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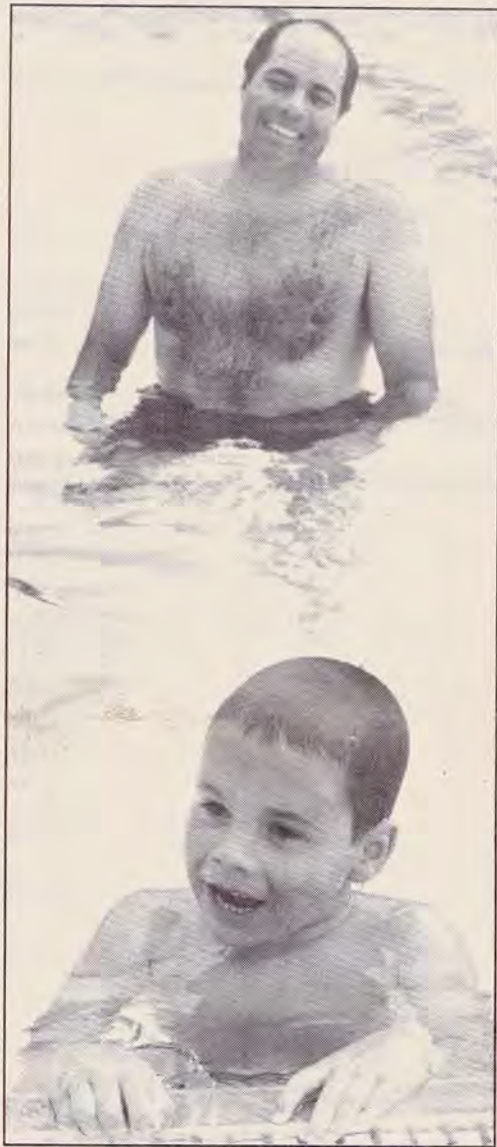
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Joe Cole and Christina Walters waste no time jumping in to join Alison Cole in the refreshing waters of the newly renovated Highland Park Pool. At right, Joey Risberg proudly holds on after successfully swimming to the pool edge while his dad, Jeff, watches with delight. The pool opened a week later than scheduled last month due to delays on reconstruction of the pool gutters and bottom. *Photos by Terry Faust.*



Ford agrees to sink new storage facility

Automaker spends millions more to preserve river valley's appearance

by Jane McClure

Ford Motor Company has agreed to spend an additional \$1.88 million to build a new automated storage and retrieval facility 20 feet below ground. With that, the St. Paul Planning Commission approved a 25-foot height variance for the building on July 9.

The 85-foot-high building will be located near the center of Ford's Twin Cities Assembly Plant in Highland Park, in an area governed by the city's 40-foot-high Mississippi River corridor height restriction. The restriction was imposed in the 1980s to preserve the natural appearance of the Mississippi River Valley.

Members of the Highland District Council and the Planning Commission praised Ford officials for their willingness to work with the city on the height

restriction. Computer-enhanced photos indicate that the addition will not be visible from Mississippi River Boulevard or the river itself.

Although sinking the building has a cost, it is a cost Ford is willing to take on, said Mike Warzecha, manager of human resources at the Ford plant. The company wants to be a good neighbor, Warzecha said.

According to Warzecha, it is not feasible to go more than 20 feet below grade. Thirteen feet below grade is shale, he said, and below the shale is limestone. "If we went down another 7 feet, we'd add another \$1.3 million to our costs," Warzecha said.

The 25-foot variance had the support of the Highland District Council and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

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Testing, 1, 2...2000: Area residents, cities prepare for Y2K problems

by Michael Werner

Paul Monroe and other Longfellow neighborhood residents shunned water, electricity and telephone service for one weekend last month as a test to determine how well they could survive if the Y2K computer problem knocks out essential services come January 1, 2000.

"Roughing it" wasn't so bad for members of

the Longfellow Community Y2K Preparedness Group. At least they knew the services were available in case of an emergency.

However, when the clock strikes midnight this New Year's Eve, it's anyone's guess what will happen. Computers that are not programmed to distinguish the "00" of the year 2000 could cause a whole host of problems. By some estimates, if only five of every 10,000 microchips fail because of Y2K, it could result

in up to 35 million computer crashes worldwide.

The Longfellow group has been meeting for the past few months to get ready for the potential havoc that Y2K could wreak. According to Monroe, the test run from June 18-20 was a way of getting discussion on Y2K "out of the planning stages and more into practical terms."

Monroe recommends that some time be-

fore December 31, area residents test their own supplies and that they have a plan in place just in case.

Local municipalities are also taking Y2K preparation to heart. The city of Minneapolis plans to spend \$6.4 million this year on the Y2K problem. It has employed the services of Keane Consulting, which began working in

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Kratz takes second shot at Mac-Grove townhouses

by Jane McClure

Plans for a seven-unit townhouse overlooking I-35E head to City Hall this week with support from the Macalester-Groveland Community Council and opposition from neighbors on Juliet and Palace avenues.

The St. Paul Planning Commission's Zoning Committee will hold a public hearing on a special condition use permits for Ridgewood Bluff Townhomes on July 15. A Zoning Committee recommendation will go to the full Planning Commission on July 23.

The permit is being sought by Highland Park developer John Kratz for property located between Lexington Parkway and I-35E and between Juliet and Palace avenues. The permit is required because Kratz is proposing a cluster development that would group five townhouses in one building and two in another in order to provide more open space on the site.

Half a dozen neighbors attended the Macalester-Groveland Community Council's July 8 meeting to argue against the project. They raised concerns about building mass and location, parking and

traffic, and the impact the townhouses would have on their property values. Some neighbors said the development would block their views of the city and river valley.

"I realize that we don't own our view," said Palace Avenue resident Karen Tenter. "But I think this is taking away a lot. Is it OK to take this view away from us and give it to people who can live in \$270,000 homes?"

"This is almost like pouring salt in an old wound," said Palace Avenue resident

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Attorney General questions legality of I-35E bridge pact

City and state officials have reached a tentative agreement on plans for reconstructing the I-35E bridge over the Mississippi River. However, until the Minnesota Attorney General's Office gives its approval, the St. Paul City Council cannot sign the pact.

Council members had hoped to approve a memorandum of support for the bridge plans on July 7. Of the local units of government asked to comment on the bridge plans, the St. Paul City Council is the only one that has yet to approve the Minnesota Department of Transportation's preferred alternative.

Ward 3 City Council member Mike Harris worked for several months with state officials and city staff to reach an agreement on the construction of a new bridge. MnDOT agreed to the pact in late May and city departments signed off in early June.

"I'm still confident that we'll get state approval on this agreement," Harris said. "I think it's a good agreement. It lays out many of the issues that were raised during the bridge review process and addresses the concerns we heard from St. Paul residents."

MnDOT wants to build a 124-foot-wide, \$27 million river span, which would be almost twice as wide as the current 67-foot bridge. The new bridge would have two traffic lanes in each direction as well as auxiliary lanes to allow traffic to safely merge onto the bridge. Bicycle and pedestrian paths and wider shoulders also are proposed for the new structure, which would be built exactly where the existing bridge sits.

Plans originally called for a 139.4-foot-wide bridge, but the shoulders and bicycle and pedestrian paths have since been narrowed.

The agreement between the city and MnDOT calls for the state to remain committed to a 1984 federal court order regarding the width, design and speed limit on the I-35E Parkway from West 7th Street to downtown St. Paul. It also states that MnDOT cannot convert the bridge's auxiliary lanes to full-service traffic lanes prior to 2011 without the approval of St. Paul officials, that MnDOT will seek approval from the city before using Crosby Farm Regional Park for storing construction equipment during the construction period, and that safety improvements will be made for bicycle and pedestrian access to the bridge along an existing trail.

The Minnesota Attorney General's Office is now questioning whether the agreement can legally bind future city and state officials to its terms. Once it is signed by the City Council,

the agreement would remain in effect until 2012.

MnDOT staff want unanimous support on the bridge plans before the final design is drawn up. The bridge is due to be replaced between 2001 and 2003.

Wild Onion agrees to add security at closing time

The Wild Onion bar and restaurant at 788 Grand Ave. is now required to provide security in its parking lot after closing time from Tuesdays through Saturdays. The St. Paul City Council added that condition to the business' licenses on July 7 to address neighborhood concerns about late-night noise and loitering by patrons.

The Wild Onion's licenses came up for review because Thomas Williams is being brought on as a partner with the Wild Onion's parent company, the Great American Restaurant Co. The business holds on-sale liquor, Sunday liquor, restaurant, entertainment, tobacco sales and sidewalk cafe licenses. None of the licenses is being changed and no new licenses are being sought.

The license matter is unrelated to a proposal last September to expand the building, which was withdrawn in the face of neighborhood opposition.

The Wild Onion's building has housed a succession of bars and restaurants over the years. Those who live nearby have complained in the past about late-night noise, littering, public intoxication and patrons who relieve themselves on neighborhood yards.

Two written objections to the licenses prompted the hearing on the matter, according to hearing officer Gerald Strathman. Williams said he and his partners are willing to work with the neighbors and do all they can to address the problems.

HRA supports academy's bid for \$17 million bond

The St. Paul City Council, acting as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, voted on June 23 to support St. Paul Academy and Summit School's request for a \$17 million commercial development revenue bond.

Proceeds from the bond will be used by the school for major expansion on its Randolph Avenue campus. The school's Davern Street

entrance, fine arts area and auditorium were razed last month to make way for a new middle school building. The project also includes an expanded library and music and drama departments, a new fine arts area, a new dining hall and a new three-story facility that will link the upper and middle schools and house administrative and student support offices.

Bond proceeds will also be used to refinance a previous bond issue and add classrooms and update technology at the school's Goodrich Avenue campus.

The city will serve as a conduit for the bond issue. The final bond resolution will be considered by the City Council on July 14.

Special sign district status sought for Merriam Park

The Merriam Park Community Council has become the third district planning council in St. Paul to seek permanent special sign district status for the entire neighborhood.

If the sign district is approved by the St. Paul City Council, all new billboards will be banned and the number, size, style and type of other billboards and advertising signs will be restricted in the area bounded by Snelling, Summit and University avenues and the western city limits.

The City Council has asked the St. Paul Planning Commission to make a recommendation on Merriam Park's request by September 1 as well as a request by the Hamline-Midway Coalition for a similar sign district.

This spring, the City Council approved a request by the St. Anthony Park Community Council to create a special sign district for that entire neighborhood. The Planning Commission made no recommendation on the request. Instead, it suggested that district councils wait until new citywide billboard regulations are adopted.

However, the City Council determined that the city's current special sign district regulations could be applied to entire neighborhoods, which prompted the requests from Merriam Park and Hamline-Midway. The Snelling-Hamline Community Council is also expected to seek special sign district status for that neighborhood soon.

Thirteen of the city's 19 district planning councils have asked for all or part of their neighborhoods to be placed in interim special sign districts. They include the Merriam

Park, Snelling-Hamline, Macalester-Groveland and Highland community councils. The anti-billboard group Scenic Minnesota has also succeeded in placing a proposal to ban billboards citywide on the ballot this November.

A Planning Commission task force is now studying possible revisions to the city's billboard regulations to reduce the number of billboards in residential neighborhoods. In the meantime, the City Council has voted to extend the moratorium on new billboards and the interim special sign district regulations beyond the original expiration date of August 24. The moratorium and interim sign districts will remain in place for another 18 months or until the City Council adopts new regulations.

Townhouse suit dismissed as new residents move in

Months of legal wrangling over the Lexington Commons townhouse project ended on June 7 when Ramsey County District Court Judge Michael Fetsch granted a request from the city of St. Paul for a summary judgment. Claims against the city and the developer, Mendota Homes, were dismissed without cost to either party.

Construction of the 10-unit townhouse project, which is located at the southwest corner of Lexington Parkway and St. Clair Avenue, began last year and is now nearing completion. All of the units have been sold and many are already occupied.

The project generated controversy in the Summit Hill neighborhood for more than a year before the City Council's decision to grant Mendota Homes a special condition use permit in the spring of 1998. That decision prompted neighbors Pat Byrne and Rachel Blank to file a lawsuit against the city and the developer. They claimed that the city's decision to grant a permit for the project was arbitrary and capricious.

One key point in their suit centered on the townhomes' private street access onto St. Clair Avenue and whether that road was wide enough to be safe. Byrne and Blank tried to block construction of the townhouses last year through a temporary restraining order, but their request was thrown out by Fetsch.

The court case continued as the two sides wrangled over damages. Mendota Homes also filed counterclaims against Byrne and Blank. Two of the counterclaims, alleging malicious prosecution and interference with property rights, were granted. However, claims for attorney's fees were rejected.

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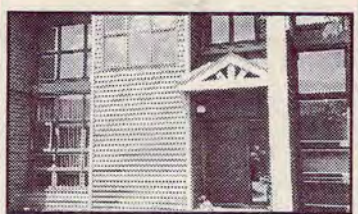
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Friends embarks on two-year effort to restore St. Paul river bluff

by John Wadell

Restoration of the Mississippi River bluff in St. Paul between the Minneapolis city limits on the north and West 7th Street on the south will get under way this summer as the result of a \$200,000 state grant from the Legislature (LCMR) on the Minnesota Resources (LCMR). Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County, in cooperation with Great River Greening and the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation, will manage the project.

According to Peggy Lynch, executive director of the Friends, replanting will be done once a survey is completed to determine how much native vegetation remains and how much invasive, non-native ground cover has taken over the approximately 5.5-mile stretch of river bluff. Neighborhood volun-

teers and college students will be sought to help with the project.

"Buckthorn, an extremely hardy and invasive small tree, is thriving in that area," Lynch said. "Its removal is notoriously difficult and requires many years of persistent effort."

The money for LCMR grants comes from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, which receives its support from state lottery ticket taxes. A portion of the state's cigarette tax is also earmarked for the LCMR, which has awarded \$154 million in grants since 1991.

The LCMR grant was sought in the wake of clear-cutting that was conducted by the city of St. Paul in September 1997 in order to improve river vistas. Trees and shrubs were removed in front of about a dozen bluff-top benches along Mississippi River Boulevard at that time.

The Friends, the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Commission and the Merriam Park Community Council all raised concerns about the lost vegetation. Some neighborhood residents contended that the removal of the trees and shrubs, while meant to improve views of the river, actually resulted in more young people using the bluff for late-night parties.

Lynch said the goal of the reforestation project is to restore the bluff with native vegetation. The process is expected to take two years and will change the river bluff from its current overgrown state to a more open area. For those who are used to seeing a wall of vegetation along Mississippi River Boulevard, she said, the change may seem a little distressing.

"We've become so accustomed to these unnatural vegetation patterns that many

people think this is the way the area is supposed to be," Lynch said. "We know that public education will be one of our most important tasks. We'll be available to speak to community councils, church groups, civic clubs and youth groups. We want to get the message out anyway we can."

The group will also be encouraging residents living within a few enclosures of the river to remove buckthorn hedges in their yards to keep birds from carrying the seeds to the bluff and reinfesting the area.

"We have a huge job ahead of us," Lynch said. "Removing mountains of Buckthorn is one problem. Convincing people that they should remove their old hedges will be quite another."

"But we're going to be creative so we can return the river bluff to its natural state and keep it that way."

