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Jenny Haigh, her son Billy, 3, and partner Aileen Guiney. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

One in a million: Haigh's spirit gives her a leg up in beating rare chordoma

BY CAROLYN WILL

Jenny Haigh has always exuded an upbeat attitude, according to her friends, and that hasn't changed even in the face of cancer. Haigh, 36, learned in January that she has multicentric chordoma, a malignant bone cancer that was present in five tumors on her vertebrae. It is a rare form of cancer, afflicting one in every 1 million people each year, according to the Chordoma Foundation.

"Jenny is as rare as this disease," writes her sister Angie Haigh on a website her family and friends set up to spread the word about her condition and to solicit donations for a fundraiser they have planned for 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at O'Gara's Bar and Grill, 164 N. Snelling Ave.

The Jammin' for Jenny Silent Auction Benefit is "a one-time event to raise funds to relieve some of (her family's) worries," said

Nancy Scanlan, Haigh's godmother. Donations for the benefit have been flooding in, according to Scanlan, and Haigh plans to be there, taking a rare break from the rigid regimen she is following during her recovery.

"Jenny was one of those feisty little kids," Scanlan said. "If she met with some adversity, she'd step right in and would never be defeated."

That attitude propelled Haigh through a stellar career in soccer, from the playing fields of Highland Catholic and Cretin-Derham Hall to a professional team in Sweden to the head coaching job at Northwestern University. It is what she has drawn on for strength this spring following several grueling operations.

In the past three months, Haigh underwent two nine-hour operations at Abbott Northwestern Hospital that removed as

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County Board OKs 20-year financing for University Ave. streetscape project

Plan to pay for upgrades with property taxes still needs OK of state, city, school district

BY JANE MCCLURE

Long-awaited University Avenue streetscape and parking improvements, planned in conjunction with the proposed Central Corridor light-rail transit project, are one step closer to reality. On a 5-1 vote on March 24, the Ramsey County Board approved a plan to provide up to \$37 million for that purpose by extending for 20 years the terms of four existing tax-increment financing districts on University.

The measure, which would remove \$1.9 million from county coffers in each of the next 20 years, was proposed by St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman. If the St. Paul City Council and School Board sign off on it, the tax-increment financing (TIF) plan will still need the approval of the Minnesota Legislature.

Extensive streetscape and parking improvements along University are not included in the \$914 million budget for the proposed 11-mile light-rail line between the downtowns of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

TIF allows local governments to finance redevelopment by drawing on the additional property taxes generated by that redevelopment. Instead of going to the county, city and school district, the tax revenues above what the TIF district properties generated before redevelopment are diverted to help pay for the redevelopment.

Ramsey County Commissioner Janice Rettman cast the lone vote against the TIF proposal. Rettman said that though she would like to support University Avenue businesses, she questions whether the provisions of the TIF plan are even legal.

"This action is not just an extension and merging of four TIF districts," Rettman said. "It's asking Ramsey County to forgo what was promised in the original TIFs (regarding when) the properties would be returned to the tax rolls."

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Snapshots of the faithful: A holy card history

Seminary library exhibits three centuries of Catholic holy cards via the Internet

BY BILL STIEGER

For over a century they have been tucked away in a shoebox in an obscure corner of Archbishop John Ireland Memorial Library at the St. Paul Seminary. Now, nearly a quarter of the more than 700 holy cards, some of which date to the 18th century, may be viewed in all their glory online.

Holy cards are "the essence of Catholic ephemera," said Jan Malcheski, the seminary's reference librarian. They have been in circulation for cen-

turies and typically depict scenes from the life of Jesus Christ, his mother Mary or one of the saints. "Many of them were printed to commemorate the ordination of priests," Malcheski said. "Others were printed to memorialize the saints, for baptisms, as remembrances at funerals or to celebrate a religious holiday."

The holy cards in the library collection had been used as bookmarks and were left behind by young seminarians, college students and priests who used Ireland Library for their religious studies. "We felt we should share them with the public," Malcheski said.

Ireland Library was originally known as the St. Paul Seminary Library. It opened with the seminary in 1894. Many of the holy cards that were printed before that date were found in books of European origin, according to Curt LeMay, the

library's director. "We have a lot of books in our collection that were brought over from Europe," he said. "The prayers on the back of the older cards are either in Latin, French or German."

Holy cards have been a staple of Catholic culture since the 15th century. The earliest documented holy card—an image of St. Christopher—has been traced to 1423. Many of the cards in the Ireland Library collection are undated, but easy to place chronologically by their style and design. The European cards are particularly beautiful, often rendered on die-cut lace paper.

One of the lace cards was cut in the filigree image of a cross and has a handwritten inscription on the back that reads, "Fr. Bernadus...1872." A French card from the early 20th century com-

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much of the tumors as possible. Her neurosurgeon, Dr. Thomas Bergman, said he had never seen so many tumors in so difficult an area to operate. Before the first operation, he consulted colleagues around the U.S. and in other countries for advice.

After removing the tumors and affected vertebrae, Bergman implanted a steel rod in Haigh's neck to strengthen and immobilize it. Doctors also implanted titanium mesh struts packed with bone that had been grafted from Haigh's pelvis to replace the vertebrae removed from her spine. While she waits for the new bone to fuse—perhaps six months—Haigh must wear a metal halo around her head. The halo is attached to four posts that fit into a plastic case around her waist to keep her head, shoulders and chest immobile.

Haigh's 3-year-old son Billy "has had to find a new way to snuggle with me because this halo doesn't allow me to hold him or put my arms around him," she said. "After he's in his pajamas and ready to sleep, he climbs onto my bed and curls up near my legs with his cheek resting on my lower arm."

Haigh has temporarily lost her ability to swallow. During the second operation on March 4, the surgical team opened her neck from the front to gain better access to one of the tumors. The procedure damaged nerves around her trachea and tongue as well as the epiglottis. Until she is able to swallow again, she is receiving all her nutrition through a feeding tube that dangles from a pole and is

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directly connected to her stomach.

"That part is frustrating for Jenny because she needs to be tethered to the pole nearly all day, taking only three to four hours a day off," said her mother, Patty Haigh.

Chordoma tumors develop from the remnants of embryonic cartilage left over from the formation of the spinal cord in utero. Haigh was diagnosed with the condition shortly after she, Billy and her partner Aileen Guiney returned from a winter vacation to Disney World. She saw a doctor to find out why her neck hurt. An MRI revealed the five tumors on her upper vertebrae and the top of her spinal column. The largest tumor on her second cervical vertebra had disintegrated the bone, literally leaving her with a broken neck.

Haigh and Guiney sold their house in Minneapolis last month and moved in with Haigh's mother in Highland Park. "It's really been a miracle how the timing worked out," said Patty Haigh, whose home has an apartment on the lower level. "I didn't pay any attention to it when I bought the house (two years ago), but now I'm living on the lower level and able to let them be a family on the upper level. And I'm close by to help when needed."

To deal with the nausea that has been nearly constant since her last surgery, Haigh has been working with a healer whose visits were arranged as a gift from a friend. Haigh's friends have been able to follow her progress through regular updates on her Caring Bridge website, and the support she has received from family and friends over the past three months has



Jenny Haigh

relieved many of her worries. When a former classmate at CDH read that Haigh was sleeping in a La-Z-Boy recliner because of the halo, she arranged to have a hospital bed loaned to her for as long as Haigh needed.

"It's been wonderful, really a blessing, for Jenny to have all these old friends reconnecting," Patty Haigh said.

"This is the real game she has been practicing for," writes Angie Haigh on her sister's website. "She has the strength and spirit to see her through."

Haigh's competitive spirit was in evidence at CDH, where she played soccer, basketball and softball. "She excelled at all of them," said her mother, probably drawing on genes she received from her father, Dick Haigh, who played hockey for the University of Minnesota from 1963-65. Haigh concentrated on soccer

after graduating from CDH in 1991, and was an All-American in the sport at the University of Wisconsin.

At Madison, "I was in over my head at first," laughed Haigh, "but then I earned the most-improved-player award two years in a row." Haigh was on the Badger soccer team that won the national championship one season, and she served as captain of the team her senior year. She then played professionally for a year in Sweden before returning to the U.S. to coach soccer at Arizona State, Mississippi and Northwestern universities.

Following Billy's birth, Haigh worked another year at Northwestern before moving back to the Twin Cities where Guiney had been accepted to law school. Haigh then went to work for her mother's home-staging business, Enhance Your Equity.

"I'm so thankful that I'm in this community," Haigh said. "I feel so fortunate to be reconnecting with old friends and classmates. The support has been wonderful and really a blessing."

Visits from old friends have helped to raise Haigh's spirits between daily physical therapy sessions. One day she served as her son's show-and-tell exhibit at preschool, answering questions about her halo and allowing his classmates to touch it.

The next step in Haigh's treatment, following the removal of the halo, will be proton beam radiation, a special form of radiation treatment that minimizes potential damage to the spinal cord. She will travel to either Boston or LaJolla, California, to receive those treatments. She also has one more small tumor to be removed from her spine, but her doctor does not see that holding back her recovery.

For more information on the April 26 benefit for Haigh, visit www.teamjenny.com.

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memorates Christmas with an image of the Christ Child standing in a sleigh and offering the Eucharist from a chalice as he is pulled through the snow by doves and trailed by a band of angels in flight playing musical instruments.

"Some of these cards are a creative stretch," Malcheski said.

Many of the early holy cards were made from woodcuts and printed on lace paper. The advent of lithography allowed holy-card printers to reproduce images of greater detail. The style of the cards changed over the centuries, and not always for the better. One fairly recent card is a reproduction of the Master Card logo with the phrase "Give Christ Charge of Your Life" printed over it. Another card does not even seem to be particularly holy. It shows a grinning clown and above it the statement, "A sense of humor is like a needle & thread; it will patch up so many things."

"We put some of the oddball cards online because they were so unusual," Malcheski said.

Ireland Library, besides serving as a resource for seminarians, is also used by students of the University of St. Thomas. The general public

Ireland Library director Curt LeMay and reference librarian Jan Malcheski display four of the 700 holy cards collected at the seminary over the past century.

PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER



may use the library, although they are not allowed to check out books.

The library, originally located on the first floor of the school's administration building, had 4,000 books when it opened. By 1948 its collection had grown to 30,000 volumes. In 1950 the library moved into its current build-

ing and was rechristened in memory of John Ireland, who served from 1888 to 1918 as the first archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

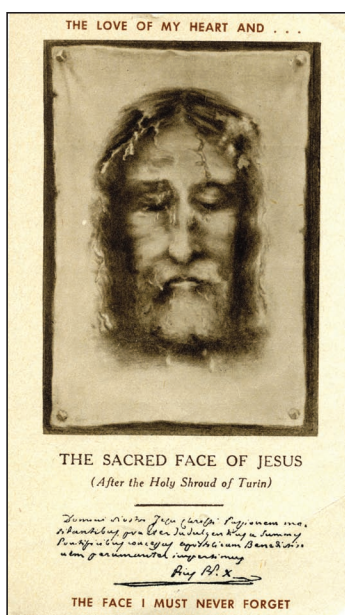
"Ireland Library is considered by many to be the best Catholic theological library between Chicago and the West Coast," LeMay said. "We now have over 90,000 volumes.

Malcheski described the library's holy card collection as "inadvertent. These cards were never intended to be a collection. They were thrown into a shoebox over a number of years." Still, he added, "they represent lay spirituality at its best."

And the library, since the seminary's merger with the University of St. Thomas, has been thoroughly modernized. The affiliation with St. Thomas allows our library access to all the electronic media and information we had been missing out on."

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Passing the torch

Now in well-planned retirement, City Hall's Soderholm looks back

By JANE McCLURE

After 35 years as a St. Paul city planner, Summit Hill resident Larry Soderholm considered retiring on July 4 of this year. He said it would be "my own Independence Day." However, when a looming budget deficit prompted city officials to offer an incentive for early retirement, Soderholm decided to take them up on it.

Soderholm stepped down as the city's planning administrator at the end of February, but a promise to city Planning and Economic Development director Cecile Bedor kept him on the job for much of March, redirecting to other staff members the voluminous files he has collected over the years on a myriad of economic development issues. His files on billboard legislation and litigation alone filled five cardboard boxes.

As Soderholm cleaned out his office, St. Paul City Council president Kathy Lantry lamented, "Thirty-five years of institutional memory are walking out the door."

St. Paul City Council and Planning Commission members who worked closely with Soderholm on numerous issues over the years said his expertise and even-handed approach to controversy will be sorely missed. Soderholm, in turn, said he will miss his work. "It's been fun to have gained such a detailed knowledge of a place," he said. "I've always found my work to be kind of a calling."

Married and the father of two grown sons, Soderholm was hired by the city in 1974 following his graduation from Carleton College and a stint in development with the U.S. Peace Corps in Lima, Peru. "If you want to work with a real urban challenge, try working in a third world country," he said.

St. Paul in 1974, like the city today, was struggling with a proliferation of vacant houses and increasingly troubled commercial districts, according to Soderholm. Many long-time residents were selling their homes and moving to the suburbs. "You hate to use the term now, but then it was described as the era of 'white flight,'" he said. "People were fleeing the city. That was the climate we were working in."

But it was also an exciting time, the era of

"urban homesteading," he said. People were buying up boarded-up dwellings at cut-rate prices and restoring them. "You could have a modest income, restore a once grand house and live very well," Soderholm recalled.

The people who did not move to suburbia were passionate about saving their neighborhoods. Federal programs were available to help them, but they had to have a citizen participation process in place to do so. Some of the first neighborhoods to get involved included the West End and Summit-University.

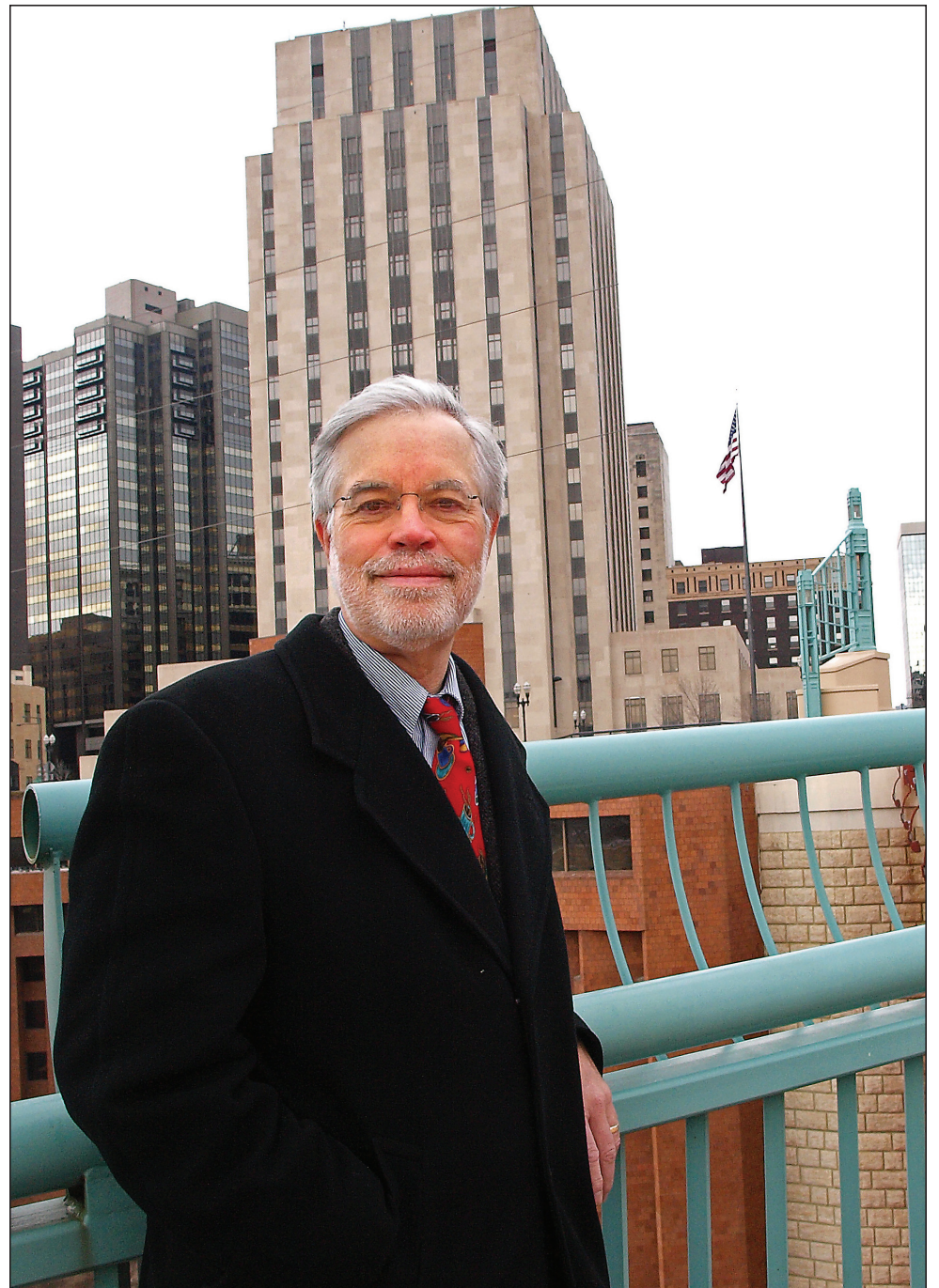
Soderholm's job was to analyze the data to determine which neighborhoods should be involved in those early housing rehabilitation programs. Ramsey Hill, now considered one of the city's finest residential areas, was among its most blighted at the time. Even some of the grand mansions of Summit Avenue had fallen into disrepair.

At the same time, the Grand Avenue business district was struggling to reinvent itself following the departure of its automobile dealerships to the suburbs. "People were afraid to go to Grand Avenue then," Soderholm said. When the original developers of the Victoria Crossing East and West malls tried to get financing to convert those former car dealerships, local banks were not interested, he said.

Soderholm was deeply involved in the creation of the city's district planning councils. He helped the Merriam Park neighborhood develop the city's first neighborhood plan and helped the Irvine Park neighborhood craft the city's first historic preservation plan. He played a role in the creation of St. Paul's Heritage Preservation Commission and its historic preservation districts, including the Historic Hill District. He worked on the first development plan for Summit Avenue and helped local activists form the Summit Avenue Residential Preservation Association.

Soderholm was involved in the drafting of more than 40 small area plans, used by neighborhoods to guide capital improvements and effect land-use changes. He also worked on the major revision of the city's zoning code that was adopted in 2004.

One of Soderholm's more pivotal efforts was the codification of the city's changing re-



After 35 years in City Hall, St. Paul planner Larry Soderholm has bid farewell.

PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

lationship to the Mississippi River, expressed through the St. Paul on the Mississippi development framework and various zoning code protections for the river.

Soderholm found himself at the center of a host of heated controversies, from the expansion of William Mitchell College of Law to the Bridges of St. Paul riverfront redevelopment. "Sometimes you feel like a marriage counselor," he said.

Soderholm described his work on Grand Avenue land-use issues as a "singularly frustrating exercise. It almost always came back to parking." Yet Grand is thriving after all of

these years, he added, with about half of the parking required by city code.

John Mannillo of the group Scenic St. Paul said he appreciated Soderholm's work in the city's long-standing but largely unsuccessful effort to rein in the proliferation of billboards. "We were pretty tough on him," Mannillo said, "but he was always receptive to our ideas."

The city is going to sorely miss Soderholm's expertise and breadth of experience, Mannillo added. "Larry has a knowledge of a lot of things no one else has," Mannillo said, "and others are going to have to work hard to get to that level."

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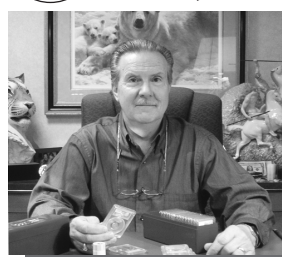
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Hearing set on long-awaited changes to Grand sign district

St. Paul's regulations for electronic signs will also be discussed

By Jane McClure

Proposed changes to city regulations adopted 26 years ago with the creation of Grand Avenue's special sign district will be the topic of a public hearing before the St. Paul Planning Commission on April 24. The commission will also hear a proposal that morning to amend citywide regulations on electronic signs. Changes to either set of regulations will ultimately have to be approved by the City Council.

Grand Avenue was the first street in St. Paul to have a special sign district when it was established in 1983. (The Planning Commission and City Council approved changes to the regulations in 1993 and 1996.)

The purpose of the special sign district was to preserve Grand Avenue's character, reduce sign clutter, and provide clear identification of the avenue's businesses. The district covers Grand from Oakland to Cretin avenues.

The proposed sign district changes have languished for more than four years. In the fall of 2004, the Summit Hill Association and Grand Avenue Business Association sought additional changes to the regulations. The Macalester-Groveland Community Council voted to support the changes as well. However, the changes were set aside until recently as a downsized planning staff was diverted to other issues. Special sign district changes also must be reviewed by the city's Department of Safety and Inspections, which issues sign permits and enforces violations.

