanksgiving Day dinner on November 25 for anyone who for whatever reason would otherwise go without.

Owners and brothers Rick and Jim Casper and a crew of volunteers will be serving roast turkey with all the trimmings, continuing a tradition that was started in 1983 by their parents, former Cherokee owners Bob and Dorothy Casper of Highland Park. Dinner will be served in two seatings, beginning at noon and 1:30 p.m.

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The **Small Business Institute** at the University of St. Thomas will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a reception from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, in the Murray-Herrick Campus Center. Former students and business owners who have participated in the program are invited to attend. Some 6,500 students have helped more than 2,000 Twin Cities area businesses boost their performance and profits since the program began in 1974.

Michael Ryan of Highland Park has been named president and CEO of Tecnetics Industries Inc., a St. Paul-based company that manufactures industrial weighing and metering equipment. Ryan previously worked in sales and marketing with the Donaldson Company and Cummins Engine Company, and as a management consultant with Touche Ross.

Free import-export counseling will be offered by the Service Corps of Retired Executives on Tuesday, November 30, at the Minnesota Trade Office, located on the 10th floor of the World Trade Center in downtown St. Paul. Appointments are available between 9:00 a.m. and noon by calling 651-297-4222.

Salon owner is a Horst of a different color /from previous page

like to own three or four salons and, like Horst, make his own mark in the beauty business.

"If somebody leaves the industry, I wish them well," he said. "But if they're getting out of a salon to open their own, I'd love to help

them."

Details will hold a grand opening on Sunday, November 21. A Charity Service Jam will run from noon to 5:00 p.m., with all proceeds from services performed during those hours going to Deva House, a Summit Avenue hos-

pice for terminally ill children and their families. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

The celebration will continue from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception. Local painter and sculptor Larry

Wirtjes will show his work. The shop will also conduct a raffle during the grand opening for a full day of pampering at Details.

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Ethiopian entrees are being served up at the Queen of Sheba restaurant in Sibley Plaza courtesy of Woseneleh Wolde, left, Nigist Abay, Elias Wolde, Happy Sibande, and Ermias and Emebet Wolde. Photo by Mike Long.

Well-traveled brothers bring taste of Ethiopian homeland to Highland

by John Gessner

Eager though they were to leave their chaotic homeland of Ethiopia, Woseneleh and Ermias Wolde are just as eager to introduce Ethiopian cuisine to American palates.

Woseneleh and Ermias, along with their brother Elias, opened the Queen of Sheba restaurant last month in the Sibley Plaza Shopping Center on West 7th Street. The restaurant, which is open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days a week, specializes in Ethiopian entrees, though it serves a full breakfast menu, appetizers, salads, sandwiches, pasta dishes, vegetarian meals and desserts.

Located in the space formerly occupied by Rose's Vietnamese Cuisine, the 50-seat restaurant hums with the sound of African music and is adorned with Ethiopian wall hangings and hand-sewn tablecloths.

"I feel this is a real opportunity to show the culture and history of Ethiopia," said Woseneleh, 35. "I brought all this from home. We want to show what type of culture we have, what type of food we can serve."

Spicy entrees of lamb, veal, chicken, beef, vegetables and traditional Ethiopian flat bread are delightful introductions to a country that Woseneleh says has been misunderstood.

"Many people don't know much about Ethiopia except the drought and the poorness of the country," he said.

Actually rich in natural resources, the world's poorest nation has been bedeviled by a quarter-century of civil war fomented by corrupt leaders and a fragmented social patchwork of 87 tribes, Woseneleh said.

"We don't have the peace," he said. "The educated people are out of our country. They can't work according to their conscience."

A graduate of Ethiopia's national catering and tourism institute, Woseneleh worked as a server in state-owned hotels and as an accountant in the national tourism office before accepting a government scholarship to study hotel management and the culinary arts in Nairobi, Kenya. He gained additional experience working at hotels in Kenya and Germany, and came to the United States in 1995 to continue his education.

Woseneleh earned a degree in hospitality management from Keiser College in Fort Lauderdale and worked at Doubletree and Marriott hotels there. He then moved to Minnesota to be near his siblings. He became the

executive sous chef at the St. Paul North Holiday Inn before opening Queen of Sheba.

Ermias, his business partner, moved to the United States after high school and has worked in the Twin Cities as kitchen supervisor for the Lowry Cafe and as head pasta cook for Sidney's Pizza Cafe.

Woseneleh said he has not been impressed by the smattering of Ethiopian cafes found here. "We have the experience and we can do it better," he said. "This is the American dream."

Ethiopian dining is a communal experience in which diners often pluck food from the same plate. A staple of the cuisine is injera, a protein-rich fermented flat bread made from teff, the world's smallest grain.

Injera is served with each of Queen of Sheba's nine Ethiopian entrees, which combine meats and vegetables seasoned with herbal butter and spices. Some dishes are served with homemade buttermilk cheeses.

"The national dish is called doro wott," Woseneleh said. "It is simmered chicken in Ethiopian spices and herbal butter with a lot of ground red pepper. It is very hot."

But not intolerable to American palates, he added.

"It is not hot in that sense," Woseneleh said. "It is well-seasoned, full-bodied."

Injera serves an important function in Ethiopian dining. The spongy bread is perfect for scooping up meat and vegetables, especially when soaked in herbal butter.

"The way we eat is, we believe fingers come before forks," Woseneleh said. "We believe that we use our bodies to fulfill our necessities."

The Ethiopian entrees range from \$7.95 for kitfo—a steak tartare of calf's filet marinated in an herbed and spicy butter and cayenne pepper—to \$12.95 for the "Queen's Special," a combination of zizil alicha (beef stew), vegetables and minchet abish (minced filet of beef) served with three homemade cheeses and a mixed salad.

The menu also includes a half-pound burger, a veritable mountain of French fries served with ketchup or barbecue sauce, and "Rasta Pasta" after Ethiopia's revered former emperor Haile Selassie, who was originally named Ras Tafari Makonnen.

Queen of Sheba also serves gourmet coffees. The nation's coffee-growing region of Kaffa is known as the birthplace of coffee.

"It's a gift to the world from the highlands of Ethiopia," Woseneleh said.

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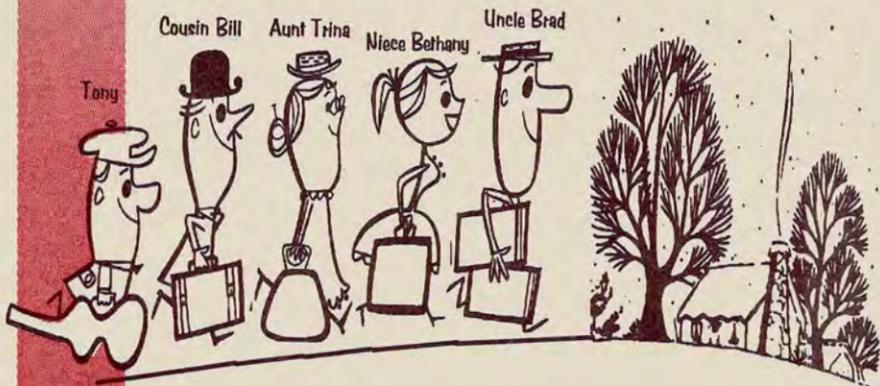
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Highland District COUNCIL CAPSULE

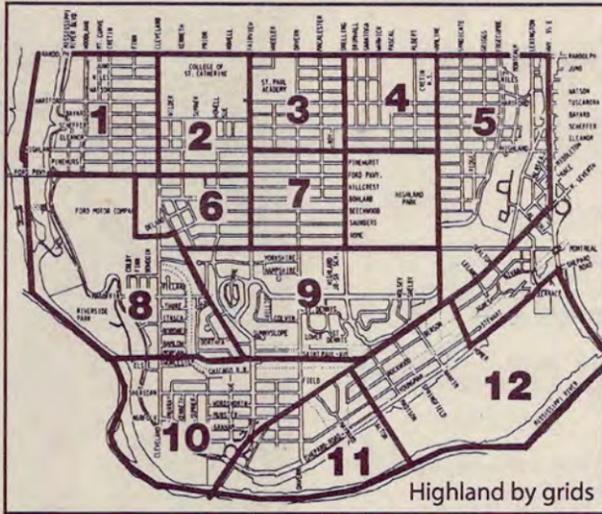
BOARD MEETS NOVEMBER 18

The board of directors of the Highland District Council will convene at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 18, in the Village View Room of the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. For more information about the meeting's agenda, call the Highland District Council at 651-695-4005 or visit its Web site at stpaul.gov/neighborhoods.

SHEPARD-DAVERN ZONING HEARING SET

A proposed zoning overlay district and design guidelines for the Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan will be reviewed by the St. Paul Planning Commission during a public hearing on Friday, November 19. The hearing will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the lower level of City Hall.

Two matters related to the design guidelines remain unresolved: building height restrictions in the Mississippi River Corridor and building setbacks in commercial areas. City staff would like to raise the 40-foot River Corridor height restriction in the Shepard-Davern area to 65 feet. That is opposed by some local residents. City staff also favor minimal building setbacks in front of new commercial structures. Some neighbors would like building setbacks that allow room for landscaping along the street.



Highland by grids

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the design guidelines and zoning overlay district at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 8. Once approved, the Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan will become part of the city's Comprehensive Plan, which is used to guide development.

CRIME DOES NOT TAKE A HOLIDAY

Holiday shoppers are reminded not to tempt thieves this shopping season by leaving packages visible in their parked cars. Instead, place packages in the trunk or otherwise hide them from view.

Shoppers also should avoid carrying large sums of cash.

And after purchasing an expensive item, like a television or VCR, it is wise to dismantle the box it came in before putting the box out for recycling.

Leave a light on when leaving the house unoccupied or use timers that automatically turn lights on. Timers on the inside of houses and motion-activated lights on the outside are inexpensive crime prevention devices and give residents a well-lit home to come back to.

Area residents are encouraged to report any suspicious activity in their neighborhood to the police, no matter how insignificant it may seem. If the activity appears to be a crime in progress, call 911.

For more information on crime prevention or for help in creating a block club, call Linda at the Highland District Council office at 651-695-4005.

COMPOST SITES TO CLOSE FOR WINTER

Ramsey County's compost sites are scheduled to close for the winter on November 29 unless bad weather necessitates an earlier closing.

Until then, leaves and other soft-bodied plant material may be dropped off between 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The closest compost sites to Highland Park are located outside the Pleasant Avenue ice arena just south of St. Clair Avenue and off Pierce Butler Route and Fairview Avenue.

The last three recycling dates in Highland this year are Mondays, November 22, December 6 and 20. Recyclable items should be placed on the curb by 7:00 a.m.

Merriam Park COUNCIL CAPSULE

CIB REPRESENTATIVE SOUGHT

A volunteer is being sought to represent the Merriam Park, Snelling-Hamline and Lexington-Hamline neighborhoods on the city of St. Paul's Long Range Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) Committee. The committee is composed of volunteers who review and recommend to the City Council all expenditures of funds for capital improvements, including those for recreation centers, park buildings, street paving and lighting, and economic development projects.

The committee meets for about two to three hours per

month at City Hall. Those who are interested in serving on the committee are asked to call the Merriam Park Community Council at 651-645-6887.

CRIME ALERT

There have been several reports recently of a man exposing himself around the University of St. Thomas and Macalester College. The suspect is described as a white male in his late 20s or early 30s. He has a medium build, short dark-brown hair and is often seen wearing a baseball cap and sunglasses.

Police say the suspect typically approaches a victim from his car and asks for directions to I-94. He drives a late '80s or early '90s, turquoise, four-door Ford Escort.

Anyone who sees a person fitting this description is asked to call 911, being sure to note the physical description, location and direction of travel.

COAT DRIVE

The Northwest Midway Family Center is in need of winter jackets of all sizes for its second annual coat drive. The donated coats will be distributed to families in the center's service area, which includes Merriam Park. For information, call Lori at the family center at 651-917-3883.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETS

Residents interested in environmental issues are being asked to join the Environment Committee for a discussion about upcoming projects and issues. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 30, at the offices of the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium, 624 Selby Ave. A tour of the "green" building will be followed by a discussion of the committee's 2000 agenda. For more information, call Sherilyn Young at 651-645-6887.