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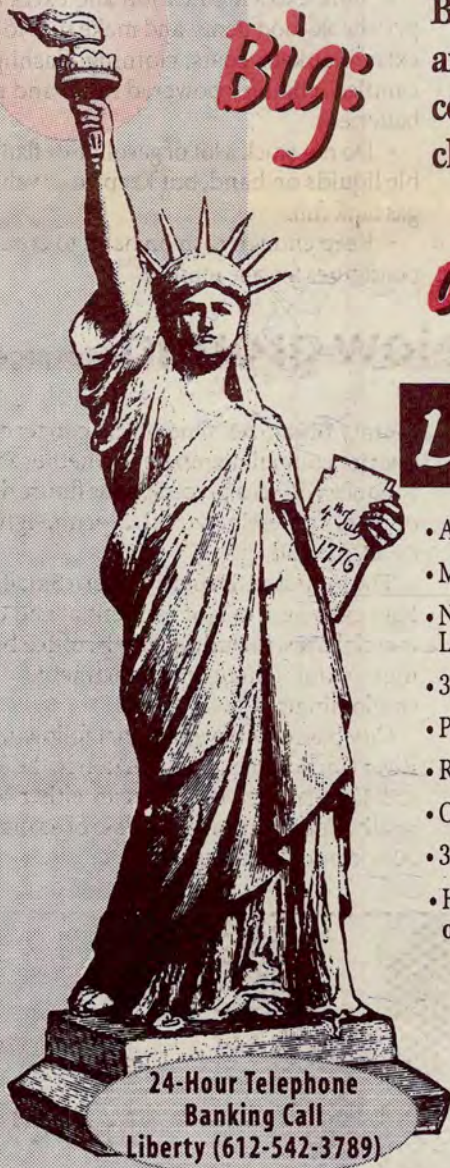


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Y2K preparations under way /from page 1

April 1998 to debug the city's software and fix the code in its internal systems.

Paul Willig, Minneapolis' Y2K project director, said the city's main priority is fixing services essential to life and safety, such as the 911 system. "I think we're going to be very well prepared come January 1," he said. "I don't anticipate any major Y2K failures."

The city of St. Paul began preparing for the millennium two years ago by spending about \$500,000 to replace desktop computers. This year, the city's Y2K-related budget stands at \$3.7 million.

Lisa Nasseff, St. Paul's Y2K project manager, conceded that no one can accurately predict just what will happen come the first of the year. "The best-case scenario is that nothing happens and we have this disaster-resistant community," she said. "The worst-case scenario would be like surviving a winter storm. Still, people should be prepared."

Despite the uncertainty, St. Paul officials are optimistic. Confident that electricity, water, heat and telephones all will be functioning on New Year's Day, city officials have scaled back contingency plans from being prepared for a week without essential services to being prepared for three days.

The city of Mendota Heights has inventoried all of its computers, software and other equipment. It has already replaced the police department's computer system and has \$60,000 available in contingency funds in case it needs to replace other systems.

"Those that are not (Y2K) compliant will be updated or replaced," said city administrator Kevin Batchelder. "We hope to have everything done by July 15 so we have plenty of time to test them. We don't anticipate having many problems."

One thing that government officials do know is that there are a lot of people trying to capitalize on the millennium bug. Richard Gardell, deputy chief of the St. Paul Police Department, warned those attending the Summit Hill Association's annual meeting in May

Are you OK with Y2K?

The following meetings will be held in the next two weeks on dealing with the millennium bug:

- "Y2K Problems from a Community Perspective: What Neighborhood & Community Media Can Do" will be offered at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at the Longfellow Park Community Building, 35th Street and South 36th Avenue, Minneapolis. The meeting, which is sponsored by the Longfellow Community Y2K Preparedness Group, will feature Mike O'Connor, chair of the city of St. Paul's Y2K Task Force. Information will be presented on Y2K organizing strategies. For information, call 612-721-4352.

- "Get Ready 2000: A Community Forum" will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, at the Great American History Theatre, 30 E. 10th St. The forum, sponsored by the city of St. Paul, will feature John Koskinen, chair of the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, as well as state and local government officials. Participants will learn about Y2K readiness efforts and tips on how to prepare for the millennium. For information, call 651-266-8528.

that the Y2K scare has provided a wonderful opportunity for swindlers. Gardell said two scams have been uncovered that prey on people's fears of Y2K.

The first scam targets the elderly by putting a spin on the old bank examiner con. In this scam, a man claiming to be a bank representative calls and warns his victim that the bank will be switching computer systems in preparation for the year 2000. The "representative" then asks for the individual's account numbers and balances. He then proceeds to elec-



Longfellow residents Donna McNamara and Sally Koplin look over supplies they planned to use during a weekend test run to determine how they would survive if the Y2K computer bug knocks out essential city services at the end of the year. Photo by Terry Faust.

tronically transfer the money into a new account that he can access.

The second scam targets small businesses. In this scam, individuals pose as computer consultants and offer their services to small businesses. They work at the company for a while and collect their pay, but they leave and nothing is fixed. Most victims will not discover they have been duped until January 1, and by that time, of course, the perpetrators will be long gone.

Gardell advises people to be wary of these and other potential scams. "No one—not a law enforcement agency and not your bank—will ask for account codes over the phone," he said. "We also encourage businesses to deal with reputable firms so that if there are any concerns they'll have someone to go back to."

The state of Minnesota has set up a Y2K Web site (www.y2k.state.mn.us) that offers

background information on the problem and covers specific topics in depth each week. Information also is available by calling the state Office of Technology at 1-877-857-2200.

Y2K Preparedness Tips

Area experts recommend preparing for December 31 as if a major winter storm was about to hit. Some of their suggestions include the following:

- Store a gallon of water per person per day and remember to include pets.
- Store extra medication and extra non-perishable food items, and make sure to have extra blankets, coats, clothing, flashlights, candles, a battery powered radio and extra batteries.
- Do not stock a lot of gasoline or flammable liquids on hand, but keep your vehicle's gas tank full.
- Keep enough cash on hand to cover expenditures for one month.

Ford Plant plans to build \$25 million addition 20 feet below ground /from page 1

The \$25 million building, which will be located between the paint building and the assembly floor, will measure 244 by 90 feet and will have a capacity of 335 truck bodies.

Contractor HK Systems of New Berlin, Wisconsin, has built more than a dozen similar facilities at car manufacturing plants around the country. The design of the automated storage and retrieval system requires a building of 80 feet in height.

A wider building would require more space, and "Ford is landlocked in Highland Park," Warzecha said. "We may have to come back for other building needs in the future."

Ford hopes to start work on the new build-

ing within the next several weeks. Company officials have said they may discuss financial assistance with the St. Paul Port Authority, though no formal request had been made as this issue of the Villager went to press.

Ford has sought variances to the city's river corridor height restrictions in the past. In 1987 Ford applied for a variance to construct an 80-foot-high storage and retrieval facility at the south end of the plant. That proposal was rejected

by the Planning Commission, but was approved on appeal to the St. Paul City Council. However, the council required that the facility be built 33 feet below grade. The St. Paul Port Authority contributed \$787,000 of the \$5 million in construction costs.

The Highland District Council has historically opposed variances to the River Corridor height restrictions, according to Gayle Summers, com-

Thirteen feet below grade is shale and below the shale is limestone. "If we went down another 7 feet, we'd add another \$1.3 million to our costs," Warzecha said.

munity organizer. One of the concerns for district council members is whether Ford's variance will set a precedent for future development in the Shepard-Davern neighborhood, she said.

The proposed Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan calls for a mix of residential and commercial uses, including hotels, office buildings and luxury apartments and condominiums.

City planners have said that following the River Corridor height restriction in the Shepard-Davern area could mean either lower quality construction or the loss of as many as 300 potential housing units.



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MICHAEL MISCHKE

A new addition to a veteran staff

It's been almost seven years since I've had occasion to introduce to you a new staff member of Villager Communications Inc., the publisher of the *Villager* and its sister newspaper, the *Grand Gazette*. When I think about it, that kind of staff stability is remarkable for any business. It's more remarkable for a small publishing company like ours where, just by the nature of the operation, regular employee turnover is usually taken as a given.

(I recently learned of a Twin Cities community newspaper whose staff members came and went as if the company had installed a revolving door out front. In less than a year, that newspaper underwent a 100 percent turnover in staff. By comparison, the average number of years of service logged by the employees here is more than 14. If you think there's a reason why we tend to know our stomping ground as few others do, there is.)

The newest addition to the staff of the *Villager* and *Gazette* is Bob Stjern (pronounced Stern), one of our three advertising sales executives. Bob接替 Susan Dodd, who after nine years here has moved back to her native Northwest coastline. Susan is now in the process of building a home for herself and her mother in the northern California town of Eureka, where she plans to indulge her passion for exercising her green thumbs year-round.



Bob Stjern

Bob, 39, comes to the *Villager* and *Gazette* with more than 15 years of experience helping business owners and managers achieve their sales goals. Bob got into the newspaper business from the editorial end. A native of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and a 1982 graduate in journalism from the University of North Dakota, Bob was still a cub reporter for Lakes Publishing Company in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, when a position opened up in

the company's sales department and he opted to make the switch. According to Bob, the personal rewards as a small-town newspaper were just as great in the sales office as in the newsroom and the money was considerably better.

From 1985 to 1994 Bob was employed by Minnesota Sun Publications, a Bloomington-based chain of 22 community newspapers, where he moved up the ranks over the years from sales representative to group sales manager to retail sales manager. In the latter capacity, he developed and led outside sales teams that sold advertising for newspapers distributed weekly to more than 350,000 households.

A chance to own his own marketing company presented itself in 1992 when Bob started Money Mailer of Greater St. Paul, a franchised company that created and distributed shared direct mailings to more than 30,000 homes in northern St. Paul and its suburbs. However, the nascent franchiser never really got a toehold in the Twin Cities and the promised opportunity to cross-sell to other franchises throughout the metropolitan area never materialized. Bob saw the handwriting on the wall before the franchiser faded altogether. Though he had gained valuable knowledge of how developing companies grow and prosper—and how they don't—he had no qualms about folding his company after two years and going to work as an advertising executive with US West Dex in St. Paul. There, he excelled in selling Yellow Pages, Internet and interactive advertising programs.

However, Bob's love of newspapers had never ebbed. Two years later he opted to do what he loves best—sell newspaper advertising—this time for Press Publications of White Bear Lake, the publisher of six newspapers in Northern Ramsey and Washington counties.

Bob and his wife, Kathy Ingulsrud, now live in Shoreview with their two children—Britta, 7, and Bobby, 5.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish Susan Dodd all the best while welcoming Bob Stjern to our staff. We look forward to an equally long and fruitful association.



'Majority' ignore their sacred duty

Dear editor:

Regarding letter writer Adam Minter's contention that most Jews would oppose a moment of silent prayer in public schools ("Village Post," June 23):

The fact is, authentic Jewish viewpoint does not now, nor did it ever, necessarily reflect the practices, opinions, whims or mores of the majority of Jewish people. Authentic Jewish viewpoint reflects the wisdom and the will of God Almighty who, before issuing 613 directives to the Jewish people at Sinai 3,311 years ago, mandated: "You shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (Exodus 19:6). Loyalty to this mandate and the subsequent 613 directives obligates the Jews to exude and effect God's consciousness wherever he finds himself.

I resent Mr. Minter's implication that since "the children of Rabbi Feller's congregation do not attend public schools, but rather private religious schools," I do not have the right to be concerned with the well-being of the children in the public schools. As a Jew, governed by the aforementioned Scriptural mandate, and as a concerned citizen of this blessed country, I have the right or, better yet, the sacred duty to be concerned with and to affect the physical, material and spiritual well-being of every human being, Jew and non-Jew alike.

If it is apparent to me, as it is to so many others, that the decline in morality and the rise of violence in the public schools is, to a large extent, due to the banning of God from the public schools, then I must do what I can to bring God back to the public schools.

This country was founded by religious, God-fearing individuals, and while they correctly moved to separate church and state, it was never their intention to separate state from God.

The guidelines I received from the Office of the Chaplain of the United States Senate prior to my opening the Senate with a prayer on May 20 stated: "The purpose of the opening prayer for the Senate is to pray on behalf of and for the Senators as they seek to know and to do God's will for America in the work of the Senate. God is Sovereign Lord of our nation. The prayer should affirm our heritage as a nation under God and the calling of the Senate to lead our nation in His righteousness and justice. We accept the separation of church and state but affirm the historic American tradition that there is no separation between God and state."

Rabbi Moshe Feller, Director
Upper Midwest Region of Lubavitch
Highland Park

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Sad commentary

Dear editor:

"Who could object to such a measure but an atheist (and maybe the ACLU), and are we really worried about offending their sensibilities?" (from an editorial by Dale Mischke in the June 9 *Villager*).

Your paper made me sad. Imagine, giving voice to such a sentiment: that unless you believe in Mr. Mischke's God, you are not worthy of respect.

It is not hard to see why our world is such a violent place when there are so many of us who try to force our views onto others. To think that Mr. Mischke thinks this attitude is the one God wants him to have. Sad.

Mike Finley
Merriam Park

Freedom and tolerance

To the editor:

I was delighted to read your June 23 *Villager* and see that my friend and wise college professor, Dr. Paul Alper, had written a defense of religious freedom. With his reference to buckling knees, I assume he left off his knee brace again.

Unfortunately, I was surprised to learn that unlike his skilled and practiced teaching in the fields of statistics, computer science and mathematics, Dr. Alper is most clearly wrong in his conclusion that separating prayer from community somehow protects religious freedom.

Dr. Alper puts forth that the "bedrock principle of this country's coming into being was the bedrock insistence on avoiding the entanglement of the prevailing religion with the established government." I can only assume that he spoke directly with one of the drafters of the Constitution, because the language of the Constitution is clear: Government shall not establish a religion.

The concerns that silent prayer in public schools, displays of the Ten Commandments or other subtle tricks of the religious will deny Dr. Alper, ACLU members, atheists and

Haskins' departure leaves only questions

by Robert M. Shaw

What sort of due process did Clem Haskins receive before he resigned as the men's basketball coach at the University of Minnesota last month? What happened behind closed doors? It wasn't exactly a trial, but what was it then? It seems to have been a disciplinary action that resulted in a forced resignation, but what were the rules and what was the process?

Who can tell? The process by which Haskins was forced to resign took place behind closed doors. We've read an avalanche of information about it, but we were permitted to know only a few fundamental facts: that Haskins was publicly accused of running a program that involved widespread academic cheating and that he persistently denied the allegations. We also know that the University of Minnesota hired outside investigators to look into the matter, and we know that Haskins resigned, taking \$1.5-plus million with him.

Haskins had a lawyer. What did he think of the process? After trials in which their clients lose, lawyers are notoriously loud in finding flaws with the process, yet we haven't heard much from Haskins' lawyer. Did he sign an agreement not to talk? For that matter, it's reasonable for me as a Minnesota taxpayer, an alumnus of the university and a citizen of the United States to ask: Did Haskins agree, as part of his final agreement, to keep his mouth shut?

Is the final agreement a public document or is it made secret by being blessed with the attorney-client privilege? If it is, and we are never to see it, how about that? Should lawyers hired by public bodies be permitted to cite the lawyer-client privilege in order to suppress agreements relating to public business, thus preventing public disclosure?

University officials would probably assert that the Haskins affair wasn't a trial at all but an internal personnel matter. As such, they might say that they are not bound by the rules of a court of law. After all, Haskins wasn't charged with a crime but with breaking the university's internal rules. The university investigated, confronted Haskins with what it found and accepted his resignation. Isn't that the same process that any institution, private or public, uses to handle

personnel problems? What's wrong with that?

There's a much broader story here than Haskins' resignation—that's what's wrong with it.

The "big story" is the widespread corruption by many people over a long period of time in one of the university's major departments. It involves evidence, if not of complicity, then of inexcusable mismanagement by the university itself. It involves citizens' trust and confidence in the University of Minnesota, our state's principal seat of learning. It involves a lot of public money. No, Haskins' departure is no routine personnel matter.

We are told that there was insufficient evidence to link Haskins to cheating by athletes under his control. What evidence was there? I assume it is contained in the investigators' reports. But will we ever see those reports or will they be regarded as confidential? What we need to know is this: Was Haskins or was he not a key figure in the corruption? If there was no direct evidence of his complicity, if he didn't know what was going on—that is, if he was innocent—then why was he forced to resign?

But let's be thankful for small blessings. If it hadn't been for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, we probably never would have known anything about this sorry matter. Over the years there were whistle-blowers—honest people within the university system who tried to tell the story—but they were either squelched or ignored. It took good journalism to bring the whole mess to the public's attention.

At the same time, I'm puzzled why no voice from Minnesota's media has objected to the two closed meetings the university's regents held in the past month. Both of them, from the way I read Minnesota's Open Meetings Law, were illegal. The rationale for the first closed meeting was to discuss "labor negotiations." Public bodies may legally close meetings to discuss labor negotiations, but only negotiations with unions. That wasn't the case here.

