

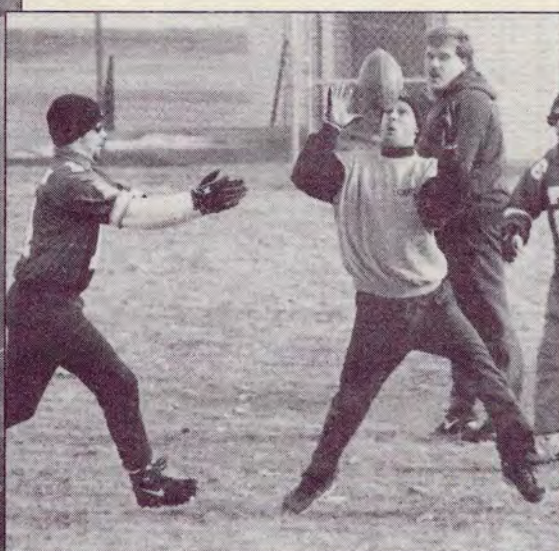


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Huddling for warmth. There was a nip in the air, but it didn't stop a hardy group of pigskin fans from getting in a little touch football last Saturday at the Highland Park High School fields. At left, teammates huddling to hear the play include, clockwise from top right, Terry Reidy, Rick Schaefer, Gregg Sorensen and Rich Langseth. Above, Jamie Magistad intercepts a pass intended for Schaefer before returning it all the way for a touchdown. Looking on is George Kotars. Photos by Mike Long.

Residents air concerns over runway proposals

Extension plans fueled by Norwest's desire to provide Hong Kong flights

by Jane McClure

Members of the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) got an earful from residents on both sides of the Mississippi River during a public hearing last month on plans for extending two runways at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP).

Highland Park residents expressed concern that permanently extending crosswind Runway 4-22 to the northeast will bring more large, low-flying jets rumbling overhead. Noise-battered South Minneapolis residents feared that a temporary 900-foot extension on the northwest end of parallel Runway 12R-30L will become permanent.

Residents of both neighborhoods expressed their lack of trust in the commission and their opposition to spending millions of taxpayers' dollars for the benefit of Northwest Airlines. The runway extension plans are being pushed by Northwest's desire to provide non-stop flights to Hong Kong, which require longer runways for take-offs.

MAC commissioners are expected to vote on the runways plans this month after a final environmental assessment worksheet is prepared. Work on the temporary extension would begin in April and be completed by the fall.

Extended 12R-30L would be used for the Hong Kong

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State pushes to get teens off school buses and onto public transit

by Catherine Condon

New York and Chicago do it. So does Duluth. And now Minneapolis and St. Paul could be the next public school districts to use public transit to get students to and from school.

A state law passed last spring required the St. Paul and Minneapolis public schools to develop a plan for using Metro Transit buses to transport at least 75 percent of high school students to classes beginning with the 1998-99 school year. The plan could affect up to 18,000 youngsters in the two districts next

fall. Junior high students may be added to the program the following school year.

A 26-member advisory committee is now working on the plan, which must be sent to the Legislature before the end of the month. The committee is composed of district staff, parents, students, police officers, school bus contractors and Metro Transit officials.

According to state Senator Sandy Pappas of St. Paul, who co-authored the bill with state Representative Len Biernat of Minneapolis, putting high school students on public transit would answer two main concerns: It would allow secondary schools to start later in the

day, which would benefit academic performance; and it would boost flagging ridership on Metro Transit buses.

St. Paul public high schools currently start the school day at around 7:30 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. Pappas said shifting St. Paul's secondary school day closer to the 8:40 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. schedule that is used in Minneapolis would give students an extra hour of sleep and would dovetail with the end of Metro Transit's peak hours.

"Right now, we're paying for duplicate systems," Pappas said.

The new law mandates the creation of a

plan, but not its implementation. Still, concerns are already surfacing.

"With a school bus, we have a vehicle constructed primarily to keep students safe while they're on board," said Minneapolis Public Schools transportation director Mickey Johnson, a member of the advisory committee and an opponent of the plan. "Transit buses don't have the same strength in the body or the interior protection of padded seats and high backs that school buses have. Even more so, I know parents have concerns

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Review of the stories that made '97 memorable

by John Wadell

The past year may be gone, but it certainly will not be forgotten any time soon. It'll take a while before people are able to listen to an Elton John song again without thinking of Princess Diana. It also will take some time before images of cloning, ear biting, Hale Bopping, multiple birthing and virtual pet-sitting start to fade from the nation's memory.

Still, 1997 will be remembered for much more than that. On the local scene, we survived the spring floods, continued to complain about airport

noise, saw a campaign spending record set for a mayoral election, and heard options for redoing both the Ford and I-35E bridges. We also were put through an inordinate amount of discussions related to streets, whether it involved parking on Grand, bicycling on Mississippi River Boulevard, speeding on Fairview or realigning of Highway 55.

That's just the tip of the iceberg (Titanically speaking). The following is a better look at some of the top Villager stories that made headlines over the past 12 months:

January—The St. Paul City Council

adopted a policy requiring companies receiving public assistance to pay a living wage to their workers. The policy was less restrictive than an ordinance that was defeated by voters 14 months earlier.

—An interim report outlined three alternatives for renovating the Ford Bridge. Only one of the options would close the bridge to traffic.

—The local immigrant community and social service agencies scrambled to prepare for federal welfare reform. Im-

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Neighbors to appeal permit for Lexington townhouses

Neighbors of the proposed Lexington Commons townhouse project are appealing the special condition use permit that was granted by the city of St. Paul. A public hearing had been set for December 22, but was postponed until January 14 to allow as many neighbors as possible to attend.

The St. Paul Planning Commission approved the permit in November to allow John and Erin Mathern of Mendota Homes to build 10 townhouses on a 3-acre vacant lot near the southwest corner of Lexington Parkway and St. Clair Avenue. The permit was needed to construct a so-called cluster development, which is designed to leave as much open space as possible around the perimeter of the triangular lot. As proposed, nine townhouses would be clustered around a cul-de-sac. The 10th would front on Lexington.

The permit was granted over the objections of the Summit Hill Association, whose Zoning and Land Use Committee had earlier rejected three different plans for the project. Neighbors have objected to the appearance of the townhouses, the density of the development and the increased traffic they believe it will bring. CP Rail also opposes the project because of its proximity to the nearby railroad tracks.

The Matherns have argued that the townhouses will meet a growing demand for that type of housing in St. Paul. They have modified their plans several times in response to neighbors' concerns by reducing the number of townhouses and eliminating the use of a shared alley for vehicle access.

St. Paul will no longer fine kids for late library materials

Children with overdue library books are now getting a break from the St. Paul Public Library. The St. Paul City Council voted on December 17 to eliminate the daily 5-cent fines for past due children's library materials.

The fines were eliminated at the request of library staff. They argued that the fines discourage families with young children from using the libraries. The change does not eliminate fines for adult material withdrawn with a child's library card. Families also will still be required to pay for any lost or damaged juvenile materials.

Eliminating the fines will reduce annual library revenue by up to \$11,000, according to library director Carole Williams. The shortfall will be made up by cutting travel, training and equipment expenses, she said.

Public libraries in Hennepin and Dakota

Society sets protest to save Minnehaha's oak savannah

Members of the International Oak Society are inviting all those who are concerned about saving Minnehaha Park's oak savannah to turn out for a group photo at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, January 18, at the head of the bike trail on 54th Street and Hiawatha Avenue in Minneapolis.

The group will pose in the oak grove while holding chains in a symbolic protest against plans to remove the trees to make way for the realignment of Highway 55.

Dan Keiser of the International Oak Society said the protest is being patterned after a gathering held in 1938 when citizens joined First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt in protesting the destruction of a stand of cherry trees to pave the way for construction of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"Trees directly in the path of the Highway 55 reroute include a pair of oaks that I'm guessing to be nearly 300 years old," said Keiser. "And there are at least 40 burr oaks in there that are pushing 100 years old."

Keiser is working to establish a Minnesota chapter of the International Oak Society, which was started six years ago and now has about 400 members from 30

counties also do not charge late fees for juvenile materials checked out on a child's library card.

City Hall bids farewell to Megard and Thune

To the strains of the "William Tell Overture" and the Grateful Dead's "Truckin'," Dave Thune and Bobbi Megard ended their terms on the St. Paul City Council on December 30. Thune, who represented Ward 2 since 1990, and Megard, who represented Ward 4 since 1994, did not seek re-election last fall. Both plan to enter careers in consulting with a focus on community development.

At a ceremony in City Hall on December 22, Thune recognized Megard as part of a "wonderful tradition of community activists becoming elected officials." Megard was a council community organizer before she ran for City Council.

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Citizens joined First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt in a similar protest in 1938.

countries. Keiser was asked to join the cause at Minnehaha Park by members of Stop the Reroute, a coalition of environmental groups, individuals and organizations that are opposed to the Highway 55 realignment.

Keiser said he is hoping that the January 18 gathering will convince state transportation officials that the trees are worth saving and that plans for realigning Highway 55 should be reconsidered. At the very least, he is hoping that the fate of Minnehaha's oaks will not be the same as Washington's cherry trees.

"They came at night and cut them down," he said.

City Council vice president Jerry Blakey praised Thune for his efforts to pass a human rights ordinance in the early 1990s. "You went out on a limb for all people," Blakey said. "Through your leadership, you've made all people feel like they're part of the city."

Santa Claus, making his annual visit to the City Council chambers, gave Thune a miniature toilet to commemorate his "giving up the throne" as council president. Megard received a sign pointing the way to the Mayor's Office. Megard unsuccessfully sought the DFL endorsement for mayor last spring and is considering a second run for the post.

Pam Wheelock, director of the city's Department of Planning and Economic Development, bestowed an almanac on Megard who, she said, "put the PED staff through our paces with her quest for knowledge."

Saying Thune "never met a development deal he didn't like," Wheelock presented him with a wad of play money. "We know you're

going to go into withdrawal not being able to spend public money," she told him.

NEC appeals discontinuance of home insulation program

With the support of area residents, district councils and the St. Paul City Council, the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium (NEC) is appealing a decision by NSP and state Department of Public Service commissioner Kris Sanda to discontinue the NEC's insulation rebate program.

The program, which the NEC has operated in conjunction with NSP since 1987, ended on December 31 at the request of NSP. NSP officials maintain that the program is not cost-effective and that other programs can be used in place of it.

The program has provided more than 22,500 home energy audits and helped finance about 3,500 insulation projects in St. Paul and its suburbs since its inception. About 350 homeowners used the program in 1997 at a cost to NSP of nearly \$140,000. The program, which offers homeowners a rebate of about 15 percent of the cost of home insulation, was projected to cost NSP about \$157,000 in 1998.

The NEC expects to learn shortly whether its appeal will be heard by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, according to NEC director Anne Hunt.

The Summit Hill Association and Highland Area, Lexington-Hamline, Snelling-Hamline and Merriam Park community councils have all recommended that the rebate program be continued.

Rash of burglaries strikes Grand Avenue businesses

A rash of "smash and grab" burglaries was reported on Grand Avenue between December 18 and 28. All told, nine businesses were struck between Cambridge and Chatsworth streets, according to police.