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A gallery of their own

Superclown puts children's art in its rightful place—framed and on a wall

by Leslie Walters

When Elisabeth Blanco's 25-year-old son David died in an automobile accident several years ago, she searched for a way to keep his memory alive. She established the David Nathan Blanco Foundation, which provides a scholarship for disadvantaged children at the California Polytechnic Institute in San Luis Obispo, California.

Blanco was living at the time in California and working as a food stylist for commercial photographers and caterers. Going through David's things one day, she rediscovered Superclown, a character that David had created as a child, a superhero with a sense of humor who could fly and come to the aid of children all over the world.

Last January Blanco and her cousin, Gina Jarvi, founded the Superclown Children's Art Gallery and Youth Arts Studio. Initially located in Afton, the gallery and studio moved last month into a storefront at 1558 Selby Ave. The gallery subscribes to the philosophy that all children's art deserves a mat, a frame and an audience.

"To see children's art in frames is a rare thing," Jarvi said. "We have a tendency to put their art up with pins and right next to each other. But when children see you putting their piece in some kind of professional space, even in a simple frame, they begin to look at their work as something valuable."

"A child's artwork plays a significant role in the development of his or her self-image,"

Jarvi said. "Children want and need places where they can be creative and present what they make to others."

With the move into the Selby storefront, Superclown has taken on a big-city focus that fits its mission, said Jarvi, a Snelling-Hamline neighborhood resident and teacher in the St. Paul public schools for the past 10 years. The gallery is currently showing "The Children of All Nations" in collaboration with the All Nations Child Care Center in Minneapolis' Phillips neighborhood. The exhibition includes Native American paintings, weavings, dolls and cardboard cutouts.

The gallery is offering classes this fall in drawing, painting, dollmaking, mandalas, costuming, quilting, papermaking and book arts. "We also want to make sure there are at least one, perhaps several, inexpensive classes a month open to families," Jarvi said. "We want them to come in and have some fun without so much structure. There's

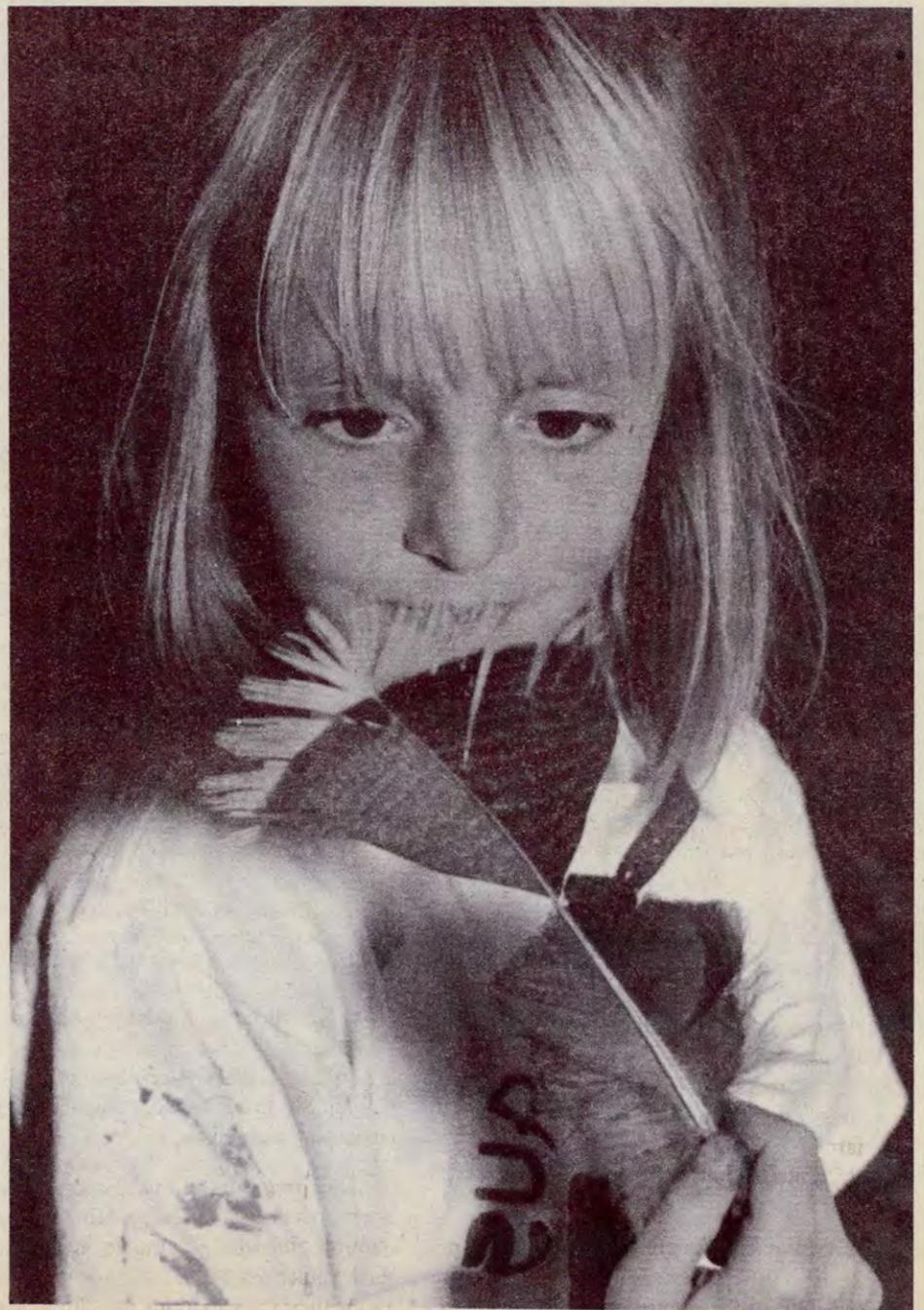
lots of free-spirit stuff going on here."

Neither Blanco nor Jarvi have had any formal training in art. Jarvi works in photography and Blanco in dollmaking, collage and paper. But they have contracted with Ramsey Hill's College of Visual Arts to employ three student interns as instructors and they expect several more interns from St. Mary's College in Minneapolis to join the staff this year.

Superclown is also committed to bringing art programs into area schools, child care centers, hospitals, shelters and community centers. So far, Superclown has worked with the

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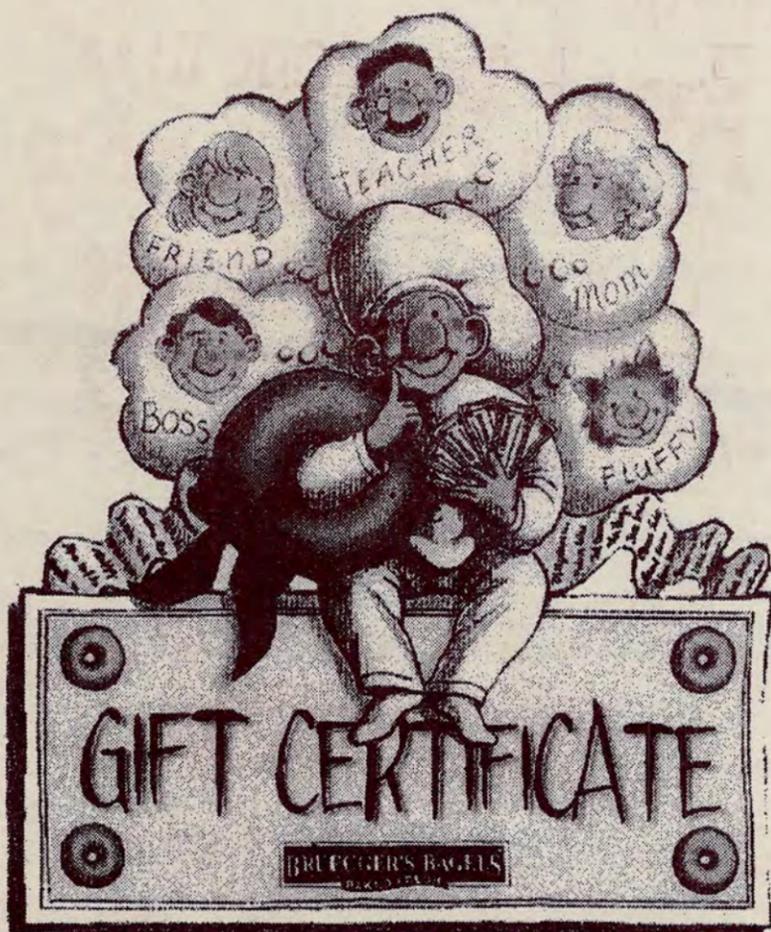
Superclown student Hanna Carlson puts her creativity to work in the making of a costume using ostrich feathers. Photo by Terry Faust.

Stillwater Partnership Plan, a group of businesses in Stillwater that support schools through scholarships; the St. Croix Animal Shelter, where they made animal valentines and papier-mâché animals; and the Jewish Community Center of St. Paul.

Judy Cavanaugh, the JCC's coordinator of

programs to prevent drug abuse and violence among children, agrees wholeheartedly with the Superclown philosophy. She even joined the organization's board of directors. "When adults take children seriously, as Superclown

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Homeowners' dispute delays hearing on Crocus Hill condominium project

by Jane McClure

For the third time in six weeks, a public hearing on a controversial Summit Hill housing project has been delayed. A request for a front-yard setback variance for Mendota Homes was to be heard originally by the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) on September 27, but that hearing was postponed to October 12 and then to October 25. The hearing is now scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Monday, November 22, at City Hall.

The most recent BZA hearing was postponed at the request of Mendota Homes. The Forest Lake-based developer is still trying to resolve a dispute with neighboring homeowners over the use of utility easements.

Mendota Homes is seeking a variance in order to construct a three-story, 12-unit con-

dominium on Grand Avenue below 5 Crocus Hill. A 25-foot setback is required and a 10-foot setback is proposed.

The Summit Hill Association's Zoning and Land Use Committee has recommended denying the variance request. Committee members said that Mendota Homes could build fewer units without a variance. Concerns about the loss of trees and major alterations to the slope were raised, as were questions about Mendota Homes' legal right to build on part of the site.

Mendota Homes has been trying to develop the site for more than a year. The developer's original plan was to build eight townhouses. That plan was abandoned when it was found that utility easements held by two neighbors precluded construction on part of the site.

NAMES in the NEWS

Six St. Paul families and two businesses will be honored on November 18 as part of the 14th annual Family Celebration sponsored by six St. Paul social service agencies. The honored families include those of Mary Risch, Laura Rodas, Frank Osbold, Ge Vang, Linda Brozek and Loretta Johnson. The businesses being honored for their support of families include Bonfe's Auto Service and Body Repair, 380 W. 7th St., and Employer Solutions Inc., 1600 University Ave.

Jeff Wiles of Summit Hill, a free-lance wildlife and landscape photographer, has had one of his photos included in WCCO TV's Minnesota Weatherguide calendar for

2000. His photo of the blooming wildflower lupine was chosen from more than 2,000 entries.

Mary Kiffmeyer, Minnesota's 20th secretary of state, recently met with Boy Scouts from Troop 38 at Macalester-Plymouth United Church. She talked to the Scouts about active citizenship and voting.

Tom Surprenant and Buzz Lagos of Macalester-Groveland and Jeanne Hinze Junge of Summit Hill will be honored by the Costa Rica/Minnesota Foundation on November 18 for their contributions to cultural activities involving the two countries.



Superclown founders Gina Jarvi (left) and Elisabeth Blanco and friend in their Selby Avenue gallery and youth art studio. Photo by Terry Faust.

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does, the message is that the children's efforts are valued and they as people are seen and heard," Cavanaugh said. "Many children can use art as a gateway to communication and to building skills."

Superclown is currently enlisting children 12 and older in a collaboration with 10 elderly writers at the JCC. The youngsters will create art to accompany the annual "Reflections" anthology put out by the seniors, who are 67 to 85 years old. The project is intended to promote communication between the generations as they explore the visual interpretation of the written word.