The rationale for closing the second meeting was to discuss Haskins' severance package. I know of no exception to the Open Meetings Law that allows the closing of a public meeting to discuss severance.

Editor's note: The writer is manager emeritus of the Minnesota Newspaper Association.

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others their right of religious freedom are based on fear. This fear limits the free practice of religion in schools, government and communities. Our Constitution does not give license to artificially separate community from religion. Rather, a Catholic university like St. Thomas allows an atheist to teach and in so doing provides the freedom to express his beliefs.

Freedom of religion demands tolerance, not separation. It calls for the building up of communities of believers and non-believers, not their separation. As a Catholic, I was glad that Dr. Alper was allowed to teach me at a religious school.

Don't deny public school children the freedom to learn from those who believe and pray.

Tim Murphy
Highland Park

A swing at stadium tax

To the editor:

I understand that a St. Paul stadium might be good for downtown. I understand that what is good for downtown might be good for the city at large. I even understand that the public interest might warrant a public contribution. But I don't understand the proposal for a special sales tax dedicated entirely to baseball.

Every year city officials decide how to apportion our taxes to meet city needs as they see them. The city budget addresses everything from police and fire departments to snow removal. If stadium financing is a municipal service, shouldn't it be treated like other city services? Shouldn't it be a part of the city budget?

Why would we entitle baseball to a steady supply of tax dollars when libraries and parks are forced to compete for the crumbs that fall from the table? Moreover, why would we approve a special stadium tax to do it? Is baseball really that high on the list of city priorities?

These questions may not be answered in the referendum, but I hope people will keep them in mind before they cast their vote.

Matthew Flory
Macalester-Groveland

Give Olson her day in court

Dear editor:

I have been active in local Republican politics for 15 years and live just two blocks away from Sara Jane Olson, a.k.a. Kathleen Soliah. I would be surprised if the DFL leadership knew that Ms. Olson had a grand jury indictment for attempted murder outstanding against her if she didn't tell them. I also doubt that anyone fleeing prosecution would choose to share that information. Bombing police cars isn't part of any party platform I've seen since the Symbionese Liberation Army went out of business.

However, I continue to be astounded by the number of people who have no apparent knowledge of Ms. Olson's alleged crimes who have publicly decided to jump into the fray to either demonize or sanctify her. Robbing banks and attempting to kill police officers were reprehensible crimes in 1976 and remain so today. Unless Minnesota is willing to accept political refugees from the state of California, the most that should be done for Ms. Olson is to give her her day in court.

I have always assumed that it is the norm that people help their neighbors, go to church and provide a good life for their family. However, living the good life should not exonerate prior criminal behavior. That decision should be left to the California judicial system.

I think it is appropriate that Ms. Olson be tried and, if convicted, sentenced under California law. However, the way things work in Minnesota, the most likely outcome is that Ms. Olson will either be running for office within the next five years or have her own radio show on MPR.

Terrance M. Cullen
Highland Park

Time does not forgive

To the editor:

That 25 years have passed since Kathleen Soliah, a.k.a. Sara Jane Olson of Highland Park, was involved in the terroristic Symbionese Liberation Army should not reduce the need for strong and severe consequences for the crimes in which she is accused of taking part. Soliah allegedly played a significant role in planting bombs under police cars with the intent to kill law enforcement officers. She fled the state where the crimes were committed, led a double life, changed her name and lived a lie. Because of this, she managed to escape justice.

I ask those who would defend Soliah: If an individual seriously harmed or killed a loved one of theirs, would any amount of time matter once the perpetrator was found?

Susan Berkovitz
Macalester-Groveland

Stop the tabloid-like intrusion

To the editor:

I remember Sara Jane Olson from years ago, and even though I haven't seen her for quite some time, I can verify all the positive comments about her character and talents (*Villager*, June 23). What I remember is a very caring, socially conscious and affable individual who would willingly help out anyone in need in whatever way she could.

It's one thing to interview people who know her to get impressions and reactions. However, the major local presses and television networks have descended upon Sara's parents and family like a pack of hungry wolves. How these folks can sleep at night is beyond me. If there was ever an issue of privacy invasion at a time of family crisis, uncertainty and emotional turmoil, it lies right here.

Please, let's stop this tabloid-like intrusion into a family's private nightmare.

Robin Skeie
Ramsey Hill

Give pedestrians a brake

To the editor:

Recently, our state enacted a law requiring motorists to yield to pedestrians crossing the street. The law applies to all intersections and marked crosswalks. If we all had been a bit more courteous to pedestrians in the first place, the law would not have been necessary.

It is still quite a challenge to cross streets such as Ford Parkway, Cleveland and Snelling avenues, even in a marked crosswalk with a stroller. It is a minor inconvenience for motorists to yield, yet most speed by. At times it is hazardous for a motorist to stop for pedestrians. On several occasions I have been honked at and tailgated for stopping to allow a pedestrian to cross, even when it was for a man with two children in his arms.

Other countries and states have learned to change their driving habits to respect pedestrians. I hope we are able to do the same in St. Paul. Thanks for giving pedestrians a break next time!

Dan Bishop
Highland Park

Get big boats off the St. Croix

Dear editor,

I wish I could feel sorry about the horrible boating accident on the St. Croix River, but I don't. Of course, my heart goes out to the families, but I've seen those incredibly fast boats as they speed up and down the river. They violently rock and even swamp smaller boats with their bow waves, and their owners don't seem to notice or care, as it is clear that many on board are quite happy or numbed by the drink in their hands. Imagine a 28-foot boat in an area with no speed limit. That is absurd, especially if the group has been drinking until after dark.

While fishing this area, often after dark, I've wondered about the overkill on horsepower when a boat is hemmed in by a river and not floating freely on a large lake. These boats are limited to blasting upstream for a few miles only to return over the same stretch shortly after. The sheer size of these boats astounds me. Twenty-eight feet is better suited to Lake Superior. Having these boats all over the river, piloted by people of all different experience levels, is just asking for trouble.

We already live in the land of 10,000 laws. Adopt one more and get these men playing in their dangerous toys off the water.

Paul Paulos
Macalester-Groveland

Merger rings true for customers

To the editor,

Among all the recent mergers in the telecommunications industry, the one that holds the most promise for the consumer is the pending merger between AT&T and MediaOne.

Ever since the 1996 Telecommunications Act, we have waited for choice in the local service market. While competition has come to many of the nation's largest businesses, 98 percent of residents and small businesses in the Twin Cities area still have no choice but the local

telephone monopoly.

All that will change with the proposed merger. By teaming up with MediaOne, AT&T will be able to offer thousands of Minnesotans a competitive local phone choice using MediaOne's cable network. Fortunate consumers in St. Paul as well as communities throughout Ramsey and Washington counties, northern Dakota County and northwestern Hennepin County will be able to choose among at least two competitors offering local phone service.

The pending threat of such competition is starting to bring the results envisioned by the Telecommunications Act. Local phone monopolies like US West are starting to accelerate deployment of their broadband offerings. The number of Bell telephone customers with access to Digital Subscriber Line technology in the United States nearly doubled during the first three months of 1999 and US West recently announced a 25 percent price reduction.

With local competition from AT&T/MediaOne, consumers can count on lower prices, more innovation and higher quality phone services. Who can argue with that?

Michael Butchert
Mendota Heights

Editor's note: The writer is a member of Citizens for Local Phone Choice.

Sibley seniors had a blast

To the editor:

Over 250 members of the 1999 Sibley High School graduating class attended the eight-hour all-night party on June 6. The party, with the theme "Sibley Space Station '99: Blast Off to the Millennium," was held in the chemical-free environment of the high school. Students were amazed at the transformation of brick walls and rows of lockers to a magical futuristic world. They enjoyed a variety of food and beverages and activities such as sumo wrestling, mini-golf, dancing, videos and hair and nail services. This fabulous send-off was made possible by a dedicated committee that worked throughout the year making decorations in basements and garages and obtaining donations of food, prizes and decorations.

Many thanks to our committee chairs and their members, and special thanks to our marathon decorating crew who worked throughout the weekend setting the stage for the big event. A special word of gratitude to the Sibley High School administration and staff for their help, patience and trust with their building for 72 hours. Last but not least, a very special thank-you to our many friends in the business community who provided donations of food, services, decorations and cash. You most certainly helped us reach our objective of providing the class of 1999 with a memorable party and an opportunity to say farewell to high school friends.

Many students stopped as they left the building to say farewell and to thank us for our efforts. To everyone in our community who helped to make it all possible, thank you.

Pat Kaplan, Chair
Sibley High School Senior Party

Thanks for the story

Dear editor:

Many thanks for the story that Susan Price wrote about the Summit Avenue Garden Stroll (*Villager*, June 23). I couldn't have asked for more if I had written it myself. The stroll was successful, and I believe we will have a new garden park on Summit Avenue as a result.

Thanks again on behalf of the Summit Avenue Residential Preservation Association.

Jane Tschida, Chair
Summit Avenue Garden Stroll

Praise from proud Somerset

Dear editor:

Thank you so much for the tasteful coverage of Somerset Heights Elementary School throughout this past year. We appreciate your ongoing integrity and professionalism. Your paper has successfully portrayed the pride and spirit of our community. Your positive coverage and portrayal of this community's tireless efforts have been greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your part in making our school and our work a success. Regional pride is important to all of us. I am glad that the *Villager* is our official district and school community newspaper.

Don Moore, Principal
Angela Thornburg, PTA Capital Campaign Organizer
Somerset Heights Elementary School
Mendota Heights

BZA supports variances for Summit lot

by Jane McClure

The St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) voted on June 28 to support the required side and backyard variances for Highland Park developer John Kratz to build a main house and smaller carriage house on a vacant lot at 580 Summit Ave. The plans are now undergoing review by the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) since the property is in the Historic Hill District.

Kratz won the BZA's support despite a city staff recommendation that the variances be denied. John Hardwick of the BZA staff argued that the requested variances were not in keeping with the city's zoning code and that a single-family home without a carriage house could be built on the site without the need for any variances.

The 50-by-240-foot lot was split off from the adjoining lot at 574 Summit Ave. last year. It is one of the last vacant

lots on Summit Avenue. Until recently it had been used as a garden.

The main house will have about 3,100 square feet of space on two floors, according to Kratz. The carriage house will have about 1,800 square feet of space above a garage. Kratz said he already has a buyer for the property.

Kratz is seeking 5-foot variances from the required 9-foot sideyard setbacks because of the location of an existing house adjacent to the property. He also is seeking a 15-foot variance from the required 25-foot backyard setback for the carriage house. Kratz said the backyard setback variance is needed to save a large elm tree on the property.

Although the property is zoned for multi-family residential use and could support as many as three or four condominium units, Kratz said he believed the plan for two houses to be more in keeping with the character of Summit Avenue.

The main house would be similar in style to a house Kratz built at 1500 Summit Ave. last year. The design of that house was praised by neighbors who spoke in favor of the variance request on June 28.

"We feel that the single-family house and carriage house are more appropriate for the neighborhood," said Rocky Ellingson of 574 Summit Ave., who told commissioners that he sold the lot to Kratz rather than to other developers who wanted to put in more housing.

Other neighbors who spoke in support noted that there is a high demand for the type of carriage house that Kratz wants to build on the property.

The Summit Hill Association's (SHA) Zoning and Land Use Committee recommended approval of the variances on a split vote on June 22. SHA executive director Ellen Biales said the committee preferred Kratz's plan over a more intense development.

Kratz plans Mac-Grove townhouse project

Ron Hachey in regard to a previous attempt by Kratz to develop the property.

Three years ago, Kratz's proposal to build an eight-unit townhouse on the site was opposed by the district council and neighbors and rejected by the Planning Commission and City Council. At the time, building mass, height and design were cited as reasons to oppose the permit. A proposal to extend an access road through the property to connect the east ends of Juliet and Palace avenues also was unpopular with neighbors.

Under the current proposal, the five-unit building would have access off of Palace Avenue and the two-unit building would have access off of Juliet. Kratz said the buildings would have narrow lap siding and would be designed to complement nearby homes. The total project cost is \$1.2 million.

District council members voted to support the permit request on July 8. A proposal to split the five-unit building into two smaller buildings was voted down. Neighbors were concerned that splitting up the building would put the townhouses even closer to their homes.

Some council members asked whether Kratz could build single-family

homes on the site. Kratz said he could, but that the property would only accommodate three large homes costing around \$350,000 each. He added that the site's proximity to the freeway makes it less desirable for single-family dwellings.

Kratz said one of the challenges in designing the townhouses is that the neighborhood has a wide variety of homes built in different styles during different eras. "If there were a consistent style of architecture in the neighborhood, I'd have been happy to copy it," he said.

Board member Tom Moss noted that the district council would have no control over design issues if Kratz were to build single-family homes. "He could build huge, purple Quonset huts and we would have nothing to say about it,"

Moss said. Because of the need for a special condition use permit, the city can set conditions on building appearance, size, vehicle access, landscaping and other design issues.

Other board members raised questions about the townhouse design. Doug Zang was critical of a plan that would have the same exterior for all seven units. "I think of Eagan when I see a row of housing units all in the same color," he said.

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District council members asked Kratz to develop a detailed landscape plan for the project, which he agreed to do. He said he is hoping to save as many large trees on the site as possible.

Kratz, who has been a developer in St. Paul for more than 20 years, focuses on building on vacant urban lots. "I believe that infill development has its own niche market for people who want to stay in the city," he said.

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Committee's slicing of the CIB pie leaves many wanting

by Jane McClure

Two out of every three requests for funding were rejected late last month by the St. Paul Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) Committee when it made its recommendations for the 2000-2001 biennium.

Despite recommending a \$4 million increase in capital improvement bonds, the committee suggested postponing a major renovation of the downtown public library and paring a request for funds to replace trees lost in last summer's storms.

"We're just looking at a lot of big projects," said Rick Dagenais, who represents the Highland area on the CIB Committee. "The bottom line is, if we keep the recreation centers in, we have to cut out a library—or vice versa."

The committee recommended funding Mattocks Park and Desnoyer Park playground improvements and the West 7th streetscape improvements known as the Highland Gateway. However, Hillcrest and Edgcombe recreation center improvements, the Grand Round bicycle route and the ongoing environmental impact study of Ayd Mill Road did not make the cut. The proposed \$2.5 million expansion of the Homecroft Recreation Center was also rejected for 2000-2001.

Mayor Norm Coleman held a public hearing on the Capital Improvement Budget on July 13. The mayor's recommendations will be presented to the City Council in August as part of his city budget for 2000. The council will adopt the final city budget by the end of the year.

Among the CIB Committee's most contro-

versial recommendations is increasing capital improvement bonding to \$19 million in 2000 and \$19 million in 2001—or about \$2 million more per year than was recommended by the mayor and City Council. That could bring about an increase in property taxes next year, committee members acknowledged.

Postponing the renovation of the downtown library is also expected to generate controversy. The public library is seeking \$7 million in 2000 and \$7.5 million in 2001. The CIB Committee recommended no funding in 2000 and \$3.2 million in 2001 while suggesting that an additional \$3 million be spent in 2000-2001 on a new Rice Street Library.

Delaying the downtown library's renovation could mean higher construction costs down the road, said Fran Galt, manager of library support services. According to him, the library has already hired an architect and construction management firm.

Replacement of the library involves funds for tree replanting. The city's Division of Parks and Recreation had sought \$500,000 in 2000 and \$500,000 in 2001. The CIB Committee cut that request to \$200,000 in each of those years before complaints by John Wirka of Parks and Recreation convinced committee members to increase the funding to \$490,000 in 2000.

The storms of 1998 destroyed 4,500 trees on public property in St. Paul, according to Wirka. "I don't know what led you to make

such a cut, but I will tell you that it won't satisfy the public," Wirka said. "We requested \$500,000 in each year just to catch up on tree planting."

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CIB Committee member John Margot of Macalester-Groveland suggested dropping the Hillcrest request. "The building was built with the understanding that the community would raise the money to equip the facility," he said.

The CIB Committee also recommended:

- Replacing old street-light conduit on Marshall and Summit avenues at a cost of \$136,000 and \$299,000, respectively. The street lights here are the only ones in St. Paul that are not protected by conduit and pose a safety hazard.

