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Opponents of Edgcumbe School sale to argue their case Dec. 26

by John Rosengren

Highland residents who are opposed to the St. Paul School Board's sale of the former Edgcumbe School to the Talmud Torah will get one of their days in court next week.

The U.S. District Court will hold a hearing on Tuesday, December 26, on the residents' request for a preliminary injunction that would delay the closing of the Edgcumbe School sale until their

lawsuit against the School Board and the Talmud Torah is heard in federal court. Such an injunction could postpone the closing of the sale, which is scheduled for February 1, for as long as a year.

A group of 86 Highland residents have filed a lawsuit to stop the School Board from selling the 3.7-acre Edgcumbe School property at Hamline Avenue and Ford Parkway to the Talmud Torah, a private, Jewish

elementary school located at 636 S. Mississippi River Blvd.

The suit, which is still awaiting a court date, claims that the sale would violate federal and state guidelines on the separation of church and state. Residents argue that allowing the closing to proceed as scheduled would cause irreparable harm to taxpayers and would take away an irreplaceable public recreational area.

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City considering new park site for police in event of Edgcumbe sale

by John Rosengren

Plans to relocate the St. Paul Police Department's Southwest Area Team, which would be forced to move if the former Edgcumbe School is sold, has sparked discussion over the role of team policing in the Highland Park and Macalester-Groveland neighborhoods.

While most local residents seem to want the police office to stay close by, the District 14 Community Council has raised questions about the necessity of keeping the team headquarters in the area.

"Some members on the board say all (the police officers) do is park their cars at the building, then leave," said Kathie Tarnowski, Dis-

trict 14 community organizer. How the Southwest Area Team office is used and the city's philosophy of team policing were discussed at the District 14 meeting on December 14.

"Team policing is an effort to decentralize and become more a part of the neighborhood," said Deputy Police Chief John Sturner. "There is a tremendous crime prevention and deterrent effect with a neighborhood location."

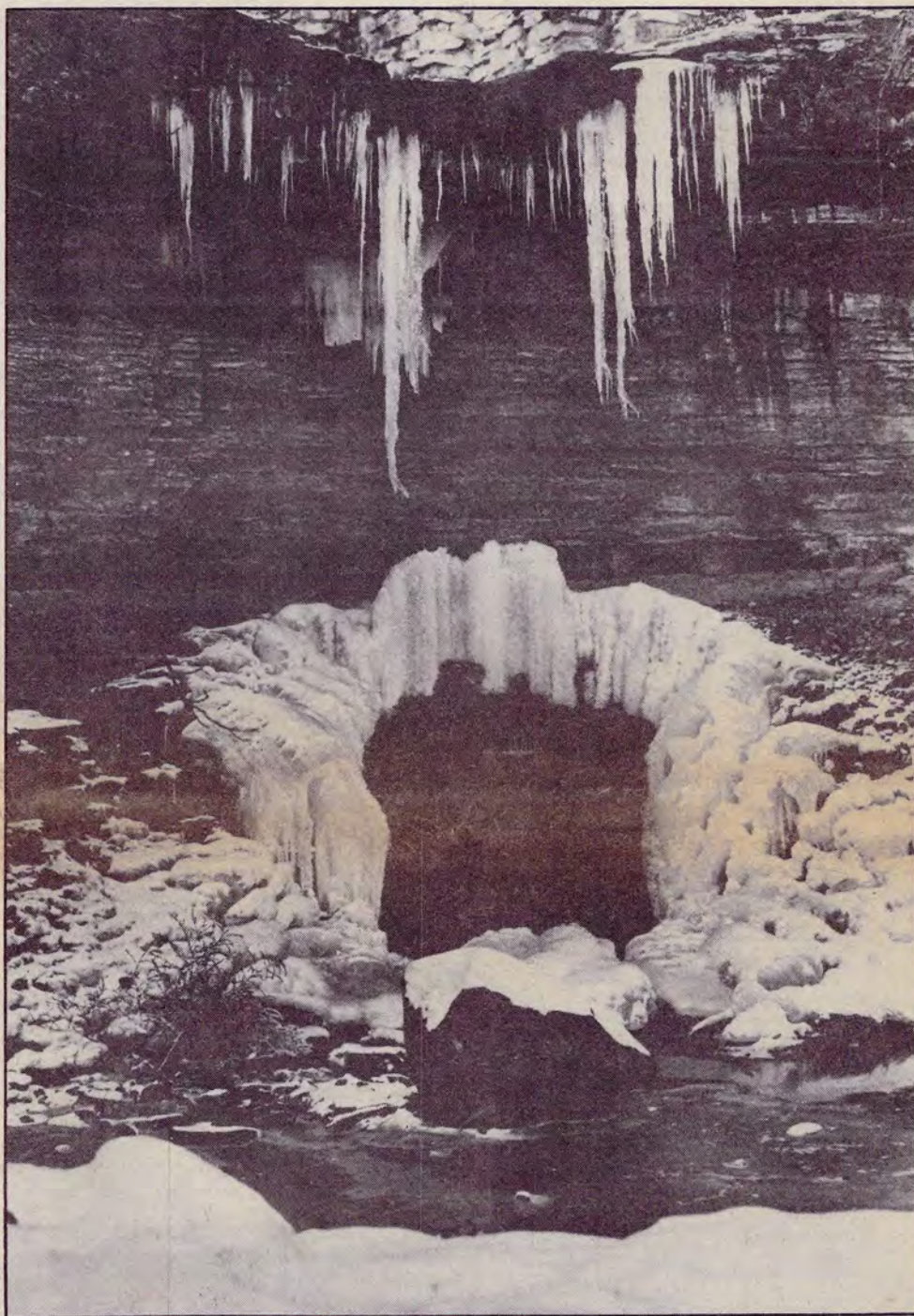
The Southwest Area Team patrols the portion of St. Paul lying south of University Avenue and west of downtown with the exception of the Summit-University neighborhood. Sturner said the police team prefers to remain in a central location in the Highland Park area near

an arterial route. Moving the team's office to downtown, for example, would increase the time it takes for police officers to respond to calls in the Highland area.

The community-based approach of team coverage allows the police to address particular needs of an area, Sturner said. As an example, he said the Southwest Area Team was able to develop a specific strategy to deal with college parties in rental properties around the College of St. Thomas.

Though the Southwest Area Team's office at Hamline Avenue and Ford Parkway is not staffed around the clock like a precinct headquarters is, officers use the building to

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Winter doesn't officially begin until December 21, but already it has sunk its icy teeth into Hidden Falls, effectively doing away with the cascade above the Mississippi River.

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With new mayor on way, old mayors recall their day

by Roger Fuller

Some of the decisions that Mayor-elect Jim Scheibel will make after taking office on January 2 could have a far-reaching effect on future administrations. Just ask the three former mayors who served the city during the past 30 years.

Former mayors George Vavoulis (1960-66), Tom Byrne (1966-70) and the Honorable Larry Cohen (1972-76) were brought together last week to represent the city at the centennial celebration of the St. Paul Building at 5th and Wabasha streets. The former mayors were asked to attend the ceremony because both Scheibel and Mayor George Latimer were out of town. Later, in separate interviews, they talked about why they ran for office and some of the decisions that were made during their administrations that still affect St. Paul as it enters the 1990s.

Vavoulis said the first push toward developing downtown St. Paul took place during his administration. "Until then, people thought of St. Paul as a nice residential city with

schools and churches," he said. "St. Paul wasn't on the fast track of downtown development like Minneapolis was."

"I asked a group of business and community leaders to study the city and to come up with what they thought was needed," Vavoulis said. "Downtown development was at the top of the list." He said labor and management were included in the planning from the outset, which helped set the stage for future labor-management cooperation in the city.

"The catalyst of the change was the Metropolitan Improvement Committee made up of 32 CEOs of city businesses and representatives from the Trades and Labor Assembly and the Chamber of Commerce," said Vavoulis. "When you ask a group of people to serve on a committee and to look at a problem, they will do a good job for you. Up until then, they hadn't been asked."

Byrne said he called together the first official group to consider adopting a new city charter. "People had talked about it for years on and off," Byrne said. "But nothing substantial had been done about it until that

group was formed."

He had shared the frustration of many former mayors with the old commissioner form of government, which had a mayor, a controller who set the city budget, and six commissioners, who each ran their own department.

"If I wanted to complain about snow plowing and went down to the Department of Public Works, the commissioner could have ordered me out of his office," Vavoulis said. "It was his responsibility."

Byrne said the idea of having a new city charter drew a mixed reaction at the time. "There was a lot of frustration with the old system," he said. "There was also resistance from the commissioners and their allies, because the commissioner not only sat on the commission as a legislator but also administered a city department. Some did a good job, but that's not the point. There was no overall direction to the way the city was run."

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Simokon Club was once hub of Nokomis area's social life

by Jane St. Anthony

One day in 1917, a group of boys in South Minneapolis whitewashed a chicken coop and made it their clubhouse. In these modest quarters, situated in the back yard of the Anfinson home at 27th Avenue and 50th Street, was born the Simokon Club, an organization that over the next two decades would become the center of social life for many residents of the neighborhoods east of Lake Nokomis.

The name for the club was formed by spelling Nokomis backwards, and at the beginning it was a typically loose association of adolescent males. But thanks to the intervention of Dr. E. E. Munns, a dentist who lived in the neighborhood and taught Sunday school at nearby Minnehaha United Methodist Church, the Simokon Club grew beyond its initial purpose.

Munns took the Simokons a step beyond the chicken coop, according to David Gordon Muhly, who grew up near the corner of 38th Avenue and 48th Street. "Dr. Munns thought the boys in the neighborhood should have something to do in their spare time," Muhly said, "so he got them together and organized a club to play ball."

"Dr. Munns saw that we were on the right track—and we were," said Abe Abelson, a charter member of the Simokons who still lives in the neighborhood.

Muhly joined the Simokons in 1926. "Even as a little boy in grade school, I had a great desire to join them, if possible," he said.

In the '20s and '30s, the Simokon Club fielded a string of successful amateur athletic teams, sometimes with the co-sponsorship of the Southtown YMCA at 27th Avenue and Lake Street. The club played amateur teams from across Minneapolis in basketball, baseball, hockey, track, tennis, soccer, golf, bowling

and diamondball, which was an early name for softball.

The Simokon Club formed a six-piece orchestra and other musical groups, and it published a newsletter, the "Simokon Weekly." By 1932, the Simokons numbered 40 male members with five additional "prospects," according to a club history.

Only a remnant of the Simokon Club exists today—72 years after it was formed. Six men and seven women who call themselves the Simokons continue to meet on the first Friday of each month to play cards and socialize.

The club's heyday was in the '20s and the '30s. Back then, the club held a banquet every winter and a family picnic every summer. Members took part in YMCA fund-raising campaigns and in various church activities. Around Christmastime, they delivered baskets of goods to needy families.

According to a history of the Simokons, written in 1977 by member Ernie Johnson, the club rented the Leola Theatre on 34th Avenue in 1921 to raise money for athletic equipment and other expenses. The fund-raiser netted \$40, and based on that success, was repeated six times.

In 1930, the Simokons presented a minstrel show at Nokomis Junior High, and in 1933 they staged the comedy *Laff That Off* at Minnehaha School.

"Despite all these activities," Johnson wrote in his account, "time was found for the boys to take their 'best gals' out for sleigh rides, tobogganing, card and social parties, wiener roasts and skating. These gals were also good rooters at their various games."

Many of these "gals" went on to marry members of the club. Abe and Irene Abelson were married in 1924, and David and Violet Muhly were married in 1930. Irene was the sister of Simokon member Archie Olson, and she and club member Ken Clarke



The Simokon Club had a strong male membership in its heyday. Pictured in the front row of this 1928 photo are club members: Dr. E. E. Munns, second from the left; David Gordon Muhly, center; and Abe Abelson, far right.



Current and former members of the Simokon Club gather around the Loving Cup the club won some 60 years ago. Pictured, from left, are: front row, Larry Mustful, Harry

Carlson, Abe Abelson, David Gordon Muhly and Earl Nelson; and back row, Eleanor Totushek, Tom Totushek, Roger Anderson, Ken Clark and Violet Muhly.

were renowned for their piano playing at Simokon gatherings.

The Simokon basketball team's first jerseys were purchased with money raised from 5-cent weekly dues, Abelson said. The squad's blue and orange colors were taken from the colors of South High School and Dunwoody Institute, respectively.

The Simokon ball teams,

for which Abelson pitched, played at Longfellow Park, Minneapolis' Parade Grounds near Loring Park, a diamond at 28th Avenue and Lake Street, and the Simokons' home field on the site of the former Nokomis Junior High School, where the Nokomis Square Cooperative housing development is now.

"Home plate was on the northeast corner of Nokomis

Square," Muhly said.

The Simokon track team used South High School's track for practice. The club's first basketball games were played at John Ericsson Elementary School on 43rd Street and later at Nokomis Junior High School.

The basketball team once played a team of soldiers from nearby Fort Snelling, Abelson said. "The soldiers

didn't have any interest in the game," he recalled. "If they saw you trying to make a basket, they'd grab your arms."

The Simokon track team captured its first title at a citywide 'Y' meet in 1921. The Simokon hockey team won the YMCA championship in 1928. The Simokons

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Edgcumbe lawsuit (cont'd from page 1)

The burden of proof in getting the injunction lies with the residents, but their attorney, George May, felt confident in their argument. "I can't put myself in the judge's position," said May, 1302 Ford Pkwy., "but I think we have a strong case."

May said taxpayers would lose nearly \$1 million from the sale of the Edgcumbe property. The School Board has agreed to sell the Edgcumbe site to the Talmud Torah for \$400,000, which is less than half of its market value. (The Ramsey County Assessor's Office lists the property's 1990 value at \$849,200.) And May said it could cost taxpayers approximately \$500,000 to relocate the St. Paul Police Department's Southwest Area Team, which is headquartered in the Edgcumbe building.

In addition, the purchase agreement states that the School Board, if required, would pay for the removal of any asbestos at the Edgcumbe School. That can be expensive. For example, it cost the School Board \$102,000 to remove asbestos at Highland Park Elementary School this past year.

May was expecting to receive official responses on the injunction motion early this week from the attorneys for the School Board and Talmud Torah. Lawyers for both parties had earlier denied all allegations listed in the residents' lawsuit.

Jeff Lalla, general counsel for the School Board, said board members have taken the position that both the lawsuit and the injunction motion should be dismissed, but refused to comment further. "Any talking I do, now that the case is in litigation, will be done in the courtroom," he said.

Bill Rosen, an attorney for the Talmud Torah, was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

May argues that delaying

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the closing of the Edgcumbe sale wouldn't provide a hardship for either the School Board or the Talmud Torah. He said the School Board is in no great need to collect the \$100,000 it would receive at closing, and the Talmud Torah wouldn't begin construction on the site until later in the year. (The Talmud Torah is still discussing whether to raze the structure or to add on to the building.)

Ward 3 City Councilmember Bob Long stated in an affidavit that Rosen told him the Talmud Torah would not need the Edgcumbe building until next fall, which is when construction is expected to begin. "My own recollection of that conversation is that Rosen told him (Long) they couldn't afford it at this time," May said.

But Talmud Torah president Sheila Godes said they would begin work at the site as soon as possible to expedite the school's move into the Edgcumbe building. "We are all ready to close," she said. "Delaying the closing makes it that much more difficult to remain in cramped conditions." The school has outgrown its current facilities, Godes said, and that has

forced the school to turn away students.

The School Board offered to sell the Edgcumbe site to the Talmud Torah last summer as part of an agreement that allowed the board to purchase the former Derham Hall High School building at 540 S. Warwick St. from the Sisters of St. Joseph for \$1.8 million. Highland residents opposed the sale, fearing they would lose the use of the highly valued recreational space, which is used for neighborhood pickup games and for activities sponsored by the Highland-Groveland Recreation Association.

The sale would also necessitate finding a new headquarters for the Southwest Area Team of police. Long was able to negotiate an agreement that would allow the police to stay in the Edgcumbe building until September 1 if the closing takes place on February 1.

The City Council is discussing building and site plans to find a new home for the Southwest Area Team. One of the favored options for relocating the police headquarters involves building an annex adjacent to the Highland Park Golf Course clubhouse at Montreal and Hamline avenues.

Southwest Area Team (cont'd from page 1)

shower and change, to take roll call, to write reports, to work on the computers and to park their cars. That will change, however, if the St. Paul School Board's sale of the Edgcumbe property to the Talmud Torah goes as planned.

The St. Paul City Council is considering three possible park sites for the construction of a 3,000-square-foot police building with 40 parking spaces for the Southwest Area Team. Sturner said the City Council is expected to decide on a site for the new team office this week.

The favored option is to build an estimated \$400,000 annex to the clubhouse of the Highland Park 18-hole Golf Course at the corner of Montreal and Hamline avenues. City and police department officials are making design and site plans now to begin building in the spring. That way, construction on the new team headquarters would be finished by September 1, which is when the city's lease will expire at the former Edgcumbe School.

All plans for the police team's departure, however,

are pending the outcome of a lawsuit filed by a group of 86 area residents who oppose the sale of the Edgcumbe site to the Talmud Torah, a private, Jewish elementary school. If the residents are successful in stopping the sale, the police team would stay at the Edgcumbe site and possibly build a new facility there. The police team has been located at the Edgcumbe site since 1977.

"We've asked the architect to design a building that would work at the Edgcumbe site," said Sturner, who was the original Southwest Area Team commander for three years at Edgcumbe. "We're very happy where we are." The lawsuit is awaiting a court date in U.S. District Court. Meanwhile, a motion for a preliminary injunction to delay the closing of the sale will be heard on December 26 at the Minneapolis Federal Courthouse.

Friends of the Parks, a non-profit organization founded in 1985 to protect parks against development, opposes the construction of a new Southwest Area Team

headquarters on open park land in the city. The group is particularly concerned with losing open space in Highland Park, which has the lowest amount of available recreational space per person in St. Paul.

"Many people regard open areas as idle land," said Peggy Lynch of 1621 Beechwood Ave., executive director of Friends of the Park. "But parks and open areas give breathing spaces to urban people."

The challenge by Friends of the Parks will probably not stop construction of a new police team building on park land, but St. Paul Parks and Recreation director Bob Pirham said the group's concerns would be taken into consideration in the design and location of the building on whichever park site is chosen.

Meanwhile, Friends of the Parks is working on a charter amendment that would define a procedure for any proposed change of use for designated park land in St. Paul.

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American National Bank plans new Midway office

American National Bank of St. Paul recently announced plans for the development of a branch office in the Midway area of St. Paul.

The new office will be located at the intersection of North Snelling and Shields avenues, three blocks south of University Avenue and just north of I-94. The existing structure, which formerly housed the Arrow Pontiac body shop, will be demolished, and a new 3,000-square-foot, single-story building will be constructed. Work on the project is expected to begin next spring, pending the approval of federal banking regulators, and construction should be completed by late summer.

"We've been looking at the Midway area for some time as a location for expansion," said Joseph R. Kingman III, president of American National Bank. "We chose this inner-city site because of the current concentration of both households and businesses there, and because of the plans for additional growth and development in the area."

American will be the sole occupant of the new building.

New scholarship fund established at Temple of Aaron

A new scholarship designed to promote study that increases the likelihood of entering the Jewish professions has been established at the Temple of Aaron. The Dr. Clarence Siegel Family Scholarship Fund will be awarded for any course of Jewish study, regardless of the career choice of the applicant. It must be the intention of the applicant to earn high school or college credits or their equivalents with the scholarship. It will be awarded on the basis of need and academic merit, and it will be available to Twin Cities residents.