Superclown is also developing an after-

school program that will open the gallery's studio to children interested in working independently on an art project. "If they're struggling with a homework project, if they're graduating and have to make some kind of visual display, or if they're just bored stiff, this will be someplace they can relax and try something new," Jarvi said.

Children will eventually play an integral role in the gallery's operations, Jarvi said. "They'll begin to have a sense of ownership and their own ideas of how children's art should be displayed," she said. "I know from working with kids, they know how they want their work presented."

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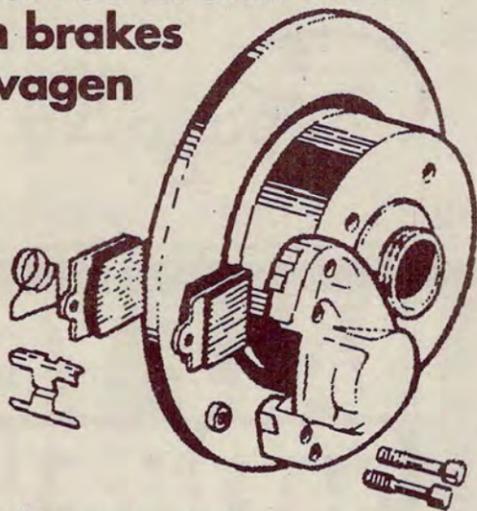
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The Hillcrest Recreation Center's U-12 boys soccer team capped off a perfect 11-0 season by winning the St. Paul City Championship on October 31. The team allowed only one goal all season. Pictured, from left, are (front row) Adam Hollyday, Joey Ranieri, Chip Krachmer, John Xiong, Yer Xiong, Lucas Barns, Jeff Gerlach and Kailash Baradan; (second row) Ben Natala, Aaron Bock, Eric Braunig, Matt Imholte, Stephen Collins, Daniel Balogh, Alex Hine, Lucas Power, Nick Schuessler, Robin Hollyday and Oliver Dougherty; and (back row) coach Moo Baradan, Joey Ewald and coach Mark Gerlach. Missing is Mickey Slitts.



The Linwood Recreation Center's U-12 girls soccer team won the St. Paul City Championship on October 31 by defeating a tough Edgumbe team 2-1 in double overtime. Linwood finished the season 11-0. Pictured, from left, are (kneeling) Brittagh Riley, Carley Ryan, Sara Block and Becca Cloyd; and (standing) coach Gregg Johnson, Greta Kringle, Kirsten Stungaard, Beth Johnson, Elli Hardy, Abbey Otteson, Kate McDonald, Laura Lentz, Emily Peschel, Rachel Sairio and coach Dave McDonald. Missing is Marisa Mongiat.

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THE HBA TODAY

BY PATRICIA BOYD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HIGHLAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

LIGHT UP HIGHLAND

A "Light Up Highland" fund-raiser will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, November 19, at the Highland Ice Arena. Proceeds from the event, which is cosponsored by Davanni's, will be used to defray the cost of the holiday lights in Highland Village and to support the Francis Basket Food Shelf in Highland Park. Both ice rinks will be open for skating, with a DJ spinning music for teens and adults on the south rink and music for kids on the north rink.

There also will be children's games, face painting, button making, puppets, a ventriloquist, Goldy the Gopher and other assorted costumed characters, holiday family photo shoots by Act One Photography, free skating lessons for children, and plenty of food and refreshments.

Those who attend the event are asked to bring a nonperishable food item for Francis Basket. For information, call the Highland Business Association office at 651-699-9042.

HOLIDAY SILENT AUCTION

The Highland Business Association will celebrate the season with its popular Holiday Silent Auction from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, December 3, at the HighlandBank, 2100 Ford Pkwy. The event, which is open to all association members and their employees, will include food, refreshments and music by a

string quartet from the Minnesota Youth Symphonies.

HIGHLAND TEA TIME

The next Highland Tea Time will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 1, at Tea-Source, 752 S. Cleveland Ave. All are welcome to stop in for great tea and chat with business association members, Highland Village beat cop Paul Lewsader and others who drop in.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The HBA will hold its next general membership meeting at noon on Thursday, November 18, at Champps on West 7th Street. Lee Koch, marketing director for the Capital City Partnership, will be the guest speaker.

BOARD MEETING

The HBA board of directors will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 9, at Pierre's Grill and Cafe, 1806 St. Clair Ave. For information, call the HBA office at 651-699-9042.

HOLIDAY IN HIGHLAND

Holiday in Highland will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, December 11. Activities will include Breakfast with Santa, a free family movie at the Highland Theatre, hayrides, the Vintage Carolers and more. Check the next issue of the Villager for complete details.

SCHOOL NOTES

The College of St. Catherine has experienced a jump in enrollment for the fourth straight year and is now serving 4,372 students on its St. Paul and Minneapolis campuses. That includes 273 first-time students, making it the largest freshman class at the school in a decade. The enrollment includes 2,646 students in associate degree programs, certificate programs and the baccalaureate day program; 828 students in Weekend College; and 898 students in eight graduate programs.

Rebecca Rollefson of Highland Park was one of more than 400 national board-certified teachers who were honored by President Bill Clinton on October 22 in Washington, D.C., during the third annual "Teaching America about Accomplished Teaching" conference. Rollefson teaches 3rd grade at Ericsson School in Minneapolis. She is a member of her school's site council and of the district's literary network. She received national board certification in the area of early childhood education last year.

Visitation School seniors Ashley Horan and Christine McLarn, both Macalester-Groveland residents, have qualified as semifinalists for the 45th annual National Merit Scholarship program. Classmates Stephanie Aamodt of Macalester-Groveland and Martha Engel of Highland Park join Alayna Pine

and Mary South as commended students.

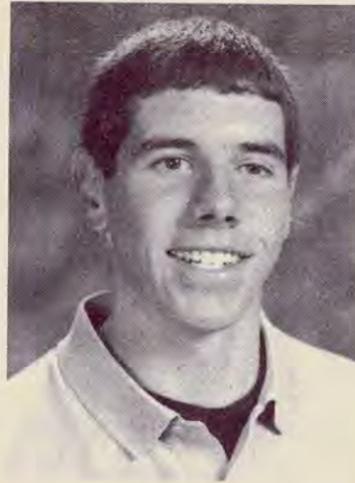
District 197 Community Education will offer the following classes in the coming weeks: holiday combo aerobics at 6:15 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, November 29-December 22, at Pilot Knob School (\$16); "Putting It All Together," a word-processing computer class, at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, November 29-December 8, at the Moreland computer lab (\$47); "Basic Computer and Beyond" at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, November 30-December 9, at Moreland (\$47); and "Mastering Your Mind and Emotions" at 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 6, at the Learning Center (\$45). Call 651-405-2482.

The University of St. Thomas' department of public safety and parking services was recently chosen as the winner of the Metropolitan Council's 1999 Commuter Choice Award in the "School/University" category. St. Thomas was cited for a commuter initiative that offers employees \$100 a month if they forgo a parking spot for the entire year, as well as for giving preferred parking spaces to registered car and van pools.

Mark Fennell, a student at St. Paul Academy and Summit School, learned about national security, diplomacy and global defense systems during a youth leadership forum from October 19-24 in Washington, D.C. He was one of more than 400 high school students from across America to attend the conference. Fennell was chosen for his academic achievement and interest in a career related to national security.

The College of St. Catherine has received a \$500,000 gift from the estate of Katharine Donohue, a 1950 alumna and Marine Corps major who supported the college throughout her life. St. Catherine will use the gift to establish four "academic centers of excellence." The centers will focus on women and spirituality; women, public policy and economic justice; women and health; and women, science and technology. The endowment also will be used to support faculty development and interdisciplinary initiatives.

"The Art of Navajo Weaving," featuring textiles from the collection of Susan Morris DeJong, some of them over a century old, will be presented from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on



Mark Fennell

Wednesday, December 1, at Hiawatha School, 4201 42nd Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Hiawatha students will also be displaying their weaving during the program, which is sponsored by the Longfellow Community Council.

Roger Kennedy, class of '44, recently received the Distinguished Alumni Award from St. Paul Academy and Summit School. Kennedy is the former director of the U.S. National Park Service and director of the National Museum of American History at the Smithsonian. He

was in St. Paul last week for a panel discussion on politics and the media and a talk on careers in public service with SPA students.

Inver Hills Community College will host an open house from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, November 18, for high school juniors and seniors. Check-in will be at the College Center building. Call 651-450-8500.

Concordia University has received the Outstanding Adult Education Program Award from the Minnesota Association for Continuing Adult Education. The university's School of Accelerated Learning was recognized for its innovation, teamwork and effective use of resources. It was the first accelerated bachelor's degree-completion program in the state when it was introduced in 1985.

The College of St. Catherine, Concordia University and University of St. Thomas have been recognized for inspiring students to lead ethical and civic-spirited lives in the Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character Development, a guidebook that was published last month. The three institutions were among 100 colleges and universities across the United States named to the Templeton Honor Roll. Other Minnesota schools making the list were Gustavus, St. Olaf, St. Benedict and St. John's.

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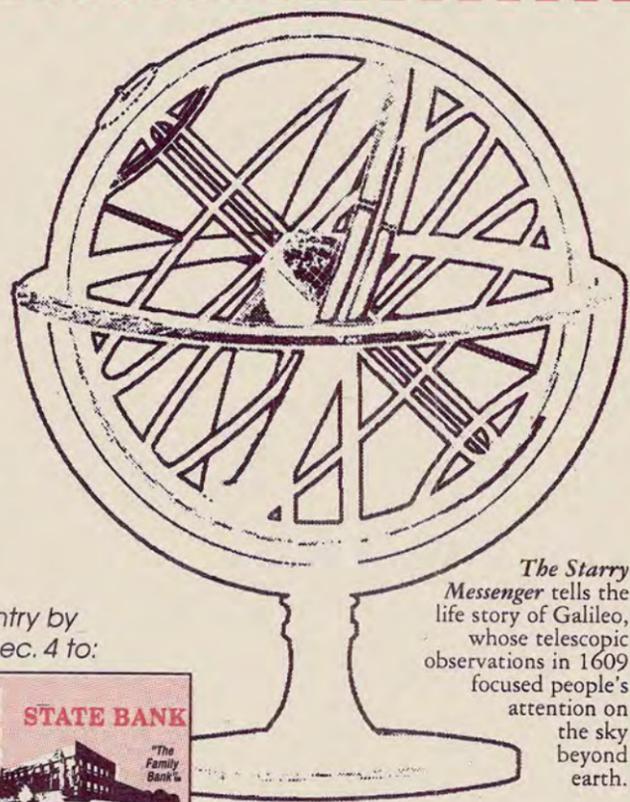
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Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

ST. THOMAS' EXPANSION DISCUSSED

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will meet again this week to discuss the University of St. Thomas' plans for redevelopment of the south side of Summit Avenue and the north side of Grand Avenue between Cretin and Cleveland avenues. The issue will be taken up by the council's Housing and Land Use Committee at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, at the Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St.

St. Thomas wants to construct a new music building on the south side of Summit west of Finn Street and to replace the McNeely and Christ Child buildings on the south side of Summit between Cleveland and Finn. St. Thomas also wants to vacate Finn and the Summit-Grand alleys and build underground parking for up to 2,000 vehicles on those blocks. The university is anticipating a mixed-use development, including townhomes and commercial uses, on the north side of Grand. The university is seeking a modification of its city-issued special condition use permit in order to make the changes. That permit sets the limits for the campus boundaries.

For information, call Kathie Tarnowski at 651-695-4000.

BOARD NOTES

At its November 11 meeting, the Macalester-Groveland Community Council filled the unexpired term of the board member representing Grid 12. The new representative for that area is Alyn Bedford, 1416 St. Clair Ave.

The board also voted to oppose establishing Mattocks Park as an area where dog owners can walk their pets without leashes. Mattocks is one of nine areas in the city that have been

identified as possible off-leash areas. Responsible Owners of Mannerly Pets (ROMP) has been lobbying for such an area in St. Paul, and a citizens task force has studied the issue for the past several months.