- Constructing curb-outs at Cleveland and Pinehurst avenues (\$13,000) to promote pedestrian safety.

- Installing new directional arrows and otherwise improving the traffic signals at Grand and Snelling avenues (\$122,000). The committee rejected a \$308,000 request by the Macalester-Groveland Community Council to install landscaped medians on Fairview Avenue.

- Spending \$1.7 million on traffic and

landscaping improvements at the west end of West 7th Street. The Gateway project is part of the Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan now being reviewed by the St. Paul Planning Commission. Shepard-Davern requests that were turned down by the committee included the study of a proposed extension of Edgcombe Road across West 7th Street (\$150,000), improvements to the south end of Davern Street (\$12,000), and improvements to Shepard Road (\$492,000).

- Replacing playground equipment at Desnoyer Park (\$281,000) and Mattocks Park (\$252,000). A request for \$211,000 to improve the playground at the Edgcombe Recreation Center was rejected. The CIB Committee also decided not to fund the Children's Play Area Program, which has assisted in making playground improvements at Linwood, Highland Park and St. Mark's schools in recent years.

- Improving accessibility at the Watergate Marina dock (\$165,000) and continuing the reconstruction of Shepard Road (\$3.7 million).

Turned down by the CIB Committee were the reconstruction of the Merriam Park Community Center parking lot (\$83,000); renovation of the Highland 18-hole Golf course clubhouse (\$1.36 million); Crosby Park trail improvements (\$30,000); completion of the St. Paul Grand Round bicycle route (\$113,000); and planning for the improvement of Selby Avenue (\$50,000).

The committee also turned down a \$350,000 request for the ongoing study of reconstructing Ayd Mill Road. Committee members said that other street projects, such as Phalen Boulevard and Pierce Butler Route, should have priority over Ayd Mill Road.

Pedestrians take state crosswalk law into their own hands

by Dave Page

Mounting frustration over the volume and speed of traffic and motorists' ignorance of pedestrian safety laws have residents on both sides of Snelling Avenue discussing ways to improve pedestrian safety along that busy thoroughfare.

At a June 16 meeting sponsored by the Snelling-Hamline Community Council, an ad hoc group was formed in hopes of educating pedestrians and motorists about safety issues and enlisting the city's help in devising new law enforcement and street design initiatives.

"This is not about diverting traffic from one neighborhood to another," said Snelling-Hamline resident Kirby Pitman. "We see this as a safety and quality of life issue for the entire city."

Last week the group agreed to staff a booth

at the Midway Festival on September 11 where they will pass out brochures explaining the state's crosswalk law. The law requires motorists to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all marked crosswalks and intersections where a traffic signal is not in operation.

The following day, volunteers will distribute information on pedestrian safety at places of worship near Snelling Avenue. Then on September 13, a demonstration will take place along Snelling to coincide with rush hour. The group's slogan is "Stop for pedestrians. It's the law!"

The state's crosswalk law, though three years old, is largely ignored by motorists. Even those who are aware of the law may be afraid to stop for pedestrians for fear of being rear-ended by a motorist who isn't, according to Bruce Abbott, a member of the group who lives in Highland Park just one block off of Snelling.

Only 15 motorists were ticketed last year for failing to yield to pedestrians on Snelling, according to Sherilyn Young, community organizer for the Snelling-Hamline Community Council. The reason more were not ticketed, Young said, may be because the penalties are so steep that law enforcement officers are reluctant to cite them. Violators of the crosswalk law can be fined up to \$700 and jailed for up to 90 days.

Young plans to meet this summer with Minnesota Department of Transportation officials in hopes of coordinating the local initiative with a statewide pedestrian safety campaign scheduled to begin this fall.

The Minnesota Safety Council has given the group \$1,250 to help get its projects rolling. In addition to a pedestrian safety brochure, the group is creating Burma Shave-like signs that it plans to place along Snelling. It is also contacting other organizations to

help spread the word about pedestrian safety. Metro Transit, for example, has agreed to assist the group by placing information about pedestrian safety in the brochure bins on buses.

"It took 30 years of public education in California to convince motorists there to stop for pedestrians," Young said.

According to Young, cities like Portland, Oregon, have employees on their planning staffs who deal with nothing but pedestrian and bicycle safety issues. "For too long city engineers (in St. Paul) have only been concerned about moving cars," she said. "I think one of the reasons people live in the city is that they like to walk. If we really want to have smart growth, we need to plan for pedestrian safety."

The group's next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on August 3 at Liberty State Bank. For information, contact Sherilyn Young at 651-644-1085 or 651-645-6887.



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Macalester College announced last week that it has received a \$25 million gift from the estate of the late John Holl, a long-time supporter of the college and a former president of Seeger Refrigerator Company and Whirlpool executive. The gift will be managed as part of a special trust fund. Holl, who died on April 26 at the age of 93, was a member of the Macalester board of trustees for 27 years. His gift is among the largest the college has ever received. Holl also presented gifts of \$25 million to the St. Paul Foundation and Presbyterian Homes.

David Link, dean of the University of Notre Dame Law School, has been named associate vice president for academic affairs and founding dean of the University of St. Thomas law school, which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2001 on the university's downtown Minneapolis campus. The university is looking to raise between \$75 million and \$100 million over the next 26 months for the project, including \$18 million for a new building, \$4 million for a library and \$2 million in operating funds. Remaining funds will endow professorships and support a program to repay graduate students' loans if they work for a social service agency such as Legal Aid.

Joseph Lally has been named president of the University of St. Thomas Alumni Association. A Macalester-Groveland resident, Lally graduated from St. Thomas in 1986. He received his law degree from William Mitchell and now serves as an assistant attorney general for the state of Minnesota.

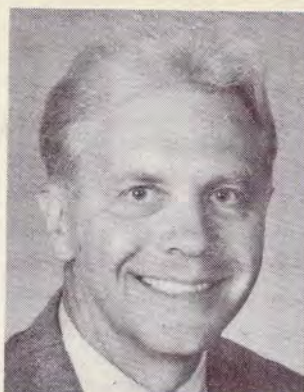
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gust. Students ranging in age from 15-18 will attend a local high school for a semester or a full academic year. They will have their own medical insurance and spending money. For information, call Andrea at 1-800-322-4678, extension 6078.

Thomas Connery has been named dean of the University of St. Thomas' undergraduate college and the graduate programs in English, music education and art history. A former chair of the university's journalism department, Connery had served as the acting dean since last June.

Syri Jo Koelfgen of Mendota Heights, a Ph.D. candidate studying mechanical engineering at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, has been selected to receive a \$20,000 fellowship from the Alabama Space Grant Consortium. Koelfgen plans to use her fellowship to research a cold fusion engine that could power spaceships to other planets. She is a graduate of Sibley High School and holds undergraduate degrees in physics, astrophysics and math from the University of Pennsylvania.

Rebecca Jarvis, who graduated this spring from St. Paul Academy, was one of four students in the nation to receive a \$10,000 scholarship from Target stores recently. She was honored for her more than 1,500 hours of volunteer service, including founding the Minnesota Alliance with Youth and serving on the National Youth Leadership Council. She will be



Thomas Connery

attending the University of Chicago this fall.

The **University of St. Thomas** is seeking families willing to welcome students from Osaka, Japan, into their homes on the weekends of July 30-August 2 and August 6-9. Thirty students are studying English this summer at St. Thomas. They hope to use the weekends to practice their conversational skills and learn about life in the United States. A small stipend is provided to each host family to assist with activities expenses. An orientation for host families will be offered on the evening of Wednesday, July 28. Call 651-962-5990.

Marcy Dowse has been named director of communications at the College of St. Catherine. She previously was director of communications and marketing for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. She also has held positions in marketing and public relations at the Minnesota Zoo and the Children's Theatre Company. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Utah.

Sarah Pumroy of Ramsey Junior High and David Milavetz of Friendly Hills Middle School have won \$300 and \$100, respectively, in the Dr. A.L. and Rose Greenberg Holocaust Essay Contest. Pumroy wrote on the message of the Shoah and her commitment to preventing future holocausts. Milavetz won for his essay on the personal risks that Raoul Wallenberg took to rescue Jews.

Becky Montgomery, a member of the St. Paul School Board, has been named chair of the Council of the Great City Schools. The council represents 6 million children attending 51 of the nation's largest urban public school systems. Its mission is to promote the cause of urban schools and to advocate for inner-city students through legislation, research and media relations.

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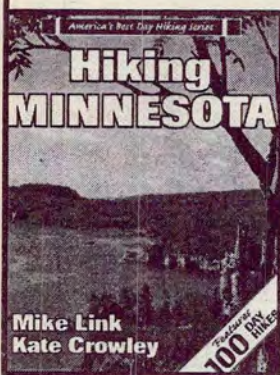
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Housing, height provisions sought in Shepard-Davern plan

by Jane McClure

While discussions continue this week in Highland and at City Hall on the proposed Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan, the St. Paul City Council is being asked to establish a redevelopment plan and tax increment financing (TIF) district for a portion of the Shepard-Davern area.

The City Council, acting as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) board, will consider the TIF district on July 14 for the triangular area bounded by Norfolk Avenue, West 7th and Davern streets. The TIF district would allow the area to be redeveloped using money from the property tax increases that development would otherwise be expected to pay.

The City Council has not endorsed a particular developer or development for the triangular area. Thus far, only one developer has come forward with a plan. Ron Christenson of Minneapolis-based Christenson Building Corporation and Sam Thorpe, former owner of Thorpe Brothers Realty, want to remove more than 40 homes and two businesses in the area and replace them with a \$50 million commercial and residential development. Tentative plans call for a hotel, 10-screen movie theater, two or three restaurants, two office buildings, two retail buildings, a two-level parking ramp and a 30-unit apartment building.

A public hearing on the Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan was held before the St. Paul Planning Commission on July 9.

The plan addresses redevelop-

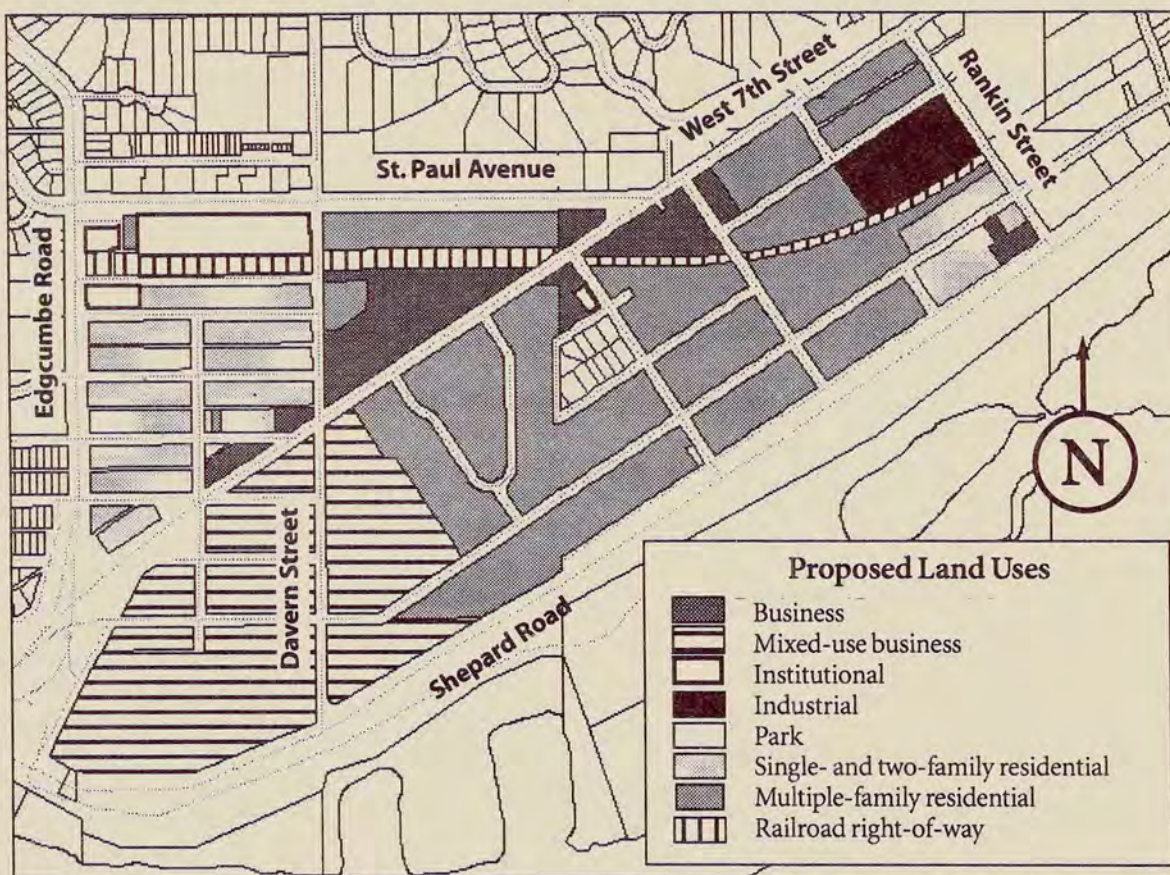
ment in the area bounded by the Mississippi River on the south and west, the Highland Park bluffs on the north and Rankin Street on the east. It calls for adding up to 1,000 new housing units, strengthening the West 7th Street commercial district, transforming West 7th into a more pedestrian-friendly gateway to the city, better connecting the Mississippi River and the neighborhood, and reconstructing Shepard Road as a parkway.

The Highland District Council will address the plan during its meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The council had completed its work on the plan in May, but several amendments that it had approved did not make it into the draft until just before the July 9 public hearing.

Those amendments have since been restored, but because of the error, written comments on the plan will be accepted by the Planning Commission through July 19. The commission is scheduled to address the plan on Friday, July 23. If approved, the plan will be forwarded to the City Council, which will hold another public hearing.

Local residents testifying at the July 9 hearing sought to ensure that the plan called for more affordable housing and endorsed the Mississippi River Corridor's 40-foot building height restriction.

Vic Rosenthal, co-director of Jewish Community Action, complained that the plan omits any mention of affordable housing even though the area has a large immigrant population that would benefit from it. Rosenthal's group is pro-



The proposed Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan seeks to redevelop the portion of Highland Park depicted above according to the land uses indicated.

posing that a percentage of the housing be built for low-income residents and that no one be displaced by housing demolition until replacement housing is available.

Several area residents and staff from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources testified in support of the 40-foot height restriction, which is intended to protect the natural appearance of the Mississippi River Valley.

However, Robert Schreier, director of development with the St. Paul

Department of Planning and Development, said that keeping the 40-foot restriction in place would make it next to impossible to build the quality and number of housing units desired.

Whatever type of redevelopment is chosen for Shepard-Davern, it will have to compete with the lucrative business of providing surface parking lots. The area's proximity to Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport has already enticed the Alamo and Hertz airport rent-a-

car businesses and an airport park-and-ride firm to locate in the area much to the dismay of neighborhood residents.

"The problem is, surface parking makes a lot more money than any type of housing you could come up with," said developer George Sherman.

"It's an extremely profitable use of that type of land," agreed city consultant Dave Sumnicht. "It's better than casinos."

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District 197 to rehire some teachers affected by budget-trimming efforts

by Bill Wagner

After a long dry spell, there is finally some good news regarding School District 197's financial situation.

School officials said last week that from eight to 10 teachers who had previously been laid off will be brought back and the district is planning to hire an assistant business manager to help watch over the budget.

According to assistant superintendent for business affairs Howard Carlson, the changes were made possible by an additional \$1.2 million in state aid for this coming school year. The district had notified 35 teachers in May that they would be laid off in response to a nearly \$3 million budget shortfall. The district also had to either lay off or reduce the hours of 26 clerical and paraprofessional workers.

Other cost-saving measures were made earlier this spring to whittle down the deficit. They included reductions in co-curricular and extracurricular activities, cuts in music stipends and summer marching band, elimination of the dean of students and school nurse positions, reductions in graduation standard allocations and instructional supplies, cuts in the special education program, the institution of all-day, every-other-day kindergarten, reductions in custodial staff, and an increase in student parking, sports and driver's education fees.