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ing, which will offer complete commercial and consumer banking services, including safe deposit boxes and a drive-up bank.

According to Kingman, "The excellent response to our bank in Highland Village has reinforced our decision to add another location within the city, as we continue to grow and expand to meet the banking needs of the St. Paul metropolitan area."

The Midway office will be the third American National Bank location. Founded in 1903, the bank is headquartered in downtown St. Paul and opened its Highland office in 1985.

With assets in excess of \$700 million, American is the largest commercial bank based in the city of St. Paul.

Osborn, Horak renamed to BZA

Dennis Osborn, a resident of the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood, and Frank Horak, a Highland resident, have been reappointed for three-year terms to the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals. Osborn is a realtor with Edina Realty's Highland Park office and Horak is the business agent for the St. Paul Plumbers Union.

The Board of Zoning Appeals is composed of seven citizen members who are appointed by the mayor with the consent of the City Council.

Other board members are Blake Davis, James Kirk, Chester Zimniewicz, Joyce Maddox and chairman Sam Grais.

Gjeltens receives MDI directorship

Ann Gjeltens, of 2221 Edgumbe Road, has been elected to the board of directors of Minnesota Diversified Industries, a non-profit corporation that employs handicapped individuals for subcontract manufacturing.

Gjeltens is vice president of marketing for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

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won the YMCA's citywide diamondball title in 1927 and again in 1932 on the strength of a .406 team batting average.

The award that is still talked about by older Simokons is the Loving Cup, given by the Southtown YMCA for "Best All Around Club." The Simokons were presented with the traveling trophy for six consecutive years, from 1924 to 1929, at which point the 'Y' invited the club to keep the trophy.

Muhly, Abelson and other Simokons have housed the cup over the years. It is presently displayed in the Media Center at Minnehaha United Methodist Church.

The Muhlys, who live in Bloomington now, still attend services at the church. Dave, who was baptized there, has been a member longer than anyone, he said.

The last Simokon function attended by the Muhlys was

a reunion and picnic held at a former member's home in Annandale in 1977.

The club also held a 50th anniversary celebration in 1967 at the Parkway Motel on Hiawatha Avenue, the Abelsons said.

Nokomis area residents Larry and Verdie Mustful are two of the 13 remaining members of the Simokon Club. Larry, who is now the club's vice president, played on the Simokon ball team from 1925 to 1940. He recalled the caliber of the athletes he played alongside: "Every one was good," he said.

Abelson, although he no longer attends club functions, doesn't mind recalling the good old days. And he agreed with Mustful about the Simokons' former athletic prowess, explaining it thusly: "We didn't smoke or drink. We were a good, clean bunch of guys."

Co-Operative Plating's plans to be reviewed January 8

by Jane McClure

A Merriam Park electroplating company's much-debated expansion plans will be the focus of a community meeting on Monday, January 8.

The meeting will be the second one held by Co-Operative Plating and representatives of the Merriam Park Community Council since the St. Paul City Council laid over the company's rezoning request earlier this month.

The layover will give the company time to prepare a site plan for the parcel of land it wants to rezone at

271 N. Snelling Ave. along with a proposal to vacate a portion of Iglehart Avenue.

Ward 4 City Councilmember Kiki Sonnen, who was instrumental in efforts to have the company present all of its development plans at the same time, said it makes sense for the rezoning, site plan and street vacation to be considered together.

"In this case, we needed to look at things as a package," said Sonnen. She predicted that the matter will return to the City Council within the next few months. By that time, Paula Maccabee will have taken Sonnen's council

post.

The decision to lay the matter over was made on December 5, after action on the rezoning request had met four council delays. Lack of time in a meeting, the potential for a split City Council vote and requests to look at other sites for the company were some of the reasons for tabling the request over the past four months. The original public hearing on the rezoning was held in September.

Residents living near Co-Operative Plating, which is located at 1605 Iglehart Ave., cited the company's lengthy

history of environmental problems as their main reason for opposing the plant's rezoning and expansion plans. Last summer, the company was fined \$162,500 by the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission after 90 local and federal sewer discharge rule violations were found.

"The community is very concerned about the environmental issues, as well as being opposed to the rezoning," said Merriam Park Community Organizer Signe Masterson. Another issue of concern is the effects a plant expansion will have on the surrounding Merriam Park and Snelling-

Hamline residential neighborhoods, she said.

Residents in the area are apparently pleased about the layover of the issue. "There are a lot of reasons why the city should take time to look at the whole issue," Masterson said.

Co-Operative Plating owner Victor Rosenbloom, his son Ken and an architect from Nordby and Associates have already met once with the Merriam Park Community Council since the December 5 City Council meeting. At that time, some preliminary ideas for developing the site were presented. One

idea being suggested was to drop the original rezoning request, which would keep the property zoned for commercial use, not industrial. Another idea was the possibility of having the company expand to the Soo Line railroad tracks to the south, instead of to the Corvette Center building to the southeast.

Masterson described the initial meeting as encouraging. The next community meeting on the company's expansion plans will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 8, at the Merriam Park Community Council offices, 2000 St. Anthony Ave.

Former St. Paul mayors (cont'd from page 1)

Cohen, who is now a Ramsey County District Court judge, said his administration was the first to operate under the new city charter. "We were the transition," he said. "From the first day I took office, the city operated like a well-run business with the city departments responsible to the chief executive officer. In this case, the CEO was the mayor."

He added that St. Paul's present system of government is light years ahead of what is in place in Minneapolis. "Now the mayor can go to the departments of public works, fire, police, planning and say development will be the main priority of the city and it will be," Cohen said.

"George Latimer has been a wonderful mayor," Cohen said. "He really loved the job. One reason I think he was so successful is that people didn't understand the way the city worked. A number of times, he was able to somewhat position himself against the city administration, which he actually ran. No one caught him on it."

Vavoulis decided to run for mayor in 1960 after a group of businessmen were complaining during morning coffee about the city leadership under the influence of labor-supported officials.

"After we were talking a while, somebody slipped me \$10 and said it was my first campaign contribution," he said. "The same day, I went to city hall and filed. It was the last day of filing."

Vavoulis ran for mayor as an independent, even though he never hid his Republican roots. "They kept telling me I couldn't keep it up," he said. When he lost to Byrne in 1966, Vavoulis left St. Paul to work for the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. But he returned to oppose Latimer in the 1976 mayoral race, losing by less than 3,000 votes.

Byrne said he had nurtured the idea of run-

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ning for mayor since 1948. "I had worked on a number of legislative campaigns," he said. "Most notably was the 1962 state Senate race when Nick Coleman defeated a supposedly unbeatable opponent. After that, the idea really began to take hold."

Byrne decided to run for mayor in 1964 when it appeared that Vavoulis would have no meaningful opposition. "Our campaign had fun," he said. "One stunt we did was to paste a small sticker which said, 'Who's Tom Byrne? Ask Me' on the side of a penny. We found a way to work them into circulation through the banks." Byrne stopped that campaign strategy, however, when federal authorities started asking questions.

Byrne lost the election by less than 200 votes, but won in a rematch in 1966. Two years later, he ran against Rosalie Butler.

"That was an unusual campaign" he said. "It was the first time a woman was taken seriously as a mayoral candidate. Rosalie Butler had a very strong group of supporters, but she wasn't able to expand that base enough into the general public."

Byrne chose not to run for re-election in 1970. "Most mayors at that time usually served two terms," he said. The contest was won by the late Charlie McCarty, who served



Former St. Paul mayors, from left, are Tom Byrne, Larry Cohen and George Vavoulis.

one term as mayor. He died a few years after leaving office.

Cohen, a Ramsey County commissioner at the time, decided to run for mayor in 1972. "I wanted to run against Charlie McCarty," Cohen said. "I didn't like his attitude toward the office. After a while, it got out of hand. He personalized and de-professionalized the office of mayor."

Cohen decided not to seek re-election in 1976, which was when Latimer's 13-year reign in office began.

"There's no doubt in my mind that I would have won," Cohen said. "After you're in

office, you acquire some barnacles. Then you get some more and they begin to hurt. I was also anxious to get back to my law practice because the law was changing so fast, I was concerned whether I could keep up with the changes."

One of Cohen's contributions to the future administration of St. Paul was his decision to pick Scheibel as a mayoral aide.

"Jim was very bright and intense and dedicated to issues, very people-oriented," Cohen said. "He's wiser now, matured like we all do. But he's the same person. He knows he's still a West Side kid."

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Viewpoint

Editor's Notebook

by Michael Mischke

From our vantage point here in the cheap seats, you and I have already debated the pros and cons of the musical chairs being played by the city of St. Paul, the St. Paul Public Schools, the Talmud Torah and the Sisters of St. Joseph. The music has stopped—at least temporarily—while the courts decide the merits of a motion for a preliminary injunction and a lawsuit filed by a group of 86 Highland Park residents, all of whom have a stake in the future of a highly prized bit of open acreage: the 3.7-acre old Edgumbe School site.

Though the fate of that square block of land has been the subject of much discussion in the neighborhood, and will soon see the same in court, comparatively little has been said about the future of the neighborhood police station, which happens to occupy that same parcel. The police are now developing contingency plans, should the neighbors' suit fail. It's about time we started talking about where the local constabulary wants to move.

The police have a lease at Edgumbe School that runs through next September. If the judge ultimately rules in favor of the school district and Talmud Torah, the sale of the property is expected to be closed on February 1. The police have already identified the intersection of Hamline and Montreal avenues as their favored new home, and have gone so far as to recommend a preferred alternative among the three available corners: the southeast quadrant on the park land adjacent to the Highland pool.

The benefits of that location are threefold, according to Deputy Superintendent John Sturner:

- The police would remain a visible part of the neighborhood, affording the same peace of mind and deterrent to crime their presence has long meant to the Southwest Area.
- Response time to calls for police assistance would remain low and even improve with the better access the department would enjoy to all areas of the district.
- A central location within the Southwest Area would continue to save on gas, vehicular wear and tear and, most important, the man hours involved in traversing the neighborhoods within the district.

Thus far, only one group has stood up to argue against the Police Department's proposal. The Friends of St. Paul and Ramsey County Parks opposes the construction of a new police station on park land in the belief that precious little open space exists now in this area, and that what little we do enjoy should be preserved against encroachments of all kinds, both public and private.

I'm inclined to agree. I don't think we place near enough value on such "idle" pieces of property as that proposed for development by the police department. Drive by Hamline and Montreal today and you might ask, What's that land good for? But stroll across those spaces in the summertime and the answer is evident. Here, a group of 10-year-olds are playing a pick-up soccer game. There, a 70-year-old golfer is tuning up his short game with a pitching wedge. Here, a foursome of 18-year-olds are flinging a Frisbee. There, a young family is enjoying a picnic in the grass.

Highland Park, like all parks in the cities, is an invaluable urban asset. But in a neighborhood like Highland where usable park land (i.e. usable for anything other than golf) is so scarce, it's especially cherished. Or at least it should be.

So what of the equally important benefits that Sturner cites as good reasons for moving to the park?

1. The peace of mind and the deterrent to crime that a visible station house affords are intangible, but real. Even so, do those benefits extend beyond a few blocks of team headquarters? I doubt it. If that's an argument for staying in the neighborhood, better the police should move into a residential or commercial area where their presence would be more appreciated.

2. The police are not dispatched from team headquarters, but from downtown. And the only time the team station attracts any appreciable use is at the beginning and end of every shift. I can't believe an alternative site doesn't exist somewhere in the Southwest Area that would not adversely effect response time to police calls.

3. The corner of Hamline and Montreal is hardly the center of the Southwest Area—maybe east to west but certainly not north to south. And in this part of town where you can't get anywhere in a hurry north to south, that alone would argue for a more northerly location if you accept response time as a prime benefit of a central location.

The problem with developing park land is that once it's lost, it's lost forever; no one bulldozes a building to create more open space. Pressure for developing open space, on the other hand, will be always with us.

Let's resolve to preserve what little park land we have and find the best alternative to preserve our public safety.

At the end of an eventful year, a non-issue

It's hard to believe that we're approaching the end of another year, this one marking, for me, the completion of 19 years as publisher of your community newspaper. When you get to be my age, the years really zip by—and I mean fast! But 19 years is, after all, a considerable amount of time. Why, when we bought this little paper, Latimer hadn't yet become mayor of St. Paul and Perpich wasn't yet governor of Minnesota. (In fact, Charlie McCarty had become hizzoner in the spring of that year, and Wendell Anderson captured the gubernatorial honors in November, with Rudy Perpich as his lieutenant-governor.)

The fact remains, though, that for more than two-thirds of our sojourn in this business, it's been Mayor Latimer. And for nearly half of it, it's been Governor Perpich. It will be half by the end of 1990—10 years for Perpich as head of the state, 20 years for me at the Villager.

Latimer made a bit of local news when he stepped in to play a key role in settling the St. Paul Public Schools teacher's contract at the very brink of a strike. But Perpich has been in the news a lot more lately. A lot more than he really needed to be, in my opinion.

I respect the governor's unerring political instincts—especially during his political campaigns. I've been at an intimate breakfast setting with him at the Summit Avenue mansion, along with four other small-time area newspaper people, and have seen how charming and effective he can be on a personal level. But I don't know what he's doing for public relations advice these days. If he's getting any at all, I doubt that he's really listening to it or following it.

To me, the story on the furnishings, the artwork on loan, and the recent physical improvements to the governor's mansion was one great big non-issue—especially the fact that the mansion's valuable contents are not insured. Both dailies have made the point that the contents should be insured because of the considerable value of some of the home's furnishings. To me, that's absolutely absurd. The state Legislature put the kibosh on paying casualty insurance premiums way back in 1919. And why not? Insurance was designed to spread the risk, so nobody gets hurt too badly in the event of a fire or other calamity. The state of Minnesota, with its far-flung ownership of buildings and institutions throughout the state, is the perfect candidate for self-insurance. I don't know what the Department of Administration has in the way of a reserve fund to replace buildings and valuable possessions. But whatever the case, it should be obvious that it doesn't make sense for the state of Minnesota to pay insurance premiums on any of its properties. What the committee in charge of the mansion needs is no more than a good inventory of contents, along with independent appraisals on whatever artwork and/or furniture is on loan. Then, in the remote possibility that a catastrophe does occur at the mansion, the obligation on the loaned contents would be a known quantity.

If I'd have been in Governor Perpich's shoes when the St. Paul Dispatch Pioneer Press story appeared, I'd have kept Lola with me in New York and disturbed my vacation only long enough to make a long distance call to get the chairperson or some other articulate member of the mansion committee to respond to the "lavishness" and insurance issues, and give Lola the credit

The Village Post



In praise of Orenstein

To the editor:

After several years of dealing with the state of Minnesota in regards to a debt my estranged husband owed, I realized that I needed help from someone with greater powers than I had.

A few years ago, after reading an article by (state Representative) Kathleen Vellenga in regard to helping single mothers, I implored her to help me with this situation. At first she was extremely interested in helping me, even though I wasn't from her district. However, as the months rolled on, I realized I was being ignored by her. It was suggested to



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by Maurice Mischke

she is due for the hard work she has done in raising the private funds for mansion improvements. And if I were the least bit sensitive to the "limo" issue, I would have challenged anyone to find a better deal than the lease arrangement provided by the Ford Motor Company for the Lincoln Town Car the governor has at his disposal. (It's an arrangement that Ford has offered to many of our country's governors.) I can't imagine why the guy went to the GMC line when he spoke of going to a "used Buick" or a Chevrolet. After all, doesn't the Ford Motor Company provide more jobs in this state than General Motors? But the limousine, too, is a non-issue. Nobody wants the governor to ride around in a junker. I doubt that Perpich could get a Mercury Grand Marquis or a Ford Crown Victoria, both of which are in the Town Car mode, on a normal lease arrangement for as little as the state pays in the special arrangement with Ford.

The governor might have been more objective if he hadn't been apprehensive about the Sunday story that he knew was about to break on his daughter, Mary Sue, and the special perks she has been able to obtain. And that probably did it for Lola, too. But when you're out there in the public eye, you've got to be able to weather a little heat.

Methinks Rudy is growing increasingly sensitive as time goes on, afraid of what the working stiffs on the Range will say about his citified lifestyle. I don't think he has to worry. Any one of them (or us) would change his lifestyle similarly if he could. But when you've been in office nine years and are shooting for 14, it's hard to perpetuate the populist image. Poor-mouthing ill becomes you at that point. So my advice to Rudy is, don't even try. As for the lifestyle itself—love it or leave it.

The Highland Business Association really knows how to pick 'em. For two years running now, the HBA has featured a "Night Out in Highland Village" as part of its holiday promotion. Last year, it was unbearably cold for the horse-drawn carriage rides and the strolling carolers. The scope of this year's event was even bigger, with free refreshments for a skating and sledding party in Hillcrest Park and twice as much in donated door prizes. And, yes, it was held last Thursday night, the coldest of the season so far. Even so, one thing is different this year: You can register for the nearly \$2,000.00 in gift certificates every day until Christmas eve. The drawing will be held on December 26. You have hundreds of chances to win—and that's even better than a lottery.

That's it for this decade. Have a Merry Christmas or a Happy Hanukah and best wishes for the new year as we head into the last decade of the 20th century. Can you believe it? Hasta la vista.

me to contact (state Senator) Dick Cohen or (state Representative) Howard Orenstein.

When I called Mr. Cohen to tell him of my dilemma, I was given a quick brush-off. I then contacted Mr. Orenstein to ask him if he could help me. What a wonderful response I received from him! He worked diligently for many months to help me with my ordeal. When I was in tears and ready to give up, Howard wouldn't let me give up. I am happy to say that, because of Howard's perseverance, the problem was finally settled.

I cannot praise Howard highly enough! He is truly a servant to his public. My heartfelt thanks to this fine man for all of his efforts. He is a wonderful man to have in office. He keeps his promises.

Judy Hisle
993 St. Paul Ave.

A drug store drops tobacco

Dear editor:

I would like to commend the work of Richard Sundberg, owner of Sundberg Pharmacy (at St. Clair and Snelling avenues). Recently, I stopped in to have a prescription filled.

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Letters (cont'd from page 6)

The store looked different to me—more spacious, newer and more organized. As I sat sipping my now-famous Sundberg nickel coffee, I wondered about the new look. I was told that Mr. Sundberg had chosen to discontinue selling tobacco products. Such products conflicted with his health-oriented business. As he is the owner of a small corner drug store, I suspect the decision to give up the profits from tobacco was significant.

Mr. Sundberg deserves recognition for this health and environmental improvement. Last year, Sundberg Pharmacy became smoke-free. This year, it became tobacco-free as well. I am impressed by his strong commitment to his beliefs and his willingness to back his beliefs with actions. He serves as an excellent role model to the members, young and old, of this community.

Donna Montgomery, Principal
Mendota Elementary School

Pathological hatred

Dear editor:

The Session of House of Hope Presbyterian Church of St. Paul in its December meeting voted to express to the Jewish community our deep concern over the recent anti-Semitic incident in the St. Cloud area. We refer to the distributed flyer which used the occasion of the Wetterling kidnapping to make scurrilous charges about Jewish history and culture.

We deplore such incidents of pathological hatred and assure you we are one more group dedicated to opposing every act of discrimination and every behavior which threatens our life together as full participants in the American ideal of equality and freedom from persecution.

Calvin W. Didier, Pastor
House of Hope Presbyterian Church

Editor's note: Rev. Didier's letter reprinted above was also sent to the Jewish Community Relations Council-Anti-Defamation League.

Tie one on

Dear editor:

The holiday season is a time to celebrate with friends and family. Unfortunately, thousands of Minnesotans lose loved ones each year to drunken driving.