Though district council members were receptive to the concept of having an off-leash area in the city, they felt Mattocks was not an appropriate site because it is too small and is not fenced. The board also cited the fact that funding has been recommended for a major renovation of the play area at Mattocks. If approved by the City Council, the park will be renovated in 2001.

Also on the November 11 agenda was discussion of a petition for four-way stop signs at Prior and Wellesley avenues. The board voted to support additional signs at the corner, but decided not to recommend any changes until its Transportation Committee develops criteria for their installation. The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 17, at the Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St.

DON'T POLLUTE

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council has asked the city to stencil signs behind storm drains in the Jefferson-Pascal area to remind residents to keep pollution out of the Mississippi River. Streets in that area are set to be repaved next summer. Hamline University art students Nick Walters and Jessica Henderson created the stencil design, which features two fish and the message "Drains to River, Do Not Pollute."

KIDSPARK OFFERS DROP-IN CHILD CARE

KidsPark, the community council's licensed drop-in child-care center, operates from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on weekdays that public schools are in session out of the warming house at Groveland Playground, 2045 St. Clair Ave. Children may use KidsPark up to 45 hours a month.

KidsPark is a parent cooperative with policies established by an advisory committee. In order to keep costs down, all

families who use the facility are asked to help lend a hand. Families pay a \$30 membership fee as well as \$11 per morning for infants and \$3.50 per hour for older children. Parents who want to exchange work for KidsPark hours may work from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

KidsPark is open to all residents. For information or to make a reservation, call KidsPark at 651-695-4008.

CONNECTION HAS A JOB FOR YOUTHS

The Job Connection matches youths who want jobs with Macalester-Groveland and Highland Park senior citizens who need help mowing, raking, shoveling and house cleaning. Workers are particularly needed in the Highland area. The hours are flexible and the average pay is \$7.00 an hour. For information, call Laura Gutmann at 651-695-4000.

BLOCK LEADERS SOCIALIZE

The "Networking with Neighbors" block leader social on November 4 was a success and further gatherings will be held after the first of the year. Ideas and suggestions for upcoming topics are being sought.

Residents who are interested in learning more about the block program and block leaders who were unable to attend the social but would like a new block leader handbook may call Laura Gutmann at 651-695-4000.

RECYCLED NOTICE

Macalester-Groveland residents whose regular recycling pickup day is Thursday will have their recyclables picked up on Friday, November 26, because of Thanksgiving. For information on recycling, call Patrick Shannon at 651-695-4000.

NEWCOMERS WELCOMED

Welcome packets are now available for any resident who has recently moved into the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood. The packet includes information about local programs, services and more. Call Laura Gutmann at 651-695-4000.

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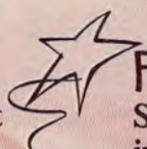
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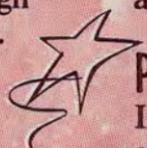
Holiday Photo Shoots

Have your family's holiday portrait captured by nationally renowned photographers Michael Paul and Glen Foreman of Act One Photography. A wide variety of holiday props will be available, including a full-scale sleigh from Chanhassen Dinner Theatres. Single portraits will be available for \$8.00 and portrait packages for \$15 and \$20.



Family Entertainment

Special guest performers will include the Teddy Bear Band and ventriloquists Nancy & Eddy and Friends. Plus, there'll be face painting and games of skill and chance.



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Both rinks will be open for skating all night for a \$1 admission. Live kids' music will be played on the north rink, and a DJ will play teen music on the south rink.



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Wednesday/November 17

"KALEIDOSCOPE: The Faces and Families of Our Neighborhood," a free educational program highlighting the patterns of diversity in the ever-growing and changing neighborhoods of Highland Park and Macalester-Groveland, will be held from 6:30 to 9:00 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For information, call 651-698-0751.

Thursday/November 18

ST. PAUL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT Patricia Harvey will address public policy and discuss how congregations can work to effect change at 6:00 this evening at the St. Paul Area Council of Churches, 1671 Summit Ave. Free and open to the public, the program will be preceded at 5:30 p.m. with a light supper (\$5.00). For reservations, call 651-646-8805, extension 17.

LA LECHE LEAGUE (St. Paul Metro chapter) will meet at 7:00 this evening. The discussion will focus on the advantages of breastfeeding to mother and baby. For information, call Anne at 651-647-9594.

THE MOMS CLUB will meet at 10:15 this morning to discuss their new recipe club, service project and monthly Night Out. For information, call Jenna at 651-290-0338.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS will play host to a constituent meeting at 7:00 this evening at the Martin Luther King Center, 270 Kent St. State senator Ellen Anderson and state Representative Matt Entenza will speak about the responsibilities of their respective legislative bodies. For information, call 651-222-1215.

Friday/November 19

THE WEAVERS GUILD of Minnesota will hold its 25th annual fiber fair from noon to 9:00 p.m. today, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. tomorrow and from noon to 4:00 p.m. Sunday in their building at 2402 University Ave. More than 40 fiber artists will present their work for sale. Admission is free.

Saturday/November 20

U.S. CONGRESSMAN BRUCE VENTO will hold a Town Hall Meeting from 10:30 to 11:30 this morning at the West 7th Community Center, 265 Oneida St. For information, call 651-224-4503.

Sunday/November 21

"NOURISHING THE BODY, Nourishing the Soul," a conference on women's body



Oh, say, can you see? A dancer resplendent in ceremonial garb peers out from behind a feathered headdress during the flag ceremony opening the 12th annual Powwow November 6-7 at the University of St. Thomas. The two days of drumming and dancing competitions attracted some 5,000 Native Americans from across the United States and Canada. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

image, will take place from 12:45 to 5:00 this afternoon at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The conference will include discussions, workshops and a separate program for girls in grades 4-6. Elizabeth Ehrlich, author of the best-selling *Miriam's Kitchen: A Memoir*, will speak. For information, call 651-698-0751.

A PANCAKE BREAKFAST and bake sale will be presented by Boy Scout Troop 264 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today at the Church of St. Peter, 1405 Sibley Memorial Hwy., Mendota. The cost is \$4.00. For information, call 651-452-9319.

FRANK WRIGHT, retired Minneapolis *Star Tribune* correspondent, will provide an insider's take on some of the most signifi-

cant local, national and international stories of the past 45 years in a 90-minute forum beginning at 2:00 this afternoon at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is free.

Monday/November 22

WORDSMITHS TOASTMASTERS will meet at 6:30 this evening and every Monday at the Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave. For information, call Keith at 651-772-6806.

Tuesday/November 23

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet at

7:30 this evening at Lunds Food Store, 2128 Ford Pkwy., for a walk around the neighborhood. For information, call Chuck at 651-644-7502.

Friday/November 26

"THE ILLUMINATION," a celebration in anticipation of the December 11 opening of the new Science Museum of Minnesota, will take place from 4:30 to 5:30 this afternoon on the plaza in front of the museum, 120 W. Kellogg Blvd. Ballet of the Dolls will open the party with a choreographed skating routine. St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman will then flip the switch on a 10-minute light show by nationally renowned lighting designer Michael Murnane, presented with an original musical score. For information, call 651-221-9444.

Sunday/November 28

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet at 2:30 this afternoon at the old Union Depot at Jackson and 4th streets for a walk around the downtown area. For information, call Rachael at 651-644-3770.

Tuesday/November 30

A COMMUNITY MEETING will be held by the St. Paul Police Department from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening at the Martin Luther King Center, 270 Kent St. The meeting will allow residents to voice their opinions and concerns about the conduct of police officers and the level of service they provide. For information, call 651-292-3583.

Wednesday/December 1

"THE ART OF NAVAJO WEAVING," featuring textiles from the collection of Susan Morris DeJong, some of them over a century old, will be presented from 6:00 to 8:00 this evening at Hiawatha School, 4201 42nd Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Hiawatha students will also be displaying their weaving during the program, which is sponsored by the Longfellow Community Council.

Friday/December 3

A LUTEFISK DINNER, featuring the Scandinavian specialty along with generous helpings of sausage and meatballs, will be served this evening at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. A social hour will open the affair at 5:30 followed by the dinner at 6:30. Meal tickets, priced at \$10 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 12 and under, may be ordered by calling 651-699-1378 by November 29. Tickets sold after that date will cost \$12 for adults and \$6.00 for children.

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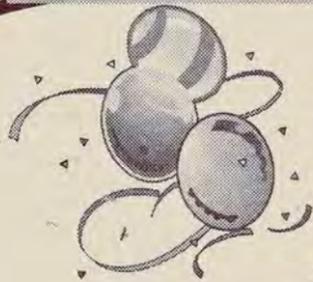
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Stop in for a bite of special anniversary cake and coffee and you might run into a literary figure or two. All of our booksellers will be dressed as a favorite author or character. Drawings will be held for those who guess correctly! Cake will be served from 1-4 pm with a special Madeline storyhour at 1 pm.



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SUNDAY, NOV. 21ST 2:00 PM

The leaves are splendid with color and the air is crisp. Come celebrate harvest time as **Christine Sweet**, of **Christine Sweet Reads from WCAL radio**, shares from her favorite autumnal pieces. There will be fall cookies and refreshments for all who come celebrate this special time of the year!

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More bazaars, boutiques and bake sales are being held in the next few weeks to help whet the appetites of holiday shoppers. Here is a sample of what is taking place locally:

A **holiday boutique** will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, November 19-20, at Cleveland Avenue United Methodist Church, 225 S. Cleveland Ave. The boutique will feature dolls created by Grace Mahle, along with homemade gifts, crafts and a Teddy bear sale.

Custard rolls, baklava and other delicacies will be available for purchase during the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society's annual Greek bake sale from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday and 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, November 20-21, at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 1111 Summit Ave. There also will be a boutique with Greek imports and a Cafe Athens, where gyros, spanakopita and other food will be served.

A **holiday boutique and "Grandma's Attic"** will get shoppers in the spirit from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, November 20, at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 S. 37th Ave., Minneapolis. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

The **Twin Cities Kwanzaa Bazaar** will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, November 27, at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 285 N. Dale St. The second annual celebration will feature storytellers, music, food, informational displays and more.

Landmark Center will be filled with the holiday spirit when the doors open for its 21st annual old-fashioned holiday bazaar. The bazaar will feature handcrafted items by more than 65 exhibitors, music, treats and a raffle. Hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 2-4. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and free for children 12 and younger.

The **Como Park Conservatory** gift shop will host its annual holiday shopping event from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, November 17-18. Visitors can stroll candlelit gardens and enjoy complimentary refreshments as they shop. Judith Klingsick will sign copies of her book *A Japanese Garden Journey: Through Ancient Stones and Dragon Bones*, and George Maurer will perform his latest musical compilation "Christmas in the Pines."

Rosewood Estate-Highland, 750 S. Mississippi River Blvd., is still looking for a few more good craft people for its first holiday bazaar, which will be held from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, December 3. There is no participation fee. Call Melissa Shaw at 651-696-3150.

St. Paul Library readies for Y2K

The St. Paul Public Library is preparing to convert from its old computer system to a new Y2K-compliant model this month. The new system will enable patrons to access the library catalog using a Web browser with hyperlinks, print their own records, place library items on hold and designate a pickup location and fines on unreturned items. They also will find checkout services to be more efficient.

Library service may be altered from now through

November 30 as the transition takes place. For an unknown period of time, patrons will be unable to log on to the library system and check their own records, place a hold on materials or reference a current catalog. Telephone renewals and the electronic notification of overdue materials also will be unavailable.

However, patrons will be able to check out materials during the entire conversion period. For information, call the library at 651-266-7000.

SENIOR NOTES

The **Merriam Park Senior Program** will offer the following programs and special events in the next two weeks: a Thanksgiving party on Wed Thursday, November 18 (\$2.50); a Foot Care clinic on Wednesday, November 19 (\$2.50 by appointment); and a holiday party at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, December 1, at the Hudson party (\$23). The center will also offer an Over 50 & Fit exercise class at 10:00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; intermediate line dancing at 1:00 p.m. on Mondays; and Great Books Club meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. Call 651-645-7424.