"It's sad, because we've had to make cuts that we didn't want to make," Carlson said, "but I'm happy that the Legislature has provided some extra money."

The district had based its staffing for next fall on average class sizes of 25 in grades K-1, 29 in grades 2-4 and 32 in grades 5-12. However, Carlson said it now looks like class sizes will probably be between 15 and 22 for kindergarten and between 19 and 28 for grades 1-4. He did not have figures available for the other grades at that time.

Though he is happy that the district will be able to bring some teachers back, School Board member David Jackson said the amount of money appropriated for schools by the Legislature this year was inadequate. He said the district will merely be playing "catch-up" because it still has bargaining agreements to make with its employees.

"The Legislature barely scratched the surface," Jackson said. "There really weren't any winners."

District 197 discovered the budget shortfall last fall following an audit. Many blamed former Superintendent Robert Monson for the district's financial woes. Board members did not extend Monson's contract, which expired on June 30, and instead hired former Sibley High School principal John Longtin as the new superintendent. Monson recently accepted an interim position as an assistant superintendent in Edina.

City approves permit for Mac dorm

by Jane McClure

Macalester College may use a house at 1576 Summit Ave. as a dormitory for 18 students this fall, the St. Paul Planning Commission has decided. The commission unanimously approved the college's request for a special condition use permit on June 25.

The Summit Avenue Residential Preservation Association and the Macalester-Groveland Community Council had opposed the permit request. Both groups were concerned that it might set a precedent, encouraging colleges to buy apartment buildings near campus knowing they could convert those buildings to student housing through a zoning code provision.

Larry Soderholm of the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development said that though colleges have been allowed to have smaller residential buildings outside their campus boundaries, city zoning regulations do not allow for larger dormitories off campus. Macalester, for example, has operated several language houses outside of its boundaries, and other colleges have sororities or fraternities outside their boundaries.

Macalester, which has 87 students on a waiting list for housing, has already begun converting 1576 Summit Ave. to student housing. The project's cost is expected to exceed \$500,000.

Macalester will use the property as a dorm

during the next two years while it discusses its long-term use with neighborhood representatives, according to Donna Kelly, the college's neighborhood liaison. Kelly said Macalester may seek to include the Summit Avenue property within the campus boundaries.

Because the house is located in the Summit Avenue West Historic District, exterior work and the demolition of a garage will require the approval of the St. Paul Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The garage, like all buildings in a historic district, is on the National Register of Historic Places.

According to Macalester, 1576 Summit Ave. has not been used as a single-family home for at least 25 years. In fact, the college used it and an adjacent home at 1568 Summit Ave. as student and faculty housing for years before selling them in 1983.

Brothers William Stahley and David Staeheli bought the two homes in 1988 with the intent of turning them back into single-family homes. But a fire in July 1992 destroyed 1568 Summit Ave., prompting the filing of arson charges against Stahley. The Ramsey County Attorney's Office alleged that the fire had been set because the brothers could not make a balloon payment on the property. However, Stahley was acquitted in June 1994.

The burned-out house stood boarded up until the City Council ordered it demolished in late 1993.

Rondo Days set to hit the street July 17

Marching bands, music and a drill team competition will highlight the 17th annual Rondo Days Parade and Festival on Saturday, July 17.

A 100-unit parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. from St. Peter Claver Church on Oxford Street and wend its way to Martin Luther King Park on Kent Street.

Following the parade, the Rondo Days Festival will be held in the park from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Music will be provided by a variety of jazz, rap and rhythm and blues groups. Children's games, clowns, face-painting, food and refreshments will also be

featured.

Rondo Days will be capped off with the largest drill team competition in the region beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Roy Wilkins Auditorium. About 20 of the Midwest's top drill teams will be competing for prizes in a display of dance, showmanship and creativity.

Those who want to get a jump on the festivities are invited to a senior citizen social from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, July 16, at St. Peter Claver. The free program will include food, beverages and entertainment.

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Fear makes world go 'round

Author posits that behind many a successful man lies the fear of being found incompetent

by Bob Gilbert

Professor Kenneth O. Doyle is happiest when he can apply his considerable intellect to a single problem or issue. For his new book, *The Social Meaning of Money and Property*, the Summit Avenue resident did just that. Over the course of five years, Doyle digested an enormous amount of written material, reorganized it and posited new theories about the relationship between psychology and money.

His book draws from psychology, economics, neurology, physics, history, anthropology, religion and international law. From these diverse bodies of knowledge, he has come to a conclusion about why money means different things to different people.

If it sounds complicated, it is. His book is no light reading. The notes, references, index and appendix account for 68 pages alone. Doyle, who teaches at the University of Minnesota, tried to make the book academically rigorous enough to please his colleagues, but clear enough for the layman.

Money's function as a talisman is the central concept of the book. A talisman is a device that is believed to confer on its bearer special protection—like a rabbit's foot, a lucky coin or a St. Christopher medal—and that's what Doyle considers money to be.

"To make a theory of the meaning of money I had to find a theory of personality that pleased me," Doyle said. "But none did, so I had to piece these things together myself. It's my belief that fear is what makes the world go 'round

and fear is what's behind one's relationship to money.

"The core of breathless achievement is incompetence," he said. "A guy who is putting all his energy into building and achieving, having more money than he can spend, that guy is afraid of being seen as incompetent—by himself, by his dad or by his peers."

Despite the academic context of the work, Doyle said his interest in the topic came from a traumatic episode in his own life—his divorce 14 years ago. His initial intent was to make sense of his divorce, which in part was caused by the different relationship he and his wife had with money. Several years ago, when *Worth* magazine did a cover story about couples and money, they used Doyle's research to help document the issues involved in what is a significant but largely unspoken issue in many marriages—financial psychology.

"One of the most interesting things to me is that when it comes to marriage, opposites attract and then proceed to drive each other crazy," Doyle said. "This is especially true when it comes to money, and it's a major issue in why many couples break up. But the conflict has precious little to do with money itself."

Doyle believes that part of the problem is that many men aspire to be achievers while women aspire to be affiliators. He pointed to the conflict in Greek mythology between Hermes, the god of business, and Hestia, the goddess of the hearth. The conflict represents the values of downtown versus the home, he said.

According to Doyle, both Hermes and Hestia fail to understand that they are merely behaving in accordance with how their brains are wired and that the values each holds dear convinces each that the other is crazy.

Doyle brings a wide variety of experience to his writing. He was a monk for 10 years with the Catholic Society of the Divine Savior in Milwaukee and served for a time in the Vatican. He went on to graduate school in psychology and then joined the faculty at the University of Minnesota, teaching courses in psychological measurement and statistics. He later grew bored with that discipline and took a job as a financial planner at a small firm in downtown Minneapolis.

After several years in the world of high finance, including three years advising the Prairie Island American Indians on how to invest their income from the Treasure Island casino, Doyle returned to the U of M. He is currently teaching courses in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications on "Minorities and the Media" and advertising and persuasion.

Doyle believes that the core values of a healthy society lie somewhere between the pursuits of material wealth and personal connections. "You can run amok in either direction—achievement or affiliation," he said.

"Some people need symbols of success to defeat their feelings of inadequacy and they do so by accumulating things. But kids don't need \$200 sneakers and parents don't need \$60,000 cars.



Author Ken Doyle relaxes in the library of his Summit Avenue home. He will discuss his theories on society and money at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, at the Merriam Park Library. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

"The opposite happens in collective societies, which are so focused on affiliation that they become inbred and paralyzed," he said. "It's like the strangle hold of communism and other co-dependent societies where everybody is so emotionally hooked into everyone else that no

one can do a thing."

Doyle will discuss his theories of society and money at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. The program is sponsored by the Hungry Mind Bookstore. Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

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Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

TOWNHOMES PROPOSED FOR I-35E BLUFF

The Macalester-Groveland Community at its meeting on July 8 discussed a proposal by developer John Kratz to build seven townhomes on the bluff above I-35E between Juliet and Palace avenues.

The community council in 1997 opposed a similar proposal by Kratz for eight townhomes at the same site. However, that development was taller and was described by its neighbors as being barracks-like and not compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. The earlier proposal also required the vacation of Palace Avenue and a variance from the city zoning code. The St. Paul Planning Commission agreed with the community council's recommendation and rejected the proposal.

Several neighbors and some community council members spoke in opposition to the current proposal as well. Its seven townhomes would be grouped in blocks of five and two in what is known as a cluster development. However, the full council decided that the new design is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. The complaint that it obstructs the view from the windows of existing homes was discounted since the townhomes are no taller than the single-family homes that could be built on the site without any input from the neighborhood.

Concern was also raised about softening the view of the townhomes with landscaping. The builder was asked to pro-

vide the city's Zoning Committee with a detailed landscaping plan in hopes that the Planning Commission will require that trees be planted between the development and adjacent homes. The Zoning Committee will make its recommendations on the development following a public hearing on Thursday, July 15.



Macalester-Groveland neighborhood by grids

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS OFFERED

Firststar Bank will hold an open house on Saturday, July 31, for area residents who are interested in finding out more about the Middle Income and Moderate Income home improvement loan programs. The open house will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Firststar, 757 S. Cleveland Ave. The first 50 people to arrive will receive a free brass door knocker.

Loan officers will be available to process applications and answer questions. People interested in applying for a loan that day should bring along estimates for the work they would like performed, their most recent pay stub and homeowners insurance information.

Through the Middle Income Fix-Up Fund, Macalester-Groveland residents may apply for an unsecured loan of up to

\$10,000. Repayment is made over a five-year period at the prime interest rate.

The Moderate Income Fix-Up Fund is available to Macalester-Groveland residents who are at or below certain income levels. They may borrow between \$1,000 and \$10,000. The loans are secured at 1/2 percent below the prime interest rate and are repayable over 5 years. Applicants may be eligible to receive 20 percent of their loan as a grant that does not need to be paid back.

For more information, call Firststar at 651-698-7400 or the community council at 651-695-4000.

NEXT SUMMER'S STREET PAVING PLANNED

Residential streets in the area bounded by St. Clair, Cleveland, Fairview, and Randolph avenues are scheduled for paving next summer. In addition to pavement, they will be receiving new curbs, boulevard trees and lantern-style street lights.

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council's Transportation Committee will meet on Monday, July 19, to discuss incorporating some traffic-calming measures into the paving project. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. For more information, call Kathie Tarnowski at 651-695-4000.

GROVELAND PLAYGROUND

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10, to further review plans for the renovation of the playground at the Groveland Recreation Center. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Groveland. Anyone interested in helping to plan the project is invited to attend. For more information, call the community council office at 651-695-4000.

Snelling-Hamline COUNCIL CAPSULE

BOARD VACANCIES

There are four open seats on the board of the Snelling-Hamline Community Council. Anyone who lives or represents a business within the area bounded by Ayd Mill Road and Summit, Snelling, University and Hamline avenues is eligible to sit on the board. An election will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 5, at Liberty State Bank, 176 N. Snelling Ave. For more information, call executive director Karen Dalton at 651-644-1085.

URBAN GARDEN GAIT

The fifth annual Urban Garden Gait, a walking tour of the gardens in the Snelling-Hamline neighborhood, will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 18. The event is organized by neighborhood residents as a fund-raiser for the com-

munity council. Tour-goers will be able to view a wide range of greening efforts, including water gardens and a Japanese garden. Garden Gait guides are available in advance for \$4.00 at Cahoot's Coffee Bar, 1562 Selby Ave. They also will be available on the day of the tour for \$5.00. For information, call the Snelling-Hamline office at 651-644-1085.

STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS

The Snelling-Hamline Community Council is seeking local residents to help promote pedestrian safety on Snelling Avenue. Activities will be conducted during evening rush hour on Monday, September 13, along the entire length of the avenue. They could include any or all of the following:

- Installing banners and large signs up and down the avenue urging motorists to yield to pedestrians.
- Placing smaller signs in baskets along the street for pedestrians to hold up and wave as they cross the street.
- Using a radar gun with instant roadside readout to show drivers their speeds.
- Having a large contingent of volunteers in T-shirts lining the street to encourage motorists to slow down.

- Distributing flyers and door-hangers on adjacent blocks.
- Holding streetside picnics to emphasize the need to make the street more livable.
- Having local radio and TV stations broadcasting live from the busiest intersections.

Those who are interested in participating in this event or in helping to recruit other volunteers are asked to call community organizer Sherilyn Young at 651-644-1085.

SPECIAL SIGN DISTRICT PLAN

The Snelling-Hamline Community Council is developing a proposal for a special sign district that would prohibit the installation of any new billboards in the neighborhood. The purpose of the plan is to reduce the clutter of advertising signage, protect property values in the neighborhood and encourage investment and beautification along University, Marshall, Snelling, Hamline and Selby avenues.

The special sign district plan will be discussed during a Neighborhood Issues committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, at Liberty State Bank, 176 N. Snelling Ave. For a copy of the plan, call Sherilyn Young at 651-644-1085.

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Mosquitoes are thriving, but all the rain has been a pain for others

by Michael Werner

We all know that April showers bring May flowers, but what did heavy rains in May and June bring for area residents? For Jane Jeffrey of Mendota Heights they brought headaches and frustration. Jeffrey had scheduled a complete makeover of her backyard. A fence and in-ground pool were slated to be built in May with landscaping work to follow. But the rain turned the pool project into a mud bath.

"It's been a total disaster," Jeffrey said. "Instead of being a simple three-week project, which we were told it would be, it dragged out to almost six weeks."

Jeffrey wanted the pool to be finished by early June, in time for her three sons' last day of school. However, work on the pool was only recently completed.

Builders initially feared that their heavy trucks would sink into the mud. "My yard was a big puddle of mud," Jeffrey said. "The children couldn't go outside because as soon as they stepped off the patio they were in mud. It was frustrating."

According to figures kept by the Highland Golf Course, the area was soaked by rain on 26 days during May and June. The National Weather Service, whose records date back to 1891, ranked May 1999 as the ninth wettest May ever with a whopping 7.52 inches of rain, more than 4 inches above average.

Dr. Tony Orecchia of the St. Paul Allergy and Asthma Clinic, 565 S. Snelling Ave., said the combination of rain and warm temperatures this spring made allergies more acute. Many of his patients were complaining about nasal congestion and itchy, watery eyes.

"It's been a bad year for Minnesota and a bad year nationally as well," Orecchia said. "The high degree of moisture is going to have an impact because most of the things people are allergic to thrive in water."

For Merriam Park resident Sean Haley, who is allergic to mold, fungus and pollen,

heavy rain usually spells trouble, but May was a real tear-jerker with a 17-day stretch that included 13 days of rain. "It's really rough right after it rains," he said. "After long stretches of rain I won't feel good for a couple of days."

"I'd be miserable if I didn't take my shots," he said. "This year the way things have gone, I'd probably be laid up."

The rain this summer has washed out a great deal of the outdoor dining trade. W. A. Frost on Selby Avenue, for example, hires an additional 35 people each summer just to accommodate diners who flock to its popular patio. "Our patio is so large you have to plan and structure it like you're opening up a second restaurant every summer," said general manager Robert Crew. "Financially, you're making an investment each summer and weather plays a big part in it. So far this year it's been up and down. It would've been a lot better if the weather had been better."

The rains have also tested the mettle of Eva Oswald, owner of the Garden of Eva floral shop on Marshall Avenue. Part of Oswald's business comes from decorating weddings, and the rains have washed out many well-laid marriage plans. Oswald recalls one incident vividly. She was driving to an outdoor garden wedding when she received a call. The rain, she learned, had forced the wedding to move to an indoor location on the other side of town.

"We had to redo some of the arrangements because they were made for outdoor displays," Oswald said. "We were reworking them right up until the time the wedding party walked in, but we got it done and it turned out very nice."

Readers who somehow think they have escaped the pain of this year's rain, be warned. The unofficial state bird is flocking in record numbers to a barbecue near you. According to Mike McLean of the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District, the heavy rains of April, May and June have helped produce the biggest crop of mosquitoes in five years.