Ward 2 City Council member Dave Thune, who represents the eastern end of Grand, said the changes to the special sign district regulations are long overdue. He said they have been set aside for so long that many of the people involved in the changes proposed in 2004 have either left the two district councils or are

no longer active in the Grand Avenue Business Association.

"We've had a lot of requests that the guidelines be clarified and that's what the intent of this is," Thune said. "There just didn't seem to be an interest in getting this done."

The proposed changes call for stricter enforcement of the sign district guidelines. The changes also spell out the process under which the district councils and GABA would review sign permits. Other proposed changes would restrict spillover light from new signs and would prohibit portable signs except to identify a business that does not have a door directly on Grand. Portable signs could be no more than 42 inches tall and have no more than 36 square feet of surface space.

Most of the changes are meant to remove ambiguous language, said city planner Emily Goodman. More restrictions have been placed on signs citywide as a result of city zoning code changes over the years as well as efforts to regulate billboards and other signs. As a result, citywide regulations no longer have to be part of Grand Avenue's special sign district.

That includes a ban on new billboards and other advertising signs. When the Grand Avenue special sign district was created, it was the first in the city to prohibit new advertising signs in a business zone. However, the city code was changed over the years and now prohibits new advertising signs in all zoning districts.

The regulations on electronic signs that are being proposed for modification were adopted in 2007 by the City Council to get companies to remove traditional billboards in residential areas in exchange for more "dynamic" signs in business zones. The proposed changes would place additional restrictions on sign placement and orientation, size, illumination and the characteristics of the messages displayed. Text and images would not be able to change more than once every 12 seconds. And except at professional sports facilities such as Xcel Energy Center, electronic signs would not be allowed to include video images.

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County Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt said she is confident that state lawmakers will address the legal and technical concerns Retman raised.

"I'm not a fan of TIF," said Commissioner Rafael Ortega. "But at this point, given the economic environment we're facing, the city has few resources left. I wish we had another financial tool, but at this point I don't see one."

City officials would like to see the University streetscape improvements made in conjunction with the light-rail project so that traffic in the area is not disrupted twice. If federal financing for the Central Corridor is approved this year as hoped, construction of the light-rail line could start as early as 2010 and be complete by 2014.

The TIF would finance \$25.2 million in new streetlights, trees, landscaping, public art and other amenities on University; \$4.2 million to replace lost on-street parking on University; and a portion of the \$21.8 million needed to purchase the land and build a new transit station and parking facility on the block bounded by 4th, Cedar, 5th and Minnesota streets downtown. However, that is only a fraction of the \$155 million in improvements the city is hoping to carry out as part of the Central Corridor project.

Among the other proposed expenditures are \$4 million for downtown streetscape improvements; \$16.2 million to develop a downtown site for underground parking; \$9 million to acquire the portion of the former Diamond

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Products/Gillette property in Lowertown that is not being purchased by the Metropolitan Council to house a light-rail operations and maintenance facility; \$4.2 million for University Avenue parking improvements; and \$95.2 million for affordable housing, bicycle and pedestrian connections, public art and open spaces, and to help businesses survive the light-rail construction period.

The city has identified potential funding sources for these additional improvements, including \$5 million over five years from the city's Capital Improvement Budget, \$4 million over four years from the city's Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization Program, \$4.3 million in assessments from local property owners, \$1 million in federal funds, and an undetermined amount from state bonding, franchise fees, grants, the Ramsey County Active Living program and private developers.



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News Briefs

Ng's race for mayor of St. Paul wins Republican endorsement

St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, in his bid for a second term, lost an opponent and gained another following the Republican Party's city convention on April 4. Highland Park resident John Krenik, who had announced his candidacy for mayor almost a year ago, withdrew in favor of political newcomer Eva Ng, resident who was endorsed unanimously at the convention.

A West End resident, Ng, 50, describes herself as a "center-right conservative." Married with no children, she is the CEO of Blanda Inc., a machine and specialty tool engineering firm based in Eagan.

Ng was born in Hong Kong and immigrated to the U.S. with her family when she was 10 years old. A graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.S. degree in chemical engineering, she worked for 10 years for Texaco and then took a job as a business consultant to small and medium-sized companies. One of those companies was Blanda, where she has been CEO for the past 10 years.

Krenik and Richard Easton won the Republican Party's endorsement for the St. Paul School Board.

Easton, 25, of Summit University, is a member of the board of River's Edge Academy, a charter school set to open this fall in St. Paul. He is running for the School Board, he said, because he and his wife want to send their children, when they have them, to the St. Paul Public Schools.

Krenik, 46, has taught in the St. Paul Public Schools for 25 years. A graduate of the University of St. Thomas with a degree in elementary education, he currently works in adult education and sits on the school district's Citizens Budget Finance Advisory Committee.

There are three open seats on the St. Paul School Board this year. The three incumbents, Elona Street Stewart, John Brodrick and Tom Goldstein, are all running again and have been endorsed by the DFL Party.

The candidate filing period for the September 15 primary election is July 7-21. The general election will be held on November 3.

St. Paul to sue online firms for remainder of hotel-motel tax

Online travel-booking companies that do not pay St. Paul's full hotel-motel tax could wind up in court as the result of St. Paul City Council action on March 25. The council voted unanimously that day to hire the law firm of Lockridge Grindal Nauen to take legal action against such online companies as CheapTickets, Expedia and Travelocity. The law firm is working with the city of Minne-



It was payback time for teacher Steve Abenth's 4th-graders at Highland Park Elementary School two weeks ago. They had kept their side of the bargain, aing a multiplication test. Now Abenth was keeping his—getting his head shaved, here with help from student Ashley Easton. PHOTO BY LISA WELTY

apolis on a similar action.

City officials contend that online travel-booking firms only pay part of the hotel-motel tax. St. Paul and Minneapolis ordinances state that the companies need to pay taxes on the full price of rooms, not the discounted price. In similar legal actions, the online firms have contended that they simply provide a reservation service and do not purchase or provide the rooms. They argue that it is up to hotels and motels to inform them of each city's tax and add it to the customer's bill. Around the nation, such lawsuits have met with mixed results.

St. Paul has had a hotel-motel tax since the 1980s. Some of the revenue goes into the city's general fund and some to specific promotional projects. It is not clear how much St. Paul has lost in taxes from the online firms.

HPC grants building permit for UST's Sitzmann Hall addition

Construction of an addition to the University of St. Thomas' Sitzmann Hall is expected to begin next month and be completed by September. The St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) unanimously approved the expansion plans and building permit on March 26 following a public hearing.

The HPC decision is final unless it is appealed to the St. Paul City Council. An appeal is not expected since the project has the support of the Summit Avenue Residential Pres-

ervation Association and the West Summit Neighborhood Advisory Committee (WSNAC). No one appeared at the HPC hearing to oppose the addition.

St. Thomas plans to construct a 4,732-square-foot addition to the rear of Sitzmann, which is located at the northeast corner of Summit and Cleveland avenues. The 2½-half story house was built in 1927 and has been owned by St. Thomas for many years. It housed music education programs in the past and for the last 10 years has housed the university's Center for Catholic Studies.

The addition, designed by Anderson Dale Architects, will include a chapel, an elevator and meeting, office and storage rooms. Sitzmann will also be remodeled, an unused driveway will be removed and a retaining wall along Cleveland Avenue will be replaced.

HPC approval was required because the building lies within the Summit Avenue West Historic Preservation District. HPC staff recommended approval of the building permit, finding that most aspects of the renovation and expansion meet the intent of historic district guidelines. Some concerns were raised about the replacement of windows, but most of the discussion centered on what materials would be used for the retaining wall. St. Thomas intends to match the materials used to construct Sitzmann.

WSNAC will review the project's construction management plan this month. McGough Construction is the general contractor.

M & I Bank moves step closer to opening on Snelling Ave.

The St. Paul Planning Commission voted unanimously on March 27 to approve a conditional use permit for M & I Bank to build a new office on the site of the former Walgreens at 522 S. Snelling Ave. The decision is final unless it is appealed to the St. Paul City Council. As of last week, no appeal had been filed.

No zoning changes or variances are needed for the project to proceed, but it still must undergo a site plan review by city staff before building permits are issued. Bank officials hope to start construction soon.

The conditional use permit is required for three drive-through lanes on the east side of the new building. The lanes will be adjacent to the alley, but vehicles would enter from the south and exit to the north on Snelling.

The vacant Walgreens will be razed to make way for the new bank. The drugstore moved two years ago to a new building at Snelling and Randolph avenues.

The Planning Commission placed three conditions on the permit, including screening, placement of the drive-through entrance and approval of the site plan.

The commission declined to add additional conditions sought by the Highland District Council's Community Development Committee, which wanted provisions to require the bank to keep the parking lot clean and the property free of graffiti. The committee also wanted to see a buffer between the bank and nearby homes to the east, and a 10-foot-tall monument sign instead of the 18-foot-tall pylon sign planned by M & I.

City order could spell the end of University Avenue building

A fire-damaged building at 1493 University Ave. must be removed or repaired within 15 days, the St. Paul City Council decided on April 1. That means the vacant building will most likely be razed despite efforts to save it.

Legislative hearing officer Marcia Moermond told the property owner at a hearing last month that a \$5,000 bond had to be posted by April 1 if the repairs were to proceed. That did not happen, so she asked the council to approve the remove-or-repair order.

One challenge in getting the building repaired is that it has multiple interested parties, including a property ownership corporation and two mortgage companies, Moermond said. Because of disagreements among the parties, an insurance settlement check that could be used to rehabilitate the building cannot be released.

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Council supports banning candy cigarettes, urges teens to push on

By Jane McClure

Candy cigarettes, novelty lighters and gum masquerading as chewing tobacco could soon be banned from all St. Paul store shelves. The St. Paul City Council is poised to adopt such an ordinance on April 8. More than 120 youths packed the council chambers on April 1 to ask that the products be prohibited.

All seven council members indicated that they support the ban, which would be one of the first of its kind in the Twin Cities.

Anti-tobacco advocates contend that the imitation products encourage children to take up the real tobacco products later in life. Other countries have banned the sale of the products with encouragement from the World Health Organization.

St. Paul teenagers are waging the campaign against the imitation tobacco products with support from the Ramsey Tobacco Coalition, Boys and Girls Clubs, and other organizations. While researching tobacco marketing tactics last fall, the youths found that candy cigarettes and similar products were still being sold in stores.

"Youths are sick and tired of tobacco companies targeting us," said Summit-University resident Shanicee Dillon. She became aware of imitation tobacco products when a 2-year-old child she was caring for was able to grab a package of candy cigarettes off a convenience store shelf. "At first I thought, 'Are you serious?' she said. "Then I became angry."

Dillon and others said candy cigarettes and bubble gum in tobacco-like tins should not be sold for even the smallest child to see.

Other speakers objected to the marketing tactics used to sell the products. Central High School junior Calitta Jones held up a package of candy cigarettes that was similar in design to a package of Marlboro cigarettes. "Look at the colors of the package, look at the brand name," she said. "Do you think this is a coincidence? I think not."

Fellow Central student Jeremiah Carter said it is important to make sure candy cigarettes and similar products do not get into the hands of children. "To be honest," he said,

"they don't taste very good, either."

When the ordinance was introduced last month, some council members said they were surprised to learn that candy cigarettes are still available. Some stores, such as CVS, Holiday and Walmart, have banned the sale of such products. The young people found them in neighborhood convenience shops and dollar stores.

Chris Tholkes of the Association of Non-smokers-Minnesota also was surprised to learn that candy cigarettes were still being sold. She said the sale of candy cigarettes and other imitation tobacco products desensitizes children to the health risks of real tobacco products and promotes their use.

The young people have an ally in their fight to ban novelty lighters in the St. Paul Fire Department. Lighters displayed by advocates of the ordinance showed some shaped like footballs, candy bars, vehicles and animals.

"They look like toys, so kids are going to play with them," said Fire Marshall Steve Zaccard. He said lighters should be "tools for adults, not toys for children."

St. Paul had 22 fires last year that were started by children. While not all of the fires involved novelty lighters, Zaccard said, there is too much risk in allowing them to be sold. The proposed ordinance defines novelty lighters as those that are designed to appear as toys, or that have entertaining effects.

The ordinance banning candy cigarettes and similar products is sponsored by City Council member Melvin Carter III. He and other council members praised the youths for studying the issue and waging the campaign.

Council member Dan Bostrom surprised the students and his colleagues by suggesting the proposed measure did not go far enough. "Just ban the sale of cigarettes in St. Paul, period," he said.

His suggestion drew stunned silence, then applause. However, the backers of the ordinance said later that a total tobacco ban is not their intent and would not be effective in any case.

Other council members suggested the youths should also take their campaign to state lawmakers.

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Another strike against the potential reuse of the property is that it lacks off-street parking. The two-story building was constructed in 1918 and was most recently used as an auto parts business. It has been vacant since May 2005. A new tenant had been found for the building a few years ago and it was undergoing rehabilitation when it was damaged by fire last April. Damage from what is believed to have been arson was estimated at \$550,000.

The building was gutted and windows are still missing. Bricks have started to fall from the building and the dumping of garbage at the rear of the property has become a problem. Neighbors have also complained that the building has been occupied illegally by squatters.

Though some people wanted the building saved, St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission staff indicated that the building is not considered to be an integral part of the neighborhood's industrial heritage.

Groveland Tap gets approval to bring liquor service outside

Groveland Tap, 1834 St. Clair Ave., will be able to serve beer and wine outdoors, the St. Paul City Council decided on April 1. The restaurant is benefiting from ordinance changes that the City Council made last year. Restaurants previously had to receive signatures from at least 90 percent of the neighbors living within 300 feet. Last year, the council de-

cidated to accept consent petitions as low as 60 percent as long as other factors were met.

Despite many months of trying, Groveland Tap was only able to get 63 percent of its neighbors to sign a petition. That meant the restaurant had to prove to city officials that it had made a good faith effort to get the signatures, but was unable to do so.

When Groveland Tap's request went before a legislative hearing officer last fall, the city received eight letters and a petition raising concerns about the request. Neighbors objected to smokers standing outside the restaurant and were concerned that extending beer and wine service outside would allow the restaurant to become a de facto bar. Under Groveland Tap's wine and beer license, at least 60 percent of the restaurant's gross sales must be from food. At the hearing, neighbors said chips and salsa should not count toward the food percentage.

Other neighborhood concerns included parking and late-night noise.

The City Council placed 13 conditions on the restaurant's sidewalk wine and beer service. They include limiting the outdoor service area to 16 seats, prohibiting tables and chairs from blocking the sidewalk, monitoring noise, picking up litter, working with other area businesses to monitor parking, and ending outdoor service at 9:00 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and at 10:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

News Briefs were compiled by Jane McClure and Kevin Driscoll.

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Viewpoint

Water wars: Drawing a line in the sand

BY ROLF E. WESTGARD

Concerns about the earth's diminishing oil reserves have eased somewhat with the world's weakened economies slowing the demand for that precious resource and its many manufactured byproducts. However, the demand for an even more precious liquid resource—one that Minnesotans pride themselves on if they don't take it for granted—has not ebbed. Indeed, the demand for fresh water only continues to grow.

The earth's lines of meridian run from pole to pole, marking westward progress in degrees of longitude from the prime meridian at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England. The 100th meridian emerges from Central Canada, bisecting North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas and entering Mexico at Laredo. To the east of the 100th meridian is wet America, with its vast fields of corn and soybeans. To the west, except for a wet patch in the Pacific Northwest, is dry America, with its cattle ranches and vast fields of wheat and irrigation systems.

The primary source of fresh water for dry America is the snowpacks of its mountain ranges, which feed its rivers. The West's major river fed by those snowpacks is the Colorado. It brings life to hundreds of growing cities, powers the homes of 3 million people, nourishes 15 percent of the nation's crops and provides drinking water for seven states and one in 12 Americans.

The Colorado's dams and diversions were built at a time when the river's annual flow ranged from 16 million to more than 20 million acre feet. In the drier 21st century, the annual flow has been averaging 14 million to 15 million acre feet. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Colorado River Basin, which stretches from Wyoming to Mexico, is at the epicenter of the debate over hotter climates in the Western U.S. Since the 1970s, the basin has warmed more than any other area in the contiguous 48 states. As a result, the volume of water in the basin is decreasing. The river's two major reservoirs are Lake Powell, behind Glen Canyon Dam, and Lake Mead, behind Hoover Dam. Those reservoirs are in slow decline, and are now about half full.

A drier American Southwest threatens to place the future of cities like Phoenix, Las Vegas and Los Angeles in jeopardy. Lake Mead's level has dropped from 1,229 feet in 1983 to 1,112 feet today. If it dips below 1,000 feet, both water channels to Las Vegas will dry up. As Dr. James Lawrence Powell of the University of Southern California stated in his recent study of the Colorado's flow rates, "We can save either Lake Powell or Lake Mead, but not both." The thirsty cities of the West are now starting to look north to the Columbia River and east to the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River for fresh water.

An enduring Minnesota nightmare is the vision of a great pipeline that begins at Lake Superior and snakes its way south to irrigate Kansas and Oklahoma, then west, ending with branches at parched Arizona golf courses and thousands of Los Angeles swimming pools. Although such a pipeline may not be practical, the nightmare persists of Lake Superior as a huge replica of the empty mine pits of the Iron Range.

Before the arrival of the white man, Minnesota was a natural treasure with vast forests of virgin white pine and the world's greatest deposits of iron ore. Deep layers of our glacially deposited soil were nourished by the ample waters of our lakes, streams and aquifers. Now those forests are clear-cut, their lumber exported to the world. Most of the iron ore has been mined, leaving behind those empty pits. We need to protect our remaining soil and the waters that nourish it.

The earth's fresh water is a renewable resource from nature's great distillery. However, its supply is fixed and the world's population is not. The obvious answer lies in conservation and in refusing to subsidize ineffective uses of water, like growing thirsty low-value crops in arid regions. Alfalfa consumes 20 percent of California's agricultural water today, but provides only 4 percent of its food crop revenue.

We've worried in the past about wars over future oil supplies. Water wars could make those conflicts seem like mere skirmishes.

Rolf Westgard is a Macalester-Groveland resident and a professional member of the Geological Society of America.



STEVE MICHAELS

Inbox

Olson deserves a second chance

Sara Jane Olson served her sentence and followed procedure in her request for a transfer of parole to her home state. Governor Tim Pawlenty's opposition to Olson's return to Minnesota is indicative of a problem facing many citizens who have committed a crime: a lack of forgiveness and understanding.

Olson led a productive and law-abiding life before serving her time, and there are no indications that she intends to do otherwise upon her release. Yet she still faces the scrutiny and biases of others. Like Olson, many Minnesotans have committed crimes, served their time and complied with all conditions of their parole or probation. Despite having paid their debt to society, they face significant barriers when it comes to finding housing and employment. Their punishment extends far beyond what was handed down in a courtroom when the years of discrimination they face are taken into account.

When society is not willing to change its attitudes or to fund services that help people with criminal records return to the community, we create a system that accomplishes little. Frequently, finding employment is a condition of parole and when this requirement is not met the punishment can be more jail time. Many leave the system with no place to go or face rejection by landlords and experience homelessness.

Crime is not something to be taken lightly, but when individuals have complied in all areas of restitution, they deserve a second chance.

Faith Fischer
Summit-University

Olson has paid her debt

I did not know Sara Jane Olson (aka Kathleen Soliah), but while I lived and taught at Sacred Heart High School in San Francisco and studied at St. Mary's College in California, I certainly knew of her and I certainly remember very well the case. Indeed, one of the members of the Symbionese Liberation Army graduated from Sacred Heart, and the book *This Soldier Still at War* was written about him.

I attended four of Patty Heart's court sessions at the federal courthouse just down the street from Sacred Heart. It was an amazing piece of history and tearful for Patty as well as her parents when an audiotape was played of Patty calling her parents "pigs." I was in San Francisco when she was caught as well as when she was kidnapped and then brainwashed.

I am a religious minister and a psychologist with an interest in cults and behavior, and I still work with people living in the margins. Patty and Sara Jane at that time were in the margins. They have both served their time. Now leave them alone. They have paid their debt to society.

I deplore violence, but young and old alike do things that are cruel and meaningless. I have been a dean of discipline for 16 years during my long career. I have had guns put to my head. I know violence from working with kids in inner-city Los Angeles, Brussels and London who have gone to jail. They have come out well and now have university degrees. People can and do grow up.

Sara Jane Olson was obviously dangerous nearly 40 years ago, but I doubt that she is now.

The Reverend Kevin Berntson
West End

A bill for health care reform

Deborah Erickson describes the dire consequences for many Minnesotans living with mental illness if the governor's planned budget cuts to the state's safety net are made ("Maintain mental health safety net," *Villager* Inbox, March 11). Other planned budget cuts would reduce services for people with disabilities, the elderly, the working poor, the unemployed, the uninsured or underinsured, and everyone else dependent upon at least some help from the state or county. Even hospital emergency room funding would be cut as demand continues to increase.