A **55 Alive senior driver refresher class** will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 18, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$8.00. Call 651-698-0751.

ON THE TOWN

Howjadoo?

Thanks to folk musician McCutcheon, KidsPark can say just fine, thank you

by Dale Mischke

When Patty McCutcheon moved from Wisconsin to Merriam Park 18 months ago, she discovered KidsPark, the drop-in child care center operated by the Macalester-Groveland Community Council in the former warming house at Groveland Playground.

McCutcheon and her husband, Maurice, immediately joined the cooperative. She said they could not be happier with the care their children—Clarice, 2, and Victor, 6 months—have received there. So earlier this year, when Patty McCutcheon heard that KidsPark was facing the need to raise its rates, she offered to help. She did what comes naturally to someone who grew up in a close-knit family. She turned to her older brother, John McCutcheon.

At Patty's request, John, a celebrated folk musician and four-time Grammy Award nominee, will present two shows for the benefit of KidsPark—a family concert at 7:00 p.m. and a special children's concert at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 21, in the auditorium of Brady Educational Center at the University of St. Thomas.

As a master of the hammer dulcimer, banjo, fiddle, guitar and autoharp, and with over two dozen albums to his credit, John McCutcheon has won worldwide acclaim as a composer, lyricist, musician and storyteller. By accident, he has also become one of the most popular performers of children's music.

McCutcheon, 47, had already recorded four albums, including the Grammy finalist

Fine Times at Our House, when he composed a series of songs for his year-old son. The collection, recorded in 1983 as *Howjadoo*, was different from other children's albums. McCutcheon's intent, he said, was "to make an album that was very musical, fun and absolutely adult-friendly. I wanted to be able to stand to listen to it again and again."

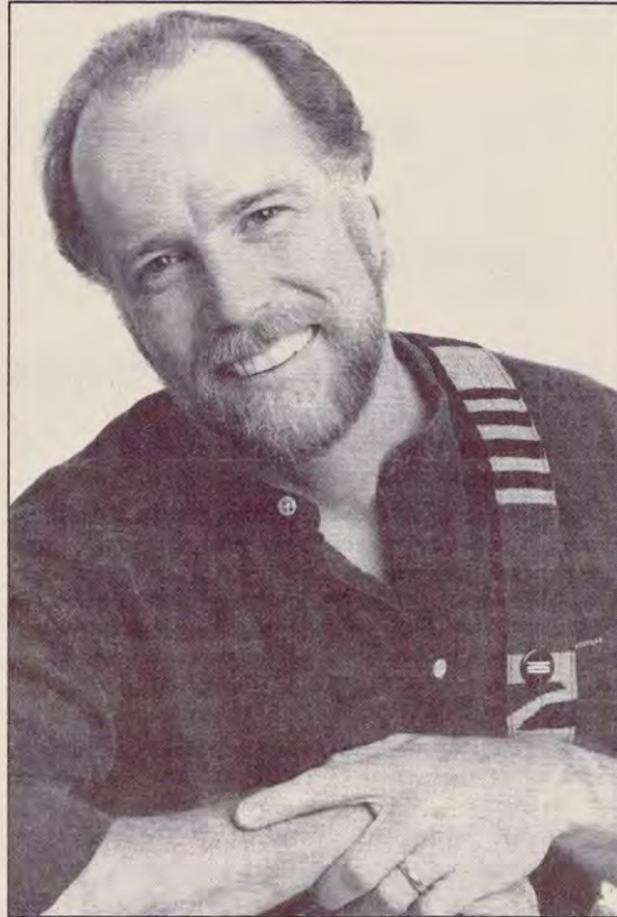
Many others did, too, and *Howjadoo* became a classic.

McCutcheon was raised in Wausau, Wisconsin, and attended St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, before moving to Appalachia to study the traditional music and instrumentation of the people there. He still makes his home in Charlottesville, Virginia, but his songs reflect his Midwest upbringing.

Folk legend Pete Seeger once described McCutcheon as "not only one of the best musicians in the United States, but a great singer, songwriter and song leader." Being a leader may come naturally to the oldest of nine siblings, but McCutcheon's charm as a performer and songwriter is rooted in his ability to draw from his childhood stories and metaphors that have universal appeal, according to sister Patty.

Patty, the seventh-born of the McCutcheon family, never tires of hearing John sing "One Strong Arm," a paean to their Uncle Stubby, who was born with half a left arm; or "Calling All the Children Home," the chorus of which mimics their mother's musical recitation of her nine children's names at dinnertime.

Patty, who is the coordinator of services for deaf and hard of hearing students at Winona State University, will join John on stage November 21 to translate his songs and



String musician and storyteller extraordinaire John McCutcheon will present two concerts on November 21 for the benefit of KidsPark, the Macalester-Groveland Community Council's drop-in child-care center.

stories into American Sign Language. Since she knows many of John's characters firsthand, Patty said, her signing for the deaf and hard of hearing will be all the more precise.

KidsPark officials figure they will have to raise about \$6,000 in the coming year to hold the line on child-care rates, which are \$3.50 per hour for toddlers and preschoolers and \$11.00 per morning for infants. With two certified teachers, KidsPark can accommodate 14 toddlers and preschoolers at a time. An additional parent volunteer allows the drop-in center to care for up to three infants in the morning.

KidsPark's goal is to raise \$4,000 from McCutcheon's concerts, but it may raise quite

a bit more. As of last week, the 370-seat auditorium was nearly sold out for the children's concert, and the family concert was well on its way to selling out.

St. Thomas has donated the space and sound equipment for the concerts, and the advertising that KidsPark has sold in the concert program is expected to cover McCutcheon's discounted performance fee.

Tickets are available in advance at the Red Balloon and Hungry Mind bookstores on Grand Avenue. They cost \$5.00 for the afternoon concert (\$6.00 at the door) and \$12 for the evening concert (\$15 at the door). Seniors and children 12 and under will be admitted to the evening concert for \$8.00. For information, call 651-645-4800.



Painter Sara Vail draws her inspiration from the impressionists and the Japanese prints that inspired them. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

In the belly of beauty

Painter Sara Vail and 60 other artists open their studios for Off-Raymond Rendezvous

by Leslie Walters

Behind the doors of three of the more fascinating buildings at University Avenue and Raymond is a thriving arts enclave. Those who wander into it will discover a treasure trove of painters, potters, sculptors, print makers, doll makers, jewelers, woodworkers and other artists diligently plying their crafts.

Among them is Hague Avenue oil painter Sara Vail, who is eager to welcome guests to her studio in the Dow Building. Once inside, those guests will be surrounded by vibrant, dreamlike paintings of sunflowers, poppies, birds, trees and other things from nature that Vail likes to paint.

"It's hard to describe what I'm doing," she said of her art. "People tend to put you in some kind of box.

I'm a colorist. Color is important to me. It's rich with meaning."

Vail is one of more than 60 University Avenue artists who will open their studios during the Off-Raymond Rendezvous, an open house and exhibition that will run from noon to 9:00 p.m. Friday, November 19, and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, November 20. All three buildings that house the artists' studios—the Triangle at 2500, the Chittenden at 2402 and the Dow at 2242 University Ave.—will be marked by yellow balloons. Admission is free.

"We did this last spring and it was very successful," said Vail, one of the coordinators of the event. "But we're looking for an even wider audience. People are welcome to come even if they don't buy anything. It's fun to get feedback."

Vail, who holds a bachelor of fine arts from the University of

Minnesota, has been painting for about 20 years. Her work has been shown in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago as well as in several exhibitions in the Twin Cities. Her paintings are now on view at the Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson, Wisconsin.

Vail said she is influenced strongly by post-impressionism and painters such as Henri Matisse and Marc Chagall. "Her paintings are 'representational, but not naturalistic,'" she said. "It's painting feelings, dreams and imagination."

Vail was going through an abstract period and living on Long Island in New York when she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. "Talk about being a starving artist under stress," she said. She even questioned whether she could maintain her career as a painter if

Music

The Schubert Club will present its "Courtroom Concert Series" beginning at 12:05 p.m. each Thursday in Courtroom 317 at Landmark Center. The series will continue with the St. Cloud String Quartet on November 18. Guests are welcome to bring a bag lunch. Admission is free. Call 651-292-3267.

Trio Atlantica will perform Baroque chamber music at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 19, at St. Paul's Church on the Hill, 1524 Summit Ave. Admission is \$10.

Mac Jazz and Universal Jazz will perform together at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 19, in the Janet Wallace Concert Hall on the campus of Macalester College. Admission is free. For information, call 651-669-6382.

Carl Stahlmann Roeder, a Macalester-Groveland resident and student in the University of St. Thomas' graduate program in piano pedagogy and performance, will perform a free recital at 7:30 p.m. Friday, November 19, in Brady Educational Center at St. Thomas. Call 651-962-5850.

The Macalester Festival Chorale will perform Mozart's Mass in C Minor at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 20, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center Concert Hall at Macalester College. The concert will also be performed at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 21, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. Admission is \$10 at the door, or \$7.00 in advance and \$7.00 for seniors, students and children ages 6 and older. For tickets, call 651-696-6520.

The JCC Symphony Orchestra, featuring Janet Horvath, principal cellist with the Minnesota Orchestra, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, November 21, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Admission is free, but tickets are required. Call 651-698-0751.

ON THE TOWN briefly



The Golden Bough, Wilor Bluege's full-length, theatrical children's ballet that tells the tale of a young girl's lesson about the importance of compassion, demonstrated in her relationship with a small golden bird, will be performed at 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 20, and at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 21, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced at \$20 for adults and \$14 for seniors and children 12 and younger, call 651-690-6700.

The Oratorio Society of Minnesota will perform "A Concert of Thanksgiving" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, November 21, in Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University. For tickets, priced at \$12 and \$15, call 612-343-3390.

Maria Jette and harpist Judith Kogan will perform at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 21, at St. Paul's Church on the Hill, 1524 Summit Ave. Admission is \$10, or \$5.00 for students and seniors. Call 651-698-0371.

Cathedral Concerts, a monthly series of free organ concerts, will continue with James Biery performing a birthday tribute to 19th century German composer Sigfrid Karg-Elert at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 21, at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 239 Selby Ave. Call 651-228-1766.

The Singer's Voice will continue with Erin Schwab, who is currently performing with *Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding*, at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 21, at the Dakota Bar & Grill in Bandana Square. Call 651-642-1442.

The Musical Offering will perform a concert of French music at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 21, at the Southern Theater, 1420 S. Washington Ave., Minneapolis. For tickets, priced at \$13 and \$15, call 651-523-2459.

A trumpet recital by Summit-University resident Mark Flaherty will be given at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 21, at the Church of St. Luke, 1079 Summit Ave. He will perform works by Vivaldi, Handel, Sampson and Hovhanness. Admission is free. For information, call 651-224-1608.

The Hill House Chamber Players will perform chamber music concerts at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, November 22 and 29, in the parlor of the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Guided tours of the house will follow. For tickets, priced at \$12, call 651-297-2555.

The St. Paul Police Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 23, at Landmark Center. For information, call 651-292-3225.

Leo Kottke will perform at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 28, at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced from \$23 to \$30, call 651-224-4222.

Exhibits

An exhibit of recent paintings and artwork by Gabriele Ellertson, a visiting assistant professor of drawing at Macalester College, will open with a reception at 7:00 p.m. Friday, November 19, at the Macalester College Art Gallery. The exhibit will remain on view until December 20.

Books

The Cathedral Hill Book Club will meet from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. every other Saturday at Nina's Coffee Cafe, at the corner of Western and Selby. Upcoming books to be discussed will be Frank McCourt's *Angela's*

Ashes and Michael Shaara's *The Killer Angels*. For meeting dates, e-mail htiller@yahoo.com.

The Hungry Mind Bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted): Robert Clark will discuss his book *My Grandfather's House: A Genealogy of Doubt and Faith* on Wednesday, November 17; Eliza Minot will read from her novel *The Tiny One* on Thursday, November 18; Frank Huyler will read from his collection of stories *The Blood of Strangers: Stories from Emergency Medicine* on Friday, November 19; William Reichard will read from his collection of poems *An Alchemy in the Bones* at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, November 20; and Yi-Fu Tuan will discuss his new book *Who Am I? An Autobiography of Emotion, Mind and Spirit* on Tuesday, November 23. Call 651-699-0587.