For Sean Haley, who is allergic to mold, fungus and pollen, heavy rain usually spells trouble, but May was a real tear-jerker with a 17-day stretch that included 13 days of rain.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Beth Wiggins has been promoted to vice president of community services for DARTS, a non-profit organization that provides transportation and other social services to seniors in Dakota County. A resident of Minneapolis' Longfellow neighborhood, Wiggins has been employed at DARTS since 1990 as manager of family resources, education, home services and social services.

John Olin has been elected president of the Northwest Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers. A resident of the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood, Olin is the safety administrator for Frontier Communications in Burnsville.

John E. Diehl of Summit Hill has been named chair of the Health Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association. Diehl is a senior shareholder with the Bloomington



John Diehl

firm of Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren practicing in the areas of corporate taxation law and regulatory compliance for the health care industry. A former general counsel for the University of Minnesota Hospitals and Clinics, Diehl supervised the Health Maintenance Organization of the Minnesota Department of Health from 1973 to 1975.

Women in the Trades will hold a free orientation session for women considering a career in the building trades at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, in the Minnesota Women's Building, 550 Rice St. To register, call 651-228-9955 by July 15.


Dr. Marvin Odegaard has joined Sterling Optical at 2061 Ford Pkwy. He previously was associated with Pearle Vision in Highland.

Jerry Showalter, president of Jade Inc., which owns the Citgo station at Snelling and I-94, has been elected president of the Midway Chamber of Commerce. Other officers include vice president Ferd Peters, secretary Paul Heinerscheid and treasurer Catherine Holtzclaw. Also elected to the board were Mark Ellson, Barbara Lundeen, Barbara Stromer, Steve Wellington and Steve Whitaker.



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SHEPARD-DAVERN PLAN MOVES FORWARD

The St. Paul Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan on July 9. Issues raised at the meeting included studying the implications for changing Edgcombe Road to an at-grade crossing at West 7th Street, keeping the 40-foot height restriction in the river corridor and replacing affordable housing units that could possibly be lost to future development.

The plan will now go to the Planning Commission's Neighborhood Committee. The St. Paul City Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the plan later this summer before adopting it as part of the city's comprehensive plan.

FORD TO CONSTRUCT STORAGE FACILITY

At its June 24 meeting, the Highland District Council voted in favor of the Ford Motor Company's request for a variance from the 40-foot height restriction in the Mississippi River Corridor. Ford had originally asked for a variance of 45 feet, but agreed to a 25-foot variance. The remaining 20 feet of its new facility will be built underground.

The variance will allow Ford to build a new automated facility for moving truck bodies between its Highland Park assembly plant and painting facility. The St. Paul Planning Commission approved the variance request on July 9.

BOARD MEETS JULY 15

The next meeting of the Highland District Council will be at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. For information, call the HDC office at 651-695-4005.

CRIME PREVENTION HELP

A slight increase in residential burglaries has been reported in the Highland area this summer. Many of the reports involve garage break-ins. Residents are encouraged to secure their garages with a good lock.

Those heading out of town for a weekend or longer should stop their newspaper and mail or make arrangements to have them picked up daily. They also should have someone cut the grass and have a neighbor keep an eye on the home.

For other safety tips or information on setting up a block club, call the HDC's new crime prevention coordinator, Linda Moeller, at 651-695-4005.

SENIOR NEWS

The Merriam Park Senior Program will present the following programs in the coming weeks: a summer picnic with entertainment on Wednesday, July 14 (\$2.25 for lunch); a 55 Alive refresher course on Tuesday, July 20 (\$16.50); and a trip to see *Charley's Aunt* at the Fanny Hill Theater on Wednesday, July 21 (\$45). For information, call 651-645-7424.

Driver improvement refresher programs for those 55 and older will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at the Jewish Community Center (call 651-698-0751), and from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, at the Merriam Park Community Center (call 1-888-234-1294).

A Senior's Town Hall will be hosted by Congressman Bruce Vento from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 17, in Senate Hearing Room 15 of the State Capitol. Vento will release a report on prescription drug costs and field questions from the audience. Special guests will include Kate Stahl of the Minnesota Senior Federation and Rob Fulton of the St. Paul/Ramsey County Department of Public Health. For information, call 651-224-4503.



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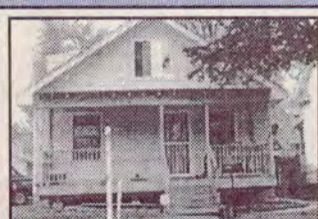


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Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1935 St. Clair Ave., is offering special forums and worship services on Wednesday nights throughout the summer. The schedule includes a forum on "Does God Still Heal? Healing in the Christian Tradition" at 7:00 p.m. on July 14, followed by a service of healing, and a contemporary service of vespers, "Holden Evening Prayer," with music by Marty Haugen at 7:00 p.m. on July 21. For information, call 651-699-6886.

The Temple of Aaron Synagogue, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd., will offer the following activities in the next two weeks: a special

RELIGIOUS NOTES

service for parents with young children at 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 23; and a "Learner's Minyan" at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 24. For information, call 651-698-8874.

"Past Lives, Dreams and Soul Travel" will be presented by the Minnesota Satsang Society at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. Admission is free. For more information,

call 651-771-1165.

Registration is now being accepted for the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, now in its ninth year at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. A partnership with Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the two-year program offers an opportunity to explore Judaism from a cross-denominational point of view. Students meet for 2 1/2 hours once a

week. The cost is \$300 for JCC members and \$335 for others. For information, call Sheryl Gross at 651-698-0751.

The Franciscan Sisters of St. Paul, 1388 S. Prior Ave., recently named Sr. Mary Wolfe as its regional director, Sr. Mary Lucy Scheffler as first councilor and Sr. Mary Louise Dolezal as second councilor.

Bethel Christian Fellowship, 1466 Portland Ave., will offer "The Best Story Ever," a free day camp for children entering grades K-6, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, August 2-6. For information or to register, call 651-645-1534.

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A map of Randolph Avenue with various businesses and landmarks marked. From left to right, the markers are: FAIRVIEW AVE., Mississippi Market, Randolph Cleaners, HAYES RESIDENCE, SNELLING AVE., St. Patrick's Guild, HAMLIN AVE., P.J. Murphy's Bakery, LEXINGTON PKWY., and WEST 7TH ST. There are asterisks under the letters R, A, N, D, O, L, P, H, A, V, E, N, U, E. A note at the bottom says "* - Wear It Again, Kids".

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A FAMILY FUN DAY will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today at Historic Fort Snelling. There will be hands-on frontier activities for families and costumed actors will portray 1820s officers, soldiers, cooks, laundresses and storekeepers. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and free for children ages 6-15 accompanied by an adult. Call 612-726-1171.

Thursday/July 15

LA LECHE LEAGUE (St. Paul Metro chapter) will meet at 7:00 this evening. The discussion will focus on the advantages of breastfeeding to mom and baby. For meeting location information, call 651-645-3083.

THE RAMSEY COUNTY FAIR will take place from noon to 11:00 p.m. beginning today and continuing through Sunday on White Bear Ave. at Frost in Maplewood. There will be carnival rides, food booths, racing pigs, a children's petting zoo, bingo, livestock shows, bands and much more. Admission is free. Half-price tickets for carnival rides will be available prior to the fair. For information, call 651-770-2626.

A WORKSHOP on the rights and responsibilities of homeownership for first-time homebuyers will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 this evening and on July 15 and 22 at the Martin Luther King Center, 270 N. Kent St. The classes are free, but there will be a \$20 fee for a credit report. To register, call 651-222-0311.

Saturday/July 17

"THE ART AND ARTISTS of the State Capitol," a 90-minute guided tour of the state Capitol, will be offered at 1:30 this afternoon. Visitors will also get a chance to view the golden Quadriga on the roof if weather permits. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children. For reservations, call 651-296-2881.

THE RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE will be stationed at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy., from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today. There is a special need for type-O blood. For information, call the Red Cross at 651-291-4607.

FOUR CORNERS FEST, a neighborhood celebration, will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today at the intersection of 42nd Ave. S. and 38th St. E. in Minneapolis. There will be entertainment, including children's activities, live music, free movies, crafts and more. Fairview Hiawatha Clinic will hold a health fair from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday/July 18

THE "RACE FOR ACTION" will kick off its third annual event today on Warner



Norwegians have their day. Faye Moen, pictured with husband Ardell in the background, presided over her Scandinavian doll creations during Norway Day last Sunday at Minnehaha Park. The celebration included a worship service in the park, followed by a barnetog (children's parade), arts and crafts show, ethnic food and traditional Scandinavian folk music, singing and dancing. Pictured below, the flag of Norway waves over the Norden Orchestra as it performs in the park. Photos by Brad Stauffer.



Landing, at the corner of Jackson and Warner Road. A 5K run/walk will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by a free, kid's half-mile fun run at 10:00 a.m. There will also be music and entertainment. Children who bring a school supply will have the opportunity to enter a drawing to have Mayor Coleman come to their school for a day. The cost for the adult run is \$15 in advance or \$18 on the day of the race. Call 612-573-3730.

A GARDEN TOUR will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood. Tickets, priced at \$12 for adults and \$4.00 for children, will be sold beginning at 9:00 a.m. the day of the tour on the lawn of the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave.

THE URBAN GARDEN GAIT will take place from 1:00 to 5:00 this afternoon in the Snelling-Hamline neighborhood. The theme of this year's self-guided tour is water gardens within small urban yards. There will also be a gardeners' marketplace and a raffle to win a 42-gallon container pond. All activities will begin on the green space at Summit Ave. and Syndicate St. Tickets will be available for \$4.00 in advance at Cahoots and Tracy 1-Stop or \$5.00 the day of the tour. For information, call 651-644-1085.

Monday/July 19

A COMPUTER CLASS to learn what the Internet is all about will meet from 6:30 to

8:30 beginning this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The class will continue tomorrow and Wednesday evening. The cost is \$40, or \$30 for JCC members. To register, call 651-698-0751.

Wednesday/July 21

THE CHEROKEE HEIGHTS GARDEN Club will hold its annual flower show from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today on the lower level of the Mendota Heights City Offices, at Hwy. 110 and Lexington Ave. in Mendota Heights.

"LIGHT THE NIGHT," a special community event for crime prevention, will take place from 6:00 to 9:00 this evening at the Como Lakeside Pavilion. The event will kick off with a speaker's forum on "Preventing Youth Violence." There also will be a free concert performed by Billy McLaughlin and many activities for children. For information, call Paul Esch at 651-501-7979.

Thursday/July 22

"NORTHSTAR '99," one of America's largest train shows, will be held from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. beginning today at RiverCentre. The show will continue from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. tomorrow and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$8.00 for those ages 12 and over and \$4.00 for children ages 6-12. Multiple-day passes will be available for \$14.

A POTLUCK PICNIC, sponsored by the Highland Mac-Groveland Family Center, will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 this evening at the Highland Park Pavilion. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share with 12 people. For information, call 651-695-3790.

Sunday/July 25

THE MELPOMENE INSTITUTE will hold its fifth annual Benefit Garden Tour from 1:00 to 5:00 this afternoon. The self-guided tour will begin at the Lutter garden, 1897 Summit Ave., where maps showing the location of the gardens on the tour will be available. Tickets will be \$10 in advance by calling 651-642-1951 or at the Lutter garden on the day of the tour for \$15.

A NEXT-TO-NEW SALE will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. today and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. tomorrow at the Temple of Aaron, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd.

THE CASS GILBERT SOCIETY will host two strolls through the historic neighborhood at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. today beginning at Nathan Hale Park. Ten houses will be featured on the tour. The cost is \$10 payable at the park. Call 651-291-1541 to record your name and which time you would like to attend.

Tuesday/July 27

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Board plans \$3.25 million upgrade of paths along Minnehaha Creek

by Eric Nathanson

Minnehaha Creek has been a local attraction ever since Colonel Josiah Snelling's son, Will, blazed the first creekside trail in the early 1820s. Last year, more than 800,000 people hiked and biked along the creek, which meanders through South Minneapolis before cascading over Minnehaha Falls and wending its way to the Mississippi River.

However, years of intensive use have taken a toll on the trails and walkways that follow the creek. Many are badly rutted and too narrow to accommodate the heavy foot and pedal traffic. All along the creek, pedestrian and bicycle paths are not adequately separated. At several points, the creek banks that adjoin the trails are eroded and need repair.

Next year, the Minneapolis Park Board will start attacking these problems when it implements a master plan for the Minnehaha Creek trail system. The \$3.25 million plan, which is funded mainly by federal transportation dollars, calls for rebuilding the paths along the 4-mile stretch of the creek between Lake Harriet and Hiawatha Avenue. Bridges will be repaired, trees will be planted and informational kiosks will be installed.

The plan was developed by a citizens advisory committee that has been working with Minneapolis Park Board staff this spring. The committee was able to reach a consensus about the plan's direction earlier this month, but it had to reconcile some conflicting goals for the parkway system, according to Joan Neimiec, the Park Board director of community planning.

"There's always a strong desire to keep the parkway system in its natural, pristine state as

much as possible," she said, "but there's also a strong desire to maximize opportunities for recreational uses. We had to make compromises as we often have to do in these projects."

"Some people wanted greater separation between the bike and foot paths, with the foot paths widened through the more heavily wooded areas," she said. "But safety considerations prompted us to bring the two paths closer together in places." The paths also were narrowed in some cases to preserve trees.

Known formally as the Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail, the project area is considered to be a regional, not merely a local, natural resource. "Initially, we had expected the Metropolitan Council to fund about 40 percent of the operating costs for these regional facilities, which includes the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes and Minnehaha Park," Neimiec said. "But regional funding covers only about 6 percent of our operating costs for these facilities."

The existing Minnehaha Creek pathway system extends into Minnehaha Park, but the master plan terminates at Hiawatha Avenue on the western edge of the park. Hiawatha Avenue and Minnehaha Parkway constitute a major traffic barrier for people who bike and hike into the park, but that barrier should be eliminated when the state builds the long-awaited land bridge over Highway 55. The bridge will allow pedestrians and cyclists to cross over into the park from the Minnehaha Creek trail without having to confront Hiawatha Avenue traffic.

The Park Board plans to begin work on the Minnehaha Creek master plan next spring. Some sections of the trail may be closed temporarily during the construction period.

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NAMES in the NEWS

Four area residents were among 16 people who were awarded a total of \$498,000 in grants through St. Paul Companies' Leadership Initiatives in Neighborhoods program this spring. Alfred Hare Harrison of Minneapolis' Nokomis neighborhood, a clown for the past 30 years, will use his grant to travel to other countries to explore the potential of clowning to defuse tense situations and heal communities. Jane McClure of Merriam Park, a journalist, historian and free-lance writer for the *Villager*, will research methods that neighborhood newspapers can follow to broaden their readership and strengthen themselves financially. John Minczeski, a



Jane McClure

poet from the Lexington-Hamline neighborhood, will study how poetry is used elsewhere to bring citizens together. Kristine Sorensen of the Ramsey Hill neighborhood will study how to help young people use photogra-

phy, film and video to learn to think critically.

Carol McCarty and Bob Webber of Highland Park have been recognized by the Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County for their reforestation efforts in the wake of the storms of 1998. McCarty raised close to \$6,000 from St. Paul corporations and individuals to replace boulevard trees in her neighborhood. She developed a logo for the fund drive and mailed out hundreds of letters asking for donations. Webber, a student last year at William Mitchell College of Law, collected \$1,000 from his classmates and then recruited them to plant 29 trees this spring in Como Park.

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ON THE TOWN

Eye of the author

Highland artist gives shape and color to the imagery of Harry Potter series

by Judy Woodward

It is probably safe to say that elementary school children who do not recognize the work of Mary Grandpré have been watching entirely too much television.

Thanks to Grandpré, a Highland Park resident, children all over America can now spot Harry Potter in a heartbeat. Potter is the

11-year-old black-haired, bespectacled, spell-weaving, wand-waving hero of two best-selling books by English author J.K. Rowling: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

Children love the books, even those who hate reading. As a result, the books have been disappearing from the shelves of local bookstores like, well, magic. Each features the drawings of Grandpré, who has been a professional illustrator for the last 15 years. However, nothing she had ever done before prepared her for the stunning reception that the Harry Potter series has received.