I would like to draw your readers' attention to Project Red Ribbon, a campaign by Mothers Against Drunk Driving during the holiday season to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving. The most visible portion of this campaign will be red ribbons attached to car antennas to remind people not to drink and drive.

I have endorsed this effort and have directed that all state vehicles display a red ribbon through January 1. I am also encouraging Minnesotans to join in this campaign. You may pick up red ribbons at SuperAmerica stores, American Automobile Association offices or from local MADD chapters. It's time to change the meaning of "tie one on."

Rudy Perpich
Governor of Minnesota



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More than 150 Rockwood Place residents gathered on December 4 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Highland Park high-rise for senior citizens and handicapped people. Above left, Magdeline Renz delights in the special honor bestowed on her in anticipation of her 100th

birthday on February 9. Above right, Stuart Nolan, president of the Stuart Corporation and one of the prime movers in the development of Rockwood Place, addresses the crowd. Below, Rockwood residents enjoy dinner to the accompaniment of a three-piece combo.



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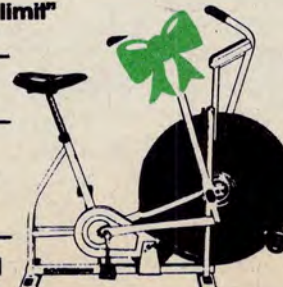
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Recognition came late for city's pioneering black architect

by Paul Ceplecha

When Clarence Wesley Wigington was hired by the city of St. Paul in 1915, he became the first black architect in the country to be employed by a major city.

For such a notable pioneer, Wigington was a quiet activist, humble in his approach and modest about his accomplishments. His most historically significant building design was the Highland Park water tower on Snelling Avenue, which was built in 1928 at a cost of \$70,000.

Wigington took a normally mundane municipal project and created a unique landmark by encasing a 200,000-gallon steel water tank in a brick and stone octagonal tower. The 134-foot structure features stone arches, carved downspouts and 151 steps leading to an observation deck that offers a commanding view of the St. Paul skyline.

The plaque at the west entrance of the water tower still credits Frank Tewes as the architect. Wigington's work on the design wasn't recognized until 1981, when the tower was designated as a landmark by the American Water Works Association.

In fact, Wigington was rarely credited for the projects he designed during his architectural career. Nevertheless, he worked at his profession with enthusiasm, and countered any rejection he faced with dignity.

Wigington was born in Lawrence, Kansas, on April 21, 1883. He was blessed with a loving family and an abundance of family friends. As a teen-ager, he moved with his family to Omaha, Nebraska, where he attended school.

Upon graduating from high school, a wealthy family friend offered to finance Wigington's college education with the stipulation that he study dentistry. It was a tremendous opportunity, especially during a time when a college education was a rarity for anyone.

But Wigington knew deep in his soul that he loved to draw and graciously declined the offer. Instead, he enrolled at T. Lawrence Wallace's Western School of Art, where he managed to complete two years of art instruction before running out of money.

At that time, another family friend, Marie Brown, intervened in his career. Brown was the personal secretary to Thomas Kimball, a nationally known architect who was also



Clarence Wigington designed several of St. Paul's public structures during his 34 years as a city architect, including the Harriet Island Pavilion and the old Edgumbe School.

president of the American Institute of Architects. Because of her influence, Wigington was offered a job as an apprentice draftsman in Kimball's firm.

The salary was meager, but Wigington received the invaluable tutelage of Kimball himself. And the income was just enough for Wigington to return to art school.

In 1908, after six years of training, Wigington started out on his own. He quickly landed a contract to design a potato chip factory in Sheridan, Wyoming. Flushed with that early success, he promptly married his sweetheart, Viola Williams. The couple eventually had two daughters.

Seduced by his friends' urgings that Wyoming was a land of opportunity, Wigington moved his family to Sheridan. Much to his dismay, he found that the city was overstocked with architects.

Faced with few job prospects and a growing family, Wigington made an unorthodox decision. He took over the operations of the potato chip factory he had designed and became a success, which briefly earned him the nickname of "Potato Chip King."

Still, his heart remained in architecture. Wigington entered contests in his spare time, and was selected to design a \$75,000 project that included an administration building and two dormitories at the National Religious Training School in Durham, North Carolina, which is now North Carolina State University. Wigington could now afford to move his family back to Omaha, where he later designed a church and two award-winning apartment buildings.

But by 1913 Wigington had migrated north to Davenport, Iowa, in search of work. Two years later, he was persuaded by his wife to take the civil service exam for openings in the city of St. Paul's architectural office.

After posting the highest score on the exam, Wigington was hired on August 23, 1915, as St. Paul's first black architect. It was the beginning of a 34-year career in St. Paul for Wigington, who later became the city's chief designer.

During the building boom following World War I, St. Paul embarked on a busy construction schedule. Since city architects worked in teams, it is difficult to ascertain who should

be given credit for various projects. Still, it is believed that Wigington was chiefly responsible for designing the Public Safety Building in downtown St. Paul, the pavilions at Harriet Island and Como Park, the St. Anthony Park branch library, the administration building at Holman Field and the Keller Golf Course clubhouse.

In later years, Wigington aligned himself with his friends and fellow black employees William Godette and Dwight Reed. Their most notable collaboration was designing the St. Paul Auditorium. Wigington also designed the Winter Carnival ice palaces from 1937-42 and again in 1947.

Besides the Highland Park water tower, Wigington is credited with designing Edgumbe Elementary School, Monroe Junior High and Macalester Junior High, which is now Ramsey Junior High.

During most of his career in St. Paul, Wigington lived in the Rondo neighborhood. He was active in the Urban League and designed St. James AME Church at Central Avenue and Dale Street. After retiring in 1949, Wigington moved to California, back to St. Paul, and then to Kansas City, where he died on July 7, 1967.



The Highland Park water tower on Snelling Avenue is considered to be Wigington's most historically significant architectural design.

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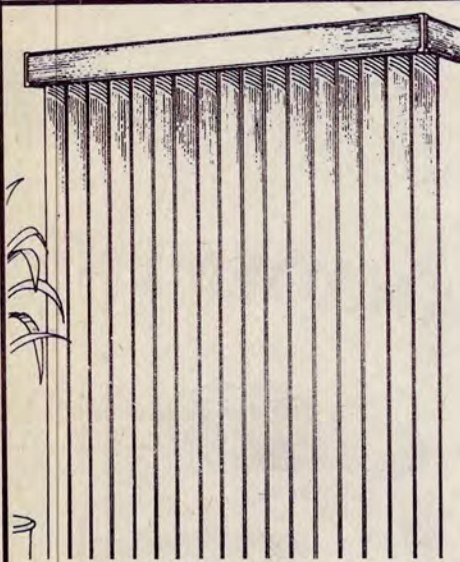
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District 14 Community Council News

NEW SITES FOR POLICE TEAM STUDIED

The December meeting of the District 14 Community Council was held last Thursday, December 14. The main issue at this meeting was a possible new site for the Southwest Area Team of the St. Paul Police Department. The police team has been housed in the old Edgumbe Elementary School on Hamline Avenue and Ford Parkway. That building, however, is in the process of being sold by the St. Paul Public School District.

The police want to remain in the Highland area and would like to be moved into a new building near the Highland Pool on Hamline and Montreal avenues—a site that is highly visible and on a major arterial street. The St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation is against this site, however, because it would intrude on Highland Park's open space. If the police must be in Highland Park, Parks and Rec officials would like them to be housed in a new addition to the Highland Park 18-hole golf course clubhouse.

The Friends of the Parks organization is opposed to locating a new police headquarters anywhere in a park. That organization believes that precious park land should not be used for development of any kind, public or private, because open space is necessary breathing room for densely populated urban areas.

The District 14 council was particularly interested in how the police team functions and what kind of space needs they have. Deputy Chief John Sturmer explained that police response time improved significantly when the four police teams were established in the city. Police service also tends to improve with teams because the officers feel they have an added stake in the neighborhood, Turner added.

The Southwest Area Team needs about 3,000 square feet of office space and a 40-car parking lot. Its shifts all begin with roll call at the team station. Squads are not usually dispatched from the team office, but they return to the station to use computers and write reports. Therefore, a central location with access to arterial streets is important, according to the police department. The coming and going from the team station also deters crime in the neighborhoods through which the squads are driving, the department added.

City officials continue to discuss several new sites for the police team, and detailed analyses of the two Highland Park sites will be completed in the next few weeks. The Division of Parks and Recreation is expected to present these analyses at the January 18 meeting of the District 14 Community Council.

NEW DRAFT OF CST PERMIT AIRED

After a couple years of discussion and several drafts, the St. Paul Planning Commission is scheduled to vote on the College of St. Thomas' special condition use permit on Friday, January 26. In addition to being a mechanism for monitoring the college's compliance with city parking requirements, the permit will clearly define St. Thomas' campus boundaries and it will dictate building height and setback limits.

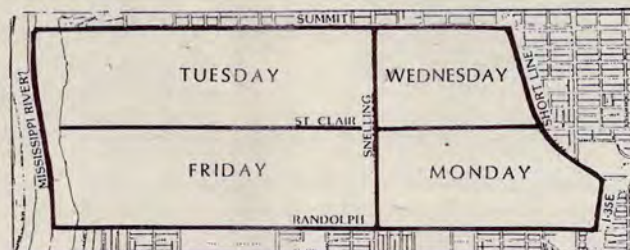
The St. Thomas permit has been a controversial issue because the college has wanted to expand its boundary to include the two residential blocks between Summit, Grand, Cleveland and Cretin avenues. Another controversial issue has been the height and setback requirements for this proposed "land link" between the traditional St. Thomas cam-

pus and its newer "lower campus" on the former St. Paul Seminary grounds.

Extensive neighborhood testimony opposing some of the provisions of an earlier draft of the permit resulted in the permit being sent back to committee. The committee has completed its work and will present its findings to the community at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, at the Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave. The District 14 Community Council will take a position on the revised document at its January 18 meeting. For more information, call District 14 Community Organizer Kathie Tarnowski at 698-7973.

ST. THOMAS COMMITTEE REP APPOINTED

John Kingrey, 2258 Fairmount Ave., has been appointed to represent the District 14 Community Council on the College of St. Thomas Joint Committee on College/Community Relations. John Dahler, 2170 Summit Ave., has been named an alternate to this committee, which was established as a vehicle for communication between the college and its neighbors. The committee is also intended to be a mechanism for involving the community in the college's planning process.



District 14 recycling days

RECYCLED REMINDER

The District 14 Community Council offers Macalester-Groveland residents a weekly curbside recycling service. The Macalester-Groveland area has been divided into four sections (see map) with each section being picked up on a different weekday. Materials for collection should be bagged, boxed or bundled and placed in the alley by 6:30 a.m. on pickup day. In Tangletown or on blocks that have no alley, materials are collected on the front curb.

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

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

Missed pickups should be reported directly to the community council's recycling contractor, Eagle Sanitation, at 459-3029. For more information on recycling, call the District 14 office at 698-7973.

COUNCIL OUTLINES GOALS FOR 1990

Also on December 14, the District 14 council adopted goals and objectives for the coming year. These goals for 1990 include providing an ongoing forum for effective, informed citizen participation; support for and expansion of the council's network of organized blocks and crime-prevention activities; reduction of parking problems and the tension these problems create in commercial areas and around institutions;

enhancement and revitalization of commercial areas through efforts such as the Randolph-Snelling Neighborhood Partnership Program improvements slated for 1991; reforestation of Macalester-Groveland boulevards and yards now that sewer and street work is nearly complete; support for changes in state laws that force cities like St. Paul to widen streets to get state funding for roadway reconstruction; continued sponsorship of the District 14 Senior Chore Service; continued sponsorship of KidsPark; expansion of the Groveland Park S'More Fun after-school and holiday child-care program to other elementary schools; addressing the educational needs of young families in the Mac-Groveland area and helping them choose schools through the development of a computerized Parent Information Center; continued work on the prevention of rape and sexual assault; expansion of the council's recycling and other solid-waste abatement efforts; support for volume-based, organized trash collection; and continued cleanup and neighborhood beautification efforts.

Those interested in any of these issues are invited to give the District 14 office a call at 698-7973.

OLD CHRISTMAS TREES COLLECTED

The District 14 Community Council has organized a Christmas tree collection for Saturday, January 13. Because Christmas trees are not classified as yard waste, they can be thrown out with the trash and taken to the county's refuse-derived-fuel facility at Newport. However, the council's Environment Committee has been advised by Northern States Power that Christmas trees are likely to fall out as residual after being shredded and thus will probably end up in a landfill rather than be burned. The Environment Committee, seeking an alternative, has arranged for the trees to be collected and hauled to the University of Minnesota where they will be chipped and used as mulch.

Local trash haulers who have donated trucks and drivers for the tree collection include Eagle Sanitation, Jim Berquist, Twin City Sanitation and BFI. The council has secured a grant from the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation to cover the cost of chipping the trees.

Helping the Environment Committee organize this project is Eagle Scout candidate Ben Hoxie of Boy Scout Troup 671, sponsored by Nativity Church. Many additional volunteers are needed on collection day, however. Many of the jobs they will do involve no lifting. If you can lend a hand on collection day, call Ben at 698-6834 or Ellen Kluz at the District 14 office, 698-7973. Volunteers helping out with the collection will be treated to lunch at Davanni's, Risimini's or Domino's pizzerias.

KIDSPARK CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAYS

KidsPark, the community council's licensed drop-in child-care program, will be closed during the public schools' Christmas break. It will reopen on Monday, January 8.

KidsPark is operated in the original playground building at Groveland Recreation Center, 1961 St. Clair Ave. KidsPark was opened a year ago last October for parents who need occasional child care so that they may keep daytime appointments, shop, take classes, volunteer or just take a break from their kids. The service is available between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on days public elementary schools are in session. KidsPark serves infants from 6 weeks to 16 months old between 9:00 a.m. and noon only.

Each participating family pays an \$18 annual membership fee. The hourly charge is \$2.00 for infants and \$1.50 for children 16 months and older. Parents can exchange hours of service for hours of child care.

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

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The HBA Today

by Constance M. Wittek, Executive Director
Highland Business Association

VILLAGE HOURS PROMOTED

A directory of 58 Highland Village businesses was published by the HBA in November. The purpose was to alert area residents that these establishments are now open extended hours for their shopping and dining convenience. The list included every business (retail, service and restaurant) that is open at least between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. weekdays, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and between noon and 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. Most of the businesses are open even longer hours.

These are *not* holiday shopping hours, but permanent Highland Village shopping hours. To further emphasize that point and spread the word, the Highland Business Association will continue working to promote Highland Village's new extended hours.

HOLIDAY PARTY CELEBRATED

Well over 100 owners, managers and employees of HBA-member firms gathered for the annual HBA Holiday party on December 1 in the lobby of the Highland Bank. A variety of hors d'oeuvres was donated for the occasion by Tiffany's Bar and Grille, the Willowgate Restaurant, Lee's Village Inn, Bruegger's Bagel Bakery and Cecil's Restaurant and Deli. Beverages were provided by the Highland Business Association and Liquor Village. Several lucky party-goers won door prizes donated by Sister Rosalind Gefre's Professional Massage Center, Liquor Village and the Highland Business Association.

CHILL OUT IN HIGHLAND

Thursday, December 14, was the coldest night of the winter to date. It was also the second annual "Night Out In Highland." The weather, for the second year in a row, had a chilling effect on the number of shoppers who came to Highland Village to take in the holiday promotion, but it certainly didn't deter everyone. Some merchants reported good traffic, while others had a light night.

Shoppers who did come out were dressed for the chilly temps as they lined up on Ford Parkway for the free carriage rides up and down Ford Parkway. The carriage rides were sponsored by Highland Village Center and Ryan Properties. Carolers from Horace Mann School, Cretin-Derham Hall and the Highland Bank added to the warm spirit of the evening. Shoppers were treated to free popcorn, compliments of the Highland Theater, and free cider in the mall next to Dell Fabrics. Santa visited most of the Village's shops, handing out holiday treats to customers and clerks. In addition, many merchants were serving treats for customers in their shops. Participants in the skating and sledding party at Hillcrest Rec Center were sparse due to the weather, but the children there also enjoyed free popcorn and cider.

Shoppers may register through December 24 at any participating business for nearly \$2,000 in gift certificates to be given away as part of the annual holiday promotion. Over 50 area merchants have donated gift certificates that will be awarded to the lucky registrants on December 27. All winners will be notified by mail immediately thereafter.

PED CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

Business people in the Highland area will soon receive registration information on the second annual conference on neighborhood commercial centers sponsored by the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development. Last year's conference drew 130 participants, including 14 from the Highland Business Association. The quality of the first conference was outstanding, and an even greater response is expected this year.

How to organize and promote the neighborhood commercial strip is the topic of the day-long conference, which will be held Tuesday, January 30, at the Sheraton-Midway Hotel, located at I-94 and Hamline Avenue. The cost for HBA members will be \$15, including lunch. Non-members may attend for \$25.

A brochure about the conference will be mailed to all Highland area businesses in early January. For more information call Connie Wittek at the HBA office (699-9042).

UPCOMING MEETINGS SET

The standard HBA meeting schedule will resume in January. On the first Thursday of the month, January 4, the Highland Fest 1990 Planning Committee will convene at 8:00 a.m. in the board room of the Highland Bank. Several of that group's subcommittees have been working since September and have already accomplished a great deal. Other committees are not yet fully operational and could use some assistance. Anyone from the Highland community who is interested in becoming involved with arrangements for the 1990 festival is invited to call the HBA office at 699-9042 for more information.

The Highland Business Association's board of directors will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 11, in the Highland Bank board room. All members of the association are invited to attend.

The following Thursday, January 18, has been designated as "HBA 1990 Membership Blitz Day." Members of the HBA board as well as any other interested HBA members

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by Mark Malterud D.D.S.

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Volunteer mentor Hans Gallas has been helping Highland Park Senior High School student Lamang Xiong improve his English skills through the American Refugee Committee's Saturday Scholars program.

Volunteers help Asian immigrants adjust to new lives in Twin Cities

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

Hans Gallas, who immigrated to the United States from Germany as a child, knows what a bewildering experience it can be for someone to learn the language and customs of a new country.

The Berkeley Avenue resident moved to St. Paul from California a little over two years ago and learned that the American Refugee Committee was in need of volunteers to work with Southeast Asian immigrants in the Twin Cities area. That motivated him to become a volunteer mentor to Highland Park Senior High School student Lamang Xiong.

Gallas said it was interesting that he and Xiong arrived in the Twin Cities at about the same time. Before coming to St. Paul in the fall of 1987, Xiong had lived in a refugee camp in Thailand for about seven years. "I thought it would be a neat opportunity for us to learn the area together," Gallas said.

The two have been meeting for a couple of hours once a week for nearly the past two years through the American Refugee Committee's Saturday Scholars program, which matches volunteer mentors with junior and senior high school students. Gallas assists Xiong with his homework, particularly in English and social studies, and is also using a home computer to help him develop computer skills.

The mentorship program is quite flexible and no longer limited to Saturdays, said volunteer programs coordinator Jean Egbert. Gallas and Xiong, for example, have gone on a camping trip and visited the Minnesota Museum of Art, where Gallas teaches in the after-school program. "I enjoy cooking," Gallas said. "So we also baked cookies."

Communicating with his young charge hasn't been a problem, Gallas said. Xiong had learned some English in Thailand and, though he has a definite accent, Gallas can understand him readily. "It's been fun working with him on his English assignments," Gallas said, "to see his compositions develop."