"Heartspeak: Spoken Words of Poetry from the Heart," a program by American Indian poet, performance artist and activist

John Trudell, will be given at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, in the Brady Educational Center at the University of St. Thomas. Trudell will read from his book *Stickman* and will discuss, from an American Indian perspective, social problems faced by everyone. For information, call 651-962-6404.

Dostoevsky's novel *The Brothers Karamazov* will be discussed by University of Toronto professor Janine Langan at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 18, in the Owens Science Hall at the University of St. Thomas. Free and open to the public, the lecture is the second in a series of four presented by the Center for Catholic Studies on the theme "Terrors of the Heart."

Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy., will hold the following events for adults: a bookfair to benefit Howe Community School in Minneapolis will take place from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, November 18; Barnes & Noble will celebrate five years of being a part of the Highland Community from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 20; Christine Sweet from WCAL's "Christine Sweet Reads" will share her favorite autumnal pieces at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 21; and a Hanukkah Celebration featuring harpist Andrea Stern will take place at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 30. All events are free. For information, call 651-690-9443.

Sarah Kirwan Blazek, author of *An Irish Night Before Christmas*, *A Leprechaun's St. Patrick's Day* and *An Irish Halloween*, will be available to sign copies of her books from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, November 27, at Irish Indeed, 482 S. Snelling Ave. For information, call 651-696-5139.

Mary Grandpré, illustrator of the *Harry Potter* series of books written by J.K. Rowling, will sign copies at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 27, at Saint Patrick's Guild, 1554 Randolph

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Family



The Children's Theatre Company, 2400 Third Ave. South, Minneapolis, will open *Cinderella* Friday, November 19. Performances will continue through December 31. For tickets, priced from \$13 to \$28, call 612-874-0400.

Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy., will offer the following events for children: a pajamarama featuring Madeline, the character from the Madeline series of books for children, will be offered at 7:00 p.m. Friday, November 19; a special storyhour including a visit from Madeline will take place at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, November 20; a Native American storyhour will be offered at 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 22; and a favorite character storyhour will take place at 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 29. For information, call 651-690-9443.

"Snow Ball, A Winter World of Fun," an exhibit bringing winter activities inside for kids to enjoy, will open Saturday, November 20, at the Minnesota Children's Museum. The exhibit will remain on view until January 30. Call 651-225-6000.

The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., will offer the following events: Lisa Bullard will read from her new book



The Music in the Park Series will present pianist Laura Caviani (pictured) and her quintet with Lucia Newell at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 28, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Tickets are \$17 at the door, \$15 in advance. Call 651-645-5699.

Not Enough Beds! A Christmas Alphabet Book at 10:30 a.m. and Jeff Brumbeau will read from his book *The Quiltmaker's Gift* at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 20; and Gretchen Zachel will read from and sign her books *Bottle-doo and the Magical Bunnies* and *Spunky and the Awesome Christmas Tree* at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 27. Admission is free. Call 651-224-8320.

History Hijinx, a drop-in program for children and families, will take place from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The lineup will include the following: create your own rolled beeswax candle after viewing the Minnesota Historical Society's collection of

candle holders and molds on November 21; and make your own cornhusk doll like the ones children played with in the 19th century on November 28. Admission is free. Call 651-296-6126.

Preschool storytimes for children ages 3-5 will be held at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. The four-week sessions will begin Tuesday, November 30 and continue on Tuesdays through December 21. There will be a session for daycare groups at 10:00 a.m. and one for families at 10:45 a.m. To register, call 651-642-0385.

Film



A Jewish Film Festival will take place from November 19 to December 12 at the Bell Museum Auditorium at the University of Minnesota, at 17th and University avenues, Minneapolis. The festival will kick off with *Jakob the Liar* at 7:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20, and will continue with *Hester Street* at 7:15 p.m. Sunday and Monday, November 21 and 22. The cost is \$6.00, or \$5.00 for students and seniors. For a complete listing of showings, call 612-627-4430.

"Cinema With Passion," a festival of Hong Kong films, will take place at midnight on Fridays at the Riverview Theatre, 3800 S. 42nd Ave., Minneapolis, and at 11:00 a.m. and midnight on Saturdays at the Oak Street Cinema, 309 S.E. Oak St., Minneapolis. The festival will continue with the following:

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North Star Opera presents *She Loves Me*

The North Star Opera will help ring in the holiday season with the musical comedy *She Loves Me*, running November 27-December 4 in the E.M. Pearson Theatre at Concordia University.

The Tony Award-winning production was an instant Broadway hit when it opened in 1963 and was acclaimed by critics to be "the most charming musical ever written." The story is about two anonymous, amorous pen pals who are both employed at the same fashionable perfume shop in Budapest in the 1930s during the holiday shopping rush.

It has been reincarnated as three movies, including



Norah Long

The Shop Around the Corner with James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan, *In the Good Old Summertime* with Judy Garland and Van Johnson, and the recent *You've Got Mail* with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

The North Star Opera

production is directed by Highland Park resident Steven Stucki. The leading female role of Amalia is sung by Norah Long, who starred in the opera's summer production of *Song of Norway*. Jonathan Rayson sings the male lead of Georg. Other principals are Patty Nieman, John Patrick Fitzgibbons, Allen Rosenberg, Eric Levos and Joseph LaForte.

Showtimes are at 8:00 p.m. November 27, 30 and December 3, and at 3:00 p.m. November 28 and December 4. Tickets are priced at \$29.50 and \$32.50 for adults, \$17.50 for students and children. For ticket information, call TicketWorks at 612-343-3390.

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Dragon Fight on Saturday, November 20; Stormriders on Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20 and Saturday, November 27; and Hong Kong Triad on Friday, November 26. Admission is \$6.00. Call 612-376-7715.

Theater



The Great American History Theatre, 30 E. 10th St., has opened *Orphan Train*, a musical chronicling the journey of a trainload of homeless, abandoned and neglected children from New York's orphanages and slums to new homes in the rural Midwest. Performances will continue through December 26. For tickets, priced from \$19 to \$23, call 651-292-4323.

The joint theater department of the University of St. Thomas and the College of St. Catherine will perform Thornton Wilder's comedy *The Skin of Our Teeth* at 7:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, November 18-20, in Foley Theater at St. Thomas. For tickets, priced at \$5.00, call 651-690-6700.

The Jungle Theater, 2951 S. Lyndale Ave., Minneapolis, will open Dylan Thomas' *Under Milk Wood*, the enduring tale of the charming and strange residents of a Welsh fishing village,



The Auto Body Experience, a rock 'n' roll septet led by tongue-in-cheek songwriter Scott Yoho of Macalester-Groveland (center), will celebrate the release of their third CD, "A Tribute to Carhenge," with a concert on Friday, November 19. The performance will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$8.00 in advance by calling 651-699-6393.

at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19. Performances will continue through January 9. For tickets, priced from \$18 to \$26, call 612-822-7063.

Central High School, 275 N. Lexington Pkwy., will perform Arthur Miller's play *The Crucible* at 7:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20, and at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 21.

Dance



The TGIS Singles Social Club will hold the following smoke-free singles dances at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays: Canoise will provide the music for a dance on November 20 at the Thunderbird Hotel, 2201 E. 78th St., Bloomington; and Dancer will provide the music for a dance

on November 27 also at the Thunderbird Hotel. Admission is \$10, or \$8.00 before 9:00 p.m. Call 651-644-3443.

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her health worsened. It hasn't.

Vail is now taking much of her inspiration from Japanese prints. "The painters I loved when I first started painting, the impressionists and Van Gogh, were all influenced by Japanese printmakers and painters. They were blown away by them because the perspective was so different.

"I've always struggled against being too naturalistic," Vail said. "It's really tempting to want to make the painting look like what it (the subject) is. But the fact of the matter is, the picture is never going to be that. You really have to think about the physical aspect of the painting."

A busy wife, homemaker and mother of 10- and 7-year-old girls, Vail said she does not have a lot of time to pursue selling her work through a gallery. However, she said she has been fortunate that her work sells well.

Vail enjoys working in oils because they are so malleable. "I tend to use a lot of paint and the canvas gets sculptural," she said. "I don't necessarily like that, so I start rubbing."

Vail dismisses the highbrow and sometimes offensive things that some people do in the name of art. "I suppose there's a place for being political with your art, but it seems like there's too much of it these days," she said. "It's just

more me-ism. Look how shocking I can be. It's been done. People were doing it back in the '20s. It seems like beauty is out of style, elitist or boring. That horrible ugliness is all around us."

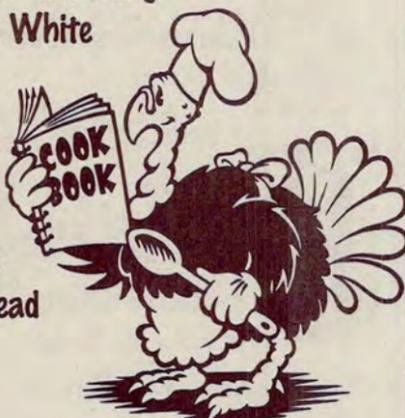
Vail said she believes art is a very spiritual and personal thing that should speak to people.

"Coming into the studio is like going to church for me," she said. "I think about so many things while I'm painting. The things I use in my paintings—trees, birds, flowers—are the things I know. It's the beauty you find in the world and in life. Hopefully that's what people get when they look at my work."

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CODY'S CORNER

TOM CODY



Stadium issue a wasted vote? Think again

The defeat of the St. Paul stadium ballot question on November 2 completed the trifecta for my illustrious voting record. Remember, I'm the guy who voted for George McGovern in 1972 and Ross Perot in 1996.

McGovern got beat worse than Custer, capturing only the Electoral College votes from Massachusetts, Minnesota and one precinct in Guam. School teachers tip restaurant servers more than what Perot got (less than 12 percent). The ballpark vote was the closest I ever came to winning one of these things, even though it was defeated 58 to 42 percent. Heck, the Twins lost many games by worse margins than that last summer.

The vote really wasn't fair. Stadium proponents were vilified for their outrageous campaign spending, but consider this: When Seattle residents voted to build their new Safeco Field, the campaign included personal endorsements from local superstars like Ken Griffey Jr. and Alex Rodriguez. When St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman went knocking door-to-door, it was with such luminaries as Tim Laudner and Ron Coomer. Throughout the failed campaign, the Twins' best marketing ploy—local sandlot games—featured more former players (Tony Oliva, Paul Molitor, Kent Hrbek) than current ones.

I still think we made a mistake at the polls. An outdoor ballpark would have been a major addition to St. Paul.

FULL CIRCLE

So what's next? The current economic state of Major League Baseball was clearly outlined the day after the stadium vote. Juan Gonzalez was shipped to the Detroit Tigers in order to provide a legitimate home-run megastar and instant commercial success for Motown's new ballpark. After Seattle built Griffey a new ballpark, Junior demanded a ticket out of town. Look for him to surface in Atlanta; Ted Turner would love to provide the stage for Griffey's Henry Aaron home-run chase. Rodriguez probably won't be far behind, and multi-millionaires Chipper Jones, Craig Biggio and Manny Ramirez will all become free agents after next season. They'll be following the money trail to parts unknown.

Many St. Paul residents voted against the stadium not because of the building costs, but because they've become convinced that Major League Baseball's reckless economic structure has doomed the future of the sport. It's difficult to dispute that logic.

I've said it before: We're eventually going to come full circle. The Twins will depart once they find a willing Charlotte or San Antonio out there. The Northern League Saints will become the old American Association Triple A Saints, just like they were back in the '50s. It won't be long before we're

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One down, two to go

Unbeaten Raiders best Blaine to advance in state

by Bill Wagner

Cretin-Derham Hall football coach Rich Kallok did his best Bill Parcells imitation when asked last week about his team's upcoming match against Blaine in the state Class AAAAA quarterfinal on the Bengals' home turf.