"I got the first call for the project about

two years ago," she said. "It sounded like a nice project, but I never ever thought it would become what it has. I'm as amazed by the success as anybody else."

Though she has yet to meet Rowling, Grandpré said she would very much like to. It was Scholastic Press, the American publisher of the Harry Potter series, who chose her for the assignment.

Grandpré said that the illustrations for each of the Harry Potter books took her about 10 days—five to do the full-color jacket cover and another five for the black-and-white drawings at the beginning of each chapter.

"I read the story through and through," Grandpré said when asked how she prepares to illustrate a book. "Rowling is really easy to work for because she's so descriptive."

However, the books' strengths also presented Grandpré with her biggest artistic challenge.

"The Harry Potter books are very rich and full of character and imagery," she said. "To take so much information and condense it into a book cover is the hardest part."

She also finds it a little tricky shifting gears between children's book illustrations, which

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Mary Grandpré in the studio of her Highland Park home. Photos by Terry Faust.

account for half of her work, and the balance of her career. Grandpré said the same whimsical viewpoint that serves her so well when designing the covers of Harry Potter books needs to be held in check when she is illustrating an annual report for a Fortune 500 company. "There are only so many ways you can draw a guy sitting at a desk," she said.

Life as a commercial artist is all very satisfying for a woman who spent most of her 20s working as a waitress and who might never have changed careers at all if one of her fellow servers had not urged her to go to art school.

Grandpré said she always enjoyed drawing and sold her first pieces at a church bazaar when she was in the 5th grade growing up in Bloomington. But it was not until she attended the Minneapolis College of Art and Design that she discovered the possibilities of being a commercial artist.

After three years at MCAD, Grandpré pulled together her portfolio and "pounded the pavement looking for work from local magazines and other outlets." Then, about five years into her career, she turned her attention to illustrating children's books.

Success did not come immediately, but after several years she got her first commission from a national publisher. In the seven years since then, she has illustrated more than half a dozen children's books. She also drew the landscape scenes for the animated film *Antz*.

These days Grandpré is spending more time around the neighborhood. She works out of a studio that she recently added to the back of the tidy stucco house that she shares with two dogs, a cat and her significant other.

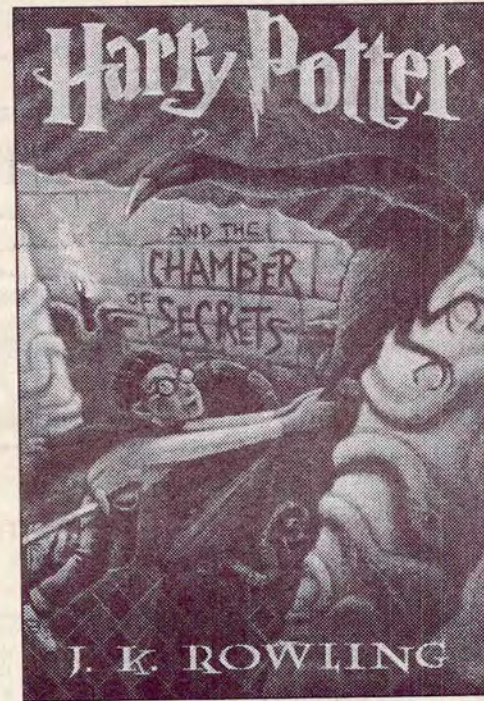
She resists the temptation to spend her free time visiting local bookstores and checking out the displays of her now famous book covers.

Not that she will have that much free time in the next few years anyway. There are at least five more Harry Potter titles scheduled and Grandpré expects to do the art for all of them. Meanwhile, she has a message for young fans of the series everywhere.

"I've read the next Harry Potter book (scheduled to appear in September)," she said, "and it's the best one yet."



Mary Grandpré brings a new character to life for an upcoming publication.



Mary Grandpré's art graces the cover of *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

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The University Theatre has opened the Tony Award-winning musical *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* in Rarig Center, 320 S. 21st Ave., Minneapolis. For ticket information, call 612-624-2345.

The School for Scandal, Richard Brinsley Sheridan's comedic masterpiece of deception, disguise, double dealing and duplicity, has opened at the Guthrie Theater. Performances will continue through July 18. For tickets, priced from \$16 to \$39, call 612-377-2224.

Theatre in the Round Players has opened Lee Blessing's *Independence* in their performance space at 245 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis. The play tells the story of Kess, a professor in Minneapolis, who is called home to Iowa to help her sisters care for their ailing mother, who despite her waning health, has not changed her demanding and manipulative ways. The three very different daughters struggle to find their own heart, their own peace and their own independence. Performances will continue through August 1. For tickets, priced at \$15, call 612-333-3010.

Jolson: A Spectacular Musical, the story of Al Jolson, the "World's Greatest Entertainer," has opened at the Ordway Music Theatre. Performances will

be given at 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, at 2:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and at 7:00 p.m. Sundays through July 25. For tickets, priced from \$10 to \$50, call 651-224-4222.

Park Square Theatre will open *Noises Off*, an ingenious, hysterical farce, that follows the cast of *Nothing On* as they struggle to save their misbegotten production from disaster, on Saturday, July 17, in the Historic Hamm Building, 20 W. 7th Place. Performances will continue through August 29. For tickets, priced from \$9.00 to \$24, call 651-291-7005.

Music



The Vintage Restaurant and Wine Bar, 579 Selby Ave., will offer live music at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays and at 9:00 p.m. on Mondays through Wednesdays. The schedule will include the following performers: Sterling Waters on Sunday, July 18; Dan Schwartz on Monday, July 19; Michael Monroe on Tuesday, July 20; Scott Frazier and Gene Swanson on Sunday, July 25; Dan Schwartz on Monday, July 26; and Paul Frantzich on Tuesday, July 27. There is no cover charge.

The Honeywell Concert Band will perform a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, on the grounds of the Historic Sibley Site in Mendota. For information, call 651-452-1596.

Joan Armitrading will perform at 8:00 p.m. Friday, July 23, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced from \$27 to \$32, call 651-690-6700.

The Minnesota Orchestra will present "Toast of Vienna," a Viennese Sommerfest, this month at Orchestra Hall. Highlights include a concert by a cappella vocal ensemble Canticleer at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, July 25, and a finale of Strauss' *Ariadne Auf Naxos* at 7:30 p.m. Sat-

ON THE TOWN *briefly*



Picnic at the Jungle. Buffy Sedlachek, Karla Reck and Daisy Macklin star in the Jungle Theater's production of *Picnic*. Performances of the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by William Inge continue through August 29 at 709 W. Lake St., Minneapolis. For tickets, priced at \$18, \$22 and \$26, call 612-822-7063.

urday, July 31. There also will be an outdoor Viennese Marktplatz, where American and European food will be sold and live entertainment will be performed over weekday lunch hours, before concerts and after the Saturday night concerts. Tickets will cost \$15 and \$25 for most of the concerts. This year there will also be stage seating available for some of the concerts at \$50. For tickets, call 612-371-5656.

The Singer's Voice, an autobiographical music series hosted by Dan Chouinard, will continue at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Dakota Bar & Grille in Bandana Square with the following: Lyric soprano Tamara

Haskin on June 27. For information, call 651-642-1442.

Exhibits



"Altered Images," an exhibit of photographs by Ann Ginsburgh Hofkin, Ann-Marie Rose, Dorothy Schlesselman and Mary Tortorici, has opened in the Catherine G. Murphy Gallery at the College of St. Catherine. Call 651-690-6644.

"Minnesota Territory, Remembered and Recorded," an exhibit featuring paintings, drawings, prints and books from 1849 to 1900, has opened at the James J. Hill House, 240

Summit Ave. The exhibit will be open for viewing from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays until September 25. The cost is \$1.00.

An exhibit of black and white photos by Walter Kvasnik taken in Beijing, China, is on display at Perkins Restaurant, at Cleveland Ave. and Ford Pkwy.

"Wings of Paradise," an exhibit featuring 62 paintings of the world's most beautiful silk moths by John Cody, has opened in the University of Minnesota's Bell Museum of Natural History, 10 S.E. Church St., Minneapolis. The exhibit will remain on view until August 29. For information, call 612-624-7083.

An exhibit of watercolors by Betty Falk has opened at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For information, call 651-698-0751.

"Hmong Artistry," an exhibit of more than 60 textiles featuring the elaborate needlework of Hmong textile artists, has opened in the Minnesota Museum of American Art at Landmark Center. The exhibit will remain on display until August 22. For information, call 651-292-4355.

"Not Your Ordinary House," an exhibit of drawings and photographs of Minnesota concept houses, is on display at the Ramsey County Historical Society in Landmark Center. The exhibit will remain on display throughout the summer. Admission is free. For information, call 651-222-0701.

"A Gathering of Stitches," an exhibit of historic and contemporary quilts and garments that include quilting, has opened in the Goldstein Gallery in McNeal Hall on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota. The exhibit will be on display until September 12.

An exhibit of functional and sculptural work by faculty members and students has opened at the Northern Clay Center, 2424 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. The exhibit will run until July 25.

"Sunflowers," new paintings by Matthew Smith, has opened at Groveland Gallery, 25 Groveland Terrace, Minneapolis. A group exhibit, featuring the new works of seven Minnesota artists, has also opened in The Annex at Groveland Gallery. The exhibits will remain on view until July 31. For information, call 612-377-7800.

"Eating," an exhibit of art, artifacts and photographs illustrating eating as a social experience and part of Minnesota's economy, has opened at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. For information, call 651-222-7000.

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The Blue River Blues Band—(from left) Andrew Thomas, Nate Heinz, Lucas Rulff and Nick Huebl—will perform on Thursdays, August 19 and 26, in Highland Village as part of the Highland Business Association's third annual Summer Music Festival.

Summer Music Fest returns to Village

Members of the Central High School band will kick off the Highland Business Association's third annual Summer Music Festival on Thursday, July 15.

The seven-week series will feature live music from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. every Thursday in front of the kiosk at Ford Parkway and Cleveland Avenue. Hot dogs, popcorn and shaved ice will be available for purchase along with other items at booths set up near the kiosk.

The schedule includes folk musicians Anne Thompson and Tim Houlihan on July 22 and August 12; a return engage-

ment by members of the Central High School band on July 29; and the Blue River Blues Band, featuring Merriam Park and Macalester-Groveland musicians Nate Heinz, Nick Huebl, Lucas Rulff and Andrew Thomas, on August 19. The performers for August 5 have yet to be announced.

The Blue River Blues Band and the Brio Brass Drum and Bugle Corps will perform for the three-hour festival finale on August 26, scheduled from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. That evening music lovers will be invited to snack on pies served up by the Baker's Square restaurant of Highland Village.

mation, call 651-296-6126.

"NewArt," an exhibit of recent work by Patricia Canelake, Barbara Lea and Mary Gibney, will open with a reception from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at Cafe Latte, 850 Grand Ave. The exhibit will remain on view until October 15.

25. Admission is free. Call 651-690-9443.

A book discussion on *Crossing the Threshold of Hope* will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mondays, July 19 and 26, at Black Bear Crossing Coffee House, 831 Como Ave.

following activities for children at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays: a "Real Wild West Storytime" will be held on July 17; a demonstration of the Zome Bubble shapers and a lesson on what makes bubbles and how it's possible to make square and even octagonal bubbles will be given on July 24; a demonstration on how to make origami flowers and butterflies and a chance to make your own will be held on July 31. For information, call 651-224-8320.

Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy., will offer the following activities for children: take a mini-vacation and hear stories about trips at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 19; and listen to bedtime stories, play games and have treats at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 26. Admission is free. Call 651-690-9443.

"Nine Nights of Family Fun," a free concert series for families, will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through August 31 on the grounds of the Minnesota History Center (families may bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on and a picnic supper). The schedule includes the Mooncoin Ceili Dancers on July 20 and Chuck Thiel and his Jolly Ramblers on July 27. For information, call 651-296-6126.

Family

"Baby Dinosaurs" has opened at the Minnesota Children's Museum. There will be automated dinosaurs in a swampy, prehistoric environment. Children can take a swamp walk, dig for dinosaur bones and fossils and build a dinosaur out of a bag of bones. The exhibit will remain on view until September 6. Call 651-225-6000.

SteppingStone Theatre for Youth Development has opened *The Stinky Cheese Man* in the Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Landmark Center. The play is based on the best-selling comic classic by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith that takes familiar fairy tales and turns them inside out, backside front, upside down and every other direction but straight. Performances will be given at 2:00 p.m. Sundays, at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and also at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays, and at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays through August 1. For tickets, priced at \$6.00, call 651-225-9265.

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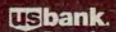
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"Tango Stars in Lowertown," a free performance by Argentine tango dancers Hernan Obispo and Natalia Mazer, will be performed from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. Saturday, July 17, in Mears Park.

Irish set dancing will be taught by Patrick O'Day at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, at the Dubliner Pub, 2162 University Ave. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. For information, call 651-501-0113.



Shakespeare in the Park. Chris Carlson will play the role of Prospero when Shakespeare in the Park presents *The Tempest* at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 16, in Highland Park and on Saturday and Sunday, July 17-18, in Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis. Theater-goers may bring along a picnic supper and a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. The play will also be performed July 23-25 in Kenwood Park in Minneapolis. Admission is free. For

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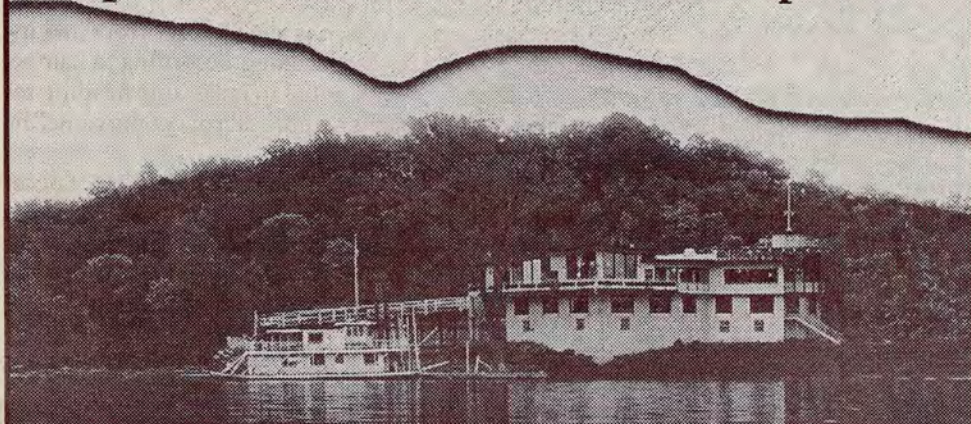


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TOM CODY



Summertime and the lazing around is easy

I am an expert in very few areas, but summertime fun happens to be one of them. The pessimists among us might note that summer is half gone already, while the optimists take delight in all that still remains. I'm one of the latter.

The following list has nothing whatsoever to do with entertaining your children this summer. If they're bored, that's their problem. Rather, this list is offered exclusively for the enjoyment of parents who might want to consider these options before summer slips away:

1. For the best fireworks you'll ever see in this lifetime, join the Pyrotechnic Guild International for its annual convention and show from August 7-13 in Fargo. There are no secret handshakes, just unmitigated pyromania for one and all.
2. Skip the Minnesota State Fair and head to the Lilith Fair on August 25 at Canterbury Downs. For those who can stand feminist politics for one day, it's a great show with the likes of Sheryl Crow, Sarah MacLachlan and the Indigo Girls.
3. Head over to the 20-mile Cannon River Bike Trail. Pedal to the halfway point at Welch and then take either the flat route to Red Wing or the hilly trail to Cannon Falls. Afterward, rent a tube at the Welch Mill and take a 2-hour siesta down the lazy river.
4. Make your way over to Cascade Bay in Eagan. It's a bit crowded, but there are some slick water slides at the metro area's newest water park.
5. Read a book. I just finished Jimmy Buffett's *A Pirate Looks at Fifty* and thoroughly enjoyed it. There are lots of boy toys and extravagant adventures in this Caribbean travelogue.
6. Go fishing. It's a little-known state law that each resident of the Land of 10,000 Lakes is required to wet a line at least once each summer. I'll be making my annual contribution to the DNR this weekend by heading up to the North Shore in search of natural air conditioning.
7. Work in the garden. Just kidding. I only wanted to see if you were still reading. I'd rather watch Adam Sandler movies than weed the garden.
8. See County Stadium before it's torn down this fall. And make sure to try the Secret Stadium Sauce on your brat. A Ball Park Tours bus trip to Milwaukee's and Detroit's doomed stadiums leaves next week and spaces are still available. Call 651-227-3437.
9. Go see the Minnesota Lynx play. You've got to give women's professional basketball at least one chance. Besides,

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Soccer Docs

Firm promotes heads-up play with fewer injuries

by Paul Preimesberger

When George Halvorson's son Charles suffered a concussion in a soccer game five years ago, the Summit Hill father set out in search of a product that would allow the then 7-year-old Charles to continue playing during his recovery. Halvorson was unable to find anything on the market, so he sewed a wad of life-jacket foam into a skier's headband and sent his son back onto the field.