In all instances, the perpetrators gained entrance to the stores in the late evening or early morning by throwing an object through a front window. The items that were stolen include safes, cash registers and merchandise.

The St. Paul Police Department has assigned an investigator to the cases and has also beefed up its night patrols on Grand Avenue. Anyone with information about the recent burglaries is asked to call Sergeant Denny Schutz at 292-3748.

News briefs compiled by Jane McClure and John Wadell.



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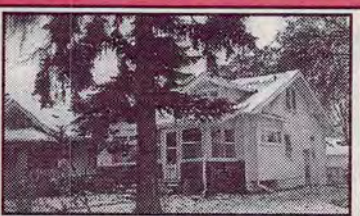
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migrants who had lived in the U.S. for at least five years but were not yet citizens faced having their food stamps and Supplemental Security Income cut off.

—Parents concerned about low academic standards at Highland Park Junior High School asked school officials for more rigorous courses.

February—Ramsey County awarded the contract to construct a second indoor rink adjacent to the Highland Ice Arena. Officials had hoped that the \$2.6 million arena expansion would be completed by the fall, but last-minute design changes pushed the opening back to mid-January.

—Hennepin and Ramsey counties applied for federal funds as part of an ambitious plan to build new transit routes along Hiawatha Avenue in South Minneapolis and the Riverview Corridor in Highland Park. The routes would connect the two downtowns to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and Mall of America.

—The Homecroft/West 7th Street Crew held its first meeting to discuss ways to draw more attention to neighborhood needs in the area south of St. Paul Avenue to Shepard Road.

March—River Bluff Village won the tug-of-war over use of the former fuel tank farm on West 7th Street and Otto Avenue. The city offered Plastics Inc., a downtown plastics manufacturer that also was in the running for the 65-acre site, the option of relocating to an area along Shepard Road.

—A proposal to create uniform parking limits on the eastern end of Grand Avenue and establish a permit parking district was adopted by the Summit Hill Association and Grand Avenue Business Association. Disagreement among Grand Avenue businesses and residents over how the plan should be implemented resulted in it being withdrawn in November.

—A controversial proposal to create bicycle lanes on Mississippi River Boulevard was rolled out again, four years after neighborhood opposition derailed a similar idea.

April—A tour inside Highland Park's 18-million-gallon reservoir turned up no clue as to why it is leaking more than 43,000 gallons a day. Meanwhile, the city paid a Highland Parkway couple \$10,000 to compensate for rising groundwater levels that damaged their property just downhill from the reservoir.

—The Minnesota House of Representatives voted in favor of an amendment to raise the speed limit along the I-35E Parkway in St. Paul from 45 to 55 mph. The amendment did not make it through the Senate, though a provision to increase the speed limit to 70 mph on rural interstates did.

—Rising flood waters forced the closing of the St. Paul Yacht Club, Watergate Marina, Lock and Dam No. 1 and area parks. Flood prevention and cleanup costs in St. Paul alone were estimated at more than \$1 million.

May—Close to 200 people gathered to protest plans to realign Hiawatha Avenue through Minnehaha Park in South Minneapolis.

—Anita Pampusch bid a fond farewell to her 13-year tenure as president of the College of St. Catherine.

—Residents asked the city for a new small area plan and 40-acre study of the Shepard-Davern area. They were especially concerned about rental car and airport parking facilities wanting to make the area their home.

June—The Legislature's regular session ended without resolving questions about K-12 education funding, flood relief for western Minnesota, a sweeping drunk-driving reform package or public funding for a new Minnesota Twins baseball stadium.

—The Ford Bridge Task Force narrowed the list of options from five to two for repairing the 70-year-old span.



Spring flood waters consumed this path at Hidden Falls Park. Photo by Mike Long.

July—Improvements to commercial buildings at Randolph and Snelling avenues and rehabilitation of housing in the Merriam Park and Snelling-Hamline neighborhoods were ranked as the top two projects competing for Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization funds. They were among five area projects approved in November to receive STAR funds.

—Neighbors, business people, city and state officials banded together in hopes of wiping out the growing problem of panhandling near the intersection of I-94 and Snelling Avenue.

August—The St. Paul City Council ended months of debate by approving a plan to paint a southbound bike lane on the west side

of Mississippi River Boulevard, reduce the speed limit from 30 to 25 mph on the street, and impose an 8 mph speed limit on the paved path on the bluff side of the boulevard.

—St. Paul hired 15 additional park rangers to patrol playgrounds plagued by vandalism and theft. Approximately \$90,000 in property damage and thefts from parked vehicles are being reported each month.

—Merriam Park residents made noise about the persistent party house problem in their neighborhood. The University of St. Thomas hired two off-duty officers to patrol the area during weekends.

September—The University of St. Thomas unveiled the largest construction project in its 112-year history with the opening of the \$37 million Frey Science and Engineering Center. By the following month, university officials are busy trying to find ways to quiet neighbors' complaints regarding the center's noisy exhaust fans.

—Friendly Hills became the first of two multimillion-dollar middle schools to open in School District 197.

—The Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommended restriping the street, adding left-turn lanes, imposing a parking ban and making other changes to reduce speeding and truck traffic on Fairview Avenue. Work on the street will begin this spring.

—U.S. Bancorp, the 14th largest bank holding company in the country, signed a 12-year lease to occupy more than half of the vacant Unisys plant on Shepard Road.

October—A one-year development moratorium for the Shepard-Davern area failed, but a pact was reached with the Hertz Corporation regarding its plans to relocate part of its airport car rental operation to Highland Park.

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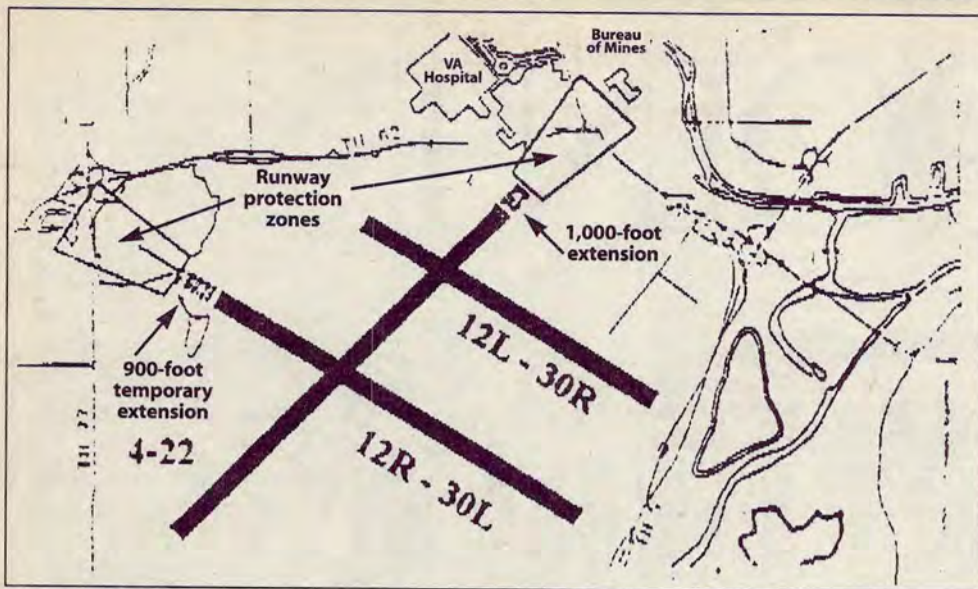
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This diagram shows the location of the proposed runway extensions and runway protection zones at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Airport runway extensions

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flights during construction of a 1,000-foot extension of 4-22. That construction project could start as early as April 1999. Once that work is finished, the Hong Kong flights would be switched to 4-22 and the 12R-30L extension would be discontinued. The rest of 12R-30L would then be rehabilitated.

Area residents fear that extending 4-22 will send more planes over St. Paul neighborhoods. The extension requires the acquisition of 56 acres of federal property and 14 acres of former Bureau of Mines property for a runway protection zone.

"I'm directly in the line of fire from this runway," said Mississippi River Boulevard resident Clyde Illg, "and my neighbors are as well. I don't want to belittle Minneapolis, because they face a much greater noise issue than we do. But St. Paul is also being impacted. We're being impacted very heavily."

"Ironies abound here," said St. Paul Avenue resident John Field. "I used to live in South Minneapolis, but I moved because of air traffic." Fields, whose new home is under the flight path of Runway 4-22, said jets flying overhead are so low that "My son thinks he can kick a football up and hit them."

South Minneapolis residents spoke against both runway extensions. "Noise is stress," said Dean Lindberg. "It needs to be addressed as a serious health and social problem." He also questioned what effect the 4-22 extension would have on Minnehaha Park.

The South Metro Airport Action Council (SMAAC) submitted a petition with 93 signatures opposing both runway extensions. SMAAC board president Dick Saunders said there have been no assurances by MAC to deactivate the temporary extension on 12R-30L after 4-22 is built. SMAAC members also believe that recreational activities at Fort Snelling, Minnehaha Park and on the Mississippi River would be adversely affected by the runway extensions.

Saunders reminded MAC commissioners that they have not yet signed an agreement with Minneapolis and Eagan to not build a

third parallel runway. That agreement, dictated by the Minnesota Legislature, was supposed to be signed a year ago. He also rapped MAC for the low number of quieter Stage III aircraft using the airport and the delays in the sound insulation program in parts of South Minneapolis.

Minneapolis Ward 11 City Council member Dore Mead said city officials are emphatic that the "so-called temporary runway" only be used during the time 4-22 is under construction. Better yet, they would like to see 4-22 extended first before any work is done on 12L-30R.

Minneapolis City Council members also are critical of the environmental assessment that was done on the runway extensions. The council voted unanimously on December 30 to ask MAC to make "substantive changes" to the assessment or complete a full environmental impact statement.

"Not to do a full EIS on these projects is unacceptable," Mead said. "This presents a scary scenario for Minneapolis residents. What if there are delays in the extension of 4-22, or what if it's not built? Runway 12R-30L could become the de facto runway for the long-haul flights."

MAC studied five alternatives, including various plans to lengthen 4-22 at either or both ends, for the runway extensions. It also conducted an environmental assessment, which concluded that the impact would be minimal.

Jennifer Sayre of Northwest Airlines said her company needs longer runways at MSP so it can compete internationally. Northwest started offering flights to Hong Kong in October. The large 747-400 jets the company uses hold up to 418 passengers, but Sayre said Northwest can only seat around 300 people now because the runways at MSP are not long enough for fully loaded takeoffs.

Sayre said Northwest does not plan to increase its scheduled flights to Hong Kong. It currently has about a half a dozen Hong Kong flights per week.

successful re-election bid.

—The Sibley High School girls soccer team capped off its first state tournament berth by taking home the championship title, while the Warrior boys team finished as state runner-up.

December—A proposal to require inspections of all non-homesteaded single-family residences and duplexes in St. Paul was vetoed by the mayor and resulted in a compromise proposal to only inspect rental properties after complaints have been filed against the landlord.

—Property tax decreases by two out of three governing bodies in St. Paul made the annual "truth-in-taxation" hearing the most amicable ever.

Year in review

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—The Minnesota Department of Transportation revealed its plans to replace the aging I-35E bridge that connects Highland Park with Mendota Heights. Four alternatives for a new and larger bridge were outlined in December.