Volunteers in the Saturday Scholars program are asked to commit two to three hours a week for a minimum of one year, Egbert said, and "to become a friend" with the student. There is no shortage of youngsters willing to participating in the program, she said. When Saturday Scholars began, Egbert spoke at several area schools and more than 200 students signed up. Since then, her task has been to recruit volunteers to tutor the young people.

Saturday Scholars is just one of the programs offered by the non-profit American Refugee Committee, whose Twin Cities office is located in Minneapolis. Overseas, the international organization works in Malawi, Sudan and Thailand to help refugees become self-sufficient in such tasks as providing their own emergency medical care, Egbert said. Locally, the programs are geared at helping refugees develop skills necessary for living in an urban, technological society. Three of

the programs—Saturday Scholars, Study Centers and First Steps for Women—have served close to 600 refugees in Minneapolis and St. Paul, she said.

Study centers set up in Twin Cities high schools provide places where refugee students can do homework and receive extra help, Egbert said. Staffed by volunteers, many of whom are college students, the centers are open several afternoons or early evenings each week. A new study center will open at Highland Park High School in mid-January.

First Steps for Women is similar to Saturday Scholars in that it matches a mentor with a Southeast Asian refugee. But instead of working with students, the volunteers assist female refugees who are usually mothers with young children.

Egbert said the refugee women first spend one month taking classes taught by bilingual teachers to learn how to travel around the city by bus, to purchase groceries at a supermarket, to use household appliances and cleaning products, and to care for their children in a new and strange culture. Then they are matched with volunteer mentors who help them improve their English literacy and conversation.

"Literacy in general is quite low. Many of the Hmong women have never read or written their own language before," Egbert said. "To open the doors of English is perplexing."

Juliet Avenue resident Martha Boerschlein Tracy works weekly with Neng Lee, a Hmong mother who came to the United States about two years ago with her husband and six children.

Although Lee knew no English when she arrived here and is still far from fluent in the language, Boerschlein Tracy said she is learning to write her name and address and takes English classes at St. Mary's Church in downtown St. Paul. Lee's opportunities to practice at home are limited since her family does not speak English.

In spite of the language barrier, the two women have not found it difficult to communicate. And neither have their children. Boerschlein Tracy helps Lee practice her English vocabulary with the aid of pictures and takes her 6-year-old son along to play with Lee's children. While the two women sit studiously at the table to learn, the children bounce on the bed, laughing as only children can.

Lee's family, which now includes a new baby, lives in a very small, two-bedroom apartment in the Cathedral Hill area and has very few possessions. On one visit, Boerschlein Tracy brought the family a table lamp. The children, who had apparently never seen such an object before, were fascinated with turning the switch on and off.

Lee seems eager to learn the customs of America, Boerschlein Tracy said. She taught the family how to carve pumpkins for Halloween and explained the tradition of hav-

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Temple of Aaron sets activities for Soviet immigrants

The Temple of Aaron, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd., has scheduled several activities this month for St. Paul's new Soviet Jewish immigrants.

All new residents are invited to attend the temple's Hanukkah party from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 24. The day will begin with students from the Bernard Raskas Religious School performing a musical play. In addition, George Frisch and Bette Gottesman will debate "Which has been more important to Jewish survival, the Hamentashen or the latke?" The party will also include a dramatic reading of the Hanukkah story by Arnold Frishberg, singing, dreidl games and a latke-and-sugar-doughnut brunch. The program is free.

Recent Jewish immigrants are also welcome to come to the temple from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on December 21-22 and 25-29 to receive donated household items, clothes, toys and games.

For more information on activities offered at the Temple of Aaron, call 698-8874.

Beth Jacob opens holiday gift shop

Beth Jacob Synagogue at 1170 Victoria Curve in Mendota Heights has opened a holiday gift shop with a full line of Hanukkah items available, including gift wrap, candles, decorations, candy and toys. The shop is open Sundays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or by appointment.

For more information, call Laurie Smith at 452-2738.

Member discounts offered at JCC

The Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave., will offer discounts on new memberships, as well as men's and women's Health Club memberships, from December 23-30. Membership is open to anyone in the community.

New members will receive a gift pack of coupons, including guest passes, racquetball tickets, babysitting coupons, class discounts and other specials. For more information, call Naomi Arnold, membership director, at 698-0751.

SPA has tutorials for all age groups

Evening and Saturday tutorials in math, composition, study skills and SAT achievement-test preparation will begin the week of January 9 at St. Paul Academy's Upper School, 1712 Randolph Ave.

The small-group sessions are geared to students of all ages and abilities. Tutorials with class sizes limited to six or fewer students include reading and spelling for all ages, structured math for all ages, composition for grades 7 through adult, study skills for grades 6 through adult and SAT preparation in math and verbal skills for high school students.

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JCC Happenings

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The 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course is taught by volunteers who are age 50 and older. No tests are given during the course, which is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons. The fee is \$7.00. For more information, call Rose Grossman at 698-0751.

WINTER ACTIVITIES OFFERED

Registration will be held January 2-22 for classes and activities that will be offered in the coming months at the Jewish Community Center. Registration can be completed from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 5:00 p.m. Friday and until 8:00 p.m. Sunday. For a copy of the center's winter/spring program guide, call 698-0751.

DISABLED ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN

Young people ages 6 months to 21 years who have physical or intellectual disabilities are encouraged to participate in programs being offered at the Jewish Community Center. Approximately 25 children and young adults with disabilities participate regularly in a wide variety of the center's programs, including aquatics, gymnastics, theater, after-school day care, outings and ballet.

HBA Today (cont'd from page 11)

will gather for breakfast at Cafe de Paris. Former St. Paul Mayor George Vavoulis will be the guest speaker. Following breakfast, attendees will call on all non-member businesses within Highland to talk up the value of membership in the association. Last year's blitz brought in a significant number of new members and helped acquaint all non-member firms with the HBA. The goal of this year's blitz is to generate 100 percent participation within Highland Village and greatly increase outlying business membership.

HBA members will gather over lunch on January 25 to hear state Senator Richard Cohen (DFL, District 64) and state Representative Howard Orenstein (DFL, District 64B), the two legislators who represent the Highland area at the state Capitol. The topic for the day will be legislative issues of concern to small businesses in Minnesota. Registration details will be announced to members in the January HBA newsletter.

BUSINESS OWNER'S GUIDE AVAILABLE

Copies of the "St. Paul Business Owner's Guide," a publication of the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development, are now available through the Highland Business Association office. Anyone who has plans to start, buy or change a business in St. Paul will find assistance in this packet. Information on which city agencies need to be contacted for required permits, licenses and approvals is included, as well as agencies available to provide a variety of assistance to small businesses. Call the HBA office at 699-9042 to request a copy.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

December brings to a close a full and fruitful year for the Highland Business Association. It's been a year of a

Workshops look at self-esteem among parents, children

A series of workshops based on the book *Self-Esteem: A Family Affair* by Jean Illsley Clarke will be offered on Mondays starting January 8 at Ford Parkway Community Church, 1901 Ford Pkwy.

Part of the Highland Christian Children's Center's parents seminar program, the workshops will focus on the stages of childhood and what part self-esteem plays in each. The final session will look at self-esteem in adults.

The 60- to 90-minute sessions are scheduled for January 8, 15 and 22, and February 19 and 26. The cost is \$10 per session (\$15 per couple) and registration is due by noon on the Friday preceding class.

For more information or to register, call the facilitator, Julie Nielsen, at 854-8686.

Ducharme elected

Richard Ducharme, past president of the Highland Business Association, has been elected treasurer of the Minnesota chapter of the Institute of Real Estate Management. IREM is an 8,000-member professional organization affiliated with the National Association of Realtors. Ducharme is now employed by Towle Real Estate of Minneapolis as a commercial property manager.

RSVP seeks senior citizen volunteers

Residents age 60 and older are needed to help fill long- and short-term requests for volunteers by joining the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), sponsored by the St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center.

For more information on becoming an RSVP volunteer, call 221-2820.

great deal of activity: successful Highland Fest, the HBA Customer Survey and the resulting effort to promote Highland Village hours, and a significant growth in membership and in member participation. In addition, 1989 found many Highland business people taking a hard look at what Highland needs to do to compete successfully in the retail market of tomorrow.

The HBA also managed its annual Maintenance Program, assuring the ongoing attractiveness and upkeep of Highland Village. The program included twice-weekly area cleanup by workers from Kaposia Inc.; the replacement of over a dozen drought-stricken trees on the Village's medians and boulevards; the planting of over 2,400 purple vincas in the brick planters throughout the Village; and the watering of all trees, shrubs and flowers as needed.

The HBA sponsored numerous events for members as well as for the local community in 1989, including Breakfast with Santa at Lee's Village Inn earlier this month, the 4th of July celebration at Highland Park, two golf tournaments, quarterly breakfast meetings with Councilmember Bob Long, monthly general meetings, the annual meeting and the Holiday Party.

All of this activity is due to the work of a very involved HBA board of directors, whose members strive continually for the betterment and promotion of the greater Highland area. As the staff person for the Highland Business Association, I am indebted to the board as well as to many other association members who have cared enough about Highland to become actively involved in the HBA.

It is an honor to work daily with this group of highly ethical business people who share a common interest in the future of Highland. Their vision and enthusiasm insure success for Highland area commerce well beyond the 1990s.



First Column

Pat Crowns, President
First Bank Grand

Community support:

A year-round First Banks commitment.

In this season of sharing, it seems fitting to talk about community support—what it means to us at First Banks and for the many communities we serve.

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Committed to families in need.

For more than a decade, the First Banks have made grants to programs aimed at strengthening families in need, particularly children and families at risk. Last month, for example, First Banks sponsored an eight-state conference on domestic violence where over 300 people participated.

In projects such as our Neighborhood Lending Partnership Program, our goal has been to provide low-to-moderate income people with low-interest, government-backed loans for home improvement, commercial rehabilitation and more.

In 1990, we will continue our support to people in need.

Grand Avenue area support.

At First Bank Grand, our goal this year has been to make our entire community an even better place to live and work. We're pleased to have participated local activities such as Grand Old Days and Grand Meander. Our employees have been active in worthwhile causes all around the area, from the Metro Paint-a-Thon to the Twin Cities Marathon.

We'd like to say a special note of thanks to two of the many community groups who have made a real difference: the Grand Avenue Business Association, and Women's Advocates.

As the new decade begins, First Bank Grand has an even stronger commitment to you, our neighbors. Starting on January 27, our lobby will be open for full-service banking on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We also invite you to stop in during our Open House week, January 22 through 27. A peaceful and prosperous New Year to you all!

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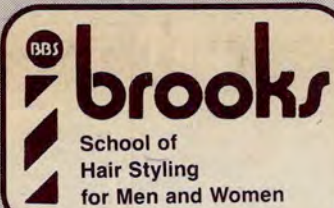
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Salvation Army vet rings in 8th holiday season

by Dick Gordon

Bob Lawrence never forgot what the Salvation Army did for him and his fellow GI's in Europe during World War II.

"They got us shaving kits and other essentials when we really needed them," he said.

So when Lawrence heard that the Salvation Army was short on holiday bell ringers, he signed up.

That was in 1982. At the time, Lawrence was working full time as a butcher and meat boner for the Armour Company in South St. Paul. In 34½ years at Armour, Lawrence had accumulated a good deal of vacation time, and he used that to fill out a part-time assignment for the Salvation Army at its outpost outside the Lunds store in Highland Village.

When the Armour plant closed in 1983, Lawrence became a full-time bell ringer, but he kept his assignment in Highland and has been there ever since, ringing his bell 10 to 15 hours a day, six days a week, from the day after Thanksgiving until the day before Christmas, no matter how foul the weather.

"I liked Highland from the beginning," he said. "The people were always friendly and the donations were good." After seven years, Lawrence doesn't even have to ask to be assigned to Highland anymore. "It's understood, this is where I'll be," he said.

Lawrence believes in the maxim, "smile and the world smiles with you," so it is always with a cheerful countenance that he greets shoppers as they pass. He calls many of them by name, and they respond in kind whether or not they drop any money into his kettle.

A widower who lives on



Bob Lawrence

the East Side of St. Paul, Lawrence usually begins his day of bell ringing around 10:30 a.m., and he'll remain at Lunds until 9:30 p.m. or later. A couple of weeks ago, he put in 68 hours of ringing, which isn't bad for a gent who will turn 68 in April.

Does his arm ever ache from the constant ringing, or his feet and legs tire from standing so long? "I can take it," he said, pointing out that his limbs grew accustomed to such stress while he was working as a butcher.

"The longest day I ever worked was 15 hours," he said. "That was four years ago, and it also was the coldest day I've experienced. It was 15 below and warmed up to 9 below."

"Ordinarily, I take a break and get some coffee inside about every three hours. But when it's very cold, I do that they ask him to, he will sing 'Jingle Bells' or some other Christmas ditty."

"I don't think I sing very well, but they seem to like

more often—maybe once an hour."

Whenever Lawrence takes a break, the kettle goes with him, although no one has ever tried to steal the money he has collected. In seven seasons of bell ringing, Lawrence has only had two unpleasant experiences.

"Once a man accused me of being tied up to the Communists," he said. "I told him to take a hike. Another time someone said I shouldn't be begging that way. I didn't pay any attention. Otherwise, there has never been a cross word. Most donors understand that their money goes to help the needy, but if they want an explanation, I'll give it to them."

The Salvation Army instructs bell ringers to address adults as "sir" or "ma'am," which Lawrence does. He calls children "honey," and if it, he said.

Lunds' assistant manager Tom Leary called Lawrence "a real asset to the store."

He has never missed a day. All our customers like him and seem to enjoy talking to him."

Lawrence gets most of his donations in small change or dollar bills, but, he noted, "the other day a man asked if I'd accept a check. I said, 'Yes, sir,' and a few minutes later he came back and put a check for \$50 in the kettle."

Overall, the Salvation Army is a little behind in its collections this holiday season, but Highland shoppers have been more generous than ever, according to Lawrence. "I took in \$800 the other day," he said.

While Lawrence himself doesn't benefit from the money he raises, Highland shoppers have benefited directly from his presence in the Village. A couple of weeks ago, a woman lost control of her automobile in Lunds' parking lot and wound up hitting a total of six other cars as her vehicle careened into the adjacent lot. Lawrence, with his kettle in tow, rushed to her aid, and he and another man helped the woman out of her car.

"She seemed a little dazed," Lawrence said, "so we had someone call the paramedics."

All in a day's work for a dutiful member of the Salvation Army.

Last Thursday night, at the end of a long day of bell ringing, Lawrence fell getting out of a car and sprained his wrist. Despite having a cast on his wrist, he continues to work for the Salvation Army, although he has been reassigned to a post indoors and elsewhere in the Twin Cities. Lawrence expects to be back at his post outside the Lunds' store next November, however. "Then and the next year and as long as my health permits it," he said.

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Self-discovery without therapy

Center leads clients to the style of learning that works best for them

by Rosie O'Brien

What is your preferred style of learning? Are you good at identifying and analyzing a problem? Or are you better at gathering information about a problem and coming up with several possible solutions to it? Do you prefer to weigh all the possibilities and then develop several strategies to solve a problem? Or do you like to carry out a strategy first and then quickly come up with an alternate strategy should the first one fail?

These traits form the four quadrants of the learning, or problem-solving, cycle and are examples of four different styles of learning, according to the staff at the new Women's Enrichment Center, 905 Jefferson Ave.

The center's theory is that just as there are different types of personalities, so there are different styles of learning. The four styles and their particular strengths are: diverger (identifying and analyzing), assimilator (assimilating facts, gathering information), converger (weighing possibilities) and accomoderator (carrying out strategies).

Your particular style of learning can have a significant impact on the way you do your job and how well you get along with your co-workers, according to the Women's Enrichment Center. Helping people discover their preferred style of learning is one of the services the center has been offering since it was opened October 1 by Judy Miller, Michele Kopp and Agnes Foley.

Judy Miller, the director of the center, is a full-time professor at the College of St. Catherine. In 1969, she started the Department of Social Work at St. Catherine's and now teaches classes there in research and social work.

About 10 years ago, Miller met Kopp, who is a Dominican Sister and a counselor and supervisor at Mental Health Resources in St. Paul.

"We were lamenting the fact that women in religion, who had been working for 30 to 40 years, were now having to go out and interview for jobs (because of changes in the religious orders)," Miller said.

Kopp and Miller set up workshops for women on work styles and learning styles. They also talked about establishing a center for women that would teach different learning styles.

"Then I met Agnes Foley, who was the director of the math learning center at St. Catherine's," Miller said. "I talked to her about using information on learning-style preferences to teach math to women."

Foley, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph

Women come to the center for all sorts of reasons, Miller said. Some come because they aren't getting along with their boss or their co-workers. Others come because they are burnt out and want to figure out how to relieve the stress.

of Carondelet, now works part-time at the University of Minnesota as a supervisor of student teachers. She also teaches a math class at the St. Paul Technical Institute.

"We believe that women need to know more about themselves," Miller said. "Then they are better equipped to handle relationships on the job and personal ones. Many women go into therapy or counseling when something goes wrong. We want this to be a place where you learn about yourself without it being therapy."

Miller described the center as a "non-traditional, non-formal place that focuses on health instead of ill health. We focus on strength rather than on what's missing from a person," she said.

Women come to the center for all sorts of reasons, Miller said. Some come because they aren't getting along with their boss or their co-workers. Others come because they are burnt out and want to figure out how to relieve the stress. Still others come to find out which kind of work they are best suited for.

Miller, Kopp and Foley have targeted women as their clientele, but they are finding that men want these services, too. "We want to be of service to women because we think women need help in this, but we are not excluding men," Miller said.

Clients who come to the center are interviewed and then asked to fill out a series of questionnaires on their learning styles and temperament. The questionnaires help define a person's behavior, motivation and learning-style preference. The results are fed into a computer, which generates an eight-page report showing what a person's strengths

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ing the children go out to collect treats. Even though the Hmong do not include many sweets in their diet, Lee gave candy treats to Boerschlein Tracy and her son when they came to visit on Halloween. "She is trying to fit in," Boerschlein Tracy said.

Boerschlein Tracy became interested in the program after working with an Asian student support group at Cretin-Derham Hall, where she teaches religion. "I've gotten much more out of this than she has, I'm sure," she said.

The American Refugee Committee has an immediate need to find mentors for 55 refugees, most of whom are Southeast Asian, Egbert said. Orientation and training sessions will be held in early January.

Prospective volunteers will be asked to fill out an application and to attend an orientation session to learn the "nuts and bolts" of the program, she said. If they decide to become tutors or mentors, the volunteers then attend a one-day training session to learn skills in cross-cultural communication.

Volunteers who will be working with students must also supply two references and be interviewed by Egbert. There are no costs to the volunteers other than supplying their own transportation and occasionally paying for a special event, such as a movie, Egbert said.

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Importing merchandise from Mexico has always been an adventure for Billie Young of Grand Avenue's Old Mexico Shop, but this year things were supposed to be different. Above, Young sits among a portion of the fall shipment that almost didn't make it.

Crocus Hill neighborliness dispels nightmare for Grand Ave. merchant

by Dick Gordon

If the vases, pots and decorative Mexican artwork displayed on the shelves of Billy Young's Old Mexico Shop at Victoria Crossing could talk, would they have a story to tell.

As it is, we'll have to rely on Young for the tale of how her 2-ton holiday shipment from south of the border was unloaded on her Crocus Hill lawn at midnight one late-September eve. The headlights of her neighbors' automobiles provided the needed illumination while the drivers of the cargo truck—Sotero Mendez Herrera and Jaime Martinez Topio, who are Mixtec Indians from Acatlan, Puebla, Mexico—made like Kirby Puckett and Greg Gagne, tossing each expensive, and very breakable, piece of merchandise from the truck to the street below.