Then three years ago, Nick Long, the son of Bob Long of Macalester-Groveland and a teammate of Charles, suffered a concussion in a soccer game. The two fathers decided to develop a product for soccer players that might prevent head injuries. They contacted John Lampe of Macalester-Groveland, a friend of Long and a part-time product designer. Lampe began tinkering with Halvorson's creation, altering the thickness and experimenting with various designs.

"We'd put (the experimental headgear) on our kids' heads, send them out to the backyard and throw them headers to see if the designs worked and if the kids liked them," Long said.

In 1997 the three men founded the firm Soccer Docs to design, test and market the headgear. They also hired Dr. Mariusz Ziejewski, an associate professor of engineering at North Dakota State University and an adjunct professor of neuroscience at the University of North Dakota, to research the effectiveness of their prototypes.

This spring the trio unveiled Headers, a padded foam headband that not only protects a soccer player against incidental contact, but lessens the impact when heading the ball. Depending on the severity of the impact, Headers can reduce the strain on the brain by more than 50 percent, according to Ziejewski.

Long has introduced Headers to the soccer camps operated by Alan Merrick of Minnesota Kicks fame and Buzz Lagos, coach of the Minnesota Thunder professional soccer team. Thunder players have tried Headers out during



Bob Long, co-founder of Soccer Docs, demonstrates the firm's protective headband with the aid of his son Nick, 10, who suffered a concussion in a soccer game three years ago. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

practice drills and their reaction has been uniformly positive, according to Lagos, a Macalester-Groveland resident and member of the Soccer Docs advisory board.

"I was impressed with Headers," Lagos said. "They came up with a futuristic, lightweight, well-designed piece of equipment."

Margie Larson of Highland Park has three children ages 10, 11 and 13 wearing Headers. "I'm all for them," she said. "Anything to make kids safer."

Lagos views the risk to the brain from heading a soccer ball as infinitesimal. "Heading a soccer ball doesn't jar the brain that much—not enough to do any damage," he said. "Now, if you do it hundreds of thousands of times, like a professional soccer player, and you're dealing with hard, wet, cold, muddy soccer balls, then you can start to have some effect."

Long acknowledged that "the statistical testing of 10-year-olds for that kind of repetitive head injury doesn't exist, but what we're seeing is all kinds of

anecdotal and statistical evidence, which is why the American Academy of Pediatrics has classified soccer as a contact sport. Statistically, there are as many concussions in soccer as there are in football."

For Lagos, Headers' greatest value is as a training tool. "It provides a padding that takes away the pain (of heading the ball) for young players," he said. "It also provides a spot where you can head the ball accurately, and it helps you develop the correct technique. It's actually a great device for improving your ability to head a soccer ball."

Which is what Soccer Docs had intended all along, according to Lampe. "We wanted to make sure heading remains an integral part of the game," he said.

The head referee for the U.S. Soccer Federation has assured Soccer Docs that Headers will be allowed in games anywhere in the United States. The product, which retails for \$24.95, is be-

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Professional motorcycle racer Jim Povolny worked on a friend's bike before heading off to a Motocross competition in Los Angeles last week. Photo by Terry Faust.

Povolny is poised to jump into motorcycle racing's national elite

by Bill Wagner

Jim Povolny got his first motorized bike as a birthday present from his father when he was 5 years old. From that moment on, he knew what he wanted to do for a living.

Povolny, now 23 and a resident of Mendota Heights, is working to establish himself as one of the top professional motorcycle racers in the country. He competes in Supercross in indoor stadiums during the fall and winter and in Motocross on outdoor tracks throughout the summer.

"Supercross is a little more high speed," Povolny said, "but I like both types of racing pretty much the same. Motocross is one of the most physically demanding sports around. You need to be able to control your body and your bike. I think I've been moderately successful."

Povolny, who has won several races in Minnesota in recent years, jumped from the amateur to professional ranks five years ago. "I actually turned pro when I was still in high school," said Povolny, a 1994 Sibley graduate.

Povolny figures he is on a pace to win a national competition soon. Earlier this season, he placed sixth in a Supercross race in Daytona and seventh at the East Coast 125 Series. Last month, a bad cold kept him from finishing among the elite during a Motocross race in Southwick, Massachusetts, but he recovered nicely to finish 15th overall in Maryland.

"The bike was running well in Maryland," he said. "I was happy with my effort."

Last week he was off again, first to Michigan and then to California. "I like to travel, so this is perfect for me," he said.

According to Povolny, a successful rider needs to possess upper and lower body strength in order to make it through Supercross races, which last 15-20 minutes, or Motocross, which goes about 35 minutes. It is not how fast you go through the course—top speeds are about 55 mph—but how successful you navigate the terrain and man-made obstacles.

"You have to be able to muscle the bike for long periods of time," he said. "It can be tough

on your body. You have to have stamina."

Povolny has scars from knee surgery, a broken leg and a broken collarbone, a reminder that winning does not come easily. He works with local mechanic Kevin Sidwell of Hopkins to keep his Yamaha motorcycle in tune for competition and with South Carolina trainer Dennis Nedsker to keep his body in shape.

"He's had his fair share of broken bones," said his mother, Deb, "but I feel better about watching him now because he's more experienced."

Povolny started racing as an amateur in 1991 and turned pro three years later. He is currently competing in the 125cc class and plans to eventually move up to 250cc. Though motorcycle racing is a largely unheralded sport, he noted that there are now some 750 riders who compete in amateur Motocross in Minnesota.

"You have to be willing to work hard to stay competitive," he said. "The talent in this sport comes in spurts. You find some people who are really good, but not on a steady basis. But there are some riding schools springing up and young people are getting interested. The place where it's really big is California."

Although he loves the thrill of the race, Povolny admits that riding is taxing and that most riders' careers are short-lived. "You don't find too many people over 30 getting into it," he said. "Once you hit that age, you're pretty much at the end of the rope."

Povolny said he feels good about his future. He receives sponsorship money to help with his traveling expenses and shares in enough purses to make ends meet. It is not uncommon, he said, for a rider to take home \$20,000-\$25,000 for winning a national motorcycle competition.

"You don't get as rich in this sport as you do in golf," said Povolny, who helps out in the family's construction business when he is not racing, "but it's a lot of fun. Like I said, I like to travel and see the country. And if I can win a race or two along the way, so much the better."

Headers

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ing sold at soccer camps and tournaments and at Minnesota Thunder games, where Soccer Docs has sponsored half-time heading contests. Headers also may be purchased over the Internet at www.soccerdocs.com and they soon will be available in such retail stores as Soccer Express, Soccer USA and Play It Again Sports.

While wearing Headers in games, Larson's

11-year-old daughter Ellen has not headed a ball or banged her head against another object. However, she can attest to another benefit of the headgear.

In the heat of competition, she said, "you can pour a bucket of cold water on it and it soaks it up. It's like having air conditioning on your head."

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the tickets are cheap. The Houston Comets will be in town July 25. Any woman who is screaming for gender equity in sports has a responsibility to attend.

10. Take a nap. I mean a good one—out cold. Not one of those hammock jobs, but one that leaves you totally disoriented when you wake up.

WOLF SCAT

First-round pick Wally Szczerbiak seems to be a perfect fit for the Minnesota Timberwolves. The small forward can shoot from outside, which was the club's most glaring offensive weakness last season.

William Avery, the Wolves' second pick in the first round, is another long-range sharpshooter. His arrival gives Minnesota insurance at the point, but signals the imminent departure of Bobby Jackson.

However, the Wolves still have major problems to address. Terrell Brandon must be signed—or signed and traded. The Wolves have to acquire a front-line point guard of the caliber of Damon Stoudamire or Vince Workman in the deal. Joe Smith has to be signed as well. I still think there's a tremendous up-side to his offensive game.

Most of the Wolves' problems come in the defensive end. San Antonio's Tim Duncan and David Robinson proved that size in the post is a huge factor in the league now that Michael Jordan has retired. The Wolves' returning centers—Dean Garrett and Radoslav Nesterovic are 7 feet tall, but so is Jar-Jar Binks. Flip Saunders can't live with a front line of Kevin Garnett, Szczerbiak and Smith. He has to have a powerful presence under the basket. Saunders will have his work cut out for him in the free agent feeding frenzy during the off-season.

DIAMOND DOODLINGS

It's time for the all-star break, which means it's time for a midseason checkup on major league baseball.

• Having 15 rookies would generally be cause for at least a glimmer of hope for the future. Not so in the case of the Minnesota Twins. The current economic situation in major league baseball has created a one-two punch for small-market clubs like the Twins. Not only is there no hope for the present, but

free agency guarantees the loss of any talent that does develop in the future. By the time Jacque Jones and Torii Hunter enter their prime, they'll be long-gone. I still think that the Twins are a more entertaining product this year than last, even though they probably won't match their 1998 win total. Anything's better than watching Otis Nixon and Alex Ochoa.

• The Garage Sale Team of the Year Award surely goes to Cincinnati at the halfway point of the season. The Reds lead the majors in victories per payroll dollar. Their front office has accomplished what several other have-not franchises can only wish for: They've built a medium-budget team of \$33 million around some young prospects and some risky free agents, including Greg Vaughn. And they can pitch.

• Question: Will Ken Griffey Jr.'s quest for 62 home runs draw any late-season media interest? Remember fans that Roger Maris still holds the American League record for most home runs in one season.

• Boston's Pedro Martinez has single-handedly swung baseball's pendulum back to pitchers this season. Martinez is threatening to crack the 30-win mark while putting up dominant strikeout, ERA and walks-plus-hits numbers. There is no margin for error in breaking the 30-win barrier since Martinez will only get about 18 more starts this season in the five-man rotation. I don't think we'll ever see 30 wins again.

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

• Sure, I signed the petition in favor of a St. Paul ballpark referendum. I've signed lots of other petitions in the past: Save the Whales, Save the Rain Forest, Ban Land Mines, etc. Why *not* let the issue be decided on the November 2 ballot?

However, St. Paul voters should not be confused on this issue. It's really not about the money. Regardless of whether a riverfront stadium is built, taxpayers will always come up a bit short the day before payday. It simply comes down to whether you're in favor of the park or not.

• Phil Jackson's vaunted triangle offense will be moving to Tinsel Town, but its vertex

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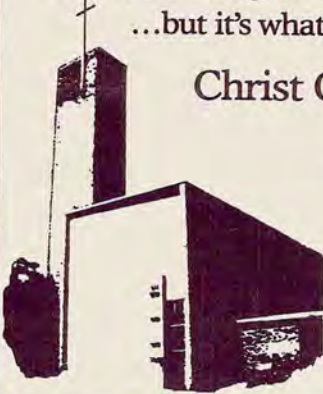
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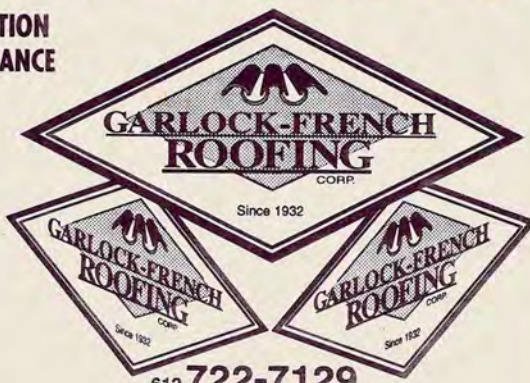
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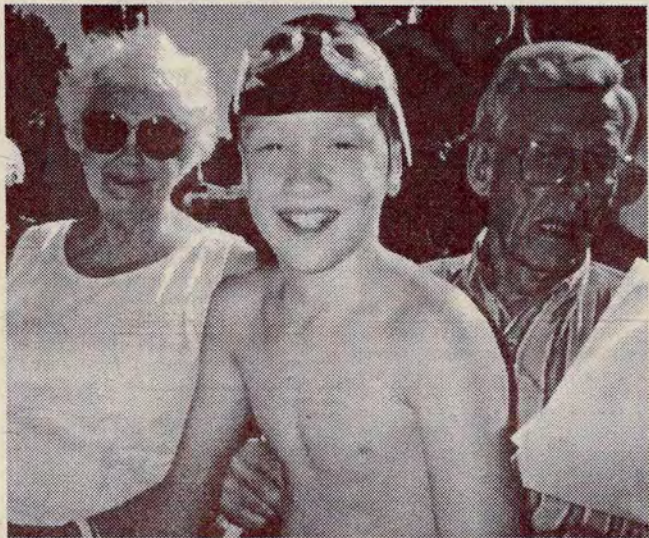
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A group of 17 kids from Australia spent their school break in Highland Park doing what they like best—playing hockey—at the Highland Ice Arena on June 27-July 6. The Peeewe Hockey Jamboree ended with a mixer so the Aussies and their St. Paul hosts play together. Pictured posing before their last game, from left, are Australia's Murrphy O'Halloran (wearing an Aussie jersey) and Charlie Russell, and Melbourne's Hunt Starr and Tom Powell (wearing a Highland jersey). Photo by Terry Faust.

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will be out on the golf course. The new Lakers coach will have to do without the services of Michael Jordan for the first time in his career. Jackson's \$30 million salary will be richly deserved if he can accomplish two things in L.A.: turn Shaquille O'Neal into a Hall of Famer and Kobe Bryant into the next Jordan.

Seventeen Melbourne, Australia, teens left town last week after having flown halfway around the globe to participate in a makeshift hockey tournament. They competed at the Highland Ice Arena against teams from Highland, Mendota Heights and Mounds View, and stayed with area families. Hockey mom Deb O'Halloran hosted a couple of the players from Down Under and said she thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

"They really appreciate what we have here in America," she said. "It made me take a look at what we have here as well. We did struggle with the menu, since they didn't like some of the things we eat. One mother stumbled upon grilled cheese sandwiches and she got the word out to the rest of us. Then we were OK."

Melbourne has 3.2 million people, but only two hockey

rinks. "You'd think that would make them poor hockey players," O'Halloran said, "but they were very competitive. They're all in-line skaters and that helps their ice skating."

I admit it. I watched more than a little bit of the Women's World Cup soccer tournament. There was something magnetic about the U.S. team, which established the sort of symbiotic relationship with its fans that's usually reserved for European squads. The U.S. athletes played with passion, but more important, they seemed to be trying to score goals. It was almost exciting.

Better late than never, the all-conference high school baseball awards came out recently. Locally, kudos went to Chris Baile, David Meysembourg, Andy Hodgson, Jay Johnson and Brady Kestner of Central; J.P. Gagne, Jon Marzolf, Joe Mauer and Mark Runyon of Cretin-Derham Hall; John Mayer, Andy Fitzenberger, Heighlos Riser and Rocky Marcun of Highland Park; Dennis Haugland and Carl Bisciglia of Sibley; Mike Fretschel of St. Thomas Academy; Josh Willett and Ben Willett of Minnehaha Academy; and T.J. Prunty, J. P. Gatto, Brent Lucas and Peter Skrief of St. Paul Academy.

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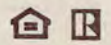
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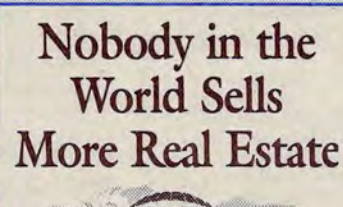
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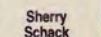
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