November—The Ayd Mill Road Task Force selected two options for connecting Ayd Mill Road to the interstate. Both alternatives would follow the railroad spur between Pascal Street and Hamline Avenue.

—Residents gave airport officials an earful regarding the doubling of flights over St. Paul neighborhoods.

—St. Paul Norm Coleman topped the \$1 million mark while outspending state Senator Sandy Pappas nearly six-to-one in his suc-

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MICHAEL MISCHKE

Musings on the dawn of a new millennium

And so we slip another year nearer the dawn of a new century—take your pick: 2000 or the numerically correct 2001—that cusp of time whose approach has been heralded historically by all sorts of aberrant behavior by our species.

Or did you think it was mere coincidence that the citizens of California would elect to ban smoking in bars with the New Year's first flick of a Bic? Writing in last Sunday's *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, columnist and KSTP-AM talk show host Joe Soucheray suggested that here in "the State Where Absolutely Nothing Is Allowed," Minnesota's own "sandal-wearing, perfume-free, bottled water-drinking" crowd is now lying in wait until the legislative session starts so they can lead the local charge to snuff out smoking in bars.

What Soucheray may not have known is that our legislators took a politically correct step in that direction during the last session by banning the sale of all tobacco products from all vending machines in all establishments that can be entered by anyone under 18. The law, which took effect on January 1, applies even to the vending machines that by local ordinances must have electronic locks that can only be opened by the owners of those establishments and their employees.

If the purpose of the vending machine ban was indeed to keep smoking materials out of the mouths of minors—an altogether laudable goal—its supporters are guilty of grossly overreaching, treating adults as children, and trampling on the right of the owners of private property to sell to consenting adults what is still a legal product in this country.

Abnormal behavior also turned up in the holiday greetings sent last month to "neighbors and members of the DFL Party" by state Representative Andy Dawkins of St. Paul. In announcing his intention to run for re-election this fall, Dawkins found it incumbent on him to ask for a favor. "I need your help to dispel any rumors that I no longer live in (District 65A)," wrote the husband of state Senator Ellen Anderson, who clearly does not live in the district. "Life is complicated with a new baby and two houses, but I manage to spend just about half my time at 788 Charles Ave. This is no different than how it was before Ellen and I got married. I don't even keep a change of clothes at Ellen's."

Sounds like quite the family man. You don't suppose that Ellen has taken any position yet on Andy's clothing situation, do you?

Anyone who traverses St. Paul neighborhoods knows that the most prominent commercial rooftops and roadside acreage in the city are occupied by billboards. So does Mayor Norm Coleman, presumably, since his campaign committee took advantage of that fact by spending untold sums pushing his candidacy with outdoor advertising during his re-election campaign. And yet the mayor who would be governor sees "no negative impact of (billboards) on the community," according to his December veto letter of an ordinance that would have banned new billboards in the city.

Granted, as a feather in one's political cap, banning billboards is not nearly as sexy as, say, enticing a software firm to town by building it a new taxpayer-supported corporate home, or priming the financial pump for the new headquarters of an insurance company, or luring a professional hockey team to town with the promise of turning over the keys to a largely taxpayer-built arena. With the exception of planting trees, banning billboards is the most graphic thing city government could do to make St. Paul a more attractive place to live. It should be done statewide.

And finally, we have the debate that's just begun (see the story on page 1 and the pro/con editorials on page 7) over whether high school students in St. Paul and Minneapolis should get off the school buses and onto Metro Transit buses. Am I missing something here?

I may be an aging Baby Boomer, but if memory serves, public transit and my own two feet worked just fine to get me and everyone else to school back in the early '70s. (Actually, hitchhiking was the preferred mode of transit then, but times change, as we all know.) Ah, you say that was before the demise of neighborhood schools? All the more reason to get the schools out of the busing business. Education was better when schools still played a role in the life of a neighborhood.



Not a resolution, but a lifelong commitment

by Philip Archer Thomas

Not being particularly religious, I recently attended church for the first time in many years. It was the start of Advent, the time of coming into being. How appropriate, I thought to myself. I was on leave from treatment for alcoholism and had spent the last three months dwelling on how to go about coming into being.

Extended care, as it's called, is about the care of self. Just 12 easy steps for complicated people. Yeah, right. It's a four-month process that most people might dismiss with a mocking, "Get a life!" Well, getting a life is easier said than done. If you ever had a morning when the mirror wanted to talk back and you didn't want to listen, read on.

Serious introspection doesn't come naturally to most people. It certainly doesn't with me. When my self-esteem is on the line, I tend to get a little testy. We're all blessed with defense mechanisms to protect us from emotional onslaught, and denying the obvious is something we do frequently and well. In my case, as long as I continued to avoid the problem, it didn't exist.

On the other hand, it had become increasingly apparent to me that though I was not living in a vacuum, I was creating one. It was sucking in all of those around me—the nearest and dearest first, the others later. Finding the "off" switch required looking for it. That's what treatment is all about. It's like asking NSP to cut off the electricity to your home so you can shut down the machine. A bit drastic, but sometimes necessary.

Intimidating as it may sound, it isn't really. All that's required is honesty.

Now, there's a commodity that's in short supply. An economist will tell you that anything in short supply has increased value. In my case, the value was inestimable. Honesty exists in direct correlation to self-esteem—the less of one, the less of the other. But while honesty is highly regarded at face value, self-esteem is not. Being a personal attribute, self-esteem is less discernible by others.

In treatment, self-esteem is the difference between walking the walk and talking the talk. Treatment is about restoring the self-esteem that has eroded away. To do that we must be honest with ourselves and with our peers, our harshest critics. Forget, if you can, about the counselors. They're trained to make you feel as though you're transparent.

A spiritual workout, like a physical one, initially leaves you sore all over. But in a remarkably short time the soreness

abates and you actually look forward to the next workout. You begin to feel better. The results show.

At one point we were asked to define spirituality. After some discussion we agreed on the following: "A source of inner strength requiring awareness, balance and action, allowing us to feel good about ourselves and part of a greater whole." Taking a close look at ourselves is a tricky business. If we're honest about it, we may not like what we see. We must then take corrective action to maintain a proper balance.

On the other hand, no one's perfect. As mere mortals we suffer from our frailties. Acknowledging that is the key to keeping your balance. Addictive behavior in any form tips that balance.

The study of addictive behavior is relatively new. Upon its founding some 50 years ago, Alcoholics Anonymous formulated an approach for treating "the drinking problem." Twenty years later the American Medical Association recognized alcoholism as a medical disease rather than the result of a degenerate moral condition or a lack of will power. The physiological aspects of the disease are now better understood, but the chemical and neurological interactions that result in addiction and subsequent cravings explain only part of the phenomenon.

Studies over the past 20 years have identified certain pathological patterns in families of alcoholics and other addicts. Family dynamics are at their worst when the afflicted person's increasing isolation leads to the breakdown of relationships. Everyone within the family system eventually becomes part of the problem or part of the solution. It's kind of like being radioactive. I was at the core and the fallout was all around me. The daily damage that was inflicted went unnoticed by me, but it was there nonetheless.

Fortunately, there's a containment procedure. It's called abstinence. For me, that's not a New Year's resolution; it's a lifelong commitment. When I quit hiding the truth from others, I quit hiding it from myself. Taking away the preoccupation with alcohol allows for the honest return of my self-esteem. That, in turn, allows me to restore my relationships and focus my emotional energies there.

Recovery is an ongoing process. Addiction is a relentless foe. I cannot cure my addiction, but I can learn to cope with it. That's the theory anyway. It takes effort, self-discipline and the humility to ask others for help.

I'm networking now as if I were looking for a job. And I guess I am. It's called living life, the most rewarding job of all.

Thomas is a resident of the Summit-Hill neighborhood.

Pro/con: Getting students off school buses and onto public transit

Pro: Health and success of our students is at stake

by state Senator Sandy Pappas

In the summer after each of my daughters finished the 6th grade, I taught them how to use the city bus system. For them, it was a rite of passage into young adulthood, a step toward greater independence. Through her early teens, one of my daughters used the public bus to attend a junior high school across town. Because only a few kids from our neighborhood attended that particular school, the district could not justify sending a chartered school bus. Another daughter took the No. 16 to the University of Minnesota for an advanced math program. My youngest daughter now hops the No. 4 to her favorite coffee house on Snelling Avenue or to an after-school art class at the College of Visual Arts on Selby Avenue.

As working parents, my husband and I were not always able to drive our daughters to the many activities that are available to teens. However, the public bus system gave my daughters the mobility to take advantage of the plentiful opportunities our community provides.

Here are some of the advantages to that approach and responses to the concerns voiced about the legislative mandate to use public buses to transport at least 75 percent of high school students in St. Paul and Minneapolis to and from classes beginning next fall:

- The health and academic success of our teens is at stake. Studies have shown that most teens are chronically sleep-deprived. Having high schools start at 7:30 a.m. and finish at 2:00 p.m. is counterproductive for teens: They cannot learn if they are half asleep. Moving teens onto the public transit system would allow for a more reasonable 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. school schedule. That would give them an extra hour of sleep, which is crucial for academic improvement.
- A later school day reduces the opportunities for teens to get into trouble. Most of us have read the articles reporting that juvenile crime peaks at 3:00 p.m. In addition, a high percentage of teen-age sexual activity occurs in the afternoon before parents arrive home from work.
- It is more cost-effective to take full advantage of the public transit system. Rather than overlapping public and school bus routes, why not fully use what we already have in place? Having one bus system pick up working adults at 7:00 a.m. and teens at 8:00 a.m. is more economical than two separate bus systems.
- Using the public bus provides more mobility and greater flexibility for teens. If students miss a school bus,

they are stuck at home. If they miss a public bus, there will be another one along in 10 or 15 minutes. They may be late, but at least they can still get to class.

• The change will build future ridership for our mass transit system. Young people exposed to public transit are more likely to become adult riders. We cannot build our way out of highway congestion. Riding buses saves on highway costs and reduces air pollution.

• Statistics show that public transit is no more dangerous than school buses. Just as we teach our children how to be safe on our streets and in our homes, we need to teach them how to safely use public transit. Appropriate safeguards must be taken and training will encourage proper bus rider behavior. The continued use of video cameras on public buses and the use of the transit police will further guard our children's safety.

An advisory group is conducting a feasibility study on the student busing plan right now. Its report is due in January.

I know that my children's lives have been enriched because of transportation alternatives. The summer following 6th grade provided a rite of passage that has continued to serve them well.

Editor's note: Sandy Pappas is co-sponsor of the bill requiring the St. Paul and Minneapolis school districts to devise a plan for using public transit to transport high school students.

Con: Student safety would suffer with public transit

by Cricket James

There is a proposal before the Minnesota Legislature to require the St. Paul and Minneapolis school districts to use the Metro Transit bus system to transport at least 75 percent of their high school students. I'm trying hard to understand how this benefits students.

Proponents of the bill refer to the present system as a duplication of services. That would imply a savings to taxpayers under the proposed system. However, estimates show it to be more costly. Minneapolis estimates an added cost of \$342,000, St. Paul as much as \$806,950 more.

These costs could be decreased by changing the school starting times in St. Paul to match those in Minneapolis (8:45-9:00 a.m. for secondary students); however, a change in starting times should not be driven by what is convenient for transportation purposes but by what is best for families and students.