What if every Minnesota resident were guaranteed health care that included preventive care as well as curative care, hearing aids and eyeglasses, hospitalization and long-term care, mental and dental care, drugs and every other bona fide need decided upon by you and your doctor? And what if you could freely choose your doctor and other providers instead of being told by an insurance company that you had to stay in a network? By preventing illness or providing prompt treatment, we would actually save money while developing a healthier population.

And what if that system were paid for with progressive taxation that asked only for what you could afford? And what if business would contribute to the fund, but would no longer have to purchase and administer employee health insurance? And what if those dollars went into a special fund instead of

The dawning of the aged of Aquarius

BY BILL STIEGER

An acquaintance recently remarked to me, "Bill, you're in the dawn of your twilight years." I wanted to put his head in a bowling bag. The fellow, who obviously had been reading too many Hallmark cards, was trying to say something nice—along the lines of, "You're not *that* old"—but it sounded patronizing to me.

"Hey, I'm only 56!" I said. "I've got a lot of years left."

I think.

Actually, my reaction to his corny assessment of my station in life surprised me. I think it had something to do with a real fear I have of kicking the bucket, buying the farm, flying the coop, shuffling off to Buffalo, passing the audition for the worm-food gig.

Don't get me wrong. I've had a few physical infirmities—enough to let me know that I'm getting on in life—but nothing too serious. Still, like many who are old enough to have seen Jimi Hendrix at Woodstock, I spent my adolescence among friends who had acquired unsavory and illegal habits. And those friends have been dying lately—by the score.

I guess I've just attended too many funerals in recent years. It gives you pause to see your contemporaries vanish from the planet. I find my feelings about

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their dying to be damned inconvenient. It forces me to mull over my own day of reckoning. Thoughts like these can quickly devolve into useless deliberations over the shortness of life (of course life is short!) or, even worse, the meaning of life, which is a guaranteed one-way ticket down the toilet bowl of my psyche.

Socrates said, "The unexamined life is not worth living." I say the overexamined life isn't worth living either. If you really take the time to put your life under the magnifying glass—and I don't care who you are—you'll stumble into feelings of guilt and regret over personal shortcomings and missed opportunities.

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find the prospect of an afterlife to be of little help and boring to boot. How can a guy sit around on a cloud for eternity and be happy? I can't sit still for 10 minutes.

For skeptics like me, there's always the existentialist option—facing the meaningless void and the death that follows head on. Great! So life is an English literature class where you can comfort yourself with endless readings of Albert Camus' *The Plague*? Sorry, but meaninglessness, even if it's in French, doesn't leave me feeling real peppy. And the existentialism thing didn't quite work out for Ernest Hemingway, did it?

Perhaps if I gaze at my navel long enough, I'll give myself over to a looney cult, some New Age outfit whose followers are convinced that, given the right diet and exercise, we can all live forever. Problem is, I can't afford those workshops in the Himalayas. And frankly, the New Agers I've met have bored me to calcification. I'd prefer the gibbet to spending eternity hanging around sandal-shod dreamers with names like "Star" and "Bliss."

But enough of the grim meditation. I need to come up with something my anxious middle-aged soul can hold on to. What'll it be?

OK. I got it: I'm not old; I'm in the dawn of my twilight years.

See? It worked. I'm smiling. Never mind the crow's feet.

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being controlled by the state, thus taking away any possibility that the governor or Legislature could use them for other purposes? And what if the whole system were under the control of an independent body selected by Minnesota's county boards?

Sound good? Minnesota could actually have this system. State Senator John Marty (DFL-Roseville) has developed legislation (SF118/HF135) that has strong support from many members of the Senate and the House and is now working its way through various committees. To learn more about it, visit the web site of the Minnesota Universal Health Care Coalition (www.muhealth.org), where you can also arrange for a speaker to visit your organization or church.

*Bernice Vetsch
Macalester-Groveland*

Snelling could use a median

We live on South Snelling Avenue in St. Paul City Council member Pat Harris' ward. We'd like him to reconsider his objection to the medians planned for Snelling between St. Clair and Grand avenues.

Snelling homeowners have long been quiet about the insane amount of traffic on our street. We wish that council members and city engineers would spend just one weekday morning in one of our homes, listening to our foundations rumble and watching our lighting fixtures swing from the ceilings as trucks and buses speed by. We pay, in every measure, for the truck restrictions on the 35E Parkway.

The median would help calm traffic and restore some beauty to our area. We know Harris has concerns about access to businesses, but we have no doubt that there are sound solutions to accessing those particular businesses. In fact, the median project offers these businesses a chance to look at their already perilous parking problems. The parking lot shared by FedEx/Kinkos, Coastal Seafoods, etc., is ridiculously congested. Cars pulling out of that lot pose a threat to pedestrians. It's a situation just waiting for a tragedy.

We really hope Harris will rethink his opposition. His Snelling Avenue constituents would be most grateful. We would very much like a calmer, safer and more attractive Snelling Avenue than we have now.

*Gabrielle and Richard Simons
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Superfluous transit projects

After reading the March 25 *Villager's* articles on the proposed Snelling Avenue medians and Central Corridor light-rail line, I recalled the Latin adage: *Consilium malum est, ut non posse mutare*. (Evil is the advice that is unable to change.) Could someone inform your readers why our representatives are rushing pell-mell to spend money that neither this state nor this nation has?

The Macalester-Groveland neighborhood has prospered for some 80 years without a median along Snelling. Could we not survive another 20 years to save \$475,000 of taxpayers' money? And who wants the expensive Central Corridor and its \$900 million price tag? Spending \$900 million for 11 miles that will destroy businesses on University Avenue is economically silly. And this sum does not include operating costs. No one has shown a net environmental gain from this expenditure.

Though it is true that politicians get elected by spending other people's money, should not they be held to the same level of responsibility as they hold AIG and Citibank executives? Should not we rethink both the median and light-rail projects? Both of these are bad plans. They must be changed.

T. A. Gyorgak
Macalester-Groveland

The road to socialism

It's time for some tea parties!

Our Congress seems to forget that this country has a Constitution. Our dear leader wants his treasury secretary to be able to take over companies if they think the companies are not meeting financial expectations. Wow: more proof that we are heading further down the road to socialism. Keep going on this road and we'll arrive at dictatorship.

Congress is to act as a board of directors in running our government. They have failed. Most members, not all, should be fired. It's time to vote out the members who go along with allowing the national debt to shackle our great grandchildren, to have earmarks for "roads to nowhere," etc., and not follow the rules of the Constitution.

James R. Noren
Merriam Park

Congress lays an AIG

It's absolutely stunning to see the same Congress that voted for the stimulus bill that included the retention bonuses for AIG executives get their underwear tied in a knot with outrage over the bonuses.

Remember, this bill was rushed through Congress before it ever got a chance to be completely read and reviewed, and now they're surprised by a Chris Dodd provision that was slipped in at the last minute? Even President Obama displays a phony outrage, but where was his concern to carefully review it before he took off on a three-day vacation?

Now Congress thinks it can simply tax back 90 percent of the bonuses, but like the gang that couldn't shoot straight, its

tax plan might have a little conflict with this thing called the Constitution. Like any legal contract, you better be careful to read all the fine print before you sign. After all, isn't that what created the housing crisis to begin with?

Finally, we find out that Chris Dodd and President Obama were the two biggest beneficiaries of AIG campaign contributions and two of the people most responsible for this fiasco. Shouldn't they be forced to give that money back?

Walter James
Highland Park

McCollum ignored rule of law

U.S. Representative Betty McCollum (DFL-St. Paul) recently voted in favor of taxing bonuses paid to executives of AIG and other companies that receive federal money. She did so in spite of concerns at the time about the legality of the bill and a clear statement from President Obama a few days later questioning its constitutionality. My own first thought when I heard about the proposal was "this can't possibly be legal." Why should I go to work tomorrow if a year from now the government can retroactively tax away my income, and without any evidence of wrongdoing on my part, just because the public is outraged about something?

I don't see how we can trust someone who is willing to ignore the rule of law in order to score political points during an outburst of voter anger. Nothing is more fundamental in a member of Congress than the ability to stand against these kinds of popular pressures. We have a Constitution that guarantees a limited government; Congress cannot choose to legislate anything it wants simply because the public opinion poll du jour demands it. We need to make sure we elect people who understand that limits on governmental power are our most fundamental right as American citizens.

Glenn Horrell
Macalester-Groveland

A rare gem in Highland

Highland Nursery is not the best use of this land, according to a commercial property appraiser for the Ramsey County Assessor's Office. But guess what? We are ideal for a Walgreens!
—Highland Nursery website

I read with dismay about the egregious property tax assessment that will force this thriving green business to move from its West 7th Street location—for what, another chain store? Cities all over the country are losing their regional character and charm to become the same Anywhere USA collection of bland chain stores. Cities are clamoring to create green areas for their ecological value and because they provide a place for people to enjoy. We already have one that is in St. Paul and next to a freeway entrance ramp that adds a humanizing touch to an urban environment. Highland Nursery in its present location is exactly what makes St. Paul a great city—a city filled with unexpected gems that ensure that we don't become a one-size-fits-all kind of place.

Pat Benincasa
Macalester-Groveland

The gratitude of parents

To the editor:

Chris Neumann and Dave Levi are outstanding examples within our community of dedication to youth. As coaches of the St. Paul Basketball Association 6th-Grade A Team, Chris and Dave have demonstrated a commitment to our sons' growth as team players while honing the boys' basketball skills. Chris' and Dave's focus on teamwork and skill development has helped our sons learn the importance of tenacity and the enjoyment of the game of basketball.

Recognizing the service given by Chris and Dave calls out a strength in our community: the many individuals who are willing to provide time and attention to the development of our youth.

St. Paul Basketball Assn. 6th-Grade A Team Parents
Cathy and Mark Courtney, Anne and Jim Delaney,
Juanita Ikuta and Geoff Schodde, Vicki Neumann,
Suzy Levi, Penny Phillips and Joe McKinley,
Deb and Matt Leyden, Amy and Mike Dickson,
Liza and Stan Jackson

Another bank failure

During these times of daily bank catastrophes, I feel like I should be writing about something a bit more global. Yet my recent experience in Highland Village was tangible and frustrating.

I stopped in a local business to make a purchase of under \$15. All I had with me was a \$100 bill. I was apparently the first customer of the morning, and the owner apologized for not being able to make change. Understanding, I cheerfully offered to walk a short distance to Pinehurst Bank to get change for my \$100.

Pinehurst Bank was empty of other customers, so I walked up to one of the open tellers, placed the \$100 bill on the counter and asked for change. The teller looked up at me, appearing a tad frightened, and replied, "Are you a customer with us?" When I replied, "no," she nervously told me that she could not give me change.

"What? But you're a bank. This is real money. I am not trying to cash a third-party check without an ID. I just want five \$20s or whatever for this \$100."

Immediately, another woman, of perhaps some higher authority, entered the area and said it was the bank's policy only to provide change for \$50 bills and under.

What's wrong with this picture? Could there be an intelligent reason for such a policy? I walked back to the business and explained that I could not make the purchase... with real money.

Now, that's a real bank failure.

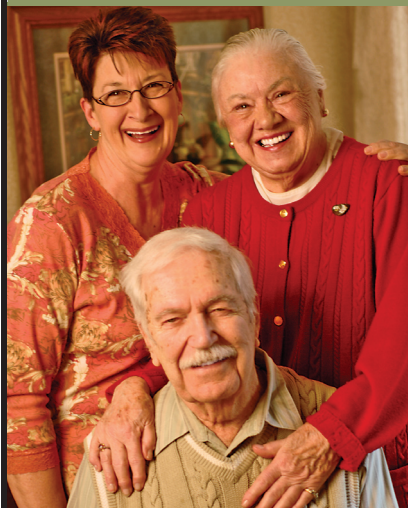
Jill M. Sandeen
Merriam Park

Editor's note: For people who do not have an account at Pinehurst Bank, Pinehurst will not change bills in denominations that are higher than \$50. Pinehurst has instituted this policy to protect against money laundering and counterfeiting, according to Pinehurst vice president Elizabeth King.

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30 mph is still the limit

I know that my neighbors are well-meaning and I realize the power of grassroots movements, but I'm also forever peeved at the signs that pronounce, "speed kills, drive 25." What bothers me is that 30 mph isn't speeding.

I have watched with amusement the last few years as citizens have tried to get our residential speed limit reduced to 25 mph. I fault this effort on two counts. First, I have never seen data that suggest that 25 mph is actually safer than 30 mph. Second, I don't like the scare tactics. The signs don't say, "speeding reduces reaction time" or any similar message, but rather jump right to "speed kills," as if we had bodies laying in the streets caused by cars zooming at 30 mph.

Reducing the speed limit to 25 mph, as we have seen on Mississippi River Boulevard, is simply a revenue generator for local governments, not that they don't need the money. But it's a cheap-shot way of raising money. I will continue to drive the speed limit of 30 mph on my street.

*Patrick Quinn
Macalester-Groveland*

Heavy-handed protest

To whatever group is picketing Planned Parenthood with the giant placard of an aborted fetus: Shouldn't your message be powerful enough without resorting to tasteless shock-and-awe tactics? I didn't need to see that and my 3-year-old certainly didn't need to see that on our way to the Highland Library and Hillcrest Recreation Center.

*Shannon Skally
Highland Park*

Minnesota's No. 1 killer

I agree with Michele Anderson that heart disease is an ailment that we need to take seriously ("Prevent heart disease," *Villager* Inbox, March 25). She states that "heart disease and stroke are the number-one cause of death in Minnesota, according to the Minnesota Department of Health." Actually, abortion takes the lives of approximately twice as many people each year as heart disease and stroke. Fifty unborn babies die each day in Minnesota because they are mercilessly aborted.

I also agree with Michele that "we need to invest in our future." Our future is our children.

*Ann Redding
Fuller, Minneapolis*

Job equity in Corridor

The Central Corridor light-rail transit line will provide many opportunities to strengthen St. Paul neighborhoods. Ramsey County Commissioner Toni Carter affirmed her willingness to "do everything I can to help bring people together over jobs issues" at a meeting on March 24 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church sponsored by Mt. Olivet and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

Carter reminded the group to stay focused through what promises to be a long, complex and challenging process on bringing about the maximum benefit from the Central Corridor project. She cited examples of community members, including people of color, women and small-business people, who have already prepared themselves for the coming opportunities and are now working to plan the Central Corridor project. She encouraged attendees to help get others into the pipeline for anticipated jobs through education, skills training and apprenticeships such as those offered by Brownsfields Training Programs and Summit Academy OIC. Carter said that she supports community involvement in the Central

Corridor as this transit project will change our community for decades to come.

People interested in ensuring job equity in the light-rail project are invited to call Mount Olivet Pastor James Thomas at 651-227-4444 or Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Pastor Jim Erlandson at 651-227-8295.

*Hilary Ziols
Ramsey Hill*

A two-way street

If bicycles are legal on our roads, they have to share the same responsibilities. So why don't the majority of bicycle riders actually stop at stop signs? Why do they continue to go through red lights without stopping to wait for the green light as motorists do? Once bicycle riders do that, they can have the same rights. Motorists should get the same consideration from bicyclists as they expect from motorists.

*P.J. Thomson
Macalester-Groveland*

Calm before the storm

The Snelling median will bring "traffic calming" to Snelling Avenue during rush hours. As motorists avoid the increased congestion on Snelling, I'm sure all the folks living on Cretin Avenue and Lexington Parkway will appreciate the extra traffic.

*Gary Fischbach
Highland Park*

Have compassion

Families living in cars or church-sponsored shelters. Women resorting to prostitution to further their education or support their families. With all of our technological advancements, there still are individuals and families who must seek shelter under bridges or in caves.

The March 25 *Villager's* Crime Report tells of a woman who was cited for panhandling in a neighborhood near the east end of Grand Avenue. There are those who will say she made her own bed, so she must lie in it. There is One who said, in essence, only those who never make a mistake deserve to critically judge others.

As we claw our way out of the financial mess made through political and business greed, I hope more Americans are drawn together by realizing that no normal person chooses to be poor. Nor does he or she desire an occupation and lifestyle the chief benefits of which are humiliation, primitive living and hopelessness.

*Bob Grossman
Highland Park*

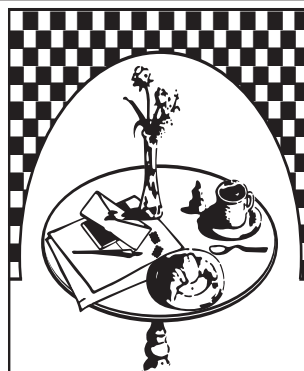
The state of statehood

Statehood is a sacred event. With little fanfare, Minnesota celebrated the sesquicentennial of its statehood in 2008. In a recent survey, half of the states, because of population shifts, would move their capitals tomorrow. It has been 50 years since Alaska and Hawaii joined the union. Maybe it's time for more attention to statehood.

*Steven Hubbell
Downtown St. Paul*

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Apologetic Lilydale clerk to stay until replacement is hired

By Kevin Driscoll

Lilydale is seeking a new city clerk and treasurer in the wake of allegations that the city's current clerk and treasurer, Joan Olin, overpaid herself by \$3,300 over the last five months of 2008.

Last August the Lilydale City Council voted to increase Olin's salary from \$38,000 to \$42,000 per year effective January 1, 2009. However, Olin began paying herself at the new rate immediately, according to an audit of the city's finances that was completed late last year.

At a special City Council meeting on February 26, Olin apologized, made full restitution and resigned at the request of the council.

She is now under investigation by the Dakota County Sheriff's Department for misuse of government funds. In the meantime, she has been asked by the Lilydale City Council to stay on as administrator at \$42,000 per year until a new administrator can be hired.

Olin is "otherwise competent and knows the job," said Lilydale City Council member Bob Bullard. "She's the only employee we have, after all, and we needed someone to run our state of affairs."

"We had enough confidence in (Olin) and her abilities to ask her to stay on," said Lilydale Mayor Tom Swain. "But under the circumstances, it would not be appropriate to allow her to be a candidate for the job."

Lilydale City Council member Anita Pam-

pusch agreed. Regardless of what the county investigators find, "the City Council decided to just start anew," said Pampusch, who along with Swain sits on the two-person search committee for a new city administrator.

Olin, 48, who has served as Lilydale's clerk and treasurer since 2006, would not comment for this story. However, her attorney, Barbara Nimis, called the situation "misunderstanding."

"At the time the raise was voted on, (Olin) had some severe health issues and was under a lot of stress because she'd been taking the wrong medication," Nimis said. "This isn't who she is and she's mortified that it happened."

As far as any charges against Olin are concerned, "the city of Lilydale has no role in

that," Swain said. "We're not pressing charges. She has paid the money back. We asked her to resign and she did so. Our auditor has sent the information to the Mendota Heights Police Department, and they are taking it from there."

Although Olin has made restitution, she is facing possible charges, according to Mendota Heights Police Chief Mike Aschenbrener. Captain Brad Wayne of the Dakota County Sheriff's Office would not comment on the investigation, but he confirm that an investigator has been assigned to the case.

Olin is also city administrator for the village of Mendota, a position she has held since 1992. However, her future in that job is now uncertain, according to Nimis.

School Notes

Randolph Heights Elementary students raised more than \$8,800 during the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart event. During an assembly, the school was presented with the prestigious Bronze Award from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation—one of only 100 schools in the nation to receive such an honor. Principal Nancy Flynn and the top four student fundraisers also got to cut physical education teacher Joby Randrup's long hair, which was divided into five ponytails, each one to be donated to Locks of Love.



Randolph Heights principal Nancy Flynn and 1st-grader Alissa Baugh cut Joby Randrup's hair.

The College of Visual Arts, 173 N. Western Ave., will hold a spring open house from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18. Call 651-290-9379.

St. Paul NEAT (Network of Education Action Teams) hosts

clinics on navigating the public school system from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month during the school year. The final two for this year will discuss education law services on April 21 at the Rice Street Library and planning for next year on May 12 at the Rondo Library. Call Jacquelyn Thomas at 651-285-7185 or visit stpaulneat.org.

The Jean Lyle Children's Center, 130 N. Howell Ave., has two reasons to celebrate this month. Director Rica Van has been chosen by the Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children to receive the 2009 Kate Davidson Tanner Award for excellence in early childhood education. The center also is celebrating its 30th anniversary and will hold an open house from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22. Call 651-646-9603 or visit www.jeanlyle.org.

Henry Sibley High School's chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) will host a school assembly on April 20 incorporating a video game car race in which students will see how distracting drinking and texting are to safe driving practices. On April 24, the school will host a mock car crash and speakers will focus on the perils of unsafe driving. SADD also will provide incentives for students to take

breathalyzer tests on prom night. Sibley was one of 20 schools to receive an Act Out Loud Grant for these efforts and is now in the running for a further \$10,000, determined by online voting from May 11-22. To track the campaign's progress visit: www.henrysibleysadd.blogspot.com.

District 197's Preschool Pals will offer "Around the World in 12 Days," a six-week prekindergarten program, on June 15-July 23. The program is designed for children ages 3½ and older. Morning sessions will be offered twice a week at Moreland School. Registration will be processed the morning of Tuesday, April 14. Call 651-403-8353.