Young said she gasped at the time as one driver stood on top of the load and threw the ceramic pots and vases to his co-worker below. She almost gasped at the retelling. "It was hard to watch an \$85 Casa Grande pot sail through the air," she said, "but everything was fielded expertly."

The midnight unloading was the culmination of a long day for the two Mexicans and their cargo of imported goods, and the happy ending to an odyssey of bureaucratic red tape complicated by international misunderstanding and law-enforcement officials who, perhaps because of their racist ways, were a bit over diligent in carrying out their duties, Young said.

Young imports about half of her wares from Mexico, and that effort has always required the expenditure of some sweat on Young's part. This year, along with the

sweat, came a good deal of anxiety and frustration.

The Young's preface embraces the 25 to 30 trips Young and her former partner Mary Wilson have made to southern Mexico to purchase merchandise since their store opened in 1972. This year, Young wanted to avoid having to make that long haul. As she noted, neither she nor the van she drove some 4,000 miles round trip each year from St. Paul to Mexico were getting any younger.

An alternative method developed from a chance encounter in Oaxaca with a Mexican driver who had license plates enabling him to drive his truck in the United States. Young figured she had solved her transportation problem. Now she is not so sure.

The truck was due to arrive at her door at 9:00 one morning in late September. Everything appeared to be right on schedule when the driver called at 8:40 a.m. from a metropolitan area weigh station. But that's where the trouble began. "Nine o'clock came and went," Young recalled, "and so did 10:00, 11:00 and 12:00." Still no truck.

Shortly after noon, Young received a telephone call from the state Highway Patrol informing her that her truck had pulled into a Burnsville weigh station and registered 450 pounds too heavy. "Since the entire load probably weighed around 4,000 pounds, I figured this was no big deal," Young said. "I suggested to the officer who called that they take off 450 pounds and let the truck come on into St. Paul. I thought that was normal procedure in such cases."

But things were not that simple, according

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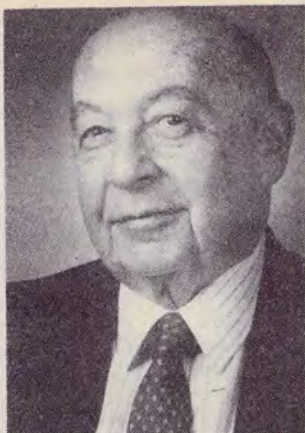
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St. Kate's honors Ruvelson

Alan K. Ruvelson, of 2120 Lower St. Dennis Road, was awarded the College of St. Catherine Medal of Honor at winter commencement ceremonies on December 14 at the college.

Ruvelson was honored for his contributions to St. Paul's civic, educational and church communities. He is a former trustee of the College of St. Catherine and is president of First Midwest Ventures Inc., Minneapolis.

At the commencement ceremony, special honors were also bestowed upon Dr. Mary Muellerleile, founding director of the school's Weekend College, who received the College of St. Catherine's Alexandrine Medal for her contributions to the higher education of women; and former Chief Justice Robert



Alan K. Ruvelson

Sheran, who received the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

St. Catherine's awarded 142 bachelor's degrees and 15 master's degrees during the commencement.

Organizations get child-care grants

St. Paul's Child Care Partnership Grant Program will award a total of \$50,000 to local organizations that address child-care needs during the second of two grant rounds being conducted this year.

The local groups and the amount of grant money to be awarded include: \$5,000 to increase the amount of infant care available at the Jewish Community Center; \$11,000 to Resources for Child Caring to improve the training of child-care providers; \$16,800 to Pilgrim Academy Preschool to serve more children in the Summit-University area; and \$17,200 to the Rainbo Children's Theatre Company for its extended-day child-care program.

Information on the guidelines and deadlines for next year's grants are available by calling 298-4431.

Dupont promoted at Colle & McVoy

Stephen Dupont, 54 S. Cretin Ave., has been promoted to the position of senior account executive at Colle & McVoy Public Relations in Minneapolis.

Dupont joined Colle & McVoy in 1988 as an account executive. He was previously employed in public relations by Wells & Company and by Bozell & Jacobs. Dupont is a 1985 graduate of the College of St. Thomas, where he earned a degree in journalism.

St. Mary's Home seeks volunteers

St. Mary's Home, a nursing home located at 1925 Norfolk Ave., is seeking a social organization or service club interested in supplying one of their members one day each week to assist with lunch or dinner at the home.

Volunteers are needed to help residents to and from the communal dining room, to pour coffee, to open milk cartons and to perform other small tasks during meal time.

Training is available. For more information on this or other opportunities for volunteers at the home, call Lynne at 698-5508, extension 344.

Santa will make a pit stop at Lloyd's

Santa will greet motorists in their cars from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, December 21 and 22, at Lloyd's Automotive Service, 982 Grand Ave. Free candy canes, hot apple cider, cookies and coffee will be available while Santa is visiting the station.

Big Sister program taking applications

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater St. Paul is accepting applications from girls in single-parent families who are between the ages 7 to 14. The girls will be matched with a "big sister."

Big sisters are women who volunteer a few hours each week to form a friendship with a girl much like an older sister would.

For more information, call Sally at 224-7651.

Toastmasters now meeting at Liberty

The King Boreas Toastmasters Club has changed its weekly meeting place to the Liberty State Bank Building at the corner of Selby and Snelling avenues. The group had been meeting for years at Patty's Pantry.

The King Boreas Club, which is a member of Toastmasters International, has provided for nearly 50 years a supportive environment for people who want to improve their communicating skills.

The club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Saturday and guests are always welcome.

Volunteers needed for Business Basics

Junior Achievement is in need of volunteers willing to participate in its Business Basics program. The educational program helps local 5th- and 6th-graders learn about business through discussion topics and activities.

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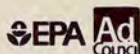


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Old Mexico Shop

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Young said, "A wonderful thing happened. Our neighbors, seeing the huge truck and the drivers throwing pots off the top of the load, came out of their homes, started their cars and turned on their headlights. They then joined in with the unloading."

serving the drivers a meal—they hadn't eaten all day—Young and her associates proceeded outdoors to begin the monumental task of unloading the truck.

By then the sun had set, and in the gathering darkness, Young said, "a wonderful thing happened. Our neighbors, seeing the huge truck and the drivers throwing pots off the top of the load, came out of their homes, started their cars and turned on their headlights. They then joined in with the unloading. Thanks to Donna, Bill and Billy Strusinski, Robin and Cathy Young, Barbara Wack, Joanna Victor, Mary Wilson and, of course, the two drivers, we got the entire truckload—those thousands of pieces, unloaded and most of the cargo inside. At 2:00 a.m., George and I put the two drivers to bed in our guest room."

The next morning, after a late breakfast, Young gave Herrera and Topio a photocopy of her \$1,000 receipt, just in case they were stopped again, and wished them well in Spanish, which she speaks fairly fluently. She also warned them to avoid Minnesota weigh stations. Young said they couldn't wait to leave our inhospitable state.

Much of the Mexican cargo is still stored in the Youngs' home because there isn't room for it all at the store. But by next summer, Young said, she will need to import more merchandise.

"It's a problem," she said. "At this point, I don't know what we'll do. I was dumbfounded at what happened. Those drivers had taken the same truck with loads of pottery to New York, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico without incident. But not Minnesota." Young wonders if the brown skin and straight black hair of Herrera and Topio "had something to do with the full weight of the Highway Patrol, Immigration, Narcotics and U.S. Customs crashing down on them."

But at least the story had a happy ending—for Young as well as her Old Mexico Shop customers.

to the Highway Patrol officer. Because neither of the drivers had a Class B driver's license, he wouldn't let the truck leave. Young's husband, George, the former superintendent of the St. Paul Public School District, arranged to have Harold Turnquist, head of transportation for the school district and the holder of a Class B license, go get the truck.

Young called the weigh station to inform the officials, but was told that there were other problems. For one, the drivers couldn't speak English. Young didn't understand why that mattered since they could obviously read English well enough to pull into the weigh station. Another phone call disclosed that narcotics agents had been called in and their dogs were just then sniffing around the truck.

"My feeling was that when they found the truck was driven by two Mexican natives, they tried very hard to find some violation," Young said. "And these drivers didn't even smoke. And all they drank was Coke. Furthermore, their truck was not a jalopy. It was a shiny Mercedes Benz."

After Herrera and Topio passed the narcotics inspection, the Highway Patrol called U.S. Customs, which dispatched a Class B driver to move the truck to the Humphrey Terminal at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, where it was impounded.

"That was partially good news," Young said; "it was getting closer to St. Paul."

Customs found everything in order, but refused to release the truck without the payment of a \$1,000 fine for having Mexican license plates. "What did they expect?" Young asked. "The drivers were from Mexico."

Initially, Customs wanted a certified check, but by then it was after 6:00 p.m. and almost impossible to get a check certified. After Young explained that to Customs, they settled for a personal check, and they said a Class B license was no longer necessary to drive the truck.

When Young arrived at the Humphrey terminal, where she was greeted by a very hungry and very nervous Herrera and Topio, the Customs agent did not waste time. He accepted her check and, pointing to the truck, said, "It's all yours."

Young thought the fine was excessive and appealed to the authorities. She recently received a letter from the local Customs Service informing her that her appeal was rejected. The letter stated that the fine could have been as high as \$40,000 for the offense but was reduced because of "mitigating circumstances."

When Young, Herrera, Topio and their truck finally pulled up at her Crocus Hill home, it was past 7:00 p.m. But there followed the pleasant part of the story. After

Women's center

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and weaknesses are in terms of the learning cycle.

The report covers 10 areas, including learning-style preferences, basic traits, how a person relates to others, feelings and the ways in which feelings get expressed, how a person handles interpersonal conflict, and problem-solving and leadership styles. The client is given a chance to read the report and then goes over it with an educational consultant.

"We look at the report in terms of a person's goals and help them learn about themselves," Miller said.

"(The report) is a non-judgmental, non-blaming way to look at differences," Kopp added. "It's a very valid kind of process."

Clients can then take the report to their boss or to a career counselor, Miller said. Foley has used the learning-style assessment with her student teachers with great success.

"It has made a difference for them," Foley said. "This information gives them a way of seeing their own learning style and helps when they teach others."

"What we're finding is that people get a better appreciation of their co-workers' and of their own ways of learning," Miller said. "They understand better what's happening inside them."

For example, an emergency-room nurse who is experiencing a lot of stress on the job may find that she is the kind of person who doesn't like to make quick decisions, but prefers to take more time gathering information about a problem before deciding on a

solution. The nurse may then understand why the job she has chosen causes her so much stress: the demands of her job and her personal preferences are in conflict.

Ideally, a person should strike a balance between the four quadrants of the learning cycle, Miller said. Because Miller is a converger (good at developing strategies and making quick decisions), she said she is also good at accommodating and assimilating because they are closest to the converger on the learning cycle. Miller said she is weakest, however, at using the diverger skills of identifying and analyzing a problem.

Miller said most people aren't skilled in their weakest area, not because they are incompetent, but because they don't value that style of learning or solving problems. The goal then is to teach people how to use the skills they are weakest in. This is done at the center through seminars and in meetings with educational consultants.

The center serves individuals as well as whole staffs or offices. Along with the assessment service, the center is also offering a series of workshops to be held on Tuesdays, January 11, 18 and 25. The topics will be, "What Are You Really Like as a Person," "You and Others," and "You and Your Work."

Each workshop will be held from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Carondelet Center, 1890 Randolph Ave. The cost is \$20 per workshop or \$50 for the series. The individual assessment service costs \$175 and some scholarships are available. For more information, call 224-2576.

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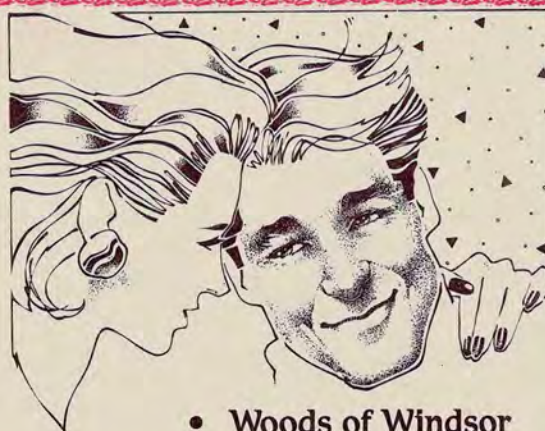
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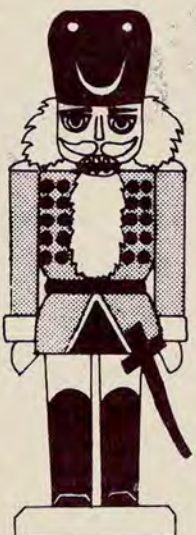
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COUNCIL MEETS JANUARY 11

The Highland Area Community Council did not meet in December. Its next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy. Area residents are encouraged to attend.

NEXT RECYCLING DAY IS JANUARY 5

The Highland area set a city record for recycling in November with 103 tons collected. Congratulations and thanks go to all of those who are participating in the curbside recycling program.

The dates for recycling service in the Highland area are the first and third Mondays of the month, but because of the New Year's holiday, the dates next month will be Friday, January 5, and Monday, January 15. Please note that gift wrap, cards and paper tubes are not recyclable. For more information on recycling, call the Neighborhood Energy Consortium at 644-5436 or the Highland Area Community Council at 690-0866.

TIPS ON RECYCLING METAL, MILK JUGS

District 15's A-Z guide to recycling and disposal continues this issue with information on recycling metals and milk containers. The information comes courtesy of the Ramsey County Division of Environmental Health.

Metals. The following companies buy various types of metals, including iron, steel, aluminum, brass, copper, lead, nickel and silver. You may telephone them to find out just which metals they recycle: A-Battery City (379-7735), Alliance Steel (588-2721), Alter St. Paul (222-2751), Americal Iron and Supply (529-9221), Asset Recovery (541-0789), Doug's Recycling (224-3308), E & S Iron and Metal (521-2208), F & S Metal and Recycling (698-7963), Great Western Iron and Metal (224-4877), Kalman W. Abrams Metals (331-6460), L. Silverberg Scrap and Metal (645-5875), Kirschbaum-Krupp (521-9212), Kleins (545-4655), Kronick (331-8080), Leder (721-6244), Mississippi Street Metals (222-0533), or Poor Richards Transfer Station (776-6333).

Milk containers. Many grocery stores sell refillable milk containers. To find out which stores do, call any one of the following dairies: Polka Dot Dairies (438-2793), Schroeder Milk (487-1471), or Summit Farms (484-2315).

For more information on the recycling guide, call the HACC office at 690-0866.

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December 20

THE CHAI AVIVA GROUP of the St. Paul Chapter of Hadassah will present a live dramatic performance featuring the Jewish Family Service Players at 7:30 p.m. today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The two topics to be dramatized are "Your Business is My Business" and "How to Fight Fair." The performance will include audience participation. For more information, call 699-4336.

MAYOR GEORGE LATIMER will be the featured speaker at the annual banquet of the Ramsey County League of Local Governments today at the Lido Italian Ristorante, 2801 N. Snelling Ave. A cash bar will open at 6:15 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00. For more information, call Beverly Scalze at 483-1055 or Merideth Chelberg at 227-5600.

December 21

THE MIDWAY-HIGHLAND CHAPTER of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1:00 this afternoon in the Liberty State Bank building, Selby and Snelling avenues. Long-time local musician and former City Council member Vic Tedesco will entertain. Guests and prospective new members are welcome.

A HOLIDAY BAKE SALE will be held from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. today at Horace Mann School, 2001 Eleanor Ave. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the 6th-grade trip to the Wolf Ridge environmental learning center in northern Minnesota this spring.

December 23

BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE will hold its annual Hanukkah celebration this evening. "Hanukkah Heaven" will feature a light supper with potato latkes among other foods, a candle-lighting ceremony, and music by the Yiddish Folkmen's klezmer band. The event will begin at 6:30 at the synagogue, 1170 Victoria Curve, Mendota Heights. Participants are asked to bring a Hanukkah menorah and candles. The cost is \$6.00, \$3.00 for children under 10. For reservations, call 452-2226.

December 25

A FAMILY HANUKAH buffet brunch will be served from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The menu will include scrambled eggs, bagels and lox spread, herring, latkes (potato pancakes) and applesauce, fresh fruits and vegetables, pastry and coffee, tea, juice and milk. The cost is \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 10. For reservations, call 698-0751.

December 26

THE ST. PAUL YWCA's Camp Riverfront will begin today for children in kindergarten through grade 6. The camp will continue through Friday, December 29, and will be offered again on January 2-5. The program will feature swimming, games, art instruction, fitness activities, stories and movies. Children may be dropped off between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. and picked up between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. The daily fees are from \$10 to \$14. The YWCA is located at 65 E. Kellogg Blvd. For more information, call 222-3741.

December 27

A HANUKAH DINNER AND CELEBRATION will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. A dairy dinner with latkes (potato pancakes) and special treats will be served. A candle-lighting ceremony, Hanukkah stories and other entertainment will also be featured. Participants are asked to bring their own menorah. The cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children age 6 and under. For reservations, call 698-0751 by December 22.

FILMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS will be shown at 10:30 this morning at the East Lake Library,



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Dan Muck, 8, looks as if he anticipated trouble while flying off a jump at Hillcrest Playground. The bumpy ride and freezing temperatures didn't stop him, however, from grabbing his sled and scampering back up the slope for another run.

2727 E. Lake St., Minneapolis. The films will include "Please Look After This Bear" and "Mole and the Umbrella." For more information, call 724-4561.

HOLIDAY FILMS will be shown at 10:30 this morning at the Nokomis Library, 5100 S. 34th Ave., Minneapolis. The films will include "Corduroy," "Morris and the Disappearing Bag" and "Mole and the Green Star."

THE DODGE NATURE CENTER, 1795 Charlton St., West St. Paul, will offer its popular "Snow Business" winter exploration series today through Friday, December 29, for children in kindergarten through 4th-grade. Participants will make winter crafts, play snow games and perform experiments. Activities will take place both inside and outside, so children should dress accordingly. Three sections will be offered: kindergartners through 2nd-graders from 9:00 a.m. to noon or from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; and 3rd- and 4th-graders from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$24. For reservations, call 455-4531.

December 28

"FROSTY THE SNOWMAN" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" will be shown during a holiday film hour at 2:30 p.m. today at the Nokomis Library, 5100 S. 34th Ave., Minneapolis.

December 30

STATE REPRESENTATIVE Howard Orenstein

will host a party for children 12 and younger from 9:30 a.m. to noon today at the Highland Theater, 760 S. Cleveland Ave. The party will feature the showing of "The Last Unicorn," a cartoon starring the voices of Alan Arkin, Mia Farrow, Tammy Grimes, Robert Klein, Angela Lansbury and Keenan Wynn. The event will also include an appearance by Chuckles the Clown. Cookies and hot apple cider will be served. Admission is free and open to the public. Parents are asked to bring a donation to the area food shelves.

December 31

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will hold an informal New Year's Eve dinner-dance beginning at 6:30 this evening in St. Adalbert's Church Hall, 265 Charles Ave. The cost of \$25 per couple includes mixes, snacks, beer and pop. For reservations, send a check to Knights of Columbus Council 397, 408 Main St., St. Paul, MN 55102, by December 28.

January 3

PRESCHOOL STORIES will be told at 10:30 this morning at the East Lake Library, 2727 E. Lake St., Minneapolis. The program is designed for children ages 3-5. For more information, call 724-4561.