Safety is my biggest concern. Minnesota has hundreds of laws that regulate the transportation of students—from the construction of buses to the behavior of students. Do all of these regulations suddenly go out the window with the change to Metro Transit? It's hard to believe that 6,000 St. Paul students no longer need these protections but the other 40,000 do.

School buses have such safety features as stop arms, amber warning lights, crossing gates, thickly padded surfaces and additional mirrors. School buses are routed so that stops are off major thoroughfares. These are strong, effective safety measures that should be available to all school children.

Discipline is another concern. Currently, discipline on school buses is very controlled, with consequences ranging from meetings with parents, Saturday safety classes and suspensions to loss of transportation privileges. Who will be accountable for discipline on Metro Transit buses?

Students may be vulnerable on the city bus. School buses offer a controlled environment. Non-students are not allowed to ride them. School buildings are strictly monitored to maintain that same kind of control.

I've found myself dealing with the safety concerns of my two daughters more than their educational needs. My kids attended J.J. Hill for elementary school when there were many incidents of gunfire near the school. I was a member of the J.J. Hill Safety Committee and president of the school's parents group for two years. The parents and the community together created safety plans, and the changes started working. That J.J. Hill is a safe place didn't happen by accident. It's because committed staff, parents and community work hard every day to keep it that way. I often wonder what all that time and energy could do when focused on learning.

School choice also would be adversely affected by the proposed change to Metro Transit. In St. Paul, secondary students may apply to the school program that fits their needs and interests. My family lives on the East Side and my youngest daughter attends Humboldt High on the West

Side. Though Humboldt is the best educational choice for my daughter, we would sacrifice that choice rather than send her there on the city bus, possibly lengthening her ride (she catches the school bus at 6:30 a.m. now) and putting her in a place she doesn't feel safe. I believe other families would also opt for a school closer to home.

Community impacts are many. More students will drive to school with the switch to Metro Transit. There is not a high school in St. Paul whose neighbors would welcome more on-street parking. And how will neighborhoods and businesses deal with large numbers of unsupervised teenagers passing through each day? How do the downtowns feel about adding more buses to rush-hour traffic in the morning?

The Minneapolis and St. Paul school districts say that under the proposed system they would only decrease the number of school buses by about 30 since they still must provide service to elementary and junior high students. The shortage of bus drivers is a major problem. Giving them shorter shifts will only make the job less attractive.

I have been an extremely active parent in the public schools for 10 years, serving in parents groups, in the classroom, on district advisory committees, in fund-raising. However, it is as a mom that I say this is a bad idea. I believe it is my role as a parent to choose what is best and what is safe for my child. This plan clearly lacks parental input. I will be standing in front of school boards to list all the reasons why this is not what is best for students and families.

Editor's note: Cricket James serves on the School Transportation Advisory Committee that is studying the feasibility of the proposed school transportation plan.

Twin Cities needs long-range transit options to stem urban sprawl

To the editor:

Michael Mischke, in his December 3 "Misch-Masch" column, is to be commended for calling attention to the transit needs of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Many cities, such as Chicago and Cleveland, provide transit options beyond automobiles and taxicabs for people arriving at their airports. It's hard to beat the approximately \$2.00 fare on the Chicago Transit Authority light-rail line from O'Hare Airport to downtown Chicago. If it's a rush-hour trip, light-rail in Chicago hustles along while the adjoining freeway traffic is bumper to bumper at 5 or 10 mph.

It's important to note that the Riverview Corridor discussion on November 24 did not focus only on light-rail. Presenters have made it clear that transit improvements could be either an exclusive busway or light-rail, perhaps with the busway being built first.

Improved, affordable transportation between downtown St. Paul, the Highland Park and West 7th Street neighborhoods, the airport, the Mall of America and downtown Minneapolis will strengthen St. Paul's position as a competitive metro area. Providing additional transportation options for workers at major job centers, such as the airport, Fort Snelling and Mall of America, can be an added benefit.

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In addition, the development potential of land between downtown St. Paul and the airport can be enhanced by the creation of a transit corridor. Hotels, manufacturing plants and office buildings along this corridor can strengthen St. Paul's commercial-residential property mix.

The Twin Cities, one of the most sprawling metro areas in the United States, needs long-range transit options. We need to get people to their destinations without the excessive generation of greenhouse gases, which continue to plague transportation systems that are overly dependent on the automobile.

Marv McNeff
Highland Park

Vistas of vistas

Editor:

I read with interest the article "Environmentalists say the

city goes too far in clearing vistas along bluff" (December 17 *Villager*). What do you suppose the people on the opposite side of the river think about the clearing that has provided those vistas? Do you suppose that improves their vista? Do you think those who want a vista want to see a clearing on the opposite side of the river? Pretty soon everyone along the river will have a vista of the vista on the other side. Not a very thoughtful analysis by those who wish to have vistas—or by the city that provided them.

Bernard P. Friel
Mendota Heights

Getting what they wished for

To the editor:

Reader John Kaplan says motorists have only themselves to blame for conflicts with bicyclists on Mississippi River Boulevard ("Village Post," December 17). But it was bicycling enthusiasts who demanded their own private lane on the River Boulevard, thereby narrowing the motor vehicle lanes from 30 to 25 feet.

Village Post/see next page

Village Post: River Boulevard bike lane has created unintended hazard/

Without the sweeping action of motorized traffic, their bike lane is now full of winter road grit and debris that make it unsafe and unusable for bikes. The result? Southbound bicyclists are either using the combined path, putting pedestrians at greater risk, or taking their chances in the automobile lanes, which are narrower and thus more dangerous than before.

Be careful what you wish for. You may get it.

Jack P. Maloney
Merriam Park

Dear editor,

Car tires sweep dirt and debris out of traffic lanes. On Mississippi River Boulevard, the car tires used to clean the street almost to the curb. Now the debris remains in the bike lane since motorists generally avoid driving in it.

State law allows bicyclists to avoid surface hazards such as sand and broken glass. So the next time you see a southbound bicyclist on River Boulevard riding well out from the curb to avoid the debris, call your City Council member and thank him for the bike lane that has caused the problem.

John Kaplan
Highland Park

System is to blame, not parents

Dear editor:

I am dismayed and frustrated by yet another slam against people who pay child support. In the December 17 *Villager*, you captioned Jennifer Brown's letter "Better than a deadbeat parent." Please don't reinforce this pejorative label.

We are bombarded with messages these days about the importance of positive parenting and taking a village to raise a child. It's too bad decision-makers and journalists don't remember the rhetoric. Ms. Brown wrote, "The system was created to extract money from people who don't have a sense of responsibility or obligation. It is no wonder that it fails so miserably." Sadly, her blaming attitude is repeated throughout the current child-support system.

I am a working person trying to be a responsible parent, not a sponge to be squeezed for money. I just experienced Ramsey County's changeover to the new computer system, which added another layer of confusion and intimidation to an already messed-up process. From statements that are inaccurate and hard to follow to failing to provide complete and clear guidelines and options, the whole child-support structure consistently depersonalizes non-custodial parents and presumes delinquency.

If all non-custodial parents are treated with the same obstructive, non-responsive and punishing treatment by authorities, can we be surprised when the system fails? I know the system is stretched and deals with truly problematic accounts and individuals. However, a real solution has to recognize and respond positively to, rather than further alienate, committed parents.

Ray Phillips
Macalester-Groveland

A wonderful family

Dear editor,

Roger Barr's short piece of fiction, "The Last Christmas" (*Villager*, December 3), was a sad story, but it made me realize what a wonderful family I have. Instead of crying about things, I remember the weddings, showers and bridal dinners of each of them—John, Michael, Robby and Debbie. I have many pictures from those events and even a dress or two. My hair has since gone to dark brown, but it used to be a sandy color, just like my children and grandchildren.

E. Breon
Highland Park

Sounding off on UST center

To the editor:

Doug Hennes of the University of St. Thomas responded to complaints about the noise problem coming from atop the school's new science and engineering center by saying the "noise is in the ear of the beholder" (*Villager*, December 17).

Have you ever heard a more arrogant statement? I'd be willing to bet he or other St. Thomas officials and U.S. Representative Martin Sabo didn't have that attitude in Washington when they were begging for \$15 million in taxpayers' money to help pay for the project.

I agree with Ulysses S. Grant's belief that church and state should be forever separated. This project should not have been subsidized in the first place.

Andy Cilek
Merriam Park

Bigger isn't necessarily better

To the editor:

Look down any highway these days and beefy sports utility vehicles dominate the roads. More aptly named urban assault vehicles, these heavy wagons have little to do with any known "sport" or any family station wagon from "Leave it to Beaver" days. It is hilarious, nonetheless, to watch the muscled-looking body panels of these suburban tanks as they rumble by on their laughably large tires.

Driven by today's mom with the proverbial car phone surgically welded to her ear, these vehicles always proudly display the macho "4x4" emblem so we, the highway audience, will know the owner retains a certain proficiency in higher math.

If asked why they bought such a car, the owner might reply, "Because I can." If asked about the doubling of gas consumption, the reply might be, "I can afford the gas." If asked about the increases in carbon and sulfur dioxides in the air, the owner would probably say...nothing.

Here's how sport utility vehicle owners can help with air pollution research. Take your vehicle and reroute its exhaust pipe into the interior. Drive until you can't. When revived, repeat the process with a friend's Sentra. Compare the distances traveled.

Remember, you may buy the vehicle and gas, but we all pay for the excessive wastes from your toy.

Paul Paulos
Macalester-Groveland

Busing: State pushes for plan to transport teens on public transit/

about their kids, who they're riding with, what happens if there's a confrontation and where the bus stop is. Plus, school buses can control the traffic around them while they're loading and unloading."

Harold Turnquist, transportation director for the St. Paul Public Schools and another committee member, agreed that school buses offer benefits that public transit does not. "School buses are based on providing service in the neighborhood, off major streets," he said. "Pickup locations are carefully chosen to get the kids away from traffic. Mass transit, on the other hand, is trying to basically maintain

runs down major corridors, picking up the general public."

Both Biernat and Pappas believe transit buses can be as safe as school buses. "We could have separate buses for kids taking the same routes our current school buses take," Biernat said. "We could have the same kind of monitoring system on those buses."

"Metro Transit might have to adapt their routes a little bit to go closer to where kids live," Pappas said, "but I think that would be minor compared to the influx of riders that we'd have, making it a much more viable system."

"I think people's fear of the (public) bus is just prejudice," Pappas said. "Really, how often do you hear about an incident on the bus? It's very, very rare."

Christopher Berg, a St. Paul school bus drivers union steward, is concerned about decreased hours and layoffs for school bus drivers, but he said he is even more worried about safety issues. "Transit buses do not have stop arms," he said. "Duluth currently transports students on public buses and two students have been killed. There has never been a serious injury or death in St. Paul in a school bus loading or unloading."

Minneapolis' and St. Paul's combined 1997-98 public school transportation budget is about \$46 million this year. Though the savings to the school districts have not been calculated, projections indicate that Metro Transit's costs would rise between \$3.4 and \$5.3 million in the first year that the transportation plan would be in effect, according to Metro Transit director of service development Brian Lamb.

"There are markets here that make some sense," Lamb said. "What I'm hoping is that the public reaction will be one of, 'Let's take a look at it,' instead of, 'It can't be done.'"