Highland Catholic School has two Destination Imagination teams heading to the state tournament in Chaska on April 18. One of the teams competed in the Video Lit Hits category and the other competed in Private DI—Improv. Both teams were honored for demonstrating exceptional skills in engineering. The Private DI team includes Emma Eliason, Graham Kaluzny, Megan Coleman, Ben Weber, Grace Jurkovich, Katie Theisen and Angela Traxler. The Video team includes Chase Mullarky, Justin Pariana, Andrew Schindler, Fred Werner, Will Harens, Coleman Kramer and Andy Broadnax.

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Crime Report

The following calls were gathered from recent Community Watch reports by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department. For a list of weekly crime reports by neighborhood from the St. Paul Police Department, visit <http://stpaul.gov/index.asp?NID=2399>.

Highland Park

Theft—The rear window of a vehicle was broken and two purses were stolen from it at Hidden Falls Park between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday, March 22.

Weapons—Shots were fired near Edgcombe Road and St. Paul Avenue at about 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19.

Miscellaneous—Metro Gang Strike Force officers arrested a 40-year-old Shoreview man for drug possession at Finn Street and Ford Parkway at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 16.

Lexington-Hamline

Robbery—An attempted robbery occurred on the 1300 block of Selby Avenue at about 11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19. One caller reported glass breaking in an apartment and another said the suspects had a hammer and a shotgun and were trying to get into the front door.

Theft—The keys to Central High School were stolen from the building between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 24.

—The driver's rear window of a vehicle was broken out and a briefcase with court papers was stolen at Concordia University between 9:30 p.m. Wednesday and 12:30 a.m. Thursday, March 25-26.

Miscellaneous—About 30 juveniles got into a fight during a basketball game at Central High School at around 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 17. Two girls were arrested for disorderly conduct.

Macalester-Groveland

Robbery—SuperAmerica, 2051 Grand Ave., was robbed at about 2:00 a.m. Thursday, March 26. The suspect, who snatched money from the cash register and fled eastbound on foot, was described as a white male, 22-30 years old, around 6-foot-3, with a medium build and brown goatee.

Burglary—A dorm room at Macalester College was burglarized between 10:00 and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 20.

Assault—Four men assaulted a 28-year-old man at Randolph and Snelling avenues at about 2:30 a.m. Sunday, March 22. The suspects fled on foot. The victim suffered a head injury.

—A domestic assault occurred at Classic Pizza, 466 S. Hamline Ave., at about 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 23. The victim said his ex-girlfriend came to the business and began throwing things. She fled in a vehicle before police arrived.

Merriam Park

Robbery—Three male juveniles robbed two other juveniles of their cell phones and wallets at about 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at University Avenue and Wheeler Street.

Theft—A safe was recovered in the weeds near the railroad tracks at St. Anthony Avenue and Eustis Street at about 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 20.

—Checks were stolen from the Ninth Inning, 1679 Selby Ave., between 11:00 a.m. Tuesday and 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 24-25. The stolen checks were then forged.

Summit Hill

Weapons—Police investigated a weapons complaint at Victoria Crossing East Mall, 857 Grand Ave., at about 1:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 18. The male suspect had a handgun in his possession.

Miscellaneous—A maintenance worker found a male stranger in the laundry room of an apartment building on the 600 block of

Lincoln Avenue at about 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 25.

—A panhandling suspect was reported at White Way Cleaners, 678 Grand Ave., at about 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 24. The male suspect asked for \$22 to help unlock a door for his mother so he could get her to the hospital. The employee remembered reading a Grand Avenue Business Association e-mail regarding a similar incident at the Bibelot Shop. She turned the man away and called police.

Summit-University

Burglary—A home on the 900 block of Ashland Avenue was broken into between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19.

—Five bottles of cognac were taken from Selby Wine & Spirits, 778 Selby Ave., between 12:30 and 1:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 25. The glass in the entry door was broken.

Assault—Three young males assaulted a juvenile at Chatsworth Street and Iglehart Avenue at about 5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 22.

Theft—A theft from auto occurred at the Cathedral of St. Paul between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 25.

West End

Robbery—Two suspects robbed a man and woman at gunpoint while they were walking on James Avenue between Arbor and Bay streets at about 1:30 a.m. Saturday, March 21. The suspects demanded the couple's money and fled on foot. Two male suspects also robbed a man and woman of \$72 in cash at West 7th Street and Armstrong Avenue at about 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 20. A gun was implied, but not seen.

—A man was robbed at gunpoint on the 900 block of West 7th Street at about 11:30 p.m. Friday, March 20. A small amount of cash was taken.

Burglary—An attempted burglary was reported at Chris & Rob's, 603 W. 7th St., between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m. Sunday, March 22. The door was forced open and the alarm sounded, but nothing appeared missing.

—A home on the 500 block of Superior Street was broken into and several items were stolen between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24.

—An attempted burglary occurred on the 700 block of Butternut Avenue between 6:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 25. Entry was forced.

Fire Calls

The following calls were gathered from recent reports by the St. Paul Fire Department.

Merriam Park—Firefighters were called to a house on the 1800 block of Portland Avenue at around 11:00 p.m. Friday, March 13. A fire had started in a wall adjacent to a fireplace chimney.

—A house fire was reported at around 7:20 p.m. Monday, March 16, on the 1600 block of Carroll Avenue. The fire was caused by a electrical malfunction in a refrigerator. Smoke detectors operated and no one was injured. Damage was estimated at \$9,500.

—Careless smoking caused a fire at a triplex on the 1800 block of Roblyn Avenue at around 6:00 a.m. Thursday, March 19. Damage was estimated at \$5,000.

Summit-University—Paramedics were called to a home on the 400 block of St. Anthony Avenue at 9:12 p.m. Friday, March 20, to help a 1-year-old boy who had tipped over a pot of boiling water, scalding himself. He was transported to Regions Hospital.

West 7th—Firefighters were called to a home on the 300 block of Osceola Avenue at 10:34 a.m. Monday, March 23. A power line had fallen to the ground in the backyard.

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District Council News

Highland Park

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Annual meeting and elections—The Highland District Council will hold its annual meeting and elections at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Highland Park Junior High School, 975 S. Snelling Ave. The elections will be for six odd-numbered grid representatives and two at-large board members. To elect a grid representative, at least three residents or property owners age 18 or older from that grid must be in attendance. Ballots will not be handed out until the elections begin. For information on running for the board or donating desserts for the meeting, contact the HDC office.

Project for Pride in Living—The HDC agreed on April 2 to forward a list of public questions and concerns about Project for Pride in Living's proposed affordable housing project on West 7th and Springfield streets to St. Paul City Council member Pat Harris, the St. Paul Planning Commission and the St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections. The resolution may be viewed by visiting www.highlanddistrictcouncil.org/minutes and clicking on the April 2 agenda.

Highland Park issues forum—The Highland District Council needs 100 people to sign up before it can go live with an online neighborhood issues forum hosted by e-Democracy.org. So far, 45 people have signed up. Those interested in joining the forum should provide their name and e-mail address to the HDC office or visit www.e-democracy.org/highland.

Sidewalk sale and GarageFest—The Highland Business Association will hold its second annual neighborhood GarageFest and sidewalk sale from Friday through Sunday, May 29-31. Highland Park residents who want to coordinate their own garage sales during GarageFest should call 651-259-1204 and leave their address and types of items they will be selling. Businesses that are interested in participating in the sidewalk sale should contact the HBA office at 651-699-9042.

Upcoming meetings—Community Development Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.; Community Services Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, Hillcrest; and annual meeting and elections, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, Highland Park Junior High School, 975 S. Snelling Ave. The Transportation Committee meeting, originally scheduled for April 29, has been canceled.

Macalester-Groveland

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Annual meeting and elections—The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will hold its annual meeting and board elections from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, in the Smail Gallery of Macalester College campus (see the council's website for a campus map). St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and Ward 4 City Council member Russ Stark will speak about city budget issues and how they could affect services in Macalester-Groveland. There also will be an election of board members, information on what the community council was up to in 2008 and an opportunity to sample desserts from local restaurants.

For information on running for the board, contact executive director Melissa Martinez-Sones at the council office.

Community market task force—A task force is being formed to discuss bringing a community-based farmers market to the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood. The task force will begin meeting in May. To be added to the roster, contact Melissa Martinez-Sones at the council office.

Walk your way to health—A walking club is being formed in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood. For information, contact Afton Martens at the council office.

Home energy workshops—Free home energy workshops will be presented by the Neighborhood Energy Connection this spring for residents in St. Paul's Ward 4. The hands-on workshops will demonstrate how to fix the most common energy-wasters in the home. The workshops will be conducted from 10:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 18, at Concordia University; from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the St. Anthony Park Library; and from 10:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25, at the Hamline-Midway Library. To register, call 651-221-4462, ext. 136 or e-mail amberv@thenec.org.

Crime updates—Macalester-Groveland residents who are interested in receiving e-mailed updates on crime in the neighborhood, including crime alerts, may contact Afton Martens at the council office.

Dates to remember—Annual meeting and elections, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Smail Gallery at Macalester College; Environment Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St.; Beautification Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 20, Edgumbe; Community Outreach Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, Edgumbe; and Transportation Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 27, Edgumbe.

Summit Hill

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Board openings—The Summit Hill Association invites anyone who lives or owns property or a business in the neighborhood, or serves as the designated representative of a local business, to apply for two open seats on its 21-member board of directors. The SHA Executive Committee will review the applications and make appointments to fill the positions. Renters are being especially encouraged to apply, since they are more than half of Summit Hill's residents. For information or an application form, call the SHA office.

Spring Progressive Supper—The SHA's annual Spring Progressive Supper will be served on Saturday, April 25. Registration forms are available at the association's office in the Linwood Recreation Center or on the SHA's website. Contact Tammy Haas at tamarastable@aol.com for more information.

Trash hauling consolidation—Many St. Paul residents are rallying around the idea of consolidating trash hauling services on their blocks to reduce noise and pollution and conserve energy. The SHA's Environment Committee is sponsoring a public workshop on consolidated trash hauling services at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the Linwood Recreation Center.

Neighborhood garage sale and cleanup—The SHA will

hold its spring neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, May 2, and two weeks later its annual neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, May 16 (new date). To register for the garage sale, return the form found on the SHA's website or in the association's office by April 24. Those who work a 3½-hour shift at the cleanup will be treated to lunch and may drop off one load of material for free. To lend a hand, contact the SHA office.

SHA history book—A *Grand History: The Summit Hill Neighborhood's First 200 Years* is expected to be available for sale at Grand Old Day on June 7. Visit the SHA website for and purchasing information.

Dates to remember—Communications Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 14; trash hauler consolidation workshop on Tuesday, April 21; Spring Progressive Supper on Saturday, April 25; spring neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, May 2; neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, May 16. Most meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Linwood Recreation Center, 860 St. Clair Ave. Contact the SHA office for meeting details.

Union Park

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Energy conservation workshops—The Neighborhood Energy Connection is working with St. Paul City Council member Russ Stark and Ward 4 neighborhoods to present free home energy workshops this spring. They will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 18, in the Concordia University Library Technology Center, 1282 Concordia Ave.; from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave.; and from 10:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25, at the Hamline-Midway Library, 1558 W. Minnehaha Ave. To register, call the NEC at 651-221-4462, ext. 136.

Native plant workshop—The Union Park District Council's Parks and Recreation Committee will host a free native plant workshop from 10:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25, at the Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave. Lynn Steiner, author of *Landscaping with Native Plants of Minnesota*, will discuss the diversity and beauty found in the state's native plants and show how best to use them in landscapes. Information about local sources for native plants, rain gardens and composting will also be provided. To sign up, contact Julie Oney at 651-645-6887 or julie@unionparkdc.org.

Theater auditions—The Lex-Ham Theater will host auditions for *The Last Cyclist* from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, and from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, in Room 150 of the Music/Fine Arts Building at Concordia University. Those who audition are asked to bring a prepared monologue, if possible.

Recycling bins—Recycling bins are distributed from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Merriam Park Recreation Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave. The next pickup date is April 15.

Stay connected—The UPDC publishes a monthly electronic newsletter of upcoming events, meetings and programs. Weekly crime notifications are also published. To subscribe, e-mail info@unionparkdc.org with "subscribe to e-news" or "subscribe to crime notification" on the subject line.

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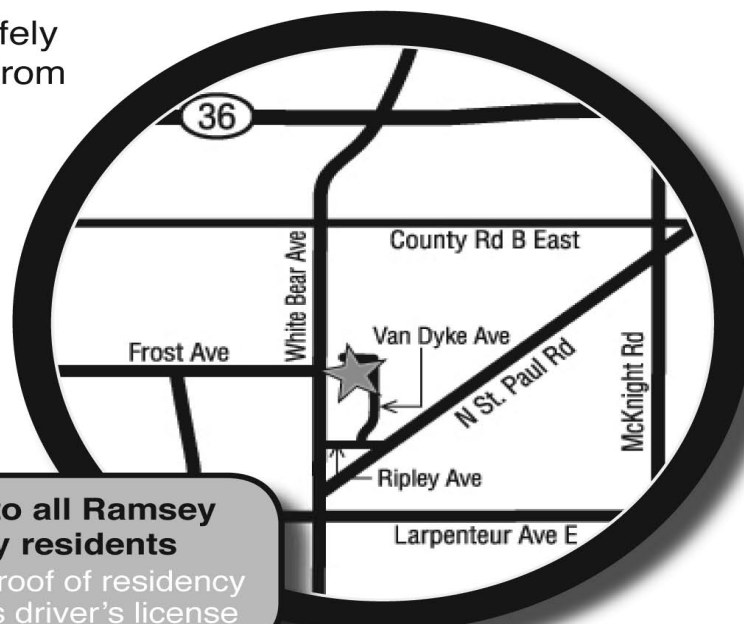
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 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. (at Pilgrim Lutheran Church)

Easter Sunday, April 12
 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

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 12 noon Worship Service and Holy Communion in the Elizabeth Chapel.
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 7:30 pm Office of Tenebrae and Holy Communion in the Sanctuary.
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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10
 12 noon Worship Service in the Elizabeth Chapel.
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 7:30 pm Vespers Service featuring the Mozart Requiem with The Motet Choir and the Bach Chamber Players.
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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12
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David Heide and Michael Crull show off their remodeled Summit Hill home, one of 60 that will be featured on the Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour on April 25-26. PHOTOS BY SCOTT AMUNDSON.

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Annual home tour shows why people love living in the Cities

BY DAVE PAGE

David Heide got started in his architecture, interior design and restoration business after putting his previous residence on a house tour. So he jumped at the chance to offer his latest Summit Hill residence as part of this spring's Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour on April 25-26.

Back in 1994 when he was working as an architect for a Twin Cities firm specializing in historic renovation, Heide volunteered his house for the Summit Hill House Tour.

"Neighbors came after the tour and said, 'We love your house; would you help us with ours?'" Heide said.

The increasing number of side jobs gave Heide enough confidence to open David Heide Design Studio in 1997. He sold his home to obtain the needed financing and he and his partner, interior designer Michael Crull, rented for three years before getting back into home ownership.

"It was 2000 and houses were selling in a matter of days for more than the asking price, so it was really hard to find something," Heide said. "We kept driving by this one—it had

been on the market for three months—and Michael said, 'Let's look at it.'"

The 1920s Prairie-style house at 235 S. Lexington Pkwy. was invisible from the street because of untamed yews. A hedge-sized growth sprouted from the gutter, a torn green awning flapped over the front door, the interior needed work and the yard was in dismal shape. Still, they bought it.

In an interview for this spring's *Kitchen Renovation* magazine, Heide explained that despite the home's obvious needs, he and Crull waited for five years before beginning the restoration process. "That's what I tell clients who buy older homes and immediately want to renovate," he said. "I think there's something to be learned from living in them for a while."

What Heide and Crull discovered was that, since parking is not allowed on Lexington, all of their friends would come to the back of the house. "We decided we needed to create a proper back entrance," Crull said. They also wanted to update and expand the kitchen to make entertaining easier.

To create the necessary space, they pushed out the back of the house about 12 feet. The

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original kitchen became a breakfast room. A typhoon-green, granite-topped peninsula now divides the new kitchen from the old and continues atop the built-ins along the walls in both rooms. The red birch cabinets come from Frost Cabinets Inc. on St. Paul's West End.

The light fixtures over the peninsula were created by Lightworks of Minneapolis. The globes are made with what Heide calls a "red zipper" finish that looks like they have nubs when the lights are turned on, but have a translucent sheen when the lights are off.

The kitchen includes a Wolf stove and a Sub-Zero refrigerator. Placed to provide users with a view of the back garden is a vintage English porcelain sink, reminiscent of the kind at the Salisbury House, a Des Moines-area mansion

that Heide used to visit while growing up in Iowa. Tour-goers should be sure to check out the stenciling over the sink and at other places in the home. They were created by Amy Miller of Trimble River Studio in Wisconsin.

The remainder of the first-floor addition includes an entry hall, half bath and coat closet. The back porch has a dramatic pillar holding a wide overhang to echo the 4½-foot eaves on the remainder of the house.

Displayed throughout the rest of the house are a wide variety of lamps and light fixtures that Heide and Crull have collected over the years. The primary focus of the living room is the fireplace, which was updated by adding a surround with handmade tile from California.

Windows from the kitchen were reused in the stairway landing. One upstairs bedroom wall was removed to open up the hallway and create a library. In the master bedroom, a wall was added to set off a dressing area.

The original plumbing and electrical wiring throughout the house were entirely replaced. The upstairs bathroom is stubbed in, but the

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bathroom itself is awaiting renovation.

In the yard, Heide and Crull put up a new retaining wall, fence, concrete walks and brick patios. Just steps from the back door is a pavilion erected last year. "We call it our cabin closer than four hours," Heide said. "We spend all summer out there."

Recently, Heide and Crull heard that their house would be featured as an American Institute of Architects and *Star Tribune* "Home of the Month."

"We were thrilled by that," Heide said, "but what we really want is to show people on the tour what they can do with a basic house, something you'll find in almost every neighborhood in the Twin Cities."

The public will be able to talk with homeowners and, in many cases, contractors, architects and other tradespeople during the home tour. Other local homes on the tour include the following:

St. Paul

2040 Princeton Ave.—Remodeling of this 1920s Colonial included a kitchen addition and the rehabilitation of the former kitchen space into a bathroom and entryway. A new master bedroom suite is located over the new kitchen.

2199 Pinehurst Ave.—This former Cape Cod has seen significant renovation and a new addition, and now provides office space for the owner's architectural firm. The home was made highly energy-efficient by following Minnesota GreenStar guidelines and features solar hot water and electric systems, toxin-free materials, a green roof and more:

214 Wheeler St.—The new addition and whole house renovation of this 1914 Craftsman bungalow included a new second-floor master bedroom suite, first-floor living room and basement recreation room along with an enlarged kitchen, mudroom/pantry, guest bedroom and bathroom, and second-floor children's play space, laundry and terrace.

1563 Fairmount Ave.—An addition and remodeling of this well-maintained 1920s Craftsman doubled the space of the kitchen, added a bath and mudroom with two large closets and, via French doors and an expansive deck, opened the back of the house to the yard.

1940 Eleanor Ave.—A whole-house renovation of this 1947 brick rambler integrated a previous addition into the rest of the house, removed a poorly placed office-den-bedroom, vastly improved light and air flow, and converted the attached garage into an office.

95 Mackubin St.—This updated historic Victorian home, which was on the



Steve and Julie Christensen bask in the glow of the new addition to their Princeton Avenue home.

tour last year as a work in progress, is now finished. The project received Minnesota GreenStar gold certification and features geothermal heating and cooling, new insulation and windows, energy-efficient appliances and lighting, recycled floors and reused lumber.

1451 Summit Ave.—A new eat-in kitchen with small rear addition provides more natural light and a connection to the back yard for this 1929 brick home. The use of stone, wood, glass and steel makes the kitchen the centerpiece of the home.

2162 Sargent Ave.—This 1920s Dutch Colonial was updated with a two-story addition and renovation. The new kitchen features stainless steel countertops, simple lines and the reinstallation of the original breakfast nook. A screened porch with a red concrete floor was added at the back and a small powder room and mudroom were tucked in near the back door. On the upper level is a weaving studio and a quiet office/library.



Robert Davidian enjoys his upper-level weaving studio on Sargent Avenue.

Minneapolis
3661 34th Ave. S.—A returning feature on the tour, this home in the past year has had its lower level totally remodeled with a TV room, office, bathroom and updated laundry. Natural light is provided by large egress windows.

The free, self-guided tour is coordinated each year by the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program and is supported by the Minneapolis and St. Paul city planning departments. This year's tour will include 39 homes in Minneapolis and 21 in St. Paul. The homes will be open for viewing from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 26.

Home tour guides are now available at all Twin Cities libraries and may also be picked up at any of the homes during the tour. For more information, call 612-673-5140 or visit www.msphometour.com.

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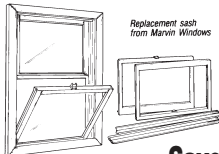
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Charlie Dana of Jet Construction & Remodeling shows off the heat pump and exchanger portion of a geothermal system his company recently installed in a Summit Hill home. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

What lies beneath

Geothermal systems tap earth's heat to reduce energy costs

BY FRANK JOSSI

Kevin Peterson first heard about geothermal systems from his sister, who had one installed in her home outside Northfield. When Peterson moved his family of five from Highland Park to a 1888 Queen Anne Victorian in Summit Hill, he began thinking about geothermal systems again, especially after have an energy audit of his home conducted.

"The man who did the audit said it was the leakiest house he'd ever seen," Peterson said. The audit showed that the walls had never been insulated and

leaked even more heat than the windows, which helped account for winter energy bills that topped \$1,000 a month. The third-floor bedrooms where two of their children slept were icy in the winter and so hot in the summer that the kids would have to move down to the second floor.

Figuring the family needed a more energy-efficient home and a larger area for their children, the Petersons hired Jet Construction & Remodeling to build an addition and install a geothermal system to heat and cool the entire home.

"After talking to my sister and doing a lot of research on geothermal systems, I

decided it was something we should do," Peterson said. "We all thought it was an important piece of this project."

As it turns out, the government will lend a helping hand by offering a 30 percent tax credit starting this year for those who install geothermal systems, said Charles Dana of Jet.

Geothermal systems use the steady temperature of the earth to heat and cool homes. It has been available for decades, but has just begun to capture the attention of American homeowners who want to reduce energy costs and

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Admission is free and Metro Transit is offering free rides to the expo using the Go Greener Pass. For information, visit www.LivingGreen.org.



Verde Strategies shows off a decorative rain barrel at the Living Green Expo.

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their carbon impact, Dana said.

Though still expensive—\$20,000 to \$30,000 for installation—compared with traditional furnaces, geothermal systems are expected to grow more popular thanks to the tax credit and the energy savings, Dana said. According to him, some homeowners report heating and cooling costs of less than \$900 a year when using a geothermal system and even conservative estimates show a payoff of between seven and 10 years.

Traditional furnaces pull in frigid air in the winter and hot air in the summer, but air used in geothermal systems comes from the ground at a steady 45-50 degrees. For the Petersons' system, Dana and project director Matt Hinton had 12 vertical wells drilled into the side yard, each 240 feet deep and spaced about 10 feet apart. Polyurethane tubing was then inserted into the holes. Collectively, the pipes hold 50 gallons of water mixed with 15 gallons of antifreeze.

Eight feet below the surface, Hinton said, the vertical pipes travel horizontally to two manifolds that bring the liquid in or force it back out. Each manifold has one line that runs into the heat pump and exchanger—the brains of the geothermal operation—in the family's basement.

Once the liquid enters the heat pump it creates a reaction with a refrigerant which, depending on the season, creates warm air in

winter and cold air in summer, Hinton said. A fan inside the exchanger distributes the warm or cool air throughout the home. The exchanger also fuels the water heater, although natural gas is used as a backup energy source. Though the heat pump and exchanger save a lot on energy costs, Hinton said they do require electricity to operate.

Peterson's wife, Alison, worked with a draftsman to plan the home's 3,300-square-foot, three-story addition, which includes a large kitchen and new bedrooms and bathrooms. The addition is not quite finished, but the heat exchange system already warms it and the rest of the home. Though a comparison of energy bills is not available, Hinton said it will likely take less to heat the existing home with the new addition "than it did to heat the 3,000 square feet of the old home."

The cost savings come not only from the geothermal system, but from the new insulation that was sprayed into the home's walls and ceilings. Radiant heat also was installed beneath the floors in the new addition, which is more energy-efficient than forced air or baseboard heating.

Dana believes more homeowners will soon be turning to geothermal systems in local neighborhoods. "It's much more efficient to upgrade using geothermal energy than to upgrade using existing heat and air conditioning systems," he said. "And with rising energy costs and the incentives in place, it should continue to grow in popularity."

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Restoration of Summit-University Victorian continues with a return to its original open front porch

BY LARRY ENGLUND

When Lalin and Doreen Theverapperuma first saw the duplex at 855 Ashland Ave., it stood out from other homes in the area. "The first thing we noticed was the architecture of the other houses around here," Lalin said. "This house was the ugly duckling of the neighborhood."

"(The duplex) had gone into foreclosure," Doreen said. "The floors had wasted away, there were holes in the walls and all kinds of stuff that needed work."

Nevertheless, they saw potential in the Victorian duplex. "When the real estate agent opened the door, it was in December and there was *sunlight*," Doreen said.

Lalin recently received his doctorate in electrical engineering, and Doreen is still studying economics at Hamline University. The young couple are originally from Sri Lanka. They lived for seven years in student housing at the University of Minnesota and for another year in a small 1950s house in Falcon Heights. Though they liked the yard, they said, the

home in Falcon Height had little character.

While hunting for a new home, Lalin fell in love with the Victorian-era architecture prevalent in Summit Hill and Summit-University. "But when we looked at houses in the neighborhood, most were selling for \$400,000 or more, and we couldn't afford that," he said.

The "ugly-duckling" duplex gave them the opportunity to own a home in the style they loved. Though they had no experience in home restoration—"I could only mow the lawn," Lalin quipped—they bought the house a year ago and got to work. "We fixed the holes in the walls, refinished the floors and painted," Doreen said.

They hired professionals to do some of the work with mixed results. "I suppose we got burned by some," Doreen said. However, they are more than happy with their biggest project to date, the restoration of the front porch.

The house, which was built in 1901, had an enclosed three-season porch in front that was divided between the two units and had two

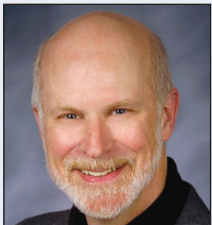


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Lalin and Doreen Theverapperuma and their son Derian, 8. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER.



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staircases leading to its two entrances.

An open porch was a common feature of houses built at the turn of the 20th century, and the couple wanted to restore the porch to its original design. "Under the enclosed porch we found latticework and other clues that it once had been open," Lalin said.

They contacted a contractor, Peter Martin of Martin Renovation Group, and he soon gained their trust. "Peter knew the era and the architecture," Lalin said.

The Theverapperumas' enthusiasm for the project was palpable from the outset, Martin said. Lalin even brought out a book to guide the restoration, *America's Painted Ladies*, which features Victorian houses from across the U.S., including several in St. Paul.

If the Theverapperumas had any doubts about Martin's abilities, he dispelled them by taking them on a tour of previous projects he had done. "There were three houses in the area that inspired us," Doreen said. "It turned out that (Martin) had worked on all of them."

"Their budget for the porch was very tight," Martin said, "so we came up with a plan to use the existing floor and roof of the porch and reuse as many other parts as possible."

According to Martin, it was common for porches of the Victorian era to be built from whatever lumber was left over after constructing the house. However, he said, at some point someone had enclosed the Theverapperumas' porch with other wood.

"We found parts of the old porch when we deconstructed it," he said. "We could see old paint lines and the original configuration of the porch, including the balustrades." Martin and his crew fashioned new railings with the same detailing as the original balustrades. "We make parts in-house, so that helped us stay within budget," he said.

Lalin and Doreen found Martin to be easy to work with. For instance, they wanted four full columns on the new porch. Martin was not sure that full columns would work. He suggested that half-columns on a

base would better fit the design of the house.

"I brought some (half pillars) from a salvage place and propped them up so Lalin and Doreen could see them," Martin said. "We made the column bases from salvaged lumber, and eventually found the columns on-line."

The couple did away with the wall that divided the porch and were considering a single 6-foot-wide staircase in the center when Martin suggested that 5-foot-wide steps would work just as well and reduce costs. "He built temporary 5-foot-wide steps, and let us look at it for a few days," Doreen said. "We decided we liked it."

Martin also worked with the couple on a new approach to the porch's skirt. "We didn't like the diagonal lattice," Lalin said. "After looking around the neighborhood with us, Peter came up with something that worked." The result is a porch skirt that at first glance appears to be solid but is fronted by a series of vertical slats that give a formality to the skirt while complementing the porch's vertical spindles.

The porch supports also had to be strengthened. "Porches of that era weren't frost-coated," Martin said. "They'd just put a stone footing a foot down in the soil. Over time, the footing fails and disrupts the columns and other parts of the porch."

Martin and his crew propped up the porch, took out the old stone footings, dug deeper holes for the new concrete footings and topped the footings with concrete blocks.

Work still remains on the porch, including replacing the 1970s-era fan and light fixture. For the time being, the new railings and steps have been painted gray.



"We've slowed down on the porch, since we're working on the kitchen now," Lalin said. "One day, though, it'll have the perfect paint scheme"

Perfect paint scheme or not, the restored porch has dramatically improved the house's appearance, much to the delight of neighbors. "The moment the (old porch's) windows came down, the neighbors came out and thanked us," Lalin said.





The spindle railing on the Theverapperuma's newly open front porch.

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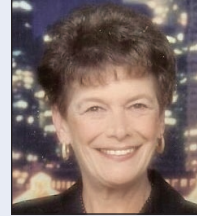



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The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., is now hosting Chapter & Verse, a book club for adults who enjoy reading and discussing children's literature. The club will discuss *The Vermeer Interviews: Conversations with Seven Works of Art* by Bob Raczka and the young-adult novel *Mudville* by Kurtis Scaletta from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 16. For information, call 651-224-8320.

Parkway Pizza, 4457 42nd Ave. S., Minneapolis, will participate in the Minneapolis Park Board river cleanup on Saturday, April 18. Parkway staff will help pick up litter along the Mississippi River and will donate 30 large pizzas for others who lend a hand. The pizzas will be served at 11:30 a.m. at 44th Street and 36th Street along East River Parkway. Call 612-423-4685.

Bradshaw Funeral Home, 678 S. Snelling Ave., will host a seminar on grief at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8. Call 651-698-3878 or visit www.bradshawfuneral.com.

Curves for Women, 5007 34th Ave. S., Minneapolis, is looking for women to participate in the Curves/Avon fitness study as it continues in 2009. A total of 20,141 participants reported losing around 18 tons in last year's 30-day study. Participants will have access to the Curves workout studio for 30 days for just \$30 and will receive pre- and post-fitness evaluations, supervised training and a free gift courtesy of Curves and Avon. For information, call Jodi Hastings at 612-721-6008.

Coldwell Banker Burnet sales associates Tom Edelstein and Dayn Hansen of the Highland Park office and Jim Seabold of the Crocus Hill office recently were recognized for outstanding real estate performance in 2008. Edelstein and Seabold were ranked among the top 50



The 2009 Big Button of the St. Paul St. Patrick's Day parade was purchased by Shamrocks Irish Pub, 995 W. 7th St., in cooperation with Jameson Whiskey for around \$1,600 to benefit the St. Patrick's Association. Pictured are Mike Runyon, left, and Ted Casper, right, of Shamrocks with Chuck Mitch of Griggs & Cooper, which distributes Jameson.

in sales and listings out of nearly 2,200 Coldwell Banker Burnet associates in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Hansen was among the top 50 in listings.

A seminar on Marketing Your Business will be offered by the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at University Bank, 200 University Ave. The program will cover identifying a target market, pricing products and services, making the sale and managing customer relations. The fee is \$40, which includes materials. To register, call 651-632-8937 or visit www.score-stpaul.org.

Dr. Katja Rowell of Macalester-Groveland has founded Family Feeding Dynamics, a company that strives to teach adults the proper way to feed children. The company provides a wide range of services, from consulting with child care centers and conducting formal

lectures with health care professionals to offering interactive talks to parent groups. Rowell also teaches adoptive parents and coaches individual families. For family feeding tips, recipes, video demonstrations, picky eating advice and more, visit www.familyfeedingdynamics.blogspot.com.

Chuck & Don's Pet Food Outlet recently opened in Highland Crossing South on Ford Parkway and Finn Street. Founded in 1990, the Minnesota-based pet food and supplies retailer also is opening a store in Wayzata this spring, bringing its total to 15 locations in the Twin Cities area. Visit ChuckandDons.com.

Muska Lighting, 700 Grand Ave., will host a seminar on "The Art of Lighting" by Catherine Harrington, president-elect of the Minnesota chapter of the American Society of Interior Design, at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 16. To register, call 651-227-8881.

Thomas Maddux, a sales associate at the Music Go Round store at 2032 Ford Pkwy., was recognized with Top-Five Salesperson and Highest Percent of Store Total Sales awards at the company's recent national conference in Atlantic Beach, Florida. The Highland Village store is one of 35 locally owned Music Go Round franchises in the U.S.

The Highland Business Association will hold a membership luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 30, with the Minnesota Air Force Reserve. Lunch will be at the NCO Club, followed by an address by Colonel Timothy Tarchick, commander of the 934th Airlift Wing. The program also will include touring a C-130 cargo plane. The cost is \$15-\$20. Abbreviated security clearance is required. The application deadline is April 22. Call the HBA at 651-699-9042.

Compost sites open

Ramsey County's seven compost sites have reopened for the season. Leaves, grass clippings and other soft-bodied plant material may be dropped off at the sites from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays; and from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sundays. Proof of residency in the county, such as a driver's license, is required.

The Summit Hill compost site is located at 848 Pleasant Ave., just below the St. Clair Avenue hill. Brush and branches, but not stumps or root balls, are accepted at the Midway site at 2013 Pierce Butler Route.

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Food



Home Fires By Jo Marshall

Our daily bread: A meditation on the spiritual side of eating

Were I one of those people who insist that everything happens for a reason, I would call it a gift from God. Just as I was scratching my head over a topic for this column—in the unlikely event that scratching my head might actually produce one—I got a note from my editor. A reader had called the *Villager* saying that she would like to meet me to talk about the connection between food and spirituality.

Food and spirituality, I thought. What could be more appropriate for April, the month of Passover and Easter, a month that brings both fasting and feasting rife with spiritual significance?

So it came to pass that I met Kerin McTeigue O'Connor and her friend, Amber Robbins Ghormley. Kerin, the reader who had made the call, is a Highland Park resident with an unmistakable zest for life. Amber, who recently moved to Highland, holds a master's degree in theology. Her thesis, "Blackberries and Brambles: The Thorny Entanglements and Everyday Goodness of Our Eating," directly connects Biblical principles with eating habits of the 21st century.

I had long thought of cooking as a spiritual act. If you have the time and inclination, it can be downright meditative. I will light a candle before I start and then methodically gather the ingredients. Tensions dissolve in the steady, repetitive motion of chopping an onion or stirring a risotto. I give myself up to a form of expression that has nothing to do with putting words on a page. I feel a visceral connection to things as elemental as fire and water and roots still caked with soil. I take pleasure in preparing the food that will nourish the people I love.

Once grace is said, however, the meditation is over. Cooking may be spiritual, but eating for me is largely hedonistic. My Zen-like calm from cooking gives way to colors, flavors and textures. I am absorbed in the pleasure of a physical act, satisfying a physical hunger.

My confession makes Kerin chuckle. Perhaps my Puritan roots are showing. Kerin thinks that I have missed the point. For her, the sensuality of eating also has a sacred dimension.

"What gives us pleasure brings us closer to God," she says, "especially when it's something as ordinary as a meal. As humans, we experience the sacred through our senses. The smells, the tastes—they're all a revelation."

She cites a favorite poem, "Mindful" by Mary Oliver, and quotes some lines: "Everyday I see or hear something that more or less kills me with delight.... It was what I was born for—to look, to listen, to lose myself inside this soft world...the daily presentations...the prayers that are made out of grass..."

Kerin is right, of course. Eating can be spiritual. My thoughts turn to Judith Jones, an editor I had the pleasure of meeting recently. Her credits include editing the work of John Updike, bringing *The Diary of Anne Frank* to press and translating the works of Albert Camus and Jean-Paul Sartre. Jones calls food the "10th muse." She "discovered" Julia Child's first book in the publisher's reject pile. Were it not for Jones' tenacity, *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* may still be just a manuscript.

Jones is in her 80s now and recently lost her husband. She spoke to me about cooking a nice meal and setting the table, just for herself, whenever she is at home. Clearly, for her it is an act of self-nurturing inextricably intertwined with a deep appreciation for life and loss. In her memoir she writes: "When, at last, I sit down and light the candles, the place across from me is not empty."

Kerin, Amber and I are sitting in a nearly empty coffee shop, and Amber is gently bouncing her newborn baby on her lap. When I ask if she brought her thesis, she extracts a copy from the pouch on the back of the stroller. I scan through section headings: World Hunger and World Trade, Ecology and Liberation, Conscious Consuming. Our conversation turns to farmers' markets and community-supported agriculture.



A simple meal of soup and bread can sustain both body and soul. PHOTO BY JANET HOSTETTER

Many of us see eating locally and avoiding foods that cause environmental harm a simple matter of ethics. We speak of it in terms that are politically correct and religiously neutral. But Amber's essay goes right to the heart—or soul—of the matter for people of faith: God commands us to love our neighbors and to be good stewards of the earth. Those injunctions preclude us from eating foods that wreak earthly havoc or snatch sustenance from the mouths of others.

Amber's thesis suggests that food can have a direct impact on faith. She cites Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann, who pointed out that during the Exodus God miraculously provided his people with food in the form of manna. Once they arrived in the Promised Land, full of olive trees and vineyards, they no longer had to rely directly on God. With abundance came the temptation to turn away. Amber asks, "Can we continue to acknowledge the Giver when our bellies are satisfied and our barns are full?"

She quotes L. Shannon Jung, who said, "Eating is a spiritual practice that reminds us of who we are in the global ecology. Forgetting what food is means we also forget who God is, who we are, and the nature of the world we inhabit."

Heady stuff, especially if all you were after was a midnight snack. Yet it's impossible to embark on even a casual examination of the Judeo-Christian tradition without being struck by the link between religion and food. The expulsion from Paradise is preceded by the eating of an apple. The Promised Land is "flowing with milk and honey." The story of the Exodus is retold largely through the Passover Seder meal. At His Last Supper, Jesus asks to be remembered through the sharing of bread and wine. And one of Jesus' most celebrated miracles involved feeding a multitude with a five loaves and two fishes.

Time and time again, God feeds us, in a literal as well as a figurative way.

As a Christian, I had long embraced the practice of Communion without much question. In the Methodist church of my youth, young children could receive. Kneeling at the com-

munion rail, it became for me a powerful symbol of accepting the divine long before I could grasp its significance for the early Jewish followers of Jesus. I ask Amber why she thinks the bread and the wine resonated with Gentiles, and why it has retained its relevance over two millennia.

Her answer gives heart to anyone who seeks to feed others: "I think the loaf takes power from the fact that it's so accessible, so commonplace," she says. "Food connects us on an ongoing basis and can serve as a daily reminder of our relationship to God."

Kerin, a Catholic, tells of how the Vatican in recent years aligned itself with the nonprofit Slow Food organization in its attempt to bar McDonald's entry into Rome. Clerics believed the onset of fast food would erode the symbolism of the Eucharist. "Something is lost," Kerin suggests, "when a meal becomes too much like a trip to the filling station."

Kerin invites friends to dinner every Sunday, and I ask for her thoughts on entertaining. "I'd never call it entertaining," she says. "That implies something formal. To us, it's just dinner. Having people over interrupts our routine and forces us to slow down. When we all sit down to share, something magical happens."

We talk about the pleasure of preparing a meal with whatever is at hand, the liberation of cooking without a recipe, and the connection we make with our mothers when we simmer bones for stock. We agree that a humble bowl of soup can feel more sacred than a feast. We talk about how economic challenges can heighten our appreciation for food and about the pride we take from resurrecting leftovers as something new and tasty.

I am left musing over how every morsel of every meal can be seen as a miracle. We all must eat to live. And perhaps, in some way, we also eat to believe.

The Villager welcomes food for thought. If you have an idea for a column, e-mail Jo Marshall at news@myvillager.com.

Tidbits

"**You Be the Cook,**" a program for kids, will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the Alexander Ramsey House 265 S. Exchange St. Children ages 9-13 will learn about managing a Victorian kitchen and assist in making pocket pies (turnovers), preserves and butter. They will also view the Ramsey House through a servant's eyes and learn about table setting and other tasks of a Victorian-era servant. When the food is cooked, they will meet in the

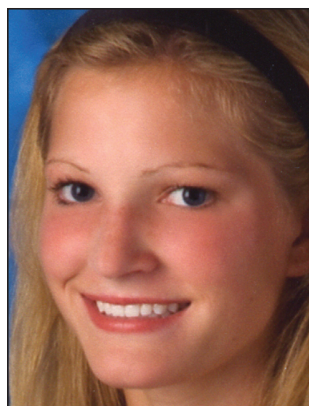
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Gale Gand, executive pastry chef at Chicago's four-star Tru restaurant and host of the Food Network's "Sweet Dreams," will sign copies of her cookbooks and conduct a class in cooking on Saturday, April 18, at Cooks of Crocus Hill, 877 Grand Ave. The book signing will run from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. and the class from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The cost of the class is \$45 and includes a copy of Gand's latest book, *Brunch*. To register for the class, call 651-228-1333.



Martha Evans



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Leah Smith



Theairra Taylor



Lauren Weis

Athena Awards pay homage to area's top female athletes

Thirty-nine young women representing St. Paul area high schools will be honored for outstanding achievements in athletics during the 15th annual Athena Awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 15, at the Prom Center. The winners from the Villager area are:

Martha Evans—Visitation

Sports: Cross country (2-time letter winner, 2-time all-conference, MVP, Rookie of the Year); Nordic skiing (3-time letter winner, 2-time all-conference, 2-time MVP, most improved); and track (2-time letter winner, all-conference, school record-holder in pole vault and 4x400 relay).

Other activities: Concert and marching bands, Leadership Committee, Peer Ministry, Visitation Sisters of Minneapolis Fremont House.

Scholastic achievements: High honor roll, academic all-state.

Post-high school plans: Benedictine College in Kansas.

Kate Moran—Henry Sibley

Sports: Cross country (6-time letter win-

ner, 2-time all-conference, 2-time honorable mention, state participant, 2-time MVP, captain); Nordic skiing (5-time letter winner, 5-time all-conference, 3-time state participant, 4-time MVP, 2-time captain); track (6-time letter winner, 2-time all-conference).

Other activities: Choir, Feed My Starving Children.

Scholastic achievements: Academic letter, honor roll.

Post-high school plans: The College of St. Catherine.

Kristin O'Brien—St. Paul Academy

Sports: Soccer (5-time letter winner, captain, all-state, 2-time all-conference, honorable mention, 2-time MVP, 2-time conference champions, state runner-up); basketball (3-time letter winner, 3-time captain, all-conference, honorable mention, MVP, Rookie of the Year, Ms. Hustle Award); track (3-time letter winner).

Other activities: Boys' hockey team co-manager, Summit Singers, Bangu Tsunami Soccer Club.

Scholastic achievements: Honor rolls, distinguished science and German student

awards, honors math and science student. Post-high school plans: St. Olaf College.

Leah Smith—Highland Park

Sports: Basketball (3-time letter winner, 2-time all-conference, honorable mention); track (4-time letter winner, 3-time all-conference, honorable mention).

Other activities: Senior class council, Fabulous (For Adolescents Becoming Upstanding Leaders Outreaching Urban Society), Avid Recycling, Avid African American Students Showcase.

Scholastic achievements: Honor roll.

Post-high school plans: The University of St. Thomas or Drake University.

Theairra Taylor—Central

Sports: Basketball (4-time letter winner, 4-time all-conference, 3-time all-state, MVP state championship game, 2-time all-tournament team, honorable mention as a McDonald's All-American, Miss Basketball nominee, 2-time captain, Adidas Top 10 All-American, ESPN ranked 94th nationally, All-Star Report 2009 Top Five Midwest, and state tournament free-throw record-holder; and track (2-time

letter winner, all-conference, 200-meter conference champ, second place shot put, conference relay winner).

Other activities: 2K Run fundraiser, Dorothy Day Center.

Scholastic achievements: National Honor Society, B honor roll.

Post-high school plans: Full scholarship to University of Iowa.

Lauren Weis—Cretin-Derham Hall

Sports: Swimming (4-time letter winner, 4-time all-conference, 14 all-state performances, 10 all-American performances, undefeated in 2007, Minnesota Female Swimmer of the Year, broke state records in 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle events).

Post-high school plans: Full scholarship to the University of Minnesota.

The St. Paul Athena Award luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, at the Prom Center, 484 Inwood Ave. N., Oakdale. The keynote speaker will be 2004 Olympic long-distance runner Carrie Tollefson of Macalester-Groveland. For tickets, call Kathy McIntyre at 651-645-1858.



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Wednesday/April 8

THE LONGFELLOW GARDEN CLUB will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave. S., Minneapolis. Minnesota Landscape Arboretum interim director Mary Meyer will speak on "Winning Combinations with Ornamental Grasses." The club also will hold its annual silent auction this evening. Admission is free and open to the public.

DAVID MATTINGLY will discuss the archaeological remains of an ancient nomadic people in "Mystery to History: The Garamantes of the Libyan Sahara" at 6:00 this evening in the John B. Davis auditorium at Macalester College. Admission is free. Visit the Minnesota Society of the Archaeological Institute of America at aiamn.blogspot.com/.

Thursday/April 9

A CULTURAL FAIR, "Celebrating Peace Around the World," will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening at Groveland Park Elementary School, 2045 St. Clair Ave. The opening ceremony will dedicate Groveland as an official peace site. There also will be food, activities, crafts, martial arts instruction and performances from the Macalester African Drum Ensemble, Bharatanatyam South Indian Dancers and Danza Mexica Cuauhtemoc. Students will be collecting art supplies to support students in Guatemala. Check out Common Hope at www.commonhope.org or call the school at 651-293-8760.

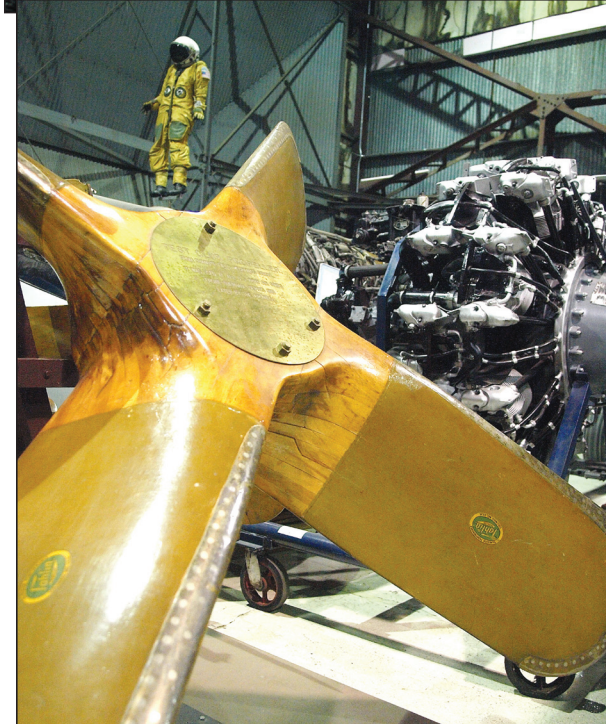
A WORLD WAR II HISTORY Roundtable on "The Invasion of Okinawa" will be held at 7:00 this evening at historic Fort Snelling. Bill Sloan, author of *The Ultimate Battle*, will talk about the suicidal defense by the Japanese as a major factor in the decision to drop the atomic bomb. Marine, Army and Navy veterans of the battle will relate their personal experiences. The cost is \$5.00 or free for students. Call 612-726-1171.

A CAUX ROUNDTABLE talk by Louis Hill, great-grandson of railroad magnate James J. Hill, on "A Sorcerer's Apprentice: Magic Debt and Disappearing Morals" will be given at 7:30 this evening at the University Club of St. Paul, 420 Summit Ave. Admission is free. Call 651-222-1751.

A NEIGHBORHOOD STAR application workshop will be held at 1:00 this afternoon at the Rondo Library, 461 N. Dale St. Applications for large grants and loans through the city of St. Paul's Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) program are due by June 2. Guidelines and application forms will be available at the workshop or may be found by visiting www.stpaul.gov/star or calling 651-266-7827.

Saturday/April 11

THE MINNESOTA AIR NATIONAL Guard Museum will open for the season from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today. The museum is located on the guard base at the northeast corner of the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. It has 20 aircraft on display, assorted exhibits on military aviation and a gift shop. The museum is open at least two Saturdays each month through September. Group tours also may be scheduled on other days. Call 612-713-2523 or visit www.mnangmuseum.org.



Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, left, and Kaye Lockrem of Hennepin County Housing, Community Works and Transit listen to Stan Christianson explain the cockpit controls of a C-130A Hercules during a recent tour of the Minnesota Air National Guard Museum located on the guard base at the Twin Cities airport. At left is part of the aviation exhibit at the museum, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Guests also heard about a proposal to build a new aviation museum, learning center and Challenger space center on the Upper Bluff near Fort Snelling.

PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

THE SPRING PARKS CLEANUP will be held by the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation from 9:00 to 11:00 this morning. Volunteers may pick up supplies at any of the six kickoff celebrations across the city, including the Highland Park Pavilion. Volunteers pick a park, recreation center or neighborhood of their choice and pick up trash. Register at www.stpaul.gov/parks/environment or call 651-632-2459.

Monday/April 13

"THE ELECTRIC, ECLECTIC BRAIN," a three-part introduction to the functions of the human brain, will begin from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening at St. Joseph's Hospital, 69 W. Exchange St. The workshops will continue on April 20-27. The cost is \$20 for all three. Call 651-326-2273.

THE WEST 7TH/FORT ROAD Federation will hold its annual meeting at 7:00 this evening at Summit Brewing Company, 910 Montreal Circle. The district council's accomplishments will be reviewed, new board members will be elected and motions will be voted on. Call 651-298-5599.

Tuesday/April 14

THE COMO-MIDWAY LA LECHE League will meet at 7:00 this evening to discuss nutrition and weaning. All current and expectant mothers are invited to attend with their babies and toddlers. For meeting location, call Heidi at 651-659-9527.

A CONVERSATIONAL SALON will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening at the West 7th Community Center, 265 Oneida St. Jerene Mortenson, mother of *Three Cups of Tea* author Greg Mortenson, will be the guest. Call 651-227-3228.

Wednesday/April 15

"VICTORIAN NIGHTS: Victorian Corset Realities" will be presented at 6:00 this evening at the Alexander Ramsey House, 265 S. Exchange St. Dr. Colleen Gau, a former cardiac and respiratory nurse and a historian who studies 19th-century clothing, will discuss the realities of wearing a corset and its effects on a woman's body. Refreshments will follow the lecture, and the evening will conclude with a tour of the Ramsey House highlighting furniture designed specifically to accommodate corseted fashions of the Victorian era. Admission is \$7.00-\$10. Call 651-296-8760.

Thursday/April 16

SOKOL MINNESOTA will hold its annual garage sale from noon to 7:00 this evening and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. tomorrow at the CSPS Hall, 383 Michigan St. A \$3.00 bag sale will start at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. Call 651-290-0542.

A FREE SUPPORT GROUP for people with anxiety disorders is being offered by the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota at 6:30 p.m. on the third and

third Thursdays of the month at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. Call 763-772-2379, or go to www.namimn.org.

THE ST. PAUL METRO LA LECHE League will meet at 7:00 this evening. All expectant and nursing mothers and their babies are welcome. For meeting location, call 645-8516.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL TALK with former Green Party candidate Ken Pentel will be offered from 6:00 to 8:00 this evening at the West 7th Community Center, 265 Oneida Street. He will discuss how to get involved in local activities to promote environmental awareness. Admission is free. To register, call 651-298-5493.

Friday/April 17

A COMMUNITY AUCTION Family Night will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 this evening at St. Thomas Academy in Mendota Heights. There will be a volleyball tournament, a battle of the bands, silent auction booths, a cake walk, food, carnival games and a raffle. The night will be capped by a performance of the Crack Drill Squad at 8:45 p.m. Admission is free. A formal Community Auction Gala will follow from 5:00 p.m. to midnight tomorrow, featuring dinner, silent and live auctions, and music from the Sevilles. For tickets, call Jodie Whaley at 651-683-1590.

Saturday/April 18

A HEARTS OF GOLD fundraiser will be held this evening at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. Bidding on the silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a live auction at 9:15 p.m. Food will be served and a raffle will be held. The cost is \$25 in advance and \$40 at the door. Call 651-696-3318 or visit www.c-dh.org.

A SPRING RUMMAGE SALE and bake sale will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 700 Wesley Lane, Mendota Heights. Call 651-452-5683.

A CHICKEN DINNER AND BAKE sale will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 this evening at Mendota Heights United Church of Christ, 680 Highway 110. The cost of dinner is \$3.00-\$9.00. Take-out meals will be available. Call 651-454-1311.

A SPRING LUNCHEON will be held at 11:30 this morning at Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church, 1523 Fairmount Ave. Erin Walsh of the National Institute on Media and the Family will speak on "How Do I Parent in an On-Line World?" Tickets are \$5.00-\$10. Nursery care will be available. Call 651-699-1335 for reservations.

A DOCTOR WHO discussion group will meet at 10:30 this morning at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The group will watch an episode of the science fiction series and then discuss it. All who follow the good doctor and his amazing adventures are welcome.

Sunday/April 19

SPECIAL NEEDS BABYSITTING training will be offered from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today and on April 26 and May 3 at the Jewish Community Center, 1375

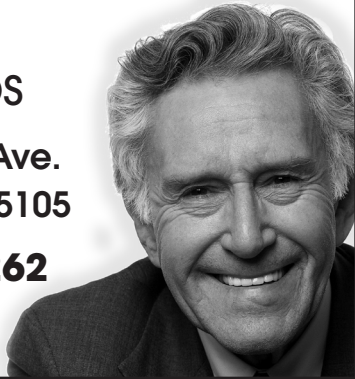
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A SPRING DINNER, featuring a roast beef and pork buffet, will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 550 W. 7th St. The cost is \$4.00-\$12. Call 651- 224-0228 to reserve tickets.

Monday/April 20

A BACKYARD COMPOSTING workshop will take place from 6:30 to 8:00 this evening at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The cost is \$5.00. To register, call Eureka Recycling at 651-222-7678.

THE GARDEN CLUB of Ramsey County will meet at 7:25 tonight at

the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Mary Hockenberry Meyer will speak on ornamental grasses. Visit www.ramseygardeners.org.

LOWELL BERGMAN, a producer and correspondent for the PBS documentary series "Frontline," will speak at 7:00 this evening in Kagin Commons at Macalester College as part of MPR's Broadcast Journalist Series. Admission is free. Tickets are required and are available at the Bibelot Shops. Call 651-696-6203.

Tuesday/April 21

A CONVERSATIONAL SALON will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening at the Mad Hatter's Tea House, 943 W. 7th St. "Dealing with Trauma" will be discussed with Ralph Hilgengorf, who has been blind since birth. The salon is free, but donations are requested. Call 651-227-3228.

A FRED (Fathers Reading Every Day) event will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 this evening at the West 7th Community Center, 265 Oneida St.

Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page and KARE 11 news anchor Tim McNiff will join fathers and their children for food, storytelling, crafts and free books. Contact Becky Carlson at 651-298-5493, ext. 212 or bcarlson@west7th.org.

EMMY AWARD-WINNING historian Jeremy Brecher will address the topic "Meeting Today's Crisis: What We Can Learn from Labor's History" at 7:00 this evening in Weyerhaeuser Chapel on the campus of Macalester College. The free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library and the Minnesota Fair Trade Coalition.

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will sponsor an evening with Chet Anderson, who will talk about his six-month adventure hiking the 2,176-mile length of the Appalachian Trail, at 7:30 this evening at Roseville Lutheran Church, 1215 Roselawn Ave. Merriam Park resident Kate Havelin, author of *Best Hikes in the Twin Cities* and *Minnesota Running Trails*, will also speak. Visit www.stpaulhike.org.



Highland District Council

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ISSUES FORUM

HDC is sponsoring the creation of an online neighborhood issues forum. The forum is being hosted by E-Democracy.org and is currently in the recruitment stage. As soon as there are at least 100 registered participants, the forum will "go live" and provide an online place for Highland Park residents and businesses to discuss issues related to the neighborhood. Please join the forum by visiting <http://www.e-democracy.org/highland> and help spread the word to your Highland Park neighbors and friends. The purpose of the Highland Park Issues Forum is to engage neighborhood residents in thoughtful discussions about local development, zoning, transportation, crime prevention, education, parks and recreation and other community issues affecting Highland Park. Through the forum, we hope to give everyone a greater voice in decisions that affect the community, increase civic participation, and encourage more input into solutions to problems and issues affecting Highland Park.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Highland District Council has been involved in many neighborhood issues during the past year. These included the City's proposal to convert Highland Parkway and parts of Edgumbe Road into a bicycle boulevard. The Council obtained input from interested parties, most notably residents living on and near the affected streets, and recommended against the proposal, prompting the City to consider other alternatives. Standing committees also address a number of neighborhood transportation, community services, and community development issues, which routinely include reviewing variance requests, coordinating public input into the City's zoning process and addressing a wide variety of public safety concerns. Recently attention has focused on issues in the Homecroft school area. This prompted the Council to help organize a clean up of the adjacent railroad corridor in partnership with Canadian Pacific, which we expect to occur in the near future. The Council also has continued its involvement in many community activities, including spring and fall neighborhood clean-up events co-sponsored with the Macalester Groveland Community Council, the next of which will be held Saturday, May 9, as well as its annual Home Improvement Fair, the 2009 edition of which was held April 4. Crime prevention remains a constant HDC goal. This past year the Council worked with the City to establish a police store front in the West 7th Street area, which we expect will open in the next month or two, and helped residents organize or maintain

block clubs as well as National Night Out get-togethers that help neighbors get to know one another. Crime is reduced when citizens know enough to know when something looks out of place and then act on that information. HDC staff also send out weekly crime reports and periodic alerts, giving community members a little more information crime in the community and what they might do about it. If you would like to receive these and other HDC e-mail communications, please e-mail us at hdc@visi.com. You also may remember the federal withholding and employment tax problems HDC discovered in 2007. This past October HDC made its final payment on its offer in compromise agreement with the Internal Revenue Service, bringing itself square with the IRS. With that HDC paid in full all tax and withholding amounts owed, and started over with a clean slate. Finally, HDC's primary missions are to foster involvement in matters of importance to our neighborhood and provide a neighborhood voice in decisions made by the City of Saint Paul and the State of Minnesota. That requires citizen participation. I encourage you to become involved. You can start by attending the HDC's annual meeting on April 22 to elect Board members from our six odd-numbered grids as well as two at-large members.

Bill Klein,
President Highland District Council

You are invited to attend the The Highland District Council Annual Meeting

Wednesday April 22 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Highland Park Junior High
Please enter off Montreal and park in the upper lot, there will be signs out for the entrance to go in.

✦ ELECTIONS ✦

Six directors will be elected from odd numbered grids (see the map). Two at-large directors will be elected. The program for the evening will include desserts, coffee and voter sign-in from 6:30 to 7:00. Grid elections will start at 7:00 pm and at-large elections will follow. A presentation from City Councilmember Pat Harris will follow the at-large elections. If you have any questions about the meeting please call us at 695-4005 or e-mail us at hdc@visi.com

PLANT SHARE

The Seventh Annual Highland Park Plant Exchange is scheduled for **Sunday, May 31 from 11am to 2pm at Hillcrest Rec Center, 1978 Ford Parkway**, Over 150 local gardeners benefited from the 2008 exchange. You can either bring plants to exchange or purchase most plants for a \$1 to \$3 donation. Proceeds go to purchase plants for the Highland Community Gardens. If you are interested in donating plants or want to volunteer call Sue at 651-699-7672



Calendar of Highland District Council Events

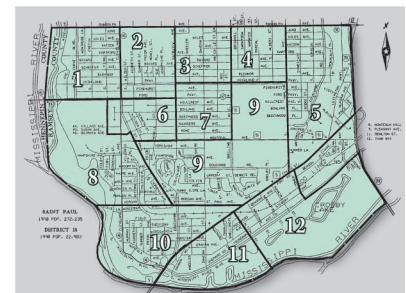
Wed Apr 22	Sat May 9	Sat June 13	Tues Aug 5
Annual Elections Highland Park Junior High (enter off Montreal)	Spring Clean-Up Ford Plant Parking Lot, Mississippi River Rd.	CP Railroad Corridor Clean-Up 9:00 am	National Night Out

Spring CLEAN-UP

Highland/Mac-Groveland District Spring Clean-up

Saturday, May 9, 2009, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
St. Paul Ford Assembly Plant Parking Lot,
Enter off Mississippi River Boulevard

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2007-2008



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| 2 Marilyn Tamsky | 8 Christopher Priebe |
| 3 Joseph McCabe* | 9 Steven Lentsch* |
| 4 Phil Ledermann | 10 Jennifer Taylor James |
| 5 Bill Klein* | 11 Will Jefferson* |
| 6 Loren Sorenson | 12 Paul Krech |
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Georgia Dietz* Robert Brandtjen
Bill Poulos* Dan Smith
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- The Highland District Council meets the 1st Thursday of the month. For more information check our web site at www.highlanddistrictcouncil.org
*Seats up for re-election

On the Town

One wild 'Ride'

Actress Sally Wingert displays her range in playwright Lisa Kron's emotional rollercoaster

BY BOB GILBERT

Merriam Park actress Sally Wingert is no stranger to one-woman shows. In the past five years, she has done three, including her latest, the Minnesota Jewish Theater Company's production of *The 2.5-Minute Ride*.

The regional premiere of playwright Lisa Kron's Obie Award-winning comedy will open at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, April 18, in the theater at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The play takes its title from the span of the rollercoaster ride at Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio, an annual rite of summer for Kron's fun-loving Michigan family.

"Kron is a Jewish comedienne who writes hilarious details of family life," Wingert said. "What makes this piece different is that it's really about her close relationship with her father."

The comedy of Kron's amusement park scenes is offset by some gut-wrenching drama. Walter Kron, the playwright's German-born dad, was 15 years old in 1937 when his parents enrolled him in the *Kindertransport* program, which allowed the children of German Jews to escape Nazi persecution. Walter moved in with a foster family in New Haven, Connecticut. His parents stayed behind.

Wingert's soliloquies in the play,



Sally Wingert stars in Lisa Kron's one-woman drama, *The 2.5-Minute Ride*. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

and the slide show that augments them, not only document the giddy laughter of the family's amusement park pilgrimages and the hilarity of her brother's Jewish wedding to a woman he met on the Internet, but also the trip that she and her father took to Auschwitz to see the place where her grandparents were killed.

"At that point, the play stops being conventional and becomes a rollercoaster ride both structurally and emotionally," Wingert said.

The script calls on Wingert to portray several characters in the Kron family. Though neither Wingert nor the show's director, Beth Cleary, is Jewish, the play's major theme is universal, they said.

"*The 2.5-Minute Ride* is almost literary in its level of observation and the detail the author puts in motion," said Cleary, who chairs the Department of Theater and Dance at Macalester College. "It's quite a physical piece, too. The narrative

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is structured just like the ups and downs and sharp turns of a rollercoaster ride. And sometimes it feels like Sally loses her stomach."

For Wingert, there is the added pressure of performing alone. "While I like being on stage with other actors," she said, "I find that there's a special intimacy a solo performer has with an audience, since you're talking directly to them. When it's good, it feels like a bunch of friends are in your living room and you're telling them stories."

Wingert won a Twin Cities Ivey Award in 2007 for best actress for her portrayal of philanthropist Peggy Guggenheim in the Minnesota Jewish Theatre's production of the one-woman show *Through a Glass*.

A native of Duluth, Wingert moved to the Twin Cities in high

school and studied acting at the University of Minnesota. She left the U before graduation to work in theater and has been making her living on stage for the past 24 years.

Married and the mother of two college-age sons, Wingert is a member of the Guthrie Theater company and has appeared in more than 70 Guthrie productions. She has performed at the Mixed Blood, Chanhassen and Children's theaters, the former Actors Theater of St. Paul and even had small parts in such locally made movies as *North Country*, *Untamed Heart* and *Fargo*.

It is the quality of Kron's writing that drew Wingert to *The 2.5-Minute Ride*. "It's the best-written play of all the solo shows I've done recently," she said. "You read through it and very little of it clunks along the way when you speak it. The story moves well anecdotally."

"For most people, their family history usually goes back three generations and stops," Wingert said. "It's like a series of forgetting goes on. But these stories illuminate family ties that are universal."

The 2.5-Minute Ride will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. Saturdays, and 2:00 p.m. Sundays through May 10. An additional show is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 19. Tickets are \$18-\$25. Student rush tickets are \$12. Call 651-647-4315.



Actress Sally Wingert and director Beth Cleary discuss some of the finer points of playwright Lisa Kron's drama during a recent rehearsal. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

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On the Town Briefly

Theater

The Devil's Disciple by George Bernard Shaw is playing through April 12 at Theatre in the Round, 245 Cedar Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Set in New Hampshire during the American Revolution, the comic melodrama tells of a local rascal named Dick Dudgeon who is mistaken for a rebel and sentenced to death by the British for treason. Show times are 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$20. Call 612-333-3010.

Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding, an interactive comedy by Actors Theater of Minnesota, is being presented Thursday through Saturday evenings for an extended run at the Lowry Theater, 16 W. 5th St. Tickets for the show and dinner, priced from \$47.50-\$69.50, are available at TicketMaster (612-673-0404).

Grey Gardens, the alternately hilarious and heartbreaking story of an eccentric aunt and cousin of former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, is playing through May 17 at the Ordway's McKnight Theatre. Once among the elite in East Hamptons society, Edith Bouvier Beale and her daughter "Little" Edie became the area's most notorious recluses, living in a dilapidated 28-room mansion. Directed by James Rocco and Jayme McDaniel, the musical stars Wendy Lehr and Christina Baldwin. Show times are 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday. For ticket information, call 651-224-4222.

Blue Collar Diaries, playwright Michelle Myers Berg's tribute to the people who inhabited the Merriam Park neighborhood of her youth, is playing through April 19 at the History Theatre, 30 E. 10th St. Berg portrays all 20 characters in this candid, comic and poignant look at life. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$25-\$30, \$22-\$28 for seniors, \$20 for students. Call 651-292-4323.

Quilters, a musical drama by Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek that captures the terrors, joys, challenges and beauty of frontier life and the powers of the women who lived it, is being presented through April 25 by Theatre Unbound. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday in the Neighborhood House theater, 179 E. Robie St. Tickets are \$12-\$28 or whatever you can pay for the added show at 7:30 p.m.



Molière Than Thou, a revue of the best-loved dramas by the comic genius of 17th century France, will be performed on Wednesday, April 15, by Tim Mooney (above). The Illinois playwright's one-man show was named Best Adapted Work at the 2004 San Francisco Fringe Festival. Pomposity, hypocrisy and greed are all skewered in this free show, which begins at 7:00 p.m. at the College of St. Catherine Recital Hall.

Monday, April 13. Call 612-721-1186.

Rossini's The Barber of Seville, a Minnesota Opera production, will open at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the Ordway. James Westman and John David Boehr alternate as the clever Figaro and Allyson McHardy and Julie Boulianne play the beautiful Rosina. Shows will continue through April 19. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$20-\$150. Call 612-333-6669.

A Bright Room Called Day, playwright Tony Kushner's exploration of human nature in the face of social change, will be performed April 17-25 by the University of Minnesota Department of Theatre Arts and Dance. The play compares the rise of two political parties, one in pre-Nazi Berlin and the other in the U.S. during the early 1990s. Show times are 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:00 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in Stoll Thrust Theatre at Rarig Center, 330 21st Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$17 at the door, \$15 in advance by calling 612-624-2345.

The musical Oliver! will be staged April 17 through May 2 by the Morris Park Players. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday

and 2:00 p.m. Sunday in the auditorium of Folwell Middle School, 3611 20th Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for students and seniors. Call 612-724-8373.

Dance

Beginning square dance lessons are being offered at 6:15 p.m. Mondays through June 8 at the West 7th Community Center, 265 Oneida St. Couples, families and singles are welcome to attend on any evening. No registration is necessary. Admission is \$3.00. For information, call 651-298-5493.

With its reputation for virtuosity, substance and pure abandon, Shapiro & Smith Dance will perform *Notes from A Séance*, a witty take on 19th-century occultism, on April 9-12. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the Southern Theater, 1420 Washington Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$22. Call 612-340-1725.

Flying Foot Forum's Joe Chvala and Karla Grotting will present an evening of percussive dance, rapid-fire theater and music in eight performances April 16-26.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the Southern Theater, 1420 Washington Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$22. Call 612-340-1725.

Exhibits

"Contemporary Monsters," surreal ceramics by seven artists, are being shown through May 3 at the Northern Clay Center, 2424 E. Franklin Ave. in Minneapolis. Translating everyday figures into sublime sculpture are Edith Garcia, Wesley Anderegg, Tom Bartel, Cynthia Consentino, John DeFazio, Arthur Gonzalez and Michael Lucero. For gallery hours, call 612-339-8007.

"Reflections," a juried exhibit of illustrations inspired by the work of five poets, are being displayed through May 3 at the Minnesota Center for Book Arts, 1011 Washington Ave. S. in Minneapolis. A free family workshop on pairing poems and prints will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 11. Call 612-215-2520.

"Expressions of Stability and Change," an exploration of ethnic dress and folk costume, is on view through June 14 in the gallery of the Goldstein Museum of Design, located in Room 241 of McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave. Swedish history professor Benny Carlson will discuss "Somali Immigrants in Minnesota and Scandinavia: Cultural Authenticity and Economic Dynamism" at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 23, in Room 274 of McNeal Hall. Call 612-624-7434.

A history of the corner of University and Prior avenues, a hub of economic activity for well over a century, is being told in photos and text in the gallery of the Ramsey County Historical Society in Landmark Center. Visit the gallery now through August and learn that the Midway intersection was once home to a rail yard that served nine different railroads; Barrett and Zimmerman, one of the largest horse brokerages in the nation; Brook's Brothers Lumber and Knox Lumber; the original Twin City Hardware Company; one of the earliest White Castle restaurants; a factory built for the American Radiator Company and converted during World War II to building military gliders; Remington Rand, the high-tech firm that evolved into Sperry-Rand and Sperry-Univac; and

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"Minnesota Prints and Printmakers," an exhibit that showcases the period between 1900 and 1945 when fine-art printmaking became a truly American scene, is on view through July 12 at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Admission is \$2.00. Call 651-297-2555.

"Sacred Steps on the Camino," 39 photographs, paintings and sketches by eight artists, all on the subject of religious pilgrimage, will be displayed from April 14 through May 29 in the Lobby Gallery of the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center at the University of St. Thomas. Curator George Greenia of William and Mary College will discuss "The Camino de Santiago: Pilgrimage, Medieval and Modern" at 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 17. A reception with Spanish food and music will follow. Admission is free. Call 651-962-5600.

An American Craft Council show and sale, featuring the work of more than 240 craftspeople from across the U.S., returns April 17-19 to St. Paul's RiverCentre. The event will run from 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Friday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10, \$5.00 after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, \$18 for a two-day pass and free anytime to children age 12 and under. Call 800-836-3470.

Books

The Gathering, the fourth novel by Anne Enright, will be discussed by the Central Library Book Club at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 9, in the fourth floor meeting room of the library at 90 W. 4th St. All are welcome. Call 651-266-7000, extension 5.

Common Good Books, 165 N. Western Ave., will present free readings by the following authors: Cary Griffith from *Opening Goliath: Danger and Discovery in Caving*, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9; Loree Rackstraw from *Love as Always, Kurt: Vonnegut as I Knew Him*, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16. Call 651-225-8989.

A cast of fellow Minnesota authors and artists will lead a celebration of the life of Bill Holm at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at

the Fitzgerald Theater, 10 E. Exchange St. Poet Robert Bly, pianist Dan Chouinard and Fred Child of the Poetry Radio Project will host the tribute to Holm, a poet, essayist and Southwest Minnesota State University professor who died in February at age 65. Tickets are \$25, and all proceeds will go to a Bill Holm fund for authors, artists and community programs. Call 651-290-1221.

Poet Mary O'Malley of County Galway, Ireland, winner of the 13th annual Lawrence O'Shaughnessy Award for Poetry from the University of St. Thomas Center for Irish Studies, will read from her work on Friday, April 17, at St. Thomas. The free program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Room 126 of the John Roach Center. O'Malley also will take part in a public conversation with Macalester-Groveland poet Margaret Hasse about "Going Away, Coming Home: Poetry and Displacement" on Tuesday, April 14. That program is also free and will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Hamline-Midway Library, 1558 Minnehaha Ave.

The World Is Flat: A Brief History Of The 21st Century by Thomas L. Friedman will be discussed on Thursday, April 23, by the Central Library History Book Club. The book club meets at noon on the fourth Thursday of each month at in the 4th floor meeting room of the library, 90 W. 4th St. Everyone is welcome. Call 651-266-7000, extension 5.

Music

"Earth, Wind and Fire," an exploration of the natural world through the music of Ethan Wickman, James Dillon, Frederic Rzewski, Alex Shapiro and John Luther Adams, will be led by the new-music ensemble Zeitgeist at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 9-11, in Studio Z, 275 E. 4th St. Tickets are \$10. Call 651-755-1600.

Seattle indie rockers Death Cab for Cutie will perform at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at Roy Wilkins Auditorium. Warming up the audience will be the more bluesy Cold War Kids and up-and-comers Ra Ra Riot. Tickets are \$35 and available at the box office or by calling 651-989-5151.

The Alternates, a quintet of Twin Cities high school jazz musicians, including St. Paul Central sax player Peter Nyberg, will perform original tunes and fresh arrangements of jazz standards on Thursday, April 16. The music will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Artists' Quarter, 408 St. Peter St. Admission is free. Call 651-292-1359.

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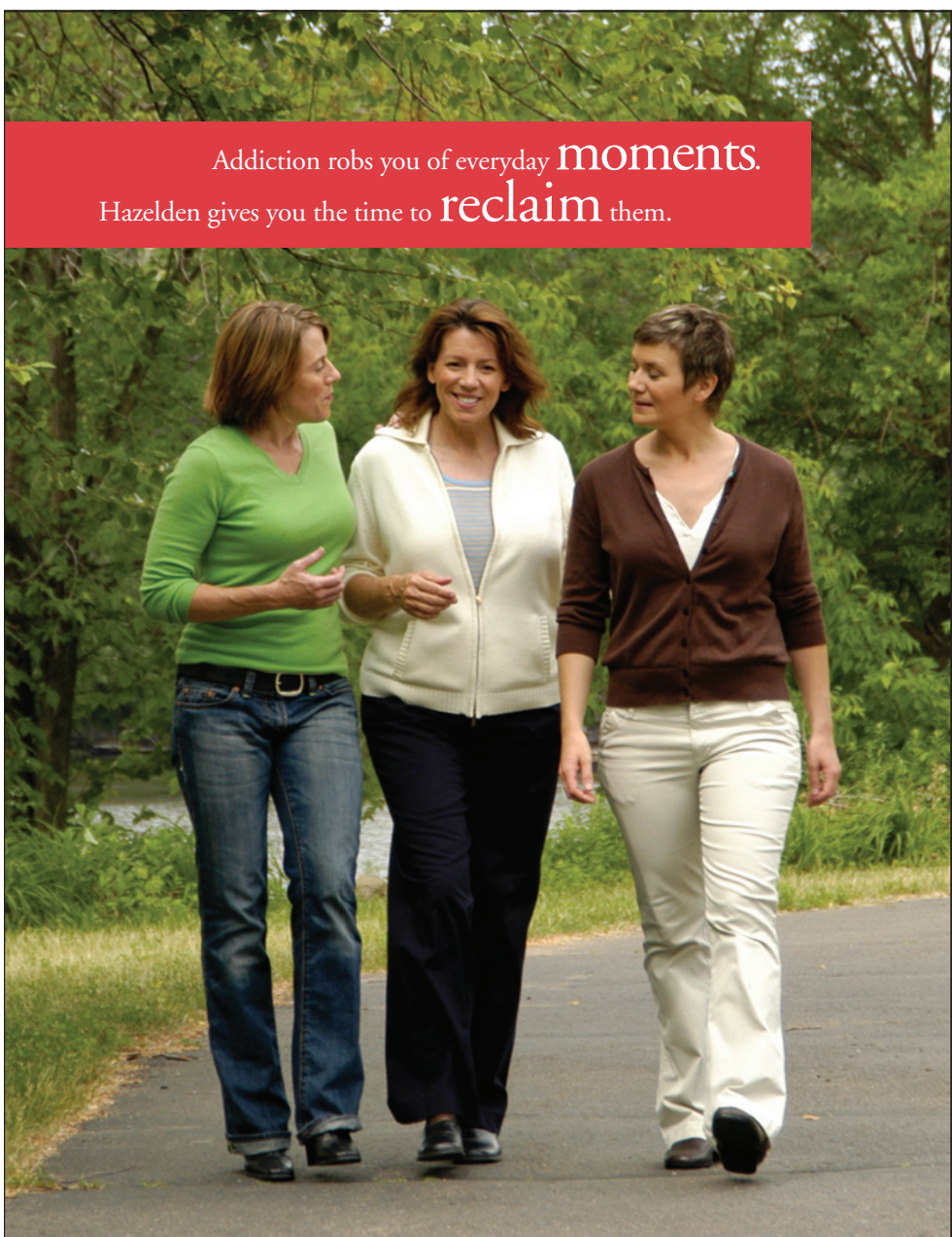
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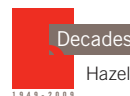


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Choral reading program will be held on Saturday, April 18. The 32-voice VocalEssence Ensemble Singers and guest instrumentalists will rehearse these works-in-progress in a free program from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Sateren Auditorium at Augsburg College, 2211 Riverside Ave. S. in Minneapolis.

"Postcards from Europe," a concert by the Kantorei chorus, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, in the chapel at St. Paul Seminary, 2260 Summit Ave. Works by Brahms, Britten, Bruckner, Hindemith, Reger, Rheinberger will be featured. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students and seniors. Call 651-367-9995.

Sarod virtuoso Aditya Verma will perform on Saturday, April 18, in a concert sponsored by the Minnesota Guitar Society and Indian Music Society of Minnesota. Tabla master Aditya Kalyanpur will accompany Verma in the show, which begins at 8:00 p.m. in Sundin Hall at Hamline University, 1531 Hewitt Ave. Tickets, priced at \$22, \$17 for students and seniors, are available at 612-677-1151. The pair will conduct a free workshop in Indian music at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Dreamland Arts, 677 N. Hamline Ave. For workshop information, call 651-645-5506.

"Great Paschal Vespers," a candlelit liturgy celebrating Christ's resurrection in song, will be presented on Sunday, April 19, by the Gregorian Singers. The music begins at 8:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church on the Hill, 1524 Summit Ave. Admission is free, but donations will be taken.

Bass-baritone Eric Owens will make his Twin Cities recital debut in a Schubert Club program at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at the Ordway. Owens has earned a reputation in opera circles as both a champion of new music and a powerful interpreter of classic works. Accompanied by pianist Bradley Moore, his April 22 recital will include works by Schubert, Wolf, Brahms and Elgar. Tickets are \$12 to \$45. Call 651-292-3268.

Family

"Woolly Bears," stories, music, puppetry and demonstrations for preschoolers and their parents, is offered from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the Dodge Nature Center, 365 W. Marie Ave. in West St. Paul. "Eggs" will be the topic on April 8, 9 and 11. The cost is \$14. For reservations, call 651-455-4531.

Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., plays host to storytimes for babies at 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays, toddlers at 11:00 a.m. Tuesdays and preschoolers at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Featured in other free programs will be storytime with Peter Rabbit and Kim Furot 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11; Dawn Tanner and her book, *Homes That They Share*, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18; Todd and Peggy Snow and their book, *Kindness to Share from A-Z*, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25; Maud Hart Lovelace Book Awards celebration, 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 25; publication party for Joe Helgeson's *Crows & Cards*, 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 26. Call 651-224-8320.

The Secret Garden, an adaptation of the tale by Frances Hodgson Burnett about an orphan girl and the power of redemption, is being performed through April 11 by Portage for Youth. Show times are 7:00 p.m. Thursday,



"Wishes for the Sky," a day of kite flying, poetry and public art, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 19, on Harriet Island. Participants will be invited to write their wishes and fly them on bird-shaped kites and join in the making of a sound collage with bamboo and metal wind chimes. Kites are provided. Food and beverages will be sold. Above, Cecily Wang, 8, takes part in the 2007 "Wishes for the Sky" event. Visit www.wishesforthesky.org.

PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Friday and Saturday at the Mounds Theater, 1029 Hudson Road. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students and seniors and \$5.00 for children under age 12. Call 651-772-2253.

Barnes & Noble, 2080 Ford Pkwy., invites young children to engage in crafts and listen to stories in half-hour programs beginning at 10:00 a.m. Thursdays and 7:00 p.m. Fridays. Call 651-690-9443.

West 7th Cinema's family night at the movies will roll out *High School Musical III* at 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 17, at the West 7th Community Center, 265 Oneida St. Admission is free. Pizza, hot dogs and other treats will be for sale. Call 651-298-5493.

Come all you rounders if you want to hear a story about the trains that moved goods and people across the U.S. during World War II. The event "Railroads on Active Duty" will run from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19, at the Minnesota Transportation Museum's Jackson Street Roundhouse, 193 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Among the attractions are unlimited rides on vintage trains and buses, historic reenactments and displays of World War II military uniforms, wartime posters, army and civilian vehicles and children's crafts and toys. A swing dance to the music of the Roseville Big Band will be held from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$8.00 for children and \$10 for the dance. Call 651-228-0263.

Film

The Fly-Fishing Film Tour, a 90-minute highlight reel from fly-fishing films shot around the world, will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at Landmark Center. Both freshwater and saltwater fly-fishing is featured in such locales as Papua New Guinea, Russia, New Zealand, Belize, India, Alaska, California, Colorado, Louisiana

and Florida. Admission is \$15, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for children.

Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk, a new film that ventures down the Colorado River by raft to highlight a looming global water crisis, is being screened daily through June 11 at the Science Museum of Minnesota's Omnitheater. The Colorado, the source of water for 25 million Americans, is at its lowest level in 85 years. Trip leaders Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Wade Davis note the many ways the river has changed since they last traversed its whitewater and what these changes mean for water worldwide. Tickets are \$7.50, \$6.50 for students and seniors. Call 651-221-9444.

The 27th annual Minneapolis-St. Paul International Film Festival returns April 16-30 with more than 100 films at St. Anthony Main Theatres, 219 Main St. SE. in Minneapolis. Among the offerings are 77 foreign and U.S. features, 16 documentaries and 25 locally grown features and shorts. Admission is \$10, \$8.00 for students and seniors. For information, visit www.mspfilmfest.org.

Et cetera

Open sessions in figure drawing are available to aspiring artists from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays through May 2 in the Drawing Studio of the College of Visual Arts, 173 N. Western Ave. The cost is \$10 per session. Children under 18 years of age must fill out a permission form. Visit www.cva.edu.

The Weavers Guild of Minnesota will hold an open house from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Textile Center, 3000 University Ave. SE in Minneapolis. Learn about Weavers Guild class offerings, meet the instructors, tour the classrooms, watch weaving and spinning demonstrations or try weaving on a loom. The Textile Center's annual garage sale will be held during the same hours. For more information, call 612-436-0463.

Sports



The Wright Call
By Dave Wright

Countdown is on...to find a parking spot

Many visitors to Target Center for the recent state boys' basketball tournament also took the time out to gaze upon the new Target Field that is slowly rising next door. Here are a few early impressions of the soon-to-be home of the Minnesota Twins:

- It's going to be a tight fit, though that's not necessarily a bad thing. Coziness seems to be in these days.
- Though the exterior of the baseball stadium doesn't look particularly impressive at this point, fairness dictates reserving judgment until all the bolts are in place.
- Looks can be deceiving, but it would appear that a well-hit ball could easily end up smashing through someone's car window on nearby I-394.
- And just where is everybody supposed to park when they go to games? Navigating the City Center ramp is an adventure when Target Center is just half full, as was the case during the state basketball tournament. You need a GPS system to figure out how to exit the place.
- There's also the issue of how many parking spaces will be available for midweek day games, since the ramp is used then by the people who work near Target Center. A second ramp is being built nearby, but it doesn't appear to be as big as the City Center ramp. That means a lot of people will be hoofing it several blocks to and from the downtown area. And for those who live east of the Mississippi River, there appears to be no easy way to get to I-94.
- Forget the arguments about whether the new baseball park should have been domed. As Twins president Dave St. Peter has said, that is no longer up for discussion. It isn't happening and us oldsters will just have to acclimate ourselves again to outdoor baseball in 40-degree weather.
- But the parking issue is an entirely different story. Nothing can kill interest in a product quicker than parking hassles. Having decided the roof issue once and for all, the Twins would be well-advised to start making plans to let fans know the alternatives to fighting for limited parking spots. The light-rail line, which will have a station within easy walking distance of the field, is going to have to be the primary option.

Basketball at the Barn

Like fine wine, Williams Arena just gets better with age. The 81-year-old building will be getting a new floor this summer. It won't be raised as much as the old one, but it will still be a major asset of one of the great basketball venues in

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Prep softball preview

To bunt or not to bunt, that is the question

BY BRIAN JOHNSON

The Minnesota State High School League has changed the rule in girls' softball for what constitutes a strike on bunt attempts. This spring, all batters who attempt to bunt must withdraw the bat from the strike zone if they want to take the pitch. Previously, just holding the bat in the strike zone was not considered a bunt attempt.

The change, which most local coaches like, is designed to make it easier for umpires to call balls and strikes on bunt attempts and to create more balance between offense and defense.

"It makes sense to me," said Minnehaha Academy coach Mike DiNardo. "If you're not going to bunt, don't give the umpire a question."

Visitation coach Marcos Machado thinks the rule change will improve the game, as long as it is enforced consistently.

Most good bunters will pull the bat back anyway if they don't want to offer on a pitch, according to Cretin-Derham Hall coach Tim Spika. "We've always instructed our players if you're not going to attempt, pull the bat back," he said. "It won't have any impact on how we teach our kids to execute a bunt."

One reason for the rule change is that it makes it more risky for batters to hold the bat in the catcher's line of sight to help a teammate steal a base. That's fine with Henry Sibley coach Kathy Schoerberl. "Some people use different tactics to win games," she said. "I think you should play the game the way it's supposed to be played."

St. Paul Academy coach Bill Ross is fine with the change, but hopes it doesn't cause problems for hitters who bunt with their feet moving. "I hope the umpires aren't going to be overly tough on slap bunters and treat them differently than they have in the past," he said. "It's a huge part of the game and a fun part of the game."

Here's a look at the local teams as they take up their bats for the start of the softball season:



Cretin-Derham Hall senior third baseman Colleen Lofton works on her bunting skills during practice. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

CENTRAL League: St. Paul City Conference
Last year's record: 11-8 (8-4 in conference)
Coach: Bernae Gunderson

Key players and their strengths:

- Maia Wahlberg, junior pitcher. A varsity contributor to the team since her freshman year.
- Natalie Mironov, sophomore pitcher. Persistent on the rubber.
- Samantha Couper, senior catcher. Another strong player who is dominant at her position.

Team strengths/weaknesses: Central's numbers are up, with 40 players out for the team this spring compared to the low 30s a year ago. The players have a good attitude, but the team has a lot of freshmen and sophomores.

Outlook: Central hopes to keep the mental errors down, stay positive and move up from last year's third-place finish in the conference. Johnson and Como Park are the City Conference favorites.

CRETIN-DERHAM HALL League: Suburban East Conference
Last year's record: 2-21 (0-16)
Coach: Tim Spika

Key players and their strengths:

- Maria Sekevitch, senior pitcher. Throws hard, gets lots of strikeouts and keeps hitters off balance.
- Emily Sherwood, senior second baseman. An excellent hitter and very good defensive player now in her fourth year on the varsity.
- Jenna Hoffman, junior shortstop. A third-year varsity player and the team's best power hitter. She is also excellent with the glove.
- Julia Bedford, senior first baseman. A third-year varsity player.
- Sammi Fox, sophomore pitcher. A transfer from St. Paul Academy and a solid addition to the team.
- Other players to watch include junior outfielder Maria McQuillan, senior third baseman Colleen Lofton, senior catcher Megan

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Ryan and senior first baseman-outfielder Denise Casemore.

Team strengths/weaknesses: The Raiders have good depth and experience this year. The players work hard and the batting order is solid. Coming off a 2-21 season, the team needs to keep its chin up and stay positive. Despite its losing record, CDH played tough against some of the best teams in the strong Suburban East Conference.

Outlook: Hastings, Forest Lake, Stillwater and Park are among the conference favorites. The Raiders want to move up the conference ladder. "Hopefully, we can be more aggressive on the bases, coach Spika said. "Our defense should be solid, and if our pitching holds up, we'll be competitive."

HENRY SIBLEY

League: Classic Suburban Conference

Last year's record: 8-13 (6-8)

Coach: Kathy Schoeberl

Key players and their strengths:

- Kaley Flynn, senior third baseman. A vocal leader who plays her position well.
- Jenna Matheson, senior second baseman. A three-year starter who'll anchor the right side of the infield.
- Katie Ahlstrom, senior infielder. A leader in the infield who can also pitch and play outfield.
- Michelle Kartch, senior outfielder. Contributed in the outfield and filled in at designated hitter last year.
- Lauren Turrito, junior catcher. Hits well and calls a good game.
- Other players to watch include junior infielder Lindsay Knoll, sophomore pitcher Simone Anzion, freshman pitcher Lilly Haagenon, senior outfielder Amy Meyers and sophomore outfielder Emily Usset.

Team strengths/weaknesses: Sibley should be strong defensively, especially in the infield. However, the team overall is inexperienced, especially at pitching.

Outlook: The Warriors are looking for a big year from their veterans, while the younger



Raider senior catcher Megan Ryan hits grounders to teammates during practice.

players gain experience. The teams to beat in the conference include North St. Paul and Richfield.

HIGHLAND PARK

League: St. Paul City Conference

Last year's record: 7-11 (5-7)

Coach: Julie Maidment

Key players and their strengths:

- Annie Doran, senior pitcher. Has good movement and decent velocity on her pitches. Gives the Scots an experienced arm.
- Paige Kellhem, senior catcher. Another experienced hand who swings a good bat and is skillful behind the plate.
- Melanie Dubay, junior infielder. The complete package—vacuums up everything in the field and hits with power.

Team strengths/weaknesses: Highland has decent depth, with good senior leaders and some young players who appear to be ready to step up.

Outlook: Como Park and Johnson are the talk of the town in the City Conference, but Highland expects to be part of the conversation too this spring. The one-two punch of Doran and Kellhem could help make it happen.

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

League: Tri-Metro Conference

Last year's record: 18-5 (11-1)

Coach: Mike DiNardo

Key players and their strengths:

- Emily Engdahl, senior pitcher. Will do most of the pitching, but also plays shortstop. A good lefty slap hitter who makes things happen on the bases.
- Liz Mrozek, senior shortstop and third baseman. A tough out who can hit the ball a long way.
- AnnaMarie Martino, senior catcher. The team's lead-off hitter has a great arm and good speed on the base path. Stole more than 30 bases last year.
- Sarah Lucht, senior second baseman. A heads-up player who has a knack for being in the right position to make a play.
- Britta Monson, senior outfielder. Should get a lot of outfield playing time. Has a strong arm.
- Other players to watch include junior center fielder AnaLisa Ballinger, sophomore first baseman Sarah Winter and sophomore catcher-infielder Margo Lund.

Team strengths/weaknesses: The Redhawks are talented and experienced. Eight varsity players return, including five seniors, from last year's team. One goal this year is to see more consistent hitting up and down the lineup.

Outlook: Minnehaha has the talent and experience to be a handful in the rugged Tri-Metro Conference. Other teams to watch include St. Bernard's, Blake, DeLaSalle and St. Paul Academy.

ST. PAUL ACADEMY

League: Tri-Metro Conference

Last year's record: 20-7 (9-3)

Coach: Bill Ross

Key players and their strengths:

- Kristiana Miller, junior catcher. Has a strong arm and can hit for power.
- Megan Leslie, junior shortstop. An effective slap hitter who has a good eye and knows how to get on base.
- Erica Miller, freshman infielder and pitcher. Played third base last year. Has a strong

arm and is a solid hitter.

• Anna Olson, freshman pitcher. A starting second baseman last year who'll slide into the top pitching spot this year. Doesn't throw heat, but has good command of the strike zone.

Team strengths/weaknesses: SPA has a strong lineup from top to bottom and should score a lot of runs. However, only one player has returned in the outfield, and the Spartans also lost a key pitcher via transfer.

Outlook: Concordia, St. Anthony, St. Bernard's and Minnehaha Academy are among the top conference teams. SPA should be in that mix if the younger players come through. Defense will be a key because the pitching probably won't rack up a lot of strikeouts. "It'll be a competitive, balanced league," coach Ross said.

VISITATION

League: Tri-Metro Conference

Last year's record: 13-10 (8-4)

Coach: Marcos Machado

Key players and their strengths:

- Catherine Quinlan, senior catcher. A team leader who hits with power and works well behind the plate.
- Claire Kranz, junior pitcher/infielder. Has good velocity on her pitches and is an accomplished hitter.
- Clare Robinson, junior second baseman. A terrific athlete who leads off and has good speed.
- Monica Johnson, junior shortstop. Has some pop in her bat and is expected to become an outstanding player.
- Other players to watch are freshmen outfielder Sarah Leach and freshman infielder Audrey Feltz.

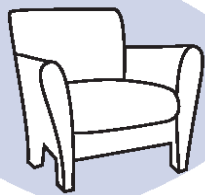
Team strengths/weaknesses: Pitching and defense are strong suits for the Blazers, who will be proficient at playing small ball.

Outlook: Visitation looks to hang in there with conference favorites St. Bernard's, St. Paul Academy and St. Anthony. "I believe we'll have a successful year," said rookies head coach Machado. "We have a good chance to take our conference."

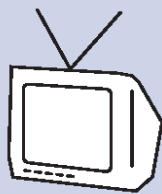


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Sibley's second trip to state hoops tourney ends sooner than expected

BY BILL WAGNER

The Henry Sibley boys' basketball team was looking for its first Class AAAA state title this year after suffering a numbing loss to Minnetonka in last year's final. Instead, the Warriors were handed a first-round exit following a 60-56 loss to Bloomington Jefferson in their state opener on March 25 at Target Center.

The Warriors, who were ranked No. 2 in the state for most of the season, seemed to be on the verge of taking over the game twice in the second half. They fashioned an 11-0 run at one point with the aid of six points by all-everything senior forward Mike Bruesewitz, who finished with 21 points and 16 rebounds.

But Sibley (27-3) could not overcome the balanced attack of Jefferson, which got 15 points from Ellis Libby and 12 from Moses Alipate. Libby sank two free throws with six seconds to play to put the game away for the Jaguars.

Jefferson (20-8) lost to Osseo in the semifinals and then to St. Cloud Tech in the third-place game. Osseo went on to lose in the finals to mighty Hopkins, which completed an undefeated season as possibly the state's best high school team ever.

Many people had predicted a showdown in the state final between Sibley and Hop-

kins, which had handed the Warriors one of their two losses during the regular season. But rather than playing the Royals, Sibley had to watch the title game from the stands.

"I was surprised by that," said Woodbury coach Scott Swansson, whose team lost to Sibley in last year's section semifinals. "But (Maurice) Hernandez didn't shoot very well and that doesn't happen very often."

Hernandez, the Warriors' three-point sharpshooter, was one for 11 from beyond the arc against Jefferson. He was trying to return from a bad ankle, which forced him to miss the section final win over Tartan the previous Friday.

Hopkins coach Ken Novak Jr. said he too expected his club would face the Warriors in the state final. "But these things happen," he said. "You give Sibley another three-pointer here or another free throw there and we could be talking about something entirely different right now. I still think Sibley was the second-best team in the state. But the games don't always work out the way we think they will."

Sibley coach Tom Dasovich, who did not return calls to be interviewed for this story, can't be faulted for coming up short at state two years in a row, according to Hopkins assistant coach Ken Novak Sr. "Das is a very good coach and a great guy," he said. "I think his players were looking a little past Jefferson."

Sports Shorts

Jackie Carroll, a senior forward for the University of St. Thomas women's hockey team, has been named to the Division III West All-America Team. A 2005 graduate of Cretin-Derham Hall, Carroll was one of four finalists



for Division III National Player of the Year, finishing with 136 career points (61 goals, 75 assists) in 107 games. She was also named MIAC Player of the Year—the first Tommie to win the honor in the 11-year history of the program. She was one of five Tommies to make the 24-player all-MIAC team and one of three conference seniors to make all-MIAC all four years of her collegiate career. Carroll led the conference in points (25) and assists (18) over 18 games this year, finishing fourth on the St. Thomas career charts.

Ryan Robinson, a senior at St. Thomas Academy, has won a Scholar-Athlete Award from the Minnesota chapter of the National Football Foundation. As an outside linebacker and defensive end, Robinson had 143 tackles, 12 sacks, six caused fumbles and six recovered fumbles, two of which he returned for touchdowns, this year. He was chosen all-state and was named the Classic Suburban Conference's defensive player of the year.

Concordia University-St. Paul sent a team of more than 100 students and staff members on March 25 to help with flood relief efforts near

Fargo, North Dakota. The volunteers included members of the Concordia football, basketball, soccer, cross country and track and field teams, along with faculty and other staff.

The Highland Niners women's golf league is teeing it up for its 35th season. Morning tee times will be available from May 19 to September 1 at Highland's 9-hole course. A general meeting is set for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the Highland National Clubhouse. Call 651-695-3708.

Running to Open Doors, an inaugural 5K run/walk, will be held by the Young Alumni Council of the University of St. Thomas on Saturday, April 18, from the school's arches on Summit Avenue, down Mississippi River Boulevard to Hartford Avenue and back again. The registration fee is \$25, or \$18 per individual for groups of 10 or more, and includes a T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers. Proceeds will support student scholarships. Register at www.stthomas.edu/YAC5K.

Women's beginning weightlifting is being offered at 6:00 p.m. on six Thursdays, beginning April 16, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. The cost is \$50. Call 651-695-3711.

Kuk Sool Won, a martial arts school at 1920 University Ave., is hosting a fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, students will be counting out 1,000 kicks each, with each kick raising money to support cancer research and treatment. Visit www.stpaulksw.com.

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the country.

Though the raised floor is unique, it's only part of what makes Williams an architectural gem. Unlike baseball parks, basketball arenas need some standardization. The floor has to be a certain length and width, and that limits some of the possibilities. What makes Williams great is that every noise—whether coming from a cheerleader, a coach or a trumpet—seems to ascend directly to the roof and then come back down in waves over the fans in the stands. And that's true whether the place is full or has only 3,000 people—as was the case for the early rounds of the boys' and girls' state basketball tournaments that were played there.

Granted, many of the seats are uncomfortable, some of the angles provide restricted viewing, and it isn't easy to hear the public address announcer in all corners of the building. (Depending on who's at the microphone, some might consider that a good thing. Ahem.) The concession stands are also limited and the press facilities are a throwback to an earlier era.

But you can't beat it for atmosphere. You have to be there to hear the Ada-Borup High School Band play to appreciate the place. You have to be there to watch the coaches figure out whether it's better to shout from the bench below or get up on the court to yell to their players. (You have to be careful, though. Venerable Chisholm coach Bob McDonald fell off the court into his team's bench during a critical moment in the state quarterfinal round.)

But perhaps the best compliment is reflected by some things that didn't happen at Williams Arena this year. There was a lot of griping among the Maroon and Gold about the University of Minnesota's lousy nonconference schedule. A lot of Gopher opponents could've qualified for what late Marquette coach Al McGuire used to refer to as "Stiff Tech." Recently, we found out why.

It turns out a lot of colleges said they wouldn't mind playing a game in Minneapolis or going up against a Tubby Smith-coached team, but they declined to do so because they didn't relish the thought of playing in front of hostile crowds at Williams Arena.

Older is sometimes better.

Hockey outdraws basketball

There was some amusing handwringing in Minneapolis over the recent WCHA Final Five hockey tournament at the Xcel Energy Center outdrawing the crowds for the first two rounds of the NCAA men's basketball tournament at the Metrodome.

Let's see. You have a hockey tournament that's been coming to St. Paul for several years and is well-established. Four of the

five teams involved—all of which have players from the Twin Cities—come from within a five-hour driving radius of the Xcel.

Meanwhile, you have a basketball regional with such schools as Robert Morris (Pittsburgh area), Southern California and Boston College playing in Minneapolis. Toss in schools such as Kansas, Dayton and Michigan State and it's a miracle that 14,000 people showed up for the basketball games. If it hadn't been for North Dakota State making the tournament—and the thousands of Bison fans who came along for the ride—the games might have been played in virtual silence.

Granted, this is a little bit of an apples-and-oranges comparison. The WCHA event has joined the state high school tournaments as regular customers on the X's calendar. The diehard hockey types mark off the weekend on their calendars early.

Meanwhile, the NCAA basketball tournament has become more of a studio show—the locale is not nearly as important to the equation. That may just fine in cities that don't have a lot of sporting options, such as Boise, which hosted a first-round regional this year, or Spokane, which will host one next year. The games in those cities will probably sell out no matter who's playing.

I have a suggestion the next time Minneapolis hosts an NCAA regional. There's a building that regularly draws upwards of 14,000 basketball fans. It's called Williams Arena.

A Hall of Famer in our midst

Since she came on board last year as the sports information director at Hamline University, Stephanie Harris has managed to see her athletic program featured on KARE-11 TV a couple of times as well as in several feature stories in the local daily papers. However, she apparently wasn't inclined to solicit a lot of publicity for what may be her biggest success story so far. So we'll do it for her.

Last week, Harris was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame for her stellar tennis career at St. Leo University, which is located just north of Tampa. She was honored for her four years there at No. 1 singles and on the No. 1 doubles team, as well as for her considerable off-court charitable endeavors.

In entering St. Leo's Athletic Hall of Fame, Harris joins such honorees as ex-Major League Baseball pitcher Bob Tewksbury and current Toronto Blue Jays general manager J.P. Ricciardi.

Harris also has the distinction that two of the St. Leo University's best-known alumni can't claim.

Though then again, Desi Arnaz and Lee Marvin didn't have her devastating backhand.

(Dave Wright can be reached at dwright53@msn.com.)

Highland alum named to speed skating hall

Katie Class Marquard, 46, a 1981 graduate of Highland Park Senior High School and a two-time Olympian, will be inducted into the U.S. Speed Skating Hall of Fame on April 18 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Marquard was on five world sprint and three world all-around teams, and was a five-time World Cup medalist. She took the bronze medal in the 500-meter event at the World Championships in 1987 and was third overall in the 1,500-meter World Cup rankings in 1986-87. She competed in the Olympics in 1984 in Sarajevo and 1988 in Calgary.

After retiring from competitive skating in 1988, she earned a business de-

gree from the University of Minnesota, worked briefly for the Minnesota Twins and became the long-time executive director of U.S. Speedskating.

Marquard, a former Macalester-Groveland resident, now lives in Westlake, Ohio, where she coaches the Lakewood Speedskating Club with her husband, Dennis, another Hall of Fame inductee. Their two children also compete in speed skating and Marquard also coaches her son's track team.

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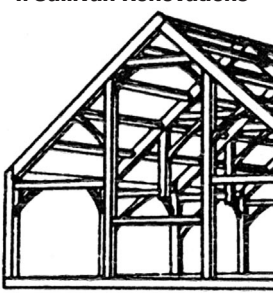
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