A SIX-WEEK WORKSHOP to help low-income working mothers find better-paying jobs will begin at 6:00 p.m. today at Women

Achieving New Directions, 705 N. 42nd Ave., Minneapolis. A similar workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, January 4, at a location convenient to interested women. The fee is based on the person's income. For more information, call 521-1232.

TODDLER STORY HOURS will be held at 11:00 a.m. today and again on Wednesday, January 10, at the Nokomis Library, 5100 S. 34th Ave., Minneapolis. The stories will be geared to children 1 to 3 years old.

January 4

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month beginning today at St. Joseph's Hospital, 69 W. Exchange St. The afternoon group will meet from 12:30 to 2:30, and the evening group will gather from 6:00 to 8:00. To register, call 291-3060.

January 5

A TOY SWAP will take place at 7:00 this evening in the Children's Museum at Bandana Square, located on Energy Park Drive just west of Lexington Parkway. Children can trade in their good, used toys for swap tickets that can be exchanged for toys at this or future swaps. The event is free with museum admission. For more information, call 644-5305.

January 7

A PRAYER MEETING sponsored by the archdiocese's To Encounter Christ program will be held this evening in the St. John Vianney Seminary building at the College of St. Thomas. The meeting, which is open to all, will include scripture readings, music and communal prayer. A social hour will open the program at 7:30. For more information, call Teri Nelles at 871-9411.

January 8

THE DAYTIME BOOK CLUB of the Jewish Community Center will meet from 1:30 to 3:00 this afternoon. New members are always welcome. The program is free and registration is not required. To find out the book for the month, call Miriam Weinstein at 698-0751.

A NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING class will begin at 7:30 p.m. today at Bethesda Lutheran Hospital, 559 Capitol Blvd. The series will include four monthly meetings presented by certified instructors of the Couple to Couple League. To register, call 721-3791.

"**A NEW IMAGE**," a weight-control program for junior and senior high school students, will meet from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. on Mondays beginning today at Children's Hospital, 345 N. Smith Ave. A registered dietitian and a fitness specialist will lead the group during the six-week session. The cost is \$95. To register, call 220-8274 by January 2.

January 9

"**EMBRACING CHANGE**," a workshop on ways to get beyond common barriers to change your circumstances in life, will be conducted today and Tuesday, January 16, by Bruce Van Bronkhorst. It will meet from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$24. To register, call 698-0751.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE classes will begin today at the International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como Ave. Classes are being offered weekday mornings, afternoons and evenings. For more information, call 647-0191.

January 10

PRESCHOOL FILMS will be shown at 10:30 this morning at the East Lake Library, 2727 E. Lake St., Minneapolis. The films to be featured include "The Remarkable Riderless Runaway Tricycle" and "Miss Nelson is Missing." For more information, call 724-4561.

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These neighborhood congregations invite you to worship with them this holiday season. May the peace and joy of Christmas be with you now and throughout the coming new year.



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

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11:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist

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10:00 a.m. Eucharist with Carols



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Monday, December 25

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Sunday, December 31

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7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve service



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On the Towns

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Hill area artists, familiar and not, deck the open walls of Blair Arcade

by Rosie O'Brien

It is only fitting that the current ground swell of artistic activity in the Cathedral Hill area should be associated with the names of Clement Haupers and Clara Mairs.

Haupers, a painter, and Mairs, his long-time friend and fellow artist, lived together for many years at 377 Ramsey St. They formed the hub of artistic interest in St. Paul during the 1930s and '40s. Haupers was superintendent of the Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition from 1931 to 1942 and was also director of the Minnesota branch of the Federal Arts Project under the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

Now his and Mairs' names are linked to the opening this fall of three art galleries in the Blair Arcade at Selby and Western avenues: the Haupers-Mairs Galleries, the Inokomslie Gallery, and a series of exhibitions by the Unfamiliar Artists collective.

Plans for the artists collective and the Haupers-Mairs Galleries were moving forward unbeknownst to each other until last September. On the heels of their mutual discovery came the opening of the Inokomslie Gallery in October.

Instrumental to this serendipitous

meeting of artistic minds was David Hammer, a realtor with Merrill Lynch whose particular concern is selling condominiums at the Blair House, which is located above the Blair Arcade. Hammer's idea was to generate more traffic in the Arcade after the Room and Board furniture store moved out last year.

Last May, after the St. Paul Port Authority took over the ownership of the Blair Arcade, Hammer suggested to the Port Authority and to Jackson-Scott Associates, the Blair Arcade's managers, that an art exhibit would draw more people into the building. Although Hammer is not an artist himself, he has some compelling personal reasons for suggesting an art show.

"My mother, my daughter, and the woman I go out with are all artists," he said. "I have to support the arts." Besides, he added, "This old building is too elegant not to have art."

The Port Authority and Jackson-Scott were more than willing to donate Room and Board's former space for an art show. All Hammer needed were the artists. He contacted his friend, Theresa Hochhalter, a painter and a resident of the Cathedral Hill neighborhood.

"We put out flyers asking for artists to



"The Hangmen" (foreground) by Jeffrey Yeager, an acrylic painting on wood scraps, is one of dozens of art works that have been displayed this fall by the Unfamiliar Artists. The collective of little-known artists will be holding a third exhibit December 29-31 in its spacious gallery in the Blair Arcade at Selby and Western avenues.

come and fill the void in the Blair Arcade with art," Hochhalter said. The response was good, she added. The flyers went out in late August, and the collective held its first meeting in September.

The name, Unfamiliar Artists, is apt. Many of the artists who came to the first meeting had never exhibited their work before and all had other jobs. "The main idea was really to just show our work, not to even sell it," Hochhalter said.

It was also in September that Alexis Dahmes opened the Haupers-Mairs Galleries. A protege of Haupers and Mairs, Dahmes inherited Haupers' paintings when he died in 1982 and now lives in Haupers' former home at 377 Ramsey St. The Haupers-Mairs Galleries features the work of Haupers, Mairs and 45 other artists who live and work primarily in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Posters advertising Dahmes' gallery and the flyers advertising the Unfamiliar Artists collective caught the eye of Bob Peterson, an artist living just down the street from the Blair Arcade on Western Avenue.

"I became friends with Alexis, and we developed a rapport about art and life," Peterson said. "He encouraged me (to open a gallery) and I guess I was ready."

Peterson opened the Inokomslie (a Russian word meaning "thinking differently") Gallery near the end of October. It features the work of several artists, including Peterson's series of large-scale collages, called "Time Screens and Minnesota Zen."

Unfamiliar Artists held its first show on the weekend of October 6, displaying the work of its 14 members. "It went really



A portrait by Unfamiliar Artist Alexis Dahmes is admired by Laura Young, 7.



An unidentified fancier of the arts (left) tours a recent exhibit by the Unfamiliar Artists.

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On the Towns Briefly

Theater

Dudley Riggs' *Brave New Workshop*, 2605 S. Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, is currently performing *Not a Christmas Carol*, an unconventional reflection of the yuletide perspective. The seasonal satire attacks the traditional illusion of holiday harmony. The show depicts a corporate takeover by Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer, a hostile and materialistic Mrs. Santa Claus and a family thrown into total chaos by the mere notion of serving non-traditional food for Christmas dinner. Performances will be given at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$10 on Tuesday through Thursday and \$12 on Friday and Saturday. There will be two closing-night performances on New Year's Eve: at 8:00 p.m. (tickets \$8.00) and at 10:30 p.m. (tickets \$15.) For more information, call 332-6620.

The Southern Theater will present "Dreamcatcher: A Spiritual Winter Ceremony" with Ojibwa Indian artist and activist Larry Cloud Morgan at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, December 20-23, at 1420 S. Washington Ave., Minneapolis. A 2:30 p.m. matinee performance will be given on Thursday, December 21, to commemorate the winter solstice. In creating the piece, Cloud Morgan drew upon the stories, rituals, songs and ceremonies of his Ojibwa ancestry. Erika Thorne will perform interpretive dance using various animal forms, and a Native American sweat lodge will be created on stage. Admission is by a suggested donation of \$7.00. Tickets for the December 20 show, which will be a benefit for St. Joseph's Women's Shelter, are \$12.50. For reservations or more information, call 340-1725.

The 1940's Radio Hour by Walton Jones will return for a run of 22 performances beginning Friday, December 22, in the O'Shaughnessy Auditorium at the College of St. Catherine. The musical comedy is presented as a working radio station broadcasting "The Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade" on Christmas Eve in 1942. Theater-goers participate as the program's studio audience while a host of unusual wartime radio personalities are introduced and a big band kicks in with such tunes as "In the Mood," "Kalamazoo" and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." Evening and matinee performances are scheduled through January 14. Tickets are priced from \$10.95 to \$14.95. For more information, call 690-6700.

The 1988 Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, *Driving Miss Daisy*, will open for a run of eight performances on Tuesday, December 26, at the Ordway Music Theatre. Five-time Tony Award-winner Julie Harris and Critic's Award-winner Brock Peters star in the enduring story of a friendship between an aging, cantankerous Southern Jewish matriarch and her black chauffeur. Performances will be given at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday through Friday, December 26-29, at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 30, and at 2:00 and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, December 31. Tickets, priced from \$14 to \$32.50, are available by calling 224-4222.

The 42nd Street Theatre Company will present *Simply Sondheim*, a two-act musical revue featuring songs, dance and vaudeville, beginning on Friday, January 5, in the Howard Conn Theatre, 1900 S. Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis. The musical will be performed at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 7:00 p.m. Sunday through January 28, with 2:00 p.m. matinees on Sundays, January 21 and 28. (Thursday performances begin on January 11.) Tickets at \$8.00, \$6.00 for senior citizens and stu-



Swing will be king when Troupe America presents the big band musical *The 1940's Radio Hour* on December 22 through January 14 at O'Shaughnessy Auditorium. The 30-member touring company includes hep cats Connie Miller (Renae Morway), left, and B. J. Gibson (Peter Brophe). For details, see listing.

dents, are available by calling 874-8448.

Concerts

The Minnesota State Band will present its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 20, in the Landmark Center. The free event will feature Christmas carols and a symphonic work by Alfred Reed entitled, "A Christmas Intrada." For more information, call 296-6179.

Handel's majestic oratorio, *Messiah*, will be presented by the Minnesota Orchestra in four performances Wednesday-Friday, December 20-22. David Agler will conduct the orches-

tra, together with the Bach Society Chorus and soloists Ann Monoyios, Jane Bunnell, Jeffrey Thomas and Victor Ledbetter, in concerts at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday and Friday and at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at Orchestra Hall, and at 8:00 p.m. Thursday at the Cathedral of St. Paul. For tickets, priced from \$19.50 to \$9.00, call 371-5656. Student-rush tickets, priced at \$4.00, may be available 15 minutes prior to a performance.

The Dale Warland Singers will present traditional and modern carols along with works by Giovanni Gabrieli, Benjamin Britten, Trond Kverno, Kirke Mechem and John Paynter in an "Echoes of Christmas" concert on Thursday, December 21, at Orchestra Hall. Poet Michael Dennis Browne will join the Singers for the 8:00 p.m. show. The University of

Minnesota English professor will read from his works along with seasonal poetry by Thomas Hardy and Mary Oliver. Tickets are priced from \$18 to \$8.00 with discounts available to students, senior citizens and groups. For more information, call 371-5656 or 292-9780.

Tony Sandler, the suave, continental half of the Sandler and Young singing duo, will perform from his repertoire of international holiday music, singing in English, French, German, Spanish and Flemish, in two upcoming concerts at the Landmark Center. The holiday shows will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday, December 22, and at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 23, in the Musser Cortile, with a social hour preceding the concerts. The performances will also feature the Cantabile Singers and the Greg Thei-

sen Orchestra. Tickets are priced at \$21.50 for the evening show and \$19.50 for the matinee, with discounts available for groups. For more information, call 292-3292.

Singer Linda Eder will return to Minnesota for her second annual holiday concert at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 23, at Orchestra Hall. The Brainerd area native, winner of the 1988 Star Search female vocalist title, will perform a sampling of Broadway show tunes, pop songs, movie themes and seasonal favorites. Tickets, priced from \$9.00 to \$18.50, are available by calling 371-5656.

All six of the Steele family siblings will perform together for the first time professionally in eight holiday concerts of rhythm and blues, gospel and jazz music Monday through Sunday, December 25-31, at the Cricket Theatre, 1407 S. Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis. Singers Jearlyn, Fred, Jevetta, Janice and J. D. Steele will be joined by younger brother Billy Steele on keyboards and vocals, Joe Finger on drums, Daryl Boudreaux on percussion, and Sonny Thompson on bass. The program will feature original songs, including "This Must Be Christmas" by J. D. Steele, and sprightly holiday favorites, including a jazzy "Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland" and a soulful "Silent Night." The concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. Friday, 10:00 p.m. Saturday, and 7:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets, priced at \$17.95, are available by calling 871-2244.

Michael Johnson, a master of the acoustic guitar with a mellow singing voice, will return to Orchestra Hall for his seventh annual holiday concert at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 26. For tickets, priced from \$18.50 to \$9.00, call 371-5656.

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Flatpicking guitarist Doc Watson will perform ballads of Appalachia and other music in his inimitable Southern style in a rare concert appearance on Saturday, January 6, at the World Theater. For details, see listing.

Don Robinson and Ann Humphrey of Cass Lake will be featured on Friday, December 29, in a concert presented by the American Indian Movement Patrol. Part of the "On the Red Road" New Year's celebration, the concert and dance will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Cedar Cultural Centre, 418 S. Cedar Ave., Minneapolis. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance or \$6.00 at the door. For more information, call 872-7812.

Jazz and blues singer Carol Leigh will perform with the Hall Brothers Jazz Band in 8:00 p.m. concerts Friday through Sunday, December 29-31, at the Emporium of Jazz Restaurant and Lounge, 1351 Sibley Memorial Highway, Mendota. Leigh sings a complete repertoire of jazz and blues songs, including many Bessie Smith, Ma Rainey and Billie Holiday tunes. She also performs spirituals and songs of the 1920s, and wears costumes of the Flapper era. Tickets for the December 29 and 30 concerts are \$6.50. The cost on New Year's Eve is \$10, and includes party hats, favors, noisemakers and champagne. For reservations, call 452-1830.

A Viennese New Year's Eve Gala will be held at Orchestra Hall on Sunday, December 31, with music by members of the Minnesota Orchestra under the baton of Philip Brunelle. Gretchen Carlson, the former Miss Minnesota, will perform the violin solo that helped her win the Miss America title. Dancing in the Orchestra Hall lobby and a complimentary champagne toast will also be featured. The event is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Tickets, priced from \$35 to \$16, are available by calling 371-5656.

The Schubert Club International Artist Series will present pianist Earl Wild in a solo recital at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 3, in the Ordway Music Theatre. Wild was playing piano for the Pittsburgh Symphony at age 14. He was a member of the Juilliard School piano faculty for 10 years and is currently an artist in residence at Ohio State University. He is one of the last in a long line of virtuoso pianist-composers whose tradition can be traced directly to Franz Liszt. At the Ordway, Wild will perform pieces by Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt and Nicolai Medtner. Tickets, priced from \$12 to \$19, are available by calling 224-4222.

The Minnesota Orchestra, under the baton of Edo de Waart, will perform Stravinsky's "Dances" concertantes and Beethoven's Symphony No. 4 in concerts Wednesday through Friday,

January 3, 4 and 5. Concertmaster Jorja Fleezanis will make her solo debut at these concerts, performing the Violin Concerto of Samuel Barber. The concerts will begin at 8:00 p.m. January 3 and 5 at Orchestra Hall, and at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. January 4 at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced from \$27 to \$8.75, call 371-5656.

The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, with guest flutist Jean-Pierre Rampal, will perform on Friday and Saturday, January 5 and 6, under the baton of British conductor Roger Norrington. The concerts will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Ordway Music Theatre. Rampal will play Romberg's Flute Concerto in B. The program will also include Spohr's Symphony No. 2 in D and Beethoven's Symphony No. 4 in B-flat. A concert preview with Norrington will be offered at 7:00 each evening in the Main Hall of the Ordway. For tickets, priced from \$24 to \$10, call 224-4222. Discounts are available for senior citizens, students and groups.

Classical guitarist John Roth and December Dreams will present the premiere of works from a new recording at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, January 6, in the Concert Hall of the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. Guitarist Christopher Kachian will join the group in the performance of music for guitar, recorder and percussion. Admission is \$10. For more information, call 696-6382 or 929-2620.

Doc Watson, the folk musician who has been called the greatest flatpicking guitarist of all time, will perform at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, January 6, at the World Theater. A pioneer in the art of flatpicking fiddle tunes on the guitar, Watson is probably best known for his faithful renditions of the traditional ballads and melodies of the Southern Appalachian mountains. While his Southern roots are evident in all his music, his repertoire extends into contemporary blues, pop, gospel, '50s rockabilly and even 16th century ballads. Watson has been blind since infancy, and hasn't toured all that often since his son, manager, guide and accompanist, Merle Watson, died in 1985. Tickets, priced at \$15 and \$13 with discounts for senior citizens and students, are available at Dayton's, Ticketmaster and by calling the World at 298-1300.

Peter Serkin, who has been called America's preeminent young pianist by the *New York Times*, will perform newly commissioned pieces by 10 composers in a recital on Sunday, January 7. The program will be-

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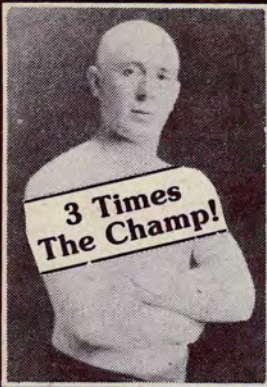
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Dance

A Western swing dance featuring Paradise Ranch will take place at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 27, at the Cedar Cultural Centre, 416 S. Cedar Ave., Minneapolis. Paradise Ranch performs classic country and Western swing tunes of the 1940s and '50s along with music of Bob Wills and Hank Williams. Admission is \$4.00.

Free sample dance classes will be offered from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 30, at the Zenon Dance Company and School, located at 528 Hennepin Ave., Suite 400, Minneapolis. Beginning jazz and ballet for children and teen-agers will be offered the first hour, with introductory ballet and modern dance at noon and introductory jazz at 1:00 p.m. For more information, call 338-1101.

Exhibits

"Twentieth Century Venus," an exhibit of sculpture and drawings by Gaston Lachaise, is now available for viewing in the Landmark Center Galleries of the Minnesota Museum of Art. The exhibit includes 39 bronze sculptures and 21 drawings by the Paris-born artist (1882-1935), who was educated in France but immigrated to the United States in 1906. The works range from standing or walking figures in elegant repose to figures that evoke rebellion, suffering, or the power and pain of birth and sexual energy. The exhibit will remain on view through January 28. Free public tours will be offered at 1:30 p.m. Sundays, December 31 and January 14 and 28. Group tours of the exhibit may be arranged three weeks in advance by calling 292-4369. A two-day drawing workshop will be offered in conjunction with the show on Saturday and Sunday, January 27 and 28. For more information on this or other programs accompanying the exhibit, call 292-4355.

This 1928 bronze, called "Classic Torso," is one of the works being featured in the exhibition, "20th Century Venus: Sculpture and Drawings by Gaston Lachaise," that will be on view from now through January 28 at the Minnesota Museum of Art's Landmark Center Galleries. For details, see listing.

"Winter Dreams," an exhibit of 14 paintings by Chris Matteson based on Tchaikovsky's "Winter Dreams," Symphony

No. 1, is being displayed now through December 29 at Lutheran Brotherhood, 625 S. 4th Ave., Minneapolis.