Parcells, who led two different teams to three Super Bowl appearances during his distinguished career, never hid his contempt for sports scribes who tried to get a feel about a particular game by citing the lessons of history.

Kallok sounded just like Parcells when he was asked about 1988 last week. That was the year CDH came within a whisker of winning its first state football title. However, officials ruled that Blaine quarterback Tom Neuman had hit the end zone in the game's final minute for the winning touchdown.

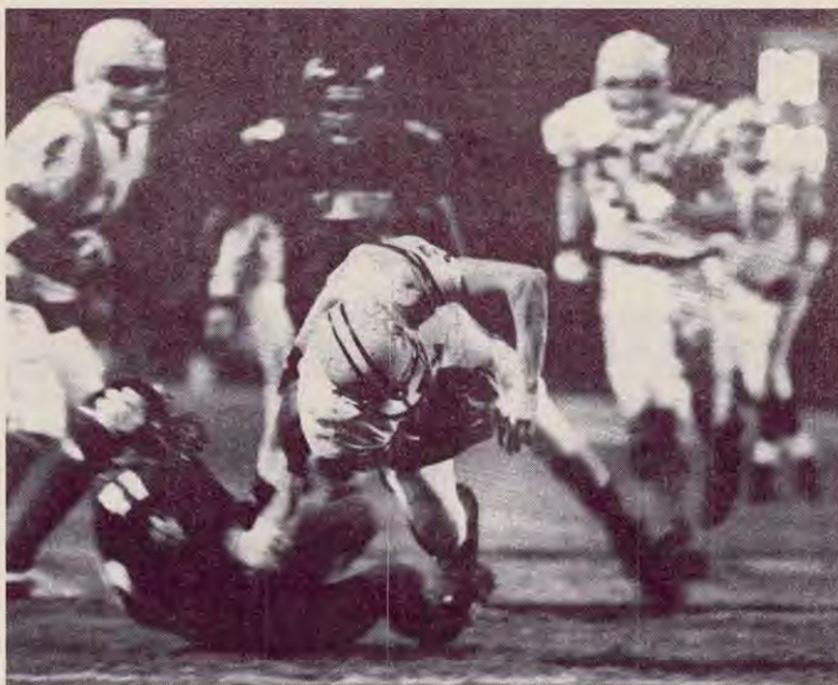
To this day, people argue on both sides about whether Neuman had struck pay dirt. However, Kallok did not want to talk about that game. "That's ancient history," he said. "Our kids who are playing Blaine now were only 7 years old then."

He preferred to let the play of his undefeated Raiders speak for itself. CDH went on to outlast the Bengals in a 29-21 thriller on November 12 to advance to the state semifinals against Hopkins at 8:30 p.m. this Saturday at the Metrodome. In the process, the No. 2-ranked Raiders kept alive their quest for the elusive state crown.

CDH has made it to the state tournament every year this decade and has been there 12 times since 1984, taking the runner-up trophies in '88 and '92. Last year, the Raiders advanced to the semis before losing to Champlin Park.

The Raiders defeated Blaine last Friday by playing two different halves. In the first half their offense sparkled, while in the second it was the defense that came through with three key fourth-down stops to keep the Bengals out of the end zone. The game came down to a last-play sack of quarterback Matt Hendricks by CDH's Winston Bell and Marcus Freeman as time ran out.

"Blaine coach Dave Nelson is one of the best around," Kallok said. "He knows what he's doing. He has good special



Running back Joe Vannelli picks up a first and goal near Blaine's 10-yard line. The play set up the Raiders' final touchdown in the fourth quarter of its 29-21 win in last Friday's Class AAAAA state quarterfinal. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

teams and Blaine doesn't give you any cheap points. They play with discipline on both sides of the ball. They don't beat themselves—you have to beat them."

Nelson gave major salutations to the Raiders, whom his Bengals had beaten in the 1996 state quarterfinals. "That team has a group of talented athletes who know how to perform under pressure," he said. "They get in tight situations and they expect to come out on top. I think Cretin has more talent than we do. We don't have a Division I or a Division II player on our squad."

The first half was like a track meet, with the Raiders sprinting to a 14-0 lead. Joe Vannelli caught a 12-yard pass from Joe Mauer for the first score and Rashon Powers-Neal plunged in from 2 yards out for the second.

The Bengals answered in the second quarter with a pair of touchdowns by running back Trevor Frischmon. But Powers-Neal rumbled 67 yards to put the Raiders in front 22-14, with Walter Bowser adding the two-point conversion with a circus catch in the end zone.

Blaine took the second half kickoff from its own 40 down to the CDH 15. But the Raider defense held firm. Hen-

dricks' fourth-down pass was caught by Frischmon, but he was out of the end zone. Another stop came from linebacker Ronny Dox, who threw Frischmon for a three-yard loss at the CDH 49.

"I was just doing my job," said Dox. "Our coaches did a great job of preparing us. Blaine didn't quit at all. I have a great deal of respect for that team. Our offense didn't dominate like it normally does in the second half. But that's alright, because they did their jobs when they got us that lead in the first half."

The Raiders offense was stifled for much of the second half. Powers-Neal scored his third touchdown in the fourth quarter with the clock winding down, running it in from 1 yard out. Rob Reiling kicked his third straight extra point after that score to make it 29-14.

Blaine came back with a 10-yard TD run from Frischmon to make it 29-21. The Bengals got the ball back deep in their own turf with only 16.9 seconds remaining and hit one big pass play to get within striking distance. But the Raider defense was too tough and time ran out.



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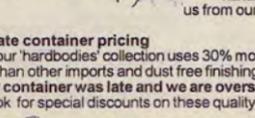
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STA can't pass test against Northfield

by Tom Cody

Coach Bob Slater made a comment about his St. Thomas Academy football team after winning the section title that proved to be eerily prophetic.

"Consistency has been our problem all year," he said. "We've been notoriously slow starters this season. That formula doesn't work very well once you're in post-season play. You can be out of a game in a hurry at this level."

It did not take long for Slater's words to ring true. Last Friday night, the Cadets saw Northfield score three quick touchdowns in the first quarter of their state Class AAAA quarterfinal game at Gerry Brown Stadium. Northfield rolled to a 56-28 win, advancing to the semifinals against Mankato West this Friday night.

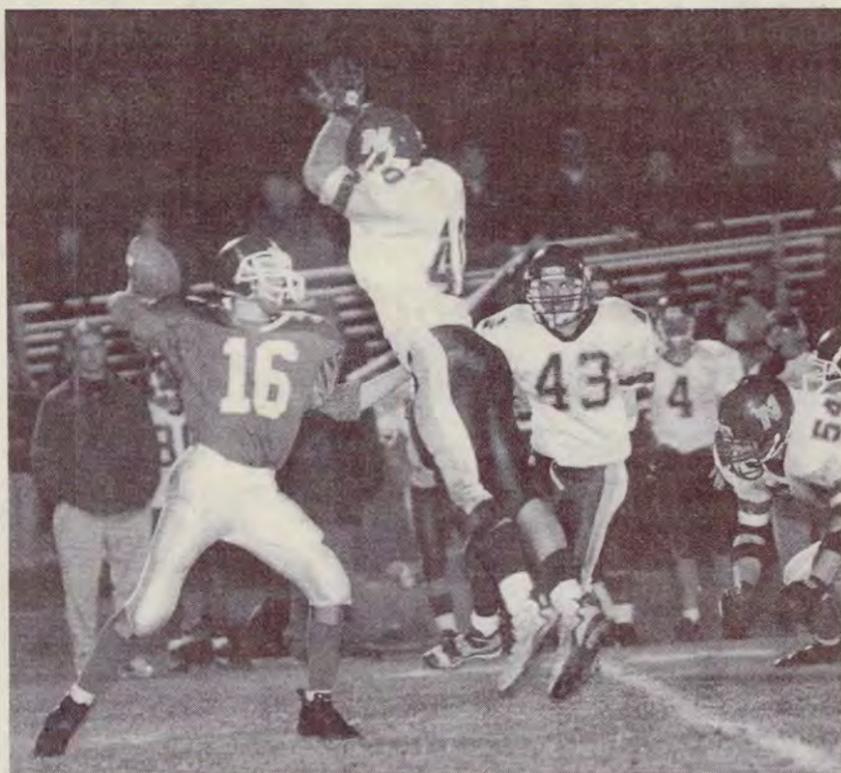
"They're solid everywhere," Slater said. "If they play like they did against us, they've got a good chance to win the whole thing."

Cadet quarterback R.J. Welsh was intercepted on the team's first possession and Northfield's Steve Taggart ran the ball back all the way to the 10-yard line. Raiders' halfback Mike Wickman scored on the next play. After an STA punt, Northfield's Ryan Herzberg scored on a 65-yard pass from Jordan Holm. Moments later, Herzberg picked off another Welsh aerial and went unmolested 39 yards for another score. It was 21-0 with 3:19 remaining in the first period.

"Both interceptions were thrown right at them," Slater said. "We knew Northfield had a potent offense and good team speed. We knew we couldn't afford to make mistakes against them. It was 21-0 before we could crawl out and try to survive."

Welsh saw a relentless Northfield pass rush all night and finished with five interceptions. "They were swarming all over him," Slater said. "We didn't do a very good job protecting him. We had to throw the ball 30 times in this game. That wasn't what we were hoping to do."

The score was 35-0 at one point, then became 42-7 before STA started to jell offensively. Halfback Anthony Blumer scored three second half touchdowns to narrow the margin. The closest the Cadets got was early in the fourth quarter when they trailed 42-28.



Cadet quarterback R.J. Welsh attempts a pass with Northfield defensive end Alex Wiese in his face during last Friday's state quarterfinal. Photo by Mike Long.

"They threw a ball that (senior defensive back) Matt Michel had a shot at. He had a lot of green in front of him," said Slater. "If he scored there, we may have had a chance to still come back. Instead, they scored on the next play, the sheet music came out and the fat lady started to loosen up."

Blumer had emerged as the team's top offensive threat midway through the season. Slater also used the 6-foot-1, 175-pound senior at wide receiver and on punt and kickoff returns. "He's one of those shifty guys with great speed, great hands," Slater said. "He's a big-play guy who got us into the end zone from many different places on the field."

Slater also lauded the efforts of four other offensive skill players. Welsh, a senior, threw the ball very well this year, ending up with 19 touchdown passes. Junior end Mike Dahlstrom had 30-plus catches. Senior halfback Vern Simmons was the team's leading rusher. And junior tight end Joe Baldwin played very well against Northfield, pulling down four catches.

"This team could have packed it in and quit six weeks ago," Slater said. "We

had just gotten waxed by Hastings, then lost to Park. Instead, they hung in there, toughed it out and won the section title" by soundly defeating South St. Paul 42-7 on November 5.

"I'll bet (former STA coach Gerry) Brown aged 100 years watching us throw the ball all over the field this year," Slater continued. "We threw the ball more this year than Gerry did in his entire career here. That was certainly the strength of this club, the explosiveness of our offensive skill players. We really improved a lot defensively over the course of the season. We were really shaky out there early. (Senior middle linebacker) Kevin Geraghty had a lot to do with our improvement on defense. In the middle of the season, we started to get the ball back to our offense with better field position."

The Cadets, who finished the year 8-4 overall, look to next year with guarded optimism. "We played a lot of juniors, especially on defense," Slater said. "We need to find a quarterback and a go-to guy to replace Blumer. We'll be solid coming out of the chute next year."

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Girls High School Hockey Preview

St. Paul Stars are among 14 new teams across the state taking the ice this winter

by Bill Wagner

The opportunities for girls to play hockey in St. Paul's seven public high schools doubled this year. For the past half dozen years, the schools have suited up a single varsity team, the St. Paul Blades. This year they will be suiting up two teams—the Blades, made up of players from Harding, Johnson and Como high schools, and the St. Paul Stars, made up of players from Arlington, Central, Highland Park, Humboldt and the Open School.

The Blades captured the Tri-Metro Conference crown last year and are expected to be strong again this year. Not so the Stars. It appears the preponderance of female hockey talent in the St. Paul public schools is on the East Side.