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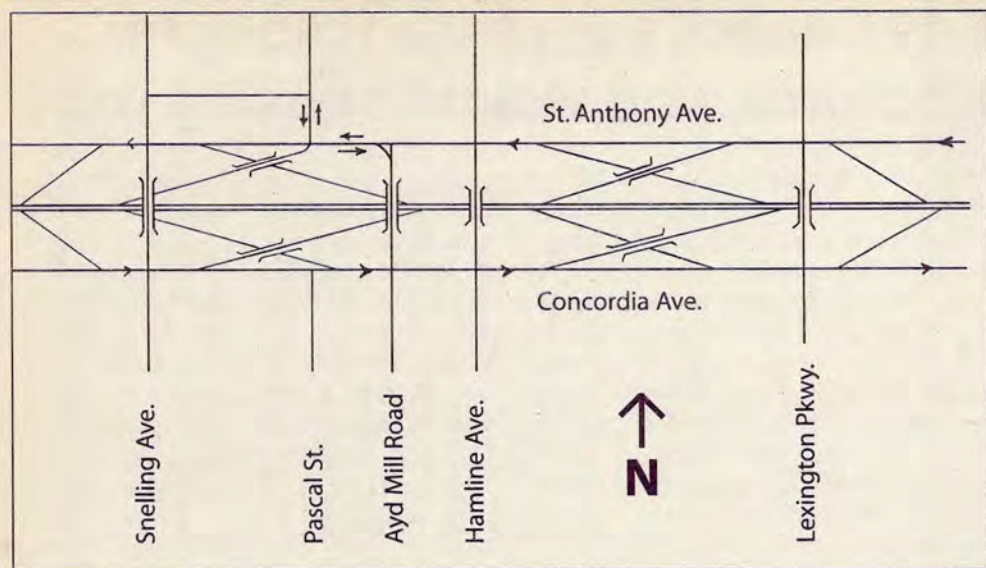

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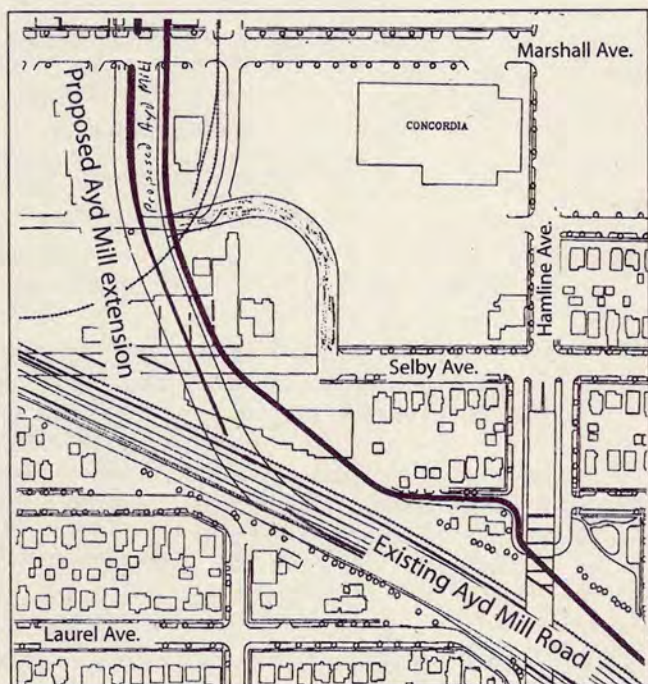
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The state Department of Transportation has suggested a fifth alternative for connecting Ayd Mill Road to Interstate 94. Under this plan, which is still a bit sketchy, Ayd Mill Road would leave its current alignment at about Albert Street (right) and head north to I-94 where it would connect with the frontage roads and new entrance and exit ramps (above). The Pascal Street bridge over I-94 would be torn down and a new Ayd Mill Road bridge would be built over the freeway.



Ayd Mill Road group considers a less elaborate connection to Interstate 94

by Jane McClure

A new option for connecting Ayd Mill Road to I-94—using the existing frontage roads rather than building a new freeway interchange—was introduced at the December meeting of the Ayd Mill Road Task Force.

The new plan was suggested by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). MnDOT, the Metropolitan Council and federal highway officials had raised concerns about the four freeway interchange options reviewed by the task force in October. None of the options meets the minimum federal distance requirement of one mile between freeway interchanges.

A connection via the frontage roads and two new ramps rather than a full-fledged freeway interchange would not require the purchase of as much property, according to Mike Klassen of the St. Paul Department of Public Works. However, the fifth option does raise questions about traffic flow on Ayd Mill Road and neighboring streets, he said.

Charlene Zimmer of Strgar-Roscoe-Fausch (SRF), an engineering firm hired by the city as consultants on the Ayd Mill Road project, said SRF and city staff need to step back and evaluate the frontage road connection more fully. "We have to look carefully at what this would do to traffic on local streets, especially Lexington Parkway and Snelling Avenue," she said. "It could cause problems by pushing traffic back to local streets."

Task force members and area residents in attendance had mixed reactions to the new I-94 connection. Most agreed that the plan merited further study, but John Galatowitsch, a Snelling-Hamline resident, wondered whether it would create a bottleneck on the frontage roads of Concordia and St. Anthony avenues. "I think traffic will be tied up all the way back down Ayd Mill Road," he said.

That question may be cleared up before the task force meets again at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 19, at Concordia University's Gangel-

hoff Center.

Controversy over the connection to I-94 has blocked Ayd Mill Road's completion for more than 30 years. Opponents have objected to the expected increase in traffic on Ayd Mill Road and the loss of commercial and residential property in the Snelling-Hamline neighborhood. In the 1980s, the St. Paul City Council and a previous task force that studied Ayd Mill Road agreed that a connection to I-35E on the south would not be made until the I-94 connection was resolved.

Under the new I-94 connection plan, Ayd Mill Road would be extended north of Selby Avenue along the Albert Street right-of-way, which has never been fully developed. The Pascal Street bridge over I-94 would be removed and a new Ayd Mill Road bridge would be constructed about a block east.

Northbound Ayd Mill Road traffic would access eastbound I-94 via Concordia Avenue and a new entrance ramp at Hamline Avenue, and westbound I-94 via St. Anthony Avenue and a new entrance ramp east of Snelling Avenue.

The Ayd Mill Road extension would be at the same grade as Concordia, St. Anthony and Marshall avenues, but would probably pass beneath the railroad tracks that run alongside the existing stretch of Ayd Mill Road.

Though this option would spare all residential property and some commercial property in Snelling-Hamline, it would affect the Concordia University athletic fields north of Selby Avenue. City officials are discussing the matter with Concordia officials, Klassen said. Local businesses that would be affected by the connection, including National Checking, Snelling Companies, Palda Construction and Corning-Donohue, will be contacted shortly.

The Ayd Mill Road Task Force is expected to recommend an I-94 connection to the St. Paul Planning Commission and City Council this spring. The recommended alternative will then be made part of a detailed environmental impact study.

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City Council adopts sanctions for landlords who violate housing code

by Jane McClure

The owners of non-homesteaded single-family houses and duplexes with property code violations will have to clean up their act under a new policy that was adopted on a 4-3 vote by the St. Paul City Council on December 22. The ordinance, which was presented by council members Jerry Blakey and Mike Harris, requires inspections of rented dwellings of two units or fewer after four substantiated city code complaints have been made against the owner of the property within a 12-month period.

The ordinance faced staunch opposition from council members Bobbi Megard and Dan Bostrom, whose own proposal for the inspection of rented homes and duplexes was vetoed in November by Mayor Norm Coleman. Megard and Bostrom tried unsuccessfully

fully at the December 22 meeting to muster five council votes to override the veto. They were joined by council member Joe Collins in voting against the Blakey-Harris proposal.

"The tragedy is that neighborhoods have to live with problem properties until the housing gets to the condition of the worst of the worst," Bostrom said. "(The Blakey-Harris proposal) falls far short of accomplishing what should be done."

"I'm not particularly pleased with this effort," Megard said. "This doesn't address the problems around the University of St. Thomas."

When work began on the initial certificate of occupancy policy two years ago, the idea was to target homes with housing code violations near St. Thomas. At the time, Megard said she was told by the City Attorney's Office that an ordinance could not legally be based on complaints nor targeted to one geographic area of the city. However, a subsequent opinion from the same office that was given to Blakey and Harris indicated the ordinance could be tied to complaints.

Megard said a complaint-driven policy

could prompt retaliation by disgruntled tenants against their landlords. Similar concerns were raised at a December public hearing by the St. Paul Association of Responsible Landlords and the Minnesota Multi-Family Housing Association.

However, Blakey and Harris said the original policy was far worse. According to them, it would have displaced tenants, resulted in the loss of affordable housing, generated unreasonable expenses for property owners and their tenants, and created another layer of bureaucracy.

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—Jerry Blakey

Under the Blakey-Harris version, landlords who have city code complaints filed against them will be required to apply for certificates of occupancy with the city at a cost of \$225 each. The properties will then have to be brought up to code within a year, at which time the certificates will be issued. If a landlord

does not cooperate with the city, the city will impose sanctions, which may include ordering the tenants to vacate the property.

One year after the certificate is issued, the property will be inspected again. If it meets all building codes, it will no longer require a certificate of occupancy. If problems are found, the certificate will remain in place until they are corrected.

"I think this really does get at the issues we need to address," Blakey said. "I do want us to target the worst of the worst housing."

Harris said the city should be concentrating its efforts on problem properties and should not force all landlords to undergo regular inspections.

Blakey said he is willing to work with St. Thomas officials to see if there is a way to target problem properties around the university. He also plans to consider a suggestion from outgoing council president Dave Thune to require only three complaints against a landlord before the certificate of occupancy requirement kicks in. Blakey said he may bring that change before the new City Council that takes office this month.

State, city officials intend to cut Highland deer population in half

by Kirsten Hornseth

As Highland Park residents continue to complain about deer invading their yards, city and state officials say they will continue to support efforts to thin out the deer herd by trapping and shooting the animals.

Area residents met with representatives from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation and the Highland Area Community Council on December 17 to discuss plans for keeping the deer population in check along the wooded bluffs near Highland Park. The DNR has given the city a permit to trap and kill up to 15 deer in Highland this winter, which would reduce the herd to between 10 and 17. That range, according to DNR urban wildlife management specialist Michelle Doerr, is considered acceptable for the 1.5-square-mile wooded area near West 7th Street and Montreal Avenue where more than two dozen deer are believed to be taking up residence.

"We issue a permit based on information from the past winter," Doerr said. According to her, an aerial count of the herd will again be done after at least 6 inches of snow are on the ground. The snow is needed to provide enough contrast to see the well-camouflaged deer, she said.

The city asked for a DNR permit to take up to 15 deer based on last year's count and an estimate of 16 spring births, said Ed Olson, natural resources manager for the city.

"Last year we did an aerial count and an infrared count and they both came up with nine deer," Olson said. By assuming that a majority of the herd were does and that urban deer typically have twins, Olson placed Highland's deer population at roughly 25. However, that estimate does not consider new deer that may have moved into the area as a result of last spring's flooding at Crosby and Hidden Falls parks.