The American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave., Minneapolis, is dressed for the holidays as part of its annual Christmas exhibit, "Christmas in Scandinavia." The exhibit features decorated trees and table settings that represent Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark and Iceland. The exhibit also features "Illumination of a Saint,"

which tells the legend of Santa Lucia. Museum hours are from noon to 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for senior citizens and students under 19, free for children 6 and younger when accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 871-4907.

Recent additions to the Walker Art Center's collection of 20th-century paintings and sculpture include works by distinguished female artists Jennifer Bartlett, Louise Bourgeois, Rebecca Horn and Joan Mitchell. Currently on view at the center are Bourgeois' red-and-black bronze "The Blind Leading the Blind," which was recently installed in the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. The piece consists of a horizontal, plank-like element set atop a series of spindly, tapered legs. Paintings by the other three women are presently on view in Gallery 6 at the Walker. They include Mitchell's two-part abstract "Posted;" Bartlett's "Fire/Nasturtiums," which focuses on a bright orange table in flames; and Horn's "The Little Painting School Performs a Waterfall," which was created by randomly spattering paint on a cluster of canvases.

"Submerged Circuitry," an exhibition of recent paintings by Virginia Bradley and Constance Lowe, will open at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts on Friday, December 22. A free, opening reception will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, December 21. Bradley and Lowe explore the conventions of seeing and understanding in paintings that are purposely ambiguous. They use multiple images and juxtapose unlikely objects to force viewers to respond intuitively to their work. Artist-led tours will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. each Sunday in January. The show will run through January 28.

Film

Distant Voices, Still Lives, a British film that won the Critic's Award at both the Cannes and Toronto film festivals, will be shown now through December 28 at Film in the Cities' Jerome Hill Theater, located in the

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First Trust Center at 5th and Jackson streets. Writer and director Terrence Davies renders in film his memories of growing up in a traditional working-class family in the heart of Liverpool in the 1940s. The film will roll at 7:30 nightly (except December 24) and also at 5:30 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and at 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$5.00, \$4.00 for senior citizens, and \$3.00 before 6:00 p.m.

"The Best of Preservation," featuring films from UCLA's film and television archives, will be presented December 20-30 at the Walker Art Center. Among the treasures of American cinema are: *The Gay Desperado*, a musical adventure story of a Mexican bandit who kidnaps an heiress and a singing caballero, which will be

shown at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, December 20 and 21; *Hell's Angels*, a film that features Howard Hughes' first directorial effort and the only known color footage of Jean Harlow, at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23; *Fort Apache*, which features Henry Fonda as the commander of an embattled outpost in Arizona who faces a warring tribe of Indians and the bitterness of veteran soldiers (John Wayne and Ward Bond), at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 27; *Rio Grande*, the story of a Union soldier (John Wayne) who burns the plantation of his wife (Maureen O'Hara) and joins the Indian wars in the West, at 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. on Thursday, December 28; and *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon*, the tale of a cavalry officer (John Wayne) whose last mission be-



Jazz and blues singer Carol Leigh will perform with the Hall Brothers Jazz Band on December 29-31 at the Emporium of Jazz in Mendota. For details, see listing.

fore retirement is to escort the major's wife (Joanne Dru) and her daughter out of danger in anticipation of a resurgence of Indian warfare, at 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 29-30. Admission is \$5.00, \$4.00 for senior citizens. For more information, call 375-7622.

War Party, a film about a Montana town that decides to stage a re-enactment of a battle between a tribe of Blackfoot Indians and the U.S. Cavalry that occurred 100 years ago, will be shown on December 29 to January 4 at the Jerome Hill Theater, located in the First Trust Center at 5th and Jackson streets. Told with unflinching authenticity, the film is an impassioned plea for racial harmony and a return to non-violent values. The film will be shown nightly at 7:30, with ad-

ditional screenings at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday through Sunday and at 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for senior citizens and \$3.00 before 6:00 p.m. Audiences will also see *Black Hula*, an award-winning, animated film satirizing colonialism.

A Rage in Heaven, starring Ingrid Bergman, will be screened at 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 5, at the American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave., Minneapolis. The film tells the story of a jealous husband who commits suicide and makes it seem as if his wife murdered him. Admission is \$3.00.

Smita Patil, India's pre-eminent film actress, stars in *Spices*, winner of India's best film award, on January 5-11 at the Jerome Hill Theater, located in the First Trust Center at 5th

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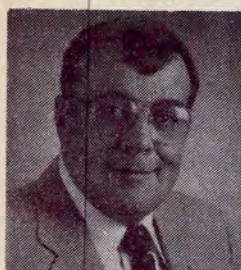
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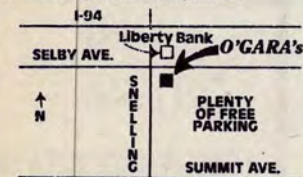
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Et cetera

Charles Schulz' "Peanuts" characters will appear in a new stage production, "Snoopy's World of Magic," on Wednesday through Sunday, December 27-31, at the St. Paul Civic Center. The show will feature magic, dancing, music and glittering costumes. Performances will be given at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, at 2:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. Saturday and at 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets at \$7.00, \$10.50 and \$12.50 are available at the Civic Center and all Ticketmaster locations.

The Lamont Cranston Band and the Butanes Soul Revue will ring in the new decade during "The '80s Last Blast" New Year's Eve party on Sunday, December 31, in the main ballroom at the Radisson Hotel St. Paul, 11 E. Kellogg Blvd. The party will begin at 8:00 that evening, with music starting at 9:00. Tickets are \$9.92 in ad-



Singer Tony Sandler will perform on December 22 and 23 at the Landmark Center. For details, see listing.

vance or \$12.92 at the door. You must be 21 or older with a valid I.D. to attend. Tickets are available from Ticketmaster, or they can be charged by calling 989-5151.

The Cedar Cultural Centre, 416 S. Cedar Ave., Minneapolis, will present a New Year's Eve party with music, dance, food and fun from 6:00 p.m. to after midnight on Sunday, December 31. The evening will feature square dancing, jam sessions, Morris and contra dancing, mulled wine, bagpipes and chorus singing. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance, \$6.50 at the door. For tickets or more information, call 338-2674.

A "New Decade Party" will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 31, in the atrium of Butler Square, 100 N. 6th St., Minneapolis. Entertainment

will be provided by KDWB radio, Ipso Facto and Dr. Mambo's Combo. Proceeds will be used to support programs for Minnesotans with multiple sclerosis. Tickets, priced at \$35, are available by calling 989-5151.

Whimsical belt maker Beth Kargala will present a workshop entitled "Bevy of Belts" on Friday and Saturday, January 5 and 6, at the Weavers Guild of Minnesota, 2402 University Ave. Participants will create their own belts. For more information or to register, call 644-3594.

Sherman Fleming and **Kristine Stiles** will perform their acclaimed "Western History as a Three-Story Building" at 8:00 p.m. Friday, January 5, in the Intermedia Arts Gallery, 413 N. 1st Ave., Minneapolis. The per-

formance will include a rhythmic dance with a board; a biting sensory experience enhanced by onions, garlic and cilantro; and a precarious duet in which Fleming and Stiles are dressed in formal wear and blindfolded. In a similar vein, the duo will be premiering "RedBedGreatCave" at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, January 6. Admission to either performance is \$6.00.

Hand weaving, fibers and textiles will be explored in a class being offered from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Monday, January 8, at the Weavers Guild of Minnesota, 2402 University Ave. The class is designed to demonstrate the beauty of handwoven textiles. To register, call 644-3594

weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

The ancient technique of nalbinding will be taught from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, January 9, 16 and 23, at the Weavers Guild of Minnesota, 2402 University Ave. Nalbinding is a Scandinavian needle-looping technique that predates knitting. The only tools necessary to create mittens, hats and booties are a tapestry needle and your thumb. To register, call 644-3594 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Submissions are currently being accepted for the Loft Children's Literature Prize competition. The contest is open to any writer who has never had

a publishing contract for a work of children's literature. Winners will receive a \$250 award and will give a reading at the Loft, 2301 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. The two categories for submission are: books for children ages 3-7, and fiction for young readers ages 8-15. The entry deadline is January 19. For more information, call 341-0431.

Minnesota film and video artists can enter their works produced since 1986 in a juried competition presented by Intermedia Arts Minnesota and the Walker Art Center. Artists whose work is selected will receive a \$50 honorarium. The deadline for submission is January 5. For more information, call 375-7615.

Unfamiliar Artists (cont'd from page 25)

well considering we didn't know each other and that no one had seen each other's work," Hochhalter said.

After the success of the first show, the collective elected officers and set up committees to help with future shows. They waited another month, were joined by other artists, and held their second show over two weekends, November 24-26 and December 1-3.

There are now 24 artists in the collective, and they come from all walks of life, from architecture to waitressing, Hochhalter said. "Everyone here has another profession," Hammer added. "It's tough at this stage of a lot of people's lives to make it as an artist, but being able to show their works like this might just give them that little push."

Abbas Nabegh, a South Minneapolis resident and an architect with Ellerbe Becket, was able to sell three of his drawings at the second show. Nabegh, who came to this country from Iran, described his art as reflecting his

"interaction with society." He joined the collective after viewing the first show. "It seems that people in St. Paul like art," he said.

Hammer pointed out that neither the Port Authority nor Jackson-Scott is charging the Unfamiliar Artists any rental fee, so any money they make from the sale of their art is theirs.

Unfamiliar Artists will be holding its third show December 29-31. The exhibition will be open to the public free of charge from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and from noon to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The collective is still open to new artists. Anyone interested in joining may call Hochhalter at 222-4442.

Along with visual art, the Haupers-Mairs Gallery is presenting a series of performance art every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. For more information on these programs of poetry, drama, music and dance, call the gallery at 222-4442.



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Sports

Gifted guard gives Roosevelt girls a coach on the court

by Tom Cody

First-year coach Bruce Kugath walked into a good news/bad news situation when he inherited the Minneapolis Roosevelt girls' basketball program this year. The good news is that the Teds have four returning starters from last year's Twin Cities championship team. The bad news is that Roosevelt will be up against three of the state's top 10 girls' basketball teams in Region 5AA competition.

But Kugath won't be leading his charges without help. Senior Cindy Hovet will be running the Teds' attack again this season from the point-guard position. Besides her great floor sense, excellent passing and solid perimeter shooting, Hovet provides Roosevelt with an extra asset.

"Cindy basically gives us an assistant coach out on the floor," said Kugath. "She understands the game so well. She picks up team concepts and sees overall patterns better than anybody. There are times when she's able to move her teammates into the correct positions."

Hovet became interested in basketball as a 4th-grader living in Coon Rapids. "But I never really fell in love with the game until I was a sophomore," she explained. That year, coach Frank Hentges

positioned Hovet as the starting point guard for the Teds and challenged her to work hard at honing her basketball skills. "He convinced me to put everything into my game," Hovet said. "I owe a lot to Hentges."

Roosevelt captured the Minneapolis City Conference and Twin Cities titles last year, winning 20 games for the first time in the school's history.

"Last year was so different from 10th grade," Hovet said. "As sophomores, we were just five individuals. Last year, we became a team. We seemed to know where each other was without looking."

Hentges said leaving the girls' team in order to coach the Roosevelt boys' basketball squad this year was a very difficult decision for him to make. "It's tough to leave a talented senior group like this one," he said. "And it's especially tough not to be working with Cindy. She's a prime-timer."

Hovet's confidence in her basketball-playing ability was boosted when she attended the prestigious Minnesota Elite Summer Camp last summer. "There I found out that I can play with anybody," she said. "There were a lot of great girls playing basketball in the state, but I can compete at that level."

At the start of this season,



Minneapolis Roosevelt's star point guard Cindy Hovet (20) drives around Highland Park's senior captain Contrina "Cookie" Williams during a girls' basketball game last week. The Teds won the contest, 67-29.

Hovet and her teammates easily won two straight conference games, but then bowed to Stillwater in a non-conference tilt. Hovet posted 23 assists and 20 points in the first two contests.

Against Stillwater, Hovet had her team flying early in the first quarter. She scored on a lay-up, grabbed three defensive rebounds, calmly nailed a three-pointer from 20 feet out and hit a teammate with a 50-foot pass for an easy basket. But Roosevelt ran out of gas late in the fourth period after Hovet had fouled out and Stillwater wore down the Teds en route to a 52-46 win.

Hovet is one of a quartet of seniors that is in its third season as starters for Roosevelt. Her talented teammates include forwards Kim Carpenter and Jenny Hanson, and guard Carita Goines.

Carpenter, an agile 6-footer who has drawn the interest of Division I college scouts, poured in 17 points against Stillwater. Hanson has been the team's top defender and rebounder, and Goines' speed and defensive quickness is her strong suit.

"We're on Hovet to shoot more, but she'd rather give up the ball to her teammates," explained Kugath. "Cindy is a great passer. She always seems to know where the pressure is, where the

double-team is coming from. She makes a lot of decisions for us, and most of them are good ones."

Hovet's passing skills were tested in the Twin Cities Preview last month. "She cut her eye in a scrimmage, got it bandaged up and played with the eye patch two hours later in the preview," said Kugath with obvious admiration for his star guard. "After two minutes, she tore the patch off and played without it."

Roosevelt is in the toughest region in the state. Last year, the Teds lost to the eventual state champion, Osseo, in the Region 5AA title game after disposing of a strong Holy Angels club in the semifinals. Fridley, this year's top-rated team, is the early favorite to win the regional playoffs.

"We're going to worry about winning the City Conference and Twin Cities (titles) first," said Hovet. "But if we could only get to the state tourney . . ."

Hovet has attracted a great deal of attention from Division I and II schools, and hopes to continue her basketball career in college. When she's done playing, Kugath and Hentges agree that her talents are suited for a different spot on the court.

"I think I'll make a good coach," Hovet said. "I've learned a lot of basketball and I love the game."

The NFL will be stuffing fans' stockings with football this holiday

by Dick Gordon

Do you remember when Christmas and the days immediately before and after were free of any college or professional sporting events?

There was a time, and not so long ago, when newspapers had to strain to fill even a couple sports pages in their Christmas Day edition. That won't be the case this year. For the first time, the National Football League's regular season will run all the way up to Christmas Day, when the Minnesota Vikings play the Cincinnati Bengals at 8:00 p.m. Monday, December 25, at the Metrodome.

The Vikings' game will cap a full week-end of NFL activity, with two games on Saturday, December 23, and 11 games on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24. Holiday traditions may fall by the wayside as football fans leave their Christmas dinners and turn to the television or venture

to the Dome to follow the action.

Sports editors should have no problem filling their pages on Christmas Day this year. With many of the NFL playoff spots still up for grabs, newspaper articles detailing the results of games and the prospects for upcoming contests will no doubt be devoured more avidly than ever by sports fans.

But things were different 50 years ago, in the dark ages of professional sports, back before the NFL went bigtime and combined with television to make pro football heady reading on just about any day, including the celebration of the birth of Christ.

In the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* of December 25, 1939, the sports pages totaled just 10 columns. Sports editor Gordon Gilmore had to shorten his usual "High and Inside" column, filling his inches with a poem about Santa Claus. At the other end of the page was a wire service article discussing

what things were like in 1822 when Clement Clarke Moore composed his masterpiece, "Twas the night before Christmas. . . ." Equally unnewsworthy was an article in that issue by syndicated writer Grantland Rice on Joe Louis and the other top boxers of the time.

As late as the 1950s, sports news was so sparse at Christmastide that George Barton, who had covered sports in the Twin Cities since the turn of the century, was still writing his annual Christmas column, bearing greetings of the season to janitors, telephone operators, policemen, firemen and others who, like him, had to work on Christmas Day.

Another gimmick for desperate sports editors back then was to run a cartoon depicting a Christmas tree along with presents selected especially for some noteworthy sports figures—like a .300 batting average done up in ribbons for a particularly weak-hitting St. Paul Saints infielder.

In 1939, there was no Super Bowl, and the NFL season was already history by Christmas Day. Back then the league held a one-game playoff between its two divisional champions in mid-December.

Were things better in the days of old? If you're a football fan, you wouldn't say so. Local armchair quarterbacks who aren't at the Dome on Christmas Day will be glued to their TV sets—just like millions of fans nationwide on both Monday night and all afternoon on Sunday.

If you're old-fashioned, it may please you to learn that neither the North Stars nor the Timberwolves have games scheduled here or anywhere on December 24 and 25. The National Hockey League takes a complete break on those days and the National Basketball Association has one lone game—at Atlanta—on Monday night.

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Central athlete's shot at Olympics is whizzing along on a fast track

by Jane McClure

Central High School student Spiro Pina recently put aside his cross-country skis to try his hand at a much faster and more dangerous winter sport. The 16-year-old junior, who also is a cross-country runner, tennis player and International Baccalaureate student, traveled to the Olympic Training Center in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, during Thanksgiving week to take part in a screening camp for the U.S. national luge team.

Because of his good showing there, Pina was selected for the U.S. junior development team and will be bound for Lake Placid, New York, on January 8 for two weeks of intense training. He will compete in races against other young athletes from throughout the United States for a chance to make the junior national team, which could in turn lead to competition in the 1992 Winter Olympics.

His parents, Paul and Paula Gleeson, and younger siblings, Molly, 10, Alex, 9, Samuel, 5, and Abe, 3, are excited about the prospects of sharing their Fairmount Avenue home with an Olympic athlete. Pina's father, Christo, who lives on the Greek island of Corfu, is a little more worried, however. A former rower in national competition, the elder Pina has some qualms about his son

whizzing along a track of ice at speeds of around 75 mph.

"It's a pretty remote sport for a Greek," Spiro said.

The carefully tended ice of an Olympic luge track is a long way from the curving street by the Franklin Avenue Bridge where Pina was first introduced to lugging last summer. Although he had seen the sport on television, Pina didn't become interested until he saw a newspaper advertisement announcing the 3M Luge Challenge last July. (The 3M Corporation is the official sponsor of the U.S. luge team.)

"It looked real crazy to me," Pina said. Still, the opportunity was intriguing. Pina found himself with more than a dozen other would-be lugers at one of the two-hour clinics on the sport. The participants learned a few techniques for steering the wheeled sleds and then rolled them down Mississippi River Boulevard.

"I thought I did well in the tryouts, but I didn't want to get my hopes up," Pina recalled. "After all, luge hopefuls tried out in other cities across the nation."

But, out of more than 300 candidates nationwide, he was one of 60 chosen to attend a screening camp. Of the 30 chosen for his week of tryouts, November 20-26, 17 men



PHOTO BY MIKE LONG

Central High School cross-country team member Spiro Pina will be in Lake Placid, New York, next month to compete for the junior national luge team.



Spiro Pina shows his technique at pushing off for a luge run during a screening camp at the Olympic Training Center in Canada.

and two women showed up. They arrived from Vermont, Utah, Texas, Washington, Tennessee, Georgia, Massachusetts and Indiana. Pina roomed with Charlie Sweeney of Apple Valley and a boy from Boston whose sister is on the junior national team.

The youths shared the athletes' dormitory with bobsled teams from Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Canada and the United States, along with Canada's freestyle skiers. And although the vast Olympic facilities included a gym, weight rooms and jacuzzi, there wasn't much time to enjoy the amenities because Pina and the other screening-camp participants began lugging early the next morning.

The luge at the Olympic in Canada is raced on the same track used by bobsled racers, Pina explained. But while bobsledders start their races at the top of the track, lugers begin at one of four lower points. The lowest of the four points can be used by tourists who want to pay \$10 to try their hand at lugging. That's where Pina took his first few runs.