With five schools from which to draw their players, the Stars had a total of 31 girls try out for the varsity and junior varsity squads. New coach Mike Bowman, an assistant men's hockey coach at Augsburg College last year, likes their talent and work ethic.

"Any first-year team like ours is going to have some bumps in the road," Bowman said, "but we have good balance. I see us becoming competitive once we learn how to play together."

The Stars open their season on Saturday, November 20, with a nonconference game against Bloomington Kennedy. Face-off is at 7:15 p.m. at the Bloomington Ice Gardens.

Statewide, the number of girls high school hockey teams has grown from 98 to 112 over the past year. Five of those teams come from the Villager area. The St. Paul Stars, Cretin-Derham Hall, Minnehaha Academy and St. Paul United (a cooperative team from St. Paul Academy and Visitation) all play in the Tri-Metro Conference. Henry Sibley plays in the St. Paul Suburban Conference.

All five teams are among the 14 in the running to represent Section 3 in the girls state high school hockey tournament in February. Here's how their coaches rate their prospects for the coming season:

ST. PAUL STARS

Coach: Mike Bowman
1998-99 record: None

Key players and their strengths:

- Anne Sawyer (Central), senior center. Captain of the squad and the team's playmaker.
- Brandi Western (Humboldt), senior center. Consistent scorer.
- Katelyn Ley (Crossroads Middle School), 8th-grade wing. A remarkable talent.
- Kate Mitchell (Central), sophomore defender. Has good size and speed and plenty of smarts.

Outlook for 1999-2000: Bowman likes his players' attitude and talent, but their lack of experience could hurt, he



St. Paul Stars player Anna Goski demonstrates her stick-handling prowess during a preseason practice at the Highland Arena. Photo by Mike Long.

said. Though the St. Paul Blades may have gotten more of the talent following the division of teams, Bowman refuses to place any limits on his outfit. "We're not conceding anything," he said.

ST. PAUL UNITED

Coach: Charlie Stryker
1998-99 record: 14-9-1

Key players and their strengths:

- Keri Herman (Visitation), junior forward. A powerful skater with a nose for the net.
- Jenny Kloeber (Visitation), senior forward. Good playmaker.
- Alicia Petryk (SPA), sophomore defender. An offensive-minded player who is good at clearing her own zone.
- Libby Jakes (SPA), junior defender. A smart player who moves the puck well.

Outlook for 1999-2000: Stryker expects his squad will have a tough time contending with such Section 3 powerhouses as Roseville and Rosemount, but he figures to contend for the conference crown with the St. Paul Blades. "We lost some seniors from last year," Stryker said, "but so did other teams."

HENRY SIBLEY

Coach: Jerry Ball
1998-99 record: 15-9

Key players and their strengths:

- Andrea Henjum, senior defender. Experienced; a flawless performer.
- Natasha Holt, sophomore defender. The team's fastest skater; moves the puck well.
- Katie Otis, junior center. Top point-getter last year; good speed and checking ability.
- Katie Strassner, junior wing. Patient with the puck; an opportunist in front of the net.
- Joanne Siedle, junior wing. A strong player and adept stick-handler.

Outlook for 1999-2000: The Warriors have a solid defense and some experience, but they may have problems scor-

ing, according to Ball, who was the team's assistant coach last year. Three-time defending champion South St. Paul is the team to beat in Section 3, Ball said, "but I think we can be a contender. We just have to work every day and see what happens."

CRETIN-DERHAM HALL

Coach: John Grafstrom
1998-99 record: 8-15

Key players and their strengths:

- Katie Hermes, senior wing. A solid, offensive threat with experience.
- Lindsey Rhein, sophomore center. The team's top scorer last year.
- Ashley Kubes, sophomore defender and forward. At home at either position.
- Erin Bray, senior goalie. Started every game in 1998-99.

Outlook for 1999-2000: The Raiders return most of their top scorers and defenders from last year's squad, but they are still quite young, according to Grafstrom. Still, he's confident they can post at least a .500 record. "We only lost three seniors," he said. "We have some people who know how to play the game."

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

Coach: Denny Malarkey
1998-99 record: 2-22

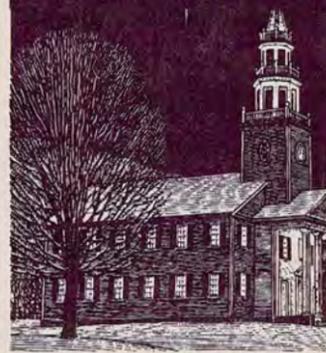
Key players and their strengths:

- Stephanie Williams, junior center. A smooth playmaker; made all-conference last year.
- Jean Schipper-Jobe, senior center. A returning regular with a good shot and good speed.
- Kendra Hargens, senior defender. A team leader who could be a Division I college prospect by season's end.

Outlook for 1999-2000: With 13 returning letter winners, the Red Hawks should be able to improve on last year's performance, but their offensive skills are still in doubt, according to Malarkey. His goal for the team is to finish somewhere in the middle of the pack.

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talking about building a nice little \$50 million outdoor ballpark down by the river that seats 15,000. If a major league park was going to cost us a half percent sales tax increase, I'd guess the minor league version will be just a bit more palatable for St. Paul.

SEEING PURPLE

Even the victories have been ugly. In fact, some of the Vikings' wins this year have come in games where they didn't play as well as they have in some of the losses. It's been that kind of season for the Purple People. Running back Robert Smith's return against the Bears produced nothing. This is still the only team in the league that has to throw the ball on second-and-goal from the 1-yard line.

Through all this, Cris Carter has solidified his role as the most valuable player on the team. He took the team onto his shoulders in the Denver, Dallas and Chicago games, all hard-fought comebacks after awful starts. While Carter has got a spot reserved for him in Canton, Randy Moss' Hall of Fame plaque has been put on hold for the time being.

CHECKING ON THE GOPHERS

U of M president Mark Yudoff banning the Gopher basketball team from participating in post-season play this year is like ruling me ineligible for the Mr. Universe contest. New coach Dan Monson has a legitimate Big Ten center in Joel Przybilla, but he is surrounded by a bunch of Division II perimeter players. This club will have a hard time winning as many conference games as the football team did.

Yudoff's self-imposed ban will cost Monson a home game in the National Invitational Tournament in mid-March. The U of M administration hopes to convince the NCAA that the penalty is appropriate for the academic violations. But it looks like a "wait-until-your-father-gets-home" deal to me. Mom may have sent you to your room, but Dad's going to get out the leather strap.

WOLVES HOWL

One interesting note from the Timberwolves' opening series with Sacramento in Tokyo is that coach Flip Saunders made a strong statement down the stretch in both games by playing newcomers Wally Szczerbiak and Radoslav Nesterovic late in the fourth quarter. In doing so, he demonstrated a willingness to commit to them for the long term. Many NBA coaches follow the old-school axiom of making the rookies pay their dues first. Saunders showed sound judgment here, since these guys need to contribute immediately. Kevin Garnett is one of the top five players in the league, but he'll be triple-teamed all year unless the rest of the lineup develops quickly. The key to the whole puzzle is

still Joe Smith, who has to stay healthy and put up solid numbers night after night.

LEGENDS PASS ON

The recent deaths of Payne Stewart, Wilt Chamberlain and Walter Payton were disturbing to the general public, but they were particularly alarming to this middle-aged man. It's unsettling to see our sports heroes pass away, but it's even more distressing when they're contemporaries. Joe DiMaggio's passing was sad, but he was a member of an earlier generation, not mine. I saw Payton and Chamberlain play many times, and I followed Stewart's group at the 1991 U.S. Open at Hazeltine. I'm starting to see where all this is going, and I don't like it one bit.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

• Kelsey Ostberg of Visitation had the best finish among local runners competing at the state cross country meet on November 6 at St. Olaf College. She placed 10th in the Class A event, earning all-state honors. Cretin-Derham Hall's Karissa Skrivanek also made all-state, placing 20th in the Class AA race. Other top local finishers in AA included Laura Puckett of Central (38th), Kristin Paulos of Central (42nd) and Brynn Bowman of CDH (46th). Paul Fischer of Central placed 40th for the boys in AA.

• The St. Thomas Academy boys soccer team came back from the Metrodome one goal short again this November. After losing to Duluth Marshall in the semifinals in overtime a year ago, STA dropped a 1-0 decision to Rochester Lourdes in this year's Class A final. The Eagles got the game-winner before 2 minutes had elapsed and their stingy defense limited the Cadets to just two shots on goal after that.

Goalie Andy Weisbecker kept STA in the game throughout the second half. He was named to the all-tournament team, along with teammates Matt Laurenzano, Brian McCall and Danny Scheid. STA coach Chris Bisanz was honored as the Class A boys state soccer coach of the year.

• Qualifiers for the state Class AA girls swimming meet to be held November 23-24 include divers Marie Liston and Erin O'Brien of Highland-SPA; and Lindsay St. Martin (100 and 200 free), Heather Lendway (200 and 500 free), Megan McNamara (200 IM, 500 free) and Kathleen Conway (50 free, 100 fly) of CDH. Bridget McCoy and Missy Jackson of Sibley qualified for the 100 breast stroke in the Section 3AA meet.

The combined Blake-Minnehaha Academy team won Section 5A behind individual qualifiers Caroline Nystrom (200 and 500 free), Rachel Wagensteen (500 free), Katie Pilrainen (500 free), Kelsey Johnson (100 fly), Amanda Griffen (100 fly) and Nora Ames (200 free). Visitation also put five swimmers in the Class A meet: Shannon Platten (200 IM, 100 breast), Alyssa Fisher and Emily Petschel (diving), Whitney McNabb (100 fly) and Beth Cutter-Wilson (500 free).

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The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) is in the process of updating the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport's (MSP) noise exposure map and noise compatibility program under Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 150. The first public meetings for the Part 150 update were held in late September. This meeting is the second in a series of three public meetings. The update study began in April 1999 and is expected to be concluded in the summer of 2000.



At the following meetings, the 2005 Unmitigated Day Night Average Sound Level (DNL) contours will be presented as well

The Part 150 study is a process for airport operators to identify potential noise impacts and mitigation measures to address those impacts. The Part 150 program provides sound insulation for homes and schools and includes other efforts to mitigate noise such as operational procedures and land use planning. Under the Part 150 program, the MAC has provided sound insulation to 5,152 homes at a total cost of \$120 million since 1992.

as recommendations for future mitigation measures to be analyzed in the Study. The unmitigated contour will be analyzed with noise abatement and land use measures to potentially improve future noise conditions for communities surrounding MSP. The following information will be provided at this public meeting:

- 2005 Unmitigated DNL Contours
- Noise abatement measures to be considered in the Part 150 Study
- Land use measures to be considered in the Part 150 Study

The public is invited to attend one of three workshop open houses:
What: Workshop open houses for the Federal Aviation Regulation Part 150 study update.
Who: For community residents interested in the Part 150 update process, unmitigated 2005 noise contour and noise mitigation measures.
When: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., November 30, December 1-2, 1999.

Where:

Tuesday, November 30 Nokomis Community Center 2401 East Minnehaha Pkwy, Minneapolis	Wednesday, December 1 Royal Cliff Conference Center 2280 Cliff Road Eagan	Thursday, December 2 Courtyard by Marriott 1352 Northland Drive Mendota Heights
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Note: Identical materials will be available at each of the three open houses. Residents do not need to attend all three open houses. Multiple open houses are being held to allow community members the opportunity to attend the location and date most convenient for them. For further information, contact Roy Fuhrmann at (612) 725-6326

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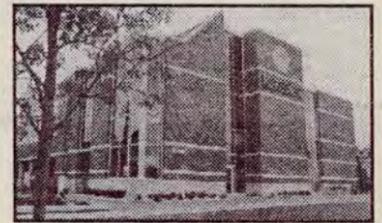
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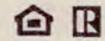


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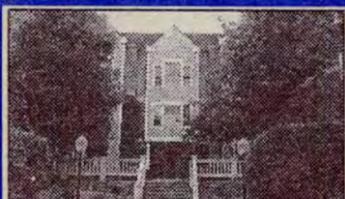
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