A deer management plan for the area was developed in 1994 in response to mounting complaints from residents that the animals were damaging trees, ruining gardens and posing a traffic hazard. The Highland Area Community Council, after reviewing the options for controlling the herd, recommended trapping and killing a specified number of deer each year to keep the population in check.

Still, many residents are concerned that the approved population limit is too high, said John Grzybek, chair of the community council's Community Services Committee. "I asked the question at the meeting whether they wanted to wipe out the entire herd," he said, "but the answer was 'no.'"

Highland Area Community COUNCIL CAPSULE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETS

The Highland Area Community Council (HACC) will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 8, in the Community Room of the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The council will discuss a local resident's appeal of a site plan that was approved last November for the Hertz car rental operation near Shepard Road and Davern Street. The St. Paul Planning Commission is scheduled to hear the appeal on Friday, January 9.

HACC's Community Services Committee also will report on its meeting with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation regarding plans for reducing Highland's deer population.

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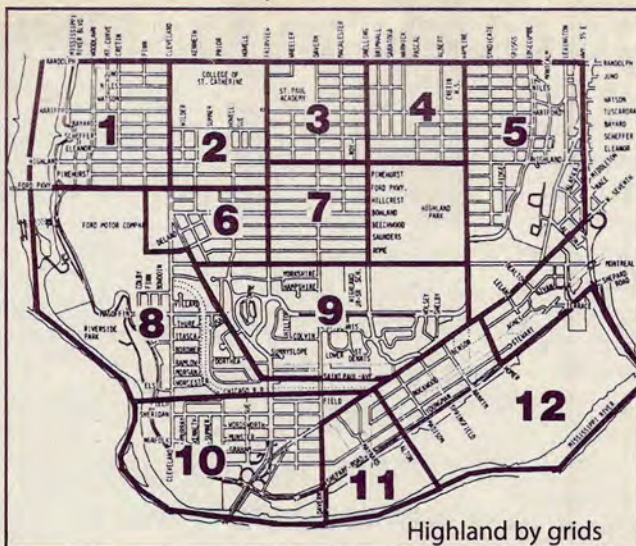
The next meeting of the Shepard Davern Small Area Plan task force will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 20, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. All area residents are invited to attend. For information, call 298-5138.

Snelling-Hamline COUNCIL CAPSULE

BOARD MEETING SET

The Snelling-Hamline Community Council board of directors will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 8, in Room 103 at Liberty State Bank, 176 N. Snelling Ave. Larry Soderholm of the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development will present information on the city's new land-use plan.

The board's Neighborhood Issues Committee has been working with the Merriam Park and Lexington-Hamline community councils to develop a District 13 land-use plan for inclusion in the citywide version. A town meeting on the district's plan will be held in late February or early March. For information, call the Snelling-Hamline office at 644-1085.



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ALBERT STREET BALLFIELDS DISCUSSED

A neighborhood meeting on plans for upgrading the Cretin-Derham Hall ballfields at Hartford Avenue and Albert Street will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 20, at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. The baseball and soccer fields will be available to local youth programs according to a schedule yet to be worked out between officials of Parks and Recreation and Cretin-Derham Hall.

BOARD NOTES

At the Snelling-Hamline board's December 4 meeting, it was reported that the Minnesota Department of Transportation was proposing to build a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) entrance ramp onto eastbound I-94 at Hamline Avenue. However, Ayd Mill Road consultant Biko Associates said the proposal would conflict with most of the proposed designs for connecting Ayd Mill Road to the interstate. The board voted to recommend against advertising for bids for the HOV on-ramp until city and state officials coordinate the project with plans for Ayd Mill Road.

Also at the meeting, the board passed a resolution recommending that the Public Utilities Commission overrule the decision by the Minnesota Department of Public Service to discontinue the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium's insulation rebate program. Board members believe that the program contributes to economic and community development and meets a need for housing improvements in St. Paul.

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The Highland Area Community Council will not be sponsoring a Christmas tree pickup this year. Instead, Christmas trees may be put out with regular household trash. The trees will be processed at the Newport refuse-derived-fuel facility like all household trash.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 8—HACC board meets, 7:00 p.m., Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

January 12—Transportation Committee meets, 7:00 p.m., Hillcrest Recreation Center.

January 19—Curbside recycling pickup.

January 20—Community meeting on the Albert Street ballfields, 6:30 p.m., Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St.

January 20—Meeting of the Shepard Davern Small Area Plan task force, 7:30 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave.

COALITION TO MEET

The Ayd Mill Road Coalition will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 22, at Concordia University's Gangelhoff Center, located at Marshall and Concordia avenues. Current information from the Ayd Mill Road Environmental Impact Study (EIS) will be presented at the meeting.

For more information, call the Snelling-Hamline office at 644-1085.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS SOUGHT

The Snelling-Hamline Community Council is currently seeking neighborhood residents to serve on its Neighborhood Issues and Community Safety committees, and to work on the annual District 13 cleanup day and Urban Garden Gait. Residents also are needed from March to June to serve on subcommittees that will develop recommendations concerning the city of St. Paul's new land-use plan. For more information, call the council office at 644-1085.

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Harris questions large city loan for Midway office building

by Jane McClure

A \$550,000 revolving loan and grant pool, created last month by the St. Paul City Council with proceeds from the city's half-percent sales tax, is already more than half-spent.

The City Council has allocated \$325,650 of that pool to three projects, including \$247,500 to help turn the old K-Mart store at Snelling Avenue and Energy Park Drive into the proposed Snelling Business Park.

The \$225,000 loan and \$22,500 grant awarded to Snelling Properties Limited Liability Corporation will pay for exterior improvements, landscaping and an outdoor sculpture—part of a \$5 million project that involves the purchase and rehabilitation of the 115,000-square-foot structure into an office building.

Mike Harris of Ward 3, who opposed the creation of the \$550,000 loan and grant pool as "just another PED (Department of Planning and Economic Development) program," was the only City Council member to vote against the award to Snelling Properties.

Harris questioned the amount of the loan,

pointing out that it was more than four times the \$50,000 average that had been proposed for the loan program. He also took issue with city sales tax money benefiting Steve Wellington, a partner in Snelling Properties who recently completed a three-year stint as chair of the Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) Board.

The \$550,000 that created the revolving loan and grant fund came from the pot of money that was, and may again be, administered by the STAR Board. The City Council voted in December to remove the \$8.15 million in neighborhood sales tax proceeds collected in 1997 from the competitive STAR process, including the \$550,000 used to create the revolving loan and grant fund. Mayor Norm Coleman had recommended spending the \$8.15 million in

1998 rather than waiting for the year-long STAR process to unfold.

That process, by which businesses, non-profit organizations and other community groups compete for the funds, will continue this year, but for sales tax proceeds collected in 1998.

Pam Wheelock, director of PED, defended the award to Wellington and his partners. "I'd hate to see us penalize people who volunteer on our committees, boards, commissions and task forces by not letting them apply for city funds," she said.

Wheelock and Marie Franchette of PED's Northwest Team conceded that the loan amount was higher than envisioned, but they said the program needs to be flexible to accommodate larger projects. Franchette pointed out that the Snelling Business

Park will pay 5 percent interest on its loan, as compared to the 0 to 2 percent interest rates often paid on STAR loans.

"This is a 12-acre site with no other public financing," Wellington said. "It will bring in 300 new jobs and help the city's property tax base."

Harris also questioned spending STAR proceeds for a sculpture, but Wellington said the addition of the artwork was suggested by the city at the request of the Snelling Avenue Business Association. "This will improve the landing strip in front of my building," he said, referring to the 700-car parking lot adjoining the building.

The rest of the \$550,000 loan and grant pool was divided up as follows:

- A \$46,000 loan and a \$4,650 grant to add office rental space at Energy Park Studios, a video and film production company at 1515 Brewster St. owned by James and Susan Lund.

- A \$27,500 loan for Right Step Academy, a charter school, for improvements to the former retail building that the academy will be leasing on Selby Avenue in the Summit-University neighborhood.

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St. Paul City Council adopts \$382 million budget for 1998

by Jane McClure

The St. Paul City Council put the finishing touches on a 1998 budget of \$382 million on December 17. Highlights of the budget for Villager area residents include:

- \$79,000 to continue the after-school "rec check" program for children that began last fall at Homecroft and other neighborhood recreation centers.
- \$100,000 for weekend maintenance at neighborhood recreation centers.
- \$55,000 for a special projects position in the Division of Parks and Recreation to plan a practice and performance facility in Highland Park for the Circus of the Star youth program and the renovation of the Highland 18-hole Golf Course.
- \$254,935 to expand the hours at libraries across the city, including a new 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. time slot on Sundays at the Merriam Park Library and expanded 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. time slots on Saturdays at both the Highland Park and Merriam Park libraries.
- \$200,000 more for library materials,

bringing the total library materials budget to \$1.8 million, up from \$1.5 million in 1997.

- An additional \$700,000 for snow emergencies. With the city's new policy of plowing streets after 3 rather than 4 inches of snow, the city is expecting six rather than four snow emergencies during the calendar year.
- \$10,000 to start a Living at Home/Block Nurse program in the Summit-University neighborhood with help from the Summit Hill neighborhood.
- \$50,000 for a police officer to work on gun violence prevention and intervention programs.
- \$35,000 to contract with Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services for an attorney to work on fair housing issues.
- Unspecified funds for a new work resource center in the West 7th Street area to provide a variety of services for persons seeking to get off public assistance and into the job market.
- \$100,000 for the new Historic St. Paul Foundation to support historic preservation

efforts throughout the city, but especially in the Summit Avenue West and Historic Hill districts.

- \$250,000 to install computers in police squad cars for more efficient communications. That money will be matched by a federal grant.
- \$82,500 for 18 additional part-time park rangers to provide extra patrols in the summer and fall.
- \$125,000 for the Police Department program that notifies neighbors when a convicted sex offender moves into their area, and an additional \$70,000 that the city and Ramsey County will split for an additional employee to work on the program. The community notification program was mandated by the 1997 state Legislature, but no state money was provided.
- As part of the 1998-99 Long-Range Capital Improvement Budget, \$1.5 million will go to improve Dunning Recreation Center and Toni Stone Stadium; \$40,000 to design an expanded Homecroft Recreation Center, a \$1.711 million project that is

planned for 2000-2001; \$59,000 for Aldine Park improvements; \$95,000 for Iris Park improvements; \$30,000 for a Groveland Recreation Center play area; \$50,000 for the Mississippi River East Bank Regional Trail from Highland to downtown St. Paul; \$100,000 for beautification and safety improvements along West 7th Street in Highland Park; and \$68,000 for rewiring the street lighting on parts of Pinehurst and Hillcrest avenues.

The City Council learned on December 17 that an additional \$407,000 was collected in fire department paramedic fees than originally thought. Mayor Norm Coleman had earlier recommended cutting six vacant firefighter positions, but with the additional money the council restored those positions and put the remaining \$250,000 in the general fund. According to budget director Joe Reid, the city was unaware of the additional fees due to miscommunication between the city and the outside agency that handles the billing.

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Mayoral veto leaves billboard issue for another City Council to consider

by Jane McClure

A proposed moratorium on new billboards in St. Paul was vetoed by Mayor Norm Coleman on December 26.

In his veto letter, Coleman stated that the moratorium adopted by the St. Paul City Council on December 22 was a "significant restraint on business activity." According to him, the city already has a "very strict ordinance" regulating billboards and there is "no evidence of any negative impact" of billboards in the city.

Outgoing council member Bobbi Megard tried unsuccessfully to find enough votes to override the veto at the council's December 30 meeting.

"It's very disappointing," said Megard of the mayor's veto. Megard had introduced the proposal to ban all new billboards in the city beginning January 1. "I can't understand why there'd be such a problem with enacting a moratorium," she said. "The ordinance we have obviously isn't working."

The billboard issue was scheduled to be discussed by the new City Council when it meets January 7.

Megard's proposal was the latest in a 20-year history of efforts to restrict billboards in St. Paul. During her tenure on the council, Megard said she has fielded numerous complaints about the number, size, content and appearance of billboards in the city, which currently number around 1,200.

The city's sign ordinance was last updated in 1988 when new rooftop signs were banned and regulations were set on the size of signs and the distances between them. That ordinance called for non-conforming billboards to eventually be taken down, but it allowed companies that lost billboards to accumulate "sign credits" that could be used to erect new billboards elsewhere within the city limits.

Coleman conceded that the sign credit policy is confusing, but he added that it "has not prevented the overall effectiveness of the sign ordinance from limiting the location and number of new signs that have been erected."

The mayor also cited the city's Business Review Council's opposition to the proposed moratorium as "an overreaction to concerns that have been expressed" about billboards.

Mark Moeller, a Highland Village business owner and Business Review Council member, said the group was basically "opposed to

additional regulation of business." The billboard industry also lobbied vigorously against any further sign restrictions.

Brian Bates, a Macalester-Groveland resident who is active in the Scenic America movement to restrict billboards nationwide, said five areas in St. Paul, including Highland Village and Grand Avenue, have special sign districts or zoning regulations that prohibit new billboards. "I suggest that the entire city is quite special and deserves equal protection," he said. "The fewer billboards in the city, the better off the city is."

For former City Council members Ruby Hunt and Len Levine, the hearing was a bit of déjà vu. They were on opposite sides of the billboard issue two decades ago. At that time, Hunt led the effort to modernize the city's sign requirements, but was unable to muster the votes to ban billboards. Hunt said it is obvious that the city's current sign ordinance—and even the special sign districts—have not been effective.

"I was at Ford and Cleveland today in the heart of Highland Village," Hunt said. "From that corner, you can see 13 billboards, including two oversized ones."

Levine, who appeared at the December 17 council meeting as a lobbyist for Adams Outdoor Advertising, said the city's sign ordinance is already sufficiently restrictive. According to him, billboard companies try to be sensitive to neighborhood concerns and the existing sign ordinance allows for non-conforming billboards to be removed over time.

Billboard company representatives argued that the city's sign ordinance does work and that there is no need for a moratorium. "We've only had eight new billboards in the last four years," said Roy Schrader, general manager of the Universal Outdoor billboard company. "That's a very low number, in my opinion. Our intent is to build our new billboards along the interstates."

Highland Area Community Council president Shawn Bartsh said that allowing billboards to remain in city neighborhoods flies in the face of public and private investments that are being made to revitalize those areas. "There's been a tremendous amount of money committed to improving the Highland area," she said. "Billboards are contrary to those efforts."

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—Ruby Hunt

Tires slashed along Ashland Avenue

by Paul Preimesberger

Sometime in the early morning hours of December 21, the tires of at least eight vehicles in the 1800 block of Ashland Avenue were slashed. Although no one witnessed the crime, the neighbors suspect it was in retaliation for their calling police about a loud party held December 20 in a local home rented by University of St. Thomas students.

The home at 1892 Ashland Ave. has been the focus of a number of police calls for noise violations and delinquent behavior in recent years.

Bonnie Lawrence, a next-door neighbor, had two tires slashed. She said residents on her block are now wary of parking on the street. "Everybody's scrambling to hide their cars," she said. "People are parking their cars over at Macalester, paying for parking in private lots or putting their cars in the garage."

"There have been problems with neighbors and students there for several years," said

Doug Hennes, vice president for university and government relations at St. Thomas. "The neighbors' frustrations are such at this point that they want to see something done. Ideally, they would like the landlord to sell the house and have it be a single-family home."

Hennes plans to meet with the students, their parents and the landlord to discuss the matter. "Our focus needs to be more on the deterioration in the relationship between the students and the neighbors and trying to come to a solution where people can get along a little better," Hennes said. "It's been testy."

City Council member Jay Benanav, who lives two houses down from 1892 Ashland Ave., also had two tires slashed. He said "the neighborhood deserves better" than what they have received from the landlord and his tenants. If St. Thomas cannot come up with a solution, Benanav said, "we'll take the next step. There are laws, I believe, that are being broken. It's a nuisance property. There are ways of dealing with that."



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Kathleen Pfaffinger, a Marshall Avenue resident, and Fran Laufle, a Juliet Avenue resident, have received the HealthPartners' President's Award for outstanding service to that organization. Pfaffinger is a psychotherapist at HealthPartners' University Avenue clinic. Laufle is an employee of Ramsey Clinic's Nursing Home Services.

Teresa Marrow of Merriam Park has been appointed vice president of corporate communications for Norwest Corporation. She had been director of communications for the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development.

O'Neill Grills & O'Neill, a downtown St. Paul law firm, has added two new associates: attorneys **Judith L. Titcomb** of Summit Hill, a 1981 graduate of William Mitchell College of Law and a specialist in governmental relations,

business law and probate; and **Elizabeth I. Goodpaster** of Merriam Park, a 1997 graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School and a specialist in energy and general civil litigation.

Jonathan Eisenthal, a former newspaper reporter and public information officer, has tapped his avocational interest in photography, art and computers to start a new business in his Highland home. With his Collage Studio, Eisenthal offers to take a customer's photographs or other art works and, using a scanner and computer, arrange them in a collage and put the collage on a poster, T-shirt or Web page. "A collage lets you tell the story of generations of a family, show the growing beauty of one person over decades, or capture

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Ideal Picture Frame, 402 S. Snelling Ave., has been purchased by Wayne Ebert, a former picture framing instructor and manager of a commercial framing shop in St. Louis Park. Ebert, who once placed third in a national master framing contest, bought the business from David and Marysue Swanson.

Liberty State Bank, 176 N. Snelling Ave., has promoted the following employees: **Joan Peper** to vice president of customer development

and marketing; **Rita Clysdale** to assistant vice president and manager of customer service; **Shari Armon** to customer service officer; **Susan Kippels** to bookkeeping officer and supervisor of the proof department; **Franklin Tawah** to officer of community education, employment and development; **Carmen Kjome** to credit review officer; **Jacqueline Dullea** to bookkeeping supervisor; **Terri Reiling** to administrative supervisor; and **Luke Mead** to assistant building manager.

Jean Davis of Highland Park has joined the Minneapolis law firm of Gray Plant Mooty. A 1984 graduate of the University of Virginia Law School, she previously was an attorney with Jacobson Harwood & Erickson.

Ebert & Sebastian, a Mendota Heights management consulting firm, has hired **David A. Klumb** as an account manager. Formerly with Bremer Financial Services and AgriBank, Klumb has extensive experience in marketing, auditing, lending and sales. Ebert & Sebastian also promoted **Tracie Bluse Ward** of Mendota Heights to vice president, and **Kathy S. Stadler** of South Minneapolis to account manager.

Melissa Lindsay Parker of Summit Hill, associate director of the Voyageur Outward Bound School, has been appointed executive director of the school in downtown Minneapolis. Lindsay has more than 20 years' experience in management, development and public relations.



Tracie Bluse Ward

She worked for Sara Lee Corporation, United Arts and the Minnesota Private College Council Fund and Research Foundation before joining Voyageur in 1993.

Jeff Cairns of Macalester-Groveland, an attorney with Leonard Street and Deinard in Minneapolis, has been elected chairman of the board of Minnesota Chamber Business Services, a subsidiary of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Talmud Torah of St. Paul, 768 S. Hamline Ave., will hold an open house for its day school from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13. For information, call 698-8807.

The Dodge Nature Center in West St. Paul recently received a \$75,000 grant from the Mardag Foundation to help establish a nature-based preschool and educational building. The program and facility are scheduled to open in the fall of 1999.

The Highland Park Senior High School is accepting nominations for new members to its Hall of Fame through March 15. The Hall of Fame recognizes former Highland students who have been successful in business, industry, education, health, human services, the arts, athletics, government or community service and have contributed to the betterment of others. Those who graduated 10 or more years ago are eligible. For information and nomination forms, call the school at 293-8940.

A College Planning Night for high school students and their parents will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 21, at Highland Park Senior High School, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. The program will include a speech on planning for college by Louise Cummings-Simmons of Hamline University and a presentation on

college financial aid by Cory Piper-Hauswirth of the College of St. Catherine. For information, call Harriet Levine or Peter Holden at 293-8940.

Girls who will be entering grades 9-12 next fall and their families are invited to an open house at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 13, at Convent of the Visitation School in Mendota Heights. For more information, call 683-1707.

An information session on Weekend College at the College of St. Catherine will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, January 10, at St. Kate's. Admission is free. For information, call 690-8828.

St. Paul Community Education's winter catalogue will be mailed out to area residences and be available at St. Paul public libraries beginning this week. Mail and phone registration will begin Wednesday, January 7. Some classes will begin as soon as January 17. For information, call 293-5215.

A new session of English as a Second Language classes will be offered from January 26

to April 20 at the International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como Ave. Daytime classes meet three times a week at a cost of \$140. Evening classes meet twice a week at a cost of \$100. A \$10 discount will be offered to students who register by January 15. Testing is required for new students and will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday, January 12 and 14, and at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, January 13 and 15. The test costs \$15. For information, call Julie Stone at 647-0191.

Classes in the French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish languages will be offered from January 12 to April 6 at the International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como Ave. The cost is \$90 for 12 weekly classes at the beginning, intermediate or advanced levels. For more information or to register, call Julie Stone at 647-0191.

Macalester College senior Gretchen Rohr is one of 32 American college students to be selected Rhodes Scholars for 1998. A political science and communication studies major



Gretchen Rohr

from Billings, Montana, Rohr receives a full scholarship for two years of study at Oxford University in England. She plans to enter the jurisprudence program there, attend law school and specialize in the legal needs of disadvantaged groups. Rohr was president of Macalester's student government last year. She is the ninth Macalester student to be named a Rhodes Scholar since the award was established in 1903, and the second in three years.

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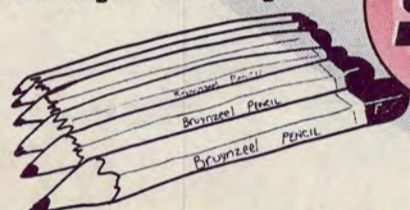
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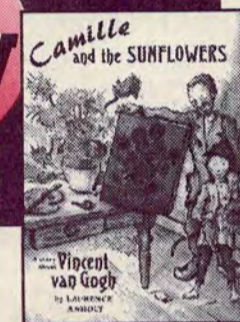
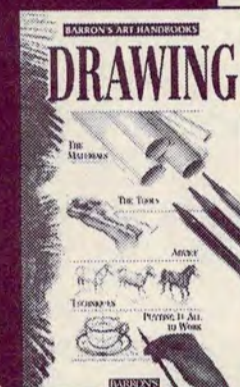
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Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETS

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will next convene at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, at the Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. The council will consider a recommendation by its Transportation Committee that the residential permit parking district surrounding the University of St. Thomas be divided into at least two sections to prevent students living north and east of the campus from parking on streets south and west of the campus.

The community council's Housing and Land Use Committee will consider an application for a change in non-conforming use to allow a beauty salon at 1472 Grand Ave. when it meets at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, at the Edgcombe Recreation Center. The full community council will consider the same matter on January 15.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETS

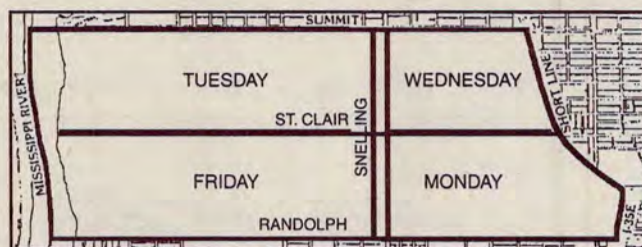
A public informational meeting on the environmental impact statement for Ayd Mill Road, initially scheduled for January 12, has been postponed for at least a month. Instead, the Transportation Committee will update area residents on the city's transportation policy plan and the proposed reconstruction of the I-35E bridge over the Mississippi River. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St.

RECYCLERS CAN EARN PRIZES

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council and its recycling contractor, Eagle Environmental, has launched a year-

long program to encourage recycling. Area residents can win a \$10 gift certificate to a local restaurant just by recycling. In Macalester-Groveland recyclable materials are picked up weekly in four different zones. Each week one household address in each zone will be selected at random. If recyclable materials are set out at that address, that household wins the gift certificate.

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Teams or individuals may enter the contest by paying a

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For more information, call Lee Wallace at 698-7973.

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SENIORS ENLISTED IN CRIME PREVENTION

This spring the community council, in partnership with the St. Paul Police Department, will launch a program to train area seniors in crime prevention. The seniors will be trained in a wide range of crime prevention techniques and then will be asked to lead workshops of their own.

Those who are interested are asked to call Lee Wallace at the Mac-Grove office at 698-7973.

LOTTERY SET FOR GRAND-SNELLING PARKING

A lottery is planned to award three permits for the municipal parking lot on Grand Avenue just east of Snelling Avenue. The lot offers free two-hour parking for the customers of local businesses, but some spaces are reserved for those with permits.

To enter the lottery, contact Karen Tarrant at 698-5506.

JOB CONNECTION HIRING YOUTHS

The community council's Job Connection is seeking area youths interested in making money doing odd jobs for senior citizens in the neighborhood. The minimum pay is \$5.15 an hour with the rate depending on the difficulty of the job and the age of the worker.

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Clare House's first year as AIDS care facility closes in controversy

by Paul Preimesberger

An apparent rift at Clare House, an adult foster care home for people with AIDS, culminated last month with former staff members and volunteers picketing the facility while management and board members were gathered inside for a holiday party.

The Macalester-Groveland home, the only one of its kind in Ramsey County, has seen significant staff and volunteer turnover since opening in early October 1996. Of nine original staff members, five have resigned and another was fired. Several volunteers also have left. Since the December 16 picketing, two more have been told not to come back.

Board president Kathy Hanousek said the picketing was "masterminded by the ex-employees who we've asked to stay away from the house." Clare House executive director Carol Roeller downplayed the turmoil as "a case of disgruntled staff. It happens all the time."

Ex-staff members and volunteers claim that Roeller's heavy-handedness and the business-like mentality of the board led to staff upheaval and the eviction of one of Clare House's original residents, Terry Smith. The picketing was instigated on Smith's last day at the residence.

Smith was handed a notice of eviction on November 18 signed by Roeller and house manager John Moore. Roeller said the reason for Smith's eviction was clear. "His medical needs exceeded our ability to provide for them," she said. "As a foster care home, we could not safely care for him any longer."

Clare House is licensed to serve four AIDS patients at a time. In its first year, Roeller said, the home served four men and three women, ranging in age from 29 to 60. Paid staff and trained volunteers provide daily care for the residents, including cooking, housekeeping, bathing and, if necessary, feeding. Roeller said the residents' own doctors or nurses provide their primary care and establish procedures to be carried out by Clare House staff.

"Adult foster care provides services like a family member would provide to a loved one in their own home," Roeller said. "We've had dozens of volunteers helping to provide those services. At least one-third are from the immediate area, including a lot of students from St. Thomas, St. Catherine and Macalester."

Former care director Susan Neisen, who resigned from Clare House last June, said Smith's needs represent those of the new AIDS patient—someone who is benefiting from protease inhibitors and living longer than before. "Rather than meeting that challenge," she said, "they've squelched it at Clare

House."

Smith, a 44-year-old quadriplegic with AIDS, concurred. "I was supposed to get progressively worse and this new drug has caused me to get better," he said. "They weren't prepared for that."

Roeller steadfastly maintained that Clare House "is not set up to provide medical care and is not set up to provide long-term care."

Nonetheless, Neisen argued that Clare House needs to be more flexible. "We can't operate the way they operated four years ago at (other adult foster care homes for AIDS patients)," she said. "Things are changing. If we're going to meet the needs of these folks, we have to adjust."

There are four other facilities like Clare House in the metro area: Grace House, Samaritan House and Agape House in Minneapolis, and Hope House in Stillwater.

One of the medical needs cited in Smith's eviction letter was that his weight gain, due to improving health and his treatment for diabetes, made it too difficult for staff members to transfer him into and out of bed. Smith said he entered Clare House at 123 pounds and left at 160.

Roeller maintained that because there is only one caregiver at a time at Clare House, transferring Smith became too difficult. To that, Neisen replied, "Then we needed to get a lift. There's no excuse for that."

Another bone of contention between Smith and Clare House's management was a \$200 shower chair that Smith requested. He said the \$1,900 he paid monthly for rent and services should have covered the cost of the chair, which he said was needed to prevent injuries as he got in and out of the shower.

Roeller said that neither Smith's insurance company nor management felt the chair was necessary. "If we felt a resident needed an accommodation, we'd provide it," she said. After a couple of months while they considered his request, Smith said he bought the chair himself.

If Smith could not have afforded it, Hanousek said that Clare House would have purchased the shower chair for him. "We're committed to keeping our residents as safe as possible," she said.

Since his eviction, Smith has been living at City of Lakes nursing home in Minneapolis. He maintains that his complaints about Clare House are not those of a rabble-rouser.

"I just don't want anybody else to have to go through this," he said. "I want the management at Clare House to get their act together and be there for the residents, not for their own grandiose idea about helping AIDS patients."

RELIGIOUS NOTES

The Temple of Aaron Synagogue, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd., will offer the following events in the next two weeks: Introduction to Hebrew at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday in January; a Torah Study at 8:00 p.m. every Wednesday in January; a Sabbath service for parents and young children at 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 9; a Learner's Minyan to develop intellectual and spiritual connections to Sabbath morning prayers at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, January 10; and a Shabbat Lunch and Learn study group after services on Saturday, January 17, (\$5.00 for lunch). For reservations, call 698-8874.

The Reverend Ronald Bowers, vice rector of the St. Paul Seminary, recently received the John R. Roach Award from the Archdiocesan Commission on Women. Bowers was cited for his role in promoting women in parish ministry. The commission also presented **Sister Ansgar Holmberg** of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet with its Mary Kennedy

Lamb Award for her religious artwork that depicts men and women as equals.

A **healing service** will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, January 19, at St. Therese Church, 1928 Norfolk Ave. The Reverend Jerry Grieman of the Highland Catholic Community will preside.

"**Keeping Up With Our Hebrew**," an informal get-together for speakers of Hebrew of all abilities, will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Sundays, January 11 and 25, at the Talmud Torah of St. Paul, located at Hamline Avenue and Highland Parkway. For information, call 698-8807 or 698-5595.

A "**Discovery Seminar**" will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January 18, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The seminar will debunk popular misconceptions about Judaism. The cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 on the day of the program. To register, call 698-0751.

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Sanford Community Education spins a web of winter classes, seminars

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- "Computers for Older Adults" will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 20. (\$12.50)

- "Computer Crash Course" will meet from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on three Thursdays, starting January 22. (\$21.50)

- "Recover from Holiday Spending and Other Financial Mishaps" will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 5. (\$5.00)

- "Finding and Raising the (Nearly) Purrfect Cat" will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, February 5. (\$6.00)

- "Advanced Computer Crash Course" will be held from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on two Thursdays starting February 12. (\$18.50)

- "The Internet: Hands-On Training" will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5. (\$8.50)

- "Surfing the Internet for Seniors" will meet from 9:30 a.m. to noon Friday, March 6. (\$6.75)

- "Doing Research on the Internet" for those 62 and older with some previous experience will be offered from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 6. (\$6.75)

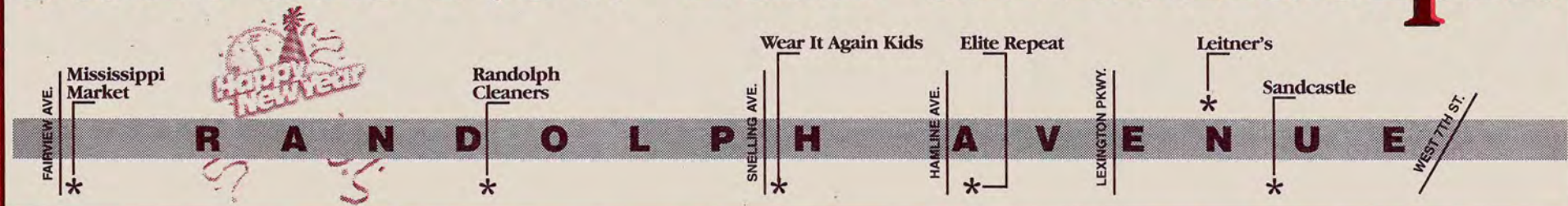
- "Doing Research on the Internet" for people of any age will meet from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12. (\$9.50)

Sanford School's computer lab will be open to area residents between 6:30 and 8:45 p.m. every Tuesday (except during school

breaks) from January 20 through June 2. The lab is outfitted with 30 new Macintosh computers linked to the Internet, Claris Works and other software, a scanner and an ink jet printer. Use of the lab costs \$1.00 per session plus 25 cents per page for printing. The lab fee is waived for Hiawatha, Howe, Longfellow and Cooper neighborhood residents. The lab also is open between 9:00 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on school days by appointment. For details, call Carolyn Townsend at 627-2720.

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1998 HEALTH AND FITNESS GUIDE

If you've resolved to improve your health and fitness this year, here's some expert advice on how best to do it.

Easing the pain

The Life Place helps those who ail meet the challenges of daily living

by Leslie Walters

Holiday shoppers who peeked through the display window of The Life Place in the Mall of America didn't know quite what to make of it. The soothing aromas and calming New Age music drifting through the doorway signaled a refuge from the pre-Christmas hustle and bustle, but the products inside defied easy description.

"Oh, a handicapped store," one shopper said.

"A healing store," another suggested.

"A Christian store" and "the best gift shop in the mall," two others offered.

"Because we're new, shoppers want to classify us right away," said David Robinson, a