"The first few times I sledded, I just let the sled go," said Pina. Eventually, he and the other luge hopefuls worked their way up to the juniors' and women's starting points.

The sleds used during the training camp were only about half as fast as racing models. "They're much slower and easier to control," he said.

The track, which has a massive refrigeration system, is carefully maintained 24 hours a day. Workers constantly shave, spray and smooth the ice lining the track, regularly checking its temperature.

Luge racers start off with a light push, Pina said, and ride on the sled lying on their backs while grasping a metal bar on each side. To get going, the sled is first rocked and the rider leans way back. That is followed by a compression of the body, which Pina described as "putting your kneecaps in your armpits." The final step is to drive your body forward.

"The problem most people have is that they push out unequally, instead of driving equally with both arms," he said. An off-balance start usually sends a luger ping-ponging down the track.

As they race down the track, Pina said the lugers must use their legs and shoulders to steer the sled, which can cause a few aches

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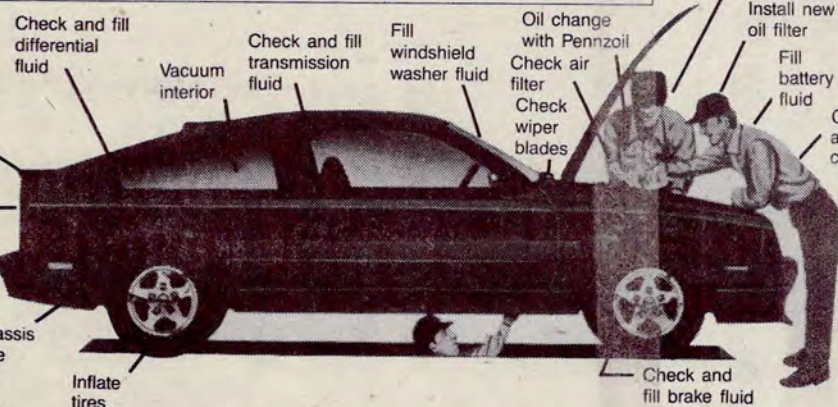
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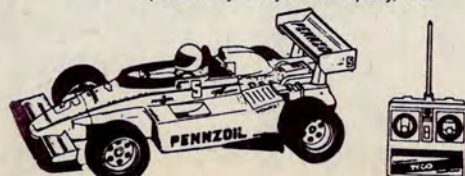


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and pains. "Coming around curves can really put a strain on your neck," he said. "Your head has to be held just high enough to see what's in front of you."

While good physical condition is essential for a luger, Pina said it doesn't hurt to be on the hefty side. "Germans are dominant in the sport. The West German lugers are just huge," he said. Lugers also wear lead vests to provide extra weight.

Helmets and elbow and knee pads are worn for protection in case the sled goes out of control. A poorly steered sled can shoot up the curved track and flip over. While Pina was in camp, a woman broke one of the \$800 sleds when she crashed during a luge run. Fortunately, she wasn't hurt.

Pina had one close call of his own, which shook his confidence. En route from the women's starting point, he lost control of his sled. Though he didn't have an accident, the ordeal scared him quite a bit.

After talking about the wild ride with his coach, Fred Zimly, Pina's confidence returned and he was able to finish out the camp, coming in second in the final races.

Although he's back to his studies and cross-country skiing at Central, Pina often finds himself thinking about his chances to make the U.S. national luge team. He's already decided that, if he doesn't make the squad this year, he'll try out again in 1991. He's joined the U.S. Luge Association and is considering a trip to Duluth to practice on a luge track there.

He's also seriously intrigued by a new style of lugging, called "skeletoning," that he was exposed to at camp. While skeletoning, a luger will ride the sled face down instead of on his back, much the same way that children



Pina took time out during his practice runs at Olympic Park in Canada to pose for a photograph next to the luge track.

slide down snow-covered hills on sleds. Skeletoning isn't part of the Winter Olympics yet, he said, "but they're working on it."

What's the appeal of the new sport? "I guess there's something about having your face 2 inches from the ground at 60 mph," Pina said.

Football on Christmas (cont'd from page 31)

But not the good old NFL. Why should it change its script? After all, the NFL was the only major sports organization in the country not to cancel or postpone games scheduled for the weekend following President Kennedy's assassination in 1963.

At least this Christmas the NFL schedule makers have given Vikings' fans more time to digest their holiday meals on Monday. Such was not the case the last time the NFL played Scrooge here on Christmas. Kickoff was at noon on Christmas Day in 1971, when the Vikings played

Dallas in a first-round playoff game. The game was sold out, with 49,100 fans in attendance at old Met Stadium. Many fans had been out in the stadium's parking lot since mid-morning to partake of the traditional pre-game tailgating.

Incidentally, Santa wasn't kind to the Vikings on that Christmas. Dallas beat the home team 20-12 and went on to win the Super Bowl that year. The Vikings just went home.

Better luck against the Bengals, boys.

CST teams shine at home

There's no place like home, as the College of St. Thomas basketball and hockey coaches are finding out.

Men's basketball coach Steve Fritz has become increasingly fond of Schoenecker Arena where his Tommies have won their last 10 MIAC home games. His teams have gone 20-5 at home over the last three seasons.

Women's basketball coach Ted Rivero likes Schoenecker Arena even better. His

teams have won 29 of 33 conference games on the home court, and have gone 31-5 at home in all games over the last four seasons.

The St. Thomas hockey team plays its home games at the state fairgrounds Coliseum, and that arena has been kind to coach Terry Skrypek. His teams have won 16 straight contests in the Coliseum, and have gone 22-2 in his three seasons as the Tommies' coach.

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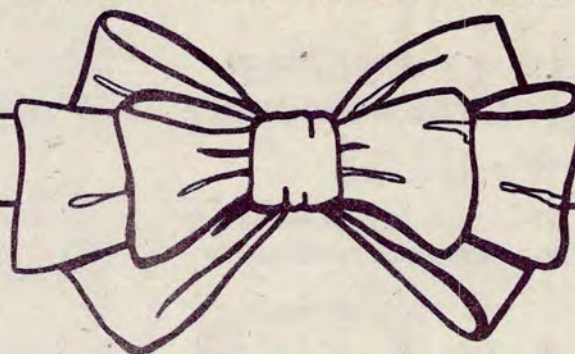
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City thanks youths for voluntary aid

Michelle Monogue and Jessica Schumann, volunteers at Edgcombe Recreation Center, and Eddie Krenz and Chad Severson, who help out at Hancock Recreation Center, will be honored on January 4 by the St. Paul City Council for their service to the city's Parks and Recreation program.

Named Youth Volunteers of the Month, the four 15-year-olds will receive custom T-shirts and free movie tickets and then be treated to a day of downhill skiing, courtesy of Buck Hill, and dinner compliments of Godfather's Pizza.

Severson attends Central High School, and Monogue, Schumann and Krenz are all students at Cretin-Derham Hall.

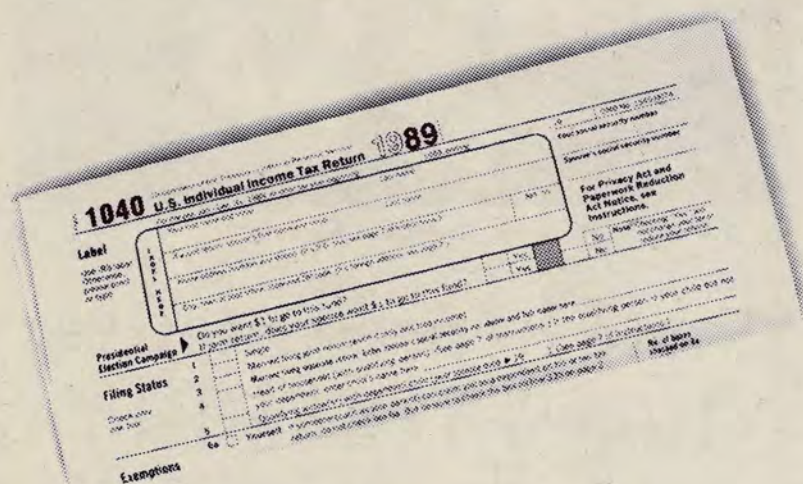
CST sports to be telecast live

The College of St. Thomas, in conjunction with Continental Cablevision of St. Paul, has scheduled six of the college's winter sports contests to be cablecast live over the next few months, according to Mike Rogan, producer of the projects.

This marks the third season that St. Thomas and Continental have cooperated to show Tommy athletic events. The first season, all games were tape-delayed for rebroadcast. Last year's thrilling three-overtime basketball win over St. John's was the first live cablecast. "That game really allowed us to turn the corner," Rogan said. "We got a bigger response from fans after that show than any other game Continental has done. It showed us that there was indeed a television market for Division III athletics in St. Paul."

The St. Thomas games that will be shown live on Continental's Channel 10 this season are:

Women's basketball vs. Gustavus, January 10, 7:30 p.m.; men's basketball vs. St. John's, January 13, 7:30 p.m.; women's basketball vs. St. Olaf, January 20, 3:00 p.m.; hockey vs. St. Mary's, January 25, 7:30 p.m.; men's basketball vs. Bethel, February 12, 7:30 p.m.; and hockey vs. St. John's, February 17, 2:00 p.m.



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Cody's Corner

by Tom Cody

VISIONS OF BASEBALL RUINED

Team owners aren't the only people who should be frightened by the multi-million-dollar contracts baseball players are being offered on the free-agent market this winter. The fans should be, too. As salaries spiral upward, Major League Baseball draws ever closer to the revenue-sharing plan that ruined the once-proud National Football League.

Pro football teams don't care who wins anymore, since nearly all the loot is split evenly. The money that is being thrown about on the free-agent market will force a similar setup in pro baseball. Very few of the owners can survive this seven-digit spending spree.

Sixteen million dollars for Mark Langston for five years? It is impossible to determine how far off base that contract really is because the market is changing daily.

Some people argue that Langston and other standout players should be compensated for their star quality much as Mick Jaggar and other popular entertainers are. Maybe they're right. And if so, Major League Baseball will begin to resemble the pro golf tour. It will become a sport of individuals competing for prize money, with their respective teams virtually indistinguishable. No longer will we see players associated with particular ball clubs like Al Kaline was with the Detroit Tigers, or Carl Yastrzemski with the Boston Red Sox, or Johnny Bench with the Cincinnati Reds.

Today's players owe no allegiance to their teams, although some of them give it anyway. The Minnesota Twins are fortunate to have players like Puckett and Hrbek, two throwbacks to old-time values. Kirby and Kent "settled" for slightly less than what they could have gotten as free agents, and they will probably spend the rest of their careers here. Too bad Jeff Reardon won't.

R-E-A-R-D-O-N

How do you spell relief? Don't get me wrong, I'm a big Hrbek fan. But I have a hunch that the wrong fish got away at the winter meetings. The Twins would have suffered greatly if they had lost Hrbek, but they'll be in far worse shape without Jeff Reardon.

City picks Linwood youths for volunteer-of-the-year awards

Adam Daly and Jesse Archambault are young and they don't get paid for the work they do, but their voluntary assistance at Linwood Recreation Center has earned them the appreciation of the city of St. Paul.

Daly and Archambault, both 9, have been selected along with seven other St. Paul youths for the city's Division of Parks and Recreation Youth Volunteers of the Year awards.

The recognition comes with a free dinner at Circus Pizza, a Minnesota Timberwolves sweatshirt, and tickets to the Timberwolves' National Basketball Association game

against Houston in the Metrodome on December 27.

"Adam is always available and willing to lend a helping hand in big or small chores, no matter how trivial they are," said Colleen Law, director of Linwood Recreation Center. "And Jesse is always willing to offer his assistance as well as his enthusiasm when there is a job to be done."

Daly, of 906 St. Clair Ave., and Archambault, of 912 St. Clair Ave., are students at Randolph Heights Elementary School.

Winter Carnival to hold talent contest

A tap-dancing trio, a magician and a marimba player are among the entertainers who will compete for more than \$2,000 in prizes and awards in the 1990 St. Paul Winter Carnival Amateur Talent Contest.

The contest features four age divisions: Junior, age 12 and younger; Young Adult, 13-18; Adult, 19-54; and Senior, 55 and older.

The preliminary competition will be held on January 16-20 at Rosedale Center, with finalists competing on January 29 at the Radisson Hotel St. Paul.

Entry forms are available by calling 297-6953. The entry deadline is January 5.

Science Museum seeks volunteers

The Science Museum of Minnesota is seeking volunteers to work as interpreters in the "Bears: Imagination and Reality" exhibit, which will open in February at the museum, 30 E. 10th St. The exhibit is the nation's first major traveling show exploring America's grizzly and black bears.

Volunteer interpreters will use a variety of devices to help visitors understand the world of the bear. Interviews and orientation for new volunteers will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, January 8 and 9, at the Science Museum. Training will be conducted in late January and early February.

For more information, call 221-4703.

Oh, I know. Ridiculing relief pitchers has been a favorite pastime for local fans ever since the days of Mike Marshall and Ron Davis. The fact is, Reardon was the best the Twins' bullpen ever had—yes, even better than the Reverend Al Worthington. The man saved 104 games in three years. He was the difference in 1987 when the Twins rode a magic carpet to the world championship. The addition of Reardon was the key to the title that year.

Paul Sorrento and Kelvin Torve would have been suitable replacements for Hrbek at first base. There is a glut of talent at that position, especially in the American League. But there are no bullpen alternatives for the Twins in 1990.

Reardon will lose some games to the Green Monster in Boston, but he'll improve the Red Sox considerably. As for the Twins, they'll be wishing they still had their stopper by the second week of the season, when they realize they've left their fragile leads in the hands of Senor (Three and) Juan Berenguer.

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

The December holidays have been a great inspiration for composers of music. Of the hundreds of Christmas carols they've written over the years, seven were the inspiration for the following observations from the world of sports.

"Silent Night." I saw my first Minnesota Timberwolves basketball game in person on Sunday. For the first three periods, the Dome was quieter than my fourth period study hall.

"Jingle Bells." Those aren't bells on Santa's sleigh you're hearing. It's the loose change in Kirby Puckett's pockets.

"Angels We Have Heard (Are) High." Or highly suspect. The ball club gave Mark Langston everything but Disneyland, and he's only a 14-10 pitcher.

"Joy to the World." Baltimore's new outdoor baseball stadium will feature traditional ballpark concepts. It's the best news in baseball architecture in three decades. Hallelujah!

"Away in a Manger." That's where you'll find Luther Darville spending the holidays. Although his manger may have a mattress, his stable will be surrounded by iron bars.

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." The North Stars' new theme song. They can coast through the remainder of the regular season and still make the playoffs.

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town." And so are the Bengals. If the Vikings' Christmas wish is to have the home-field advantage in the playoffs, they better not lose this one.

PREP PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

Brian Vegoe (St. Paul Academy hockey) had two goals and an assist in his team's first win of the year, an 8-5 decision over Brady. The 6-foot-1, 180-pound skater scored one goal on a rebound and got the other one on a wrist shot from the top of the circle. "Brian mucks around the corners well," said coach Jim Steiner.

Terry VanDerWalker (Minnehaha Academy hockey) played an important role in victories over Minneapolis South (4-3) and Brady (4-1). A feisty, 5-foot-8 speedster, VanDerWalker scored a goal and assisted on two others. "He's really tricky with the puck," said coach Dave Palmquist.

Kirk Dagle (Highland Park wrestling) placed second in the Delano tournament at 189 pounds. "He's off to a good start," said coach Jim Paddock. "We're counting on him and (fellow junior) Roger Thao (112 pounds) to lead us. Thao had 20 wins at 112 last year."

Lisa Mulrooney (Convent of the Visitation basketball); a 5-foot-8 junior forward, had 33 rebounds in her team's victories over Mounds Park and Humboldt.

Miriam Mems (Highland Park basketball) hauled down 22 rebounds in a recent win over Simley. The 6-foot-1 sophomore center has been a pleasant surprise for coach Betty Richardson as Highland Park split its first four games.

Jim Sticha (Cretin-Derham Hall basketball) poured in 29 points as the Raiders won their opener against Hudson. The 5-foot-8 senior guard hit three of seven three-point shots and 10 of 14 field-goal attempts as his team prevailed 81-52.

Joe Garibay (Henry Sibley basketball) lit up Columbia Heights with six three-pointers, including three straight down the stretch in a 64-51 victory for Sibley.

Wayne McInnis (Minneapolis Roosevelt basketball) tallied 16 points in a win over Osseo, then scored 19 points in a loss at Mounds View. "He's been very aggressive on both ends of the floor," said coach Frank Hentges. "Wayne is very good at creating good scoring opportunities for himself."

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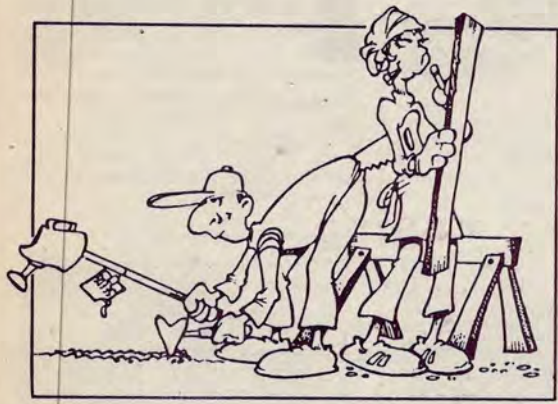
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Great starter home. Lovely 2-bedroom rambler in perfect condition. Newly painted interior and all upgraded mechanicals plus maintenance-free exterior. For a private showing please call Blanche McMenimen (690-8448). \$44,900.



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A perfect gem! English Tudor with 2 bedrooms, large master bedroom and closets, fireplace, formal dining room and den, hardwood floors, dynamite kitchen, super appliances, no-maintenance exterior. Assume mortgage. Peryl Krawetz (690-8483). \$80s.



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Payment helper. Cozy 2-bedroom expansion bungalow featuring a 1-bedroom apartment upstairs. Newer roof, electric, aluminum siding and double garage. Call Bob Reidell (690-8402). \$59,900.



Near Macalester. Four bedrooms, natural woodwork and built-ins. Good room sizes and layout. Gain some equity just by moving in! Motivated seller. Call John Tittle (698-2434). \$77,900.



Garage included. Vintage Ramsey Hill condominium. Old World charm, hardwood floors and formal dining plus a wonderful big kitchen with informal dining. 464 Dayton Ave. Call John Tittle (698-2434). \$62,900.



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



Price reduced below county market value by \$10,000! Seller is very motivated! Four bedrooms, master bath, large family room, fireplace, formal dining room with cabinets. 450 Mt. Curve. Roger Claesgens (690-8411). \$119,000. Just call Roger!



Classic stucco duplex has both levels owner-occupied! 3 bedrooms plus sunroom. Lower unit has 2 baths. Fireplace in gracious living room, formal dining room, deck, 3-car garage. \$150's. Roger Claesgens (690-8411). Just call Roger!



Eagle Ridge Condos! \$15,000 price reduction to close estate! Spacious 2-bedroom unit with 2 baths, 2-car inside garage, all appliances included. Building has many amenities. Call today for details! Ethel and Len Mayeron (690-8462).



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



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



Classic contemporary Enjoy the crisp, clean feel of an architect-designed home. Light, sun-filled rooms, 2 decks and a screen porch bring the outdoors in. 2 bedrooms plus den, 3 baths, good-sized family room. A winner! Becky Mickelberg (690-8417).



Enjoy the sunshine from the south-facing deck of this delightful 2-bedroom townhome in nearby Eagan. Expansive floor plan, move-in condition, generous counter and storage in kitchen, very good association. Becky Mickelberg (690-8417). \$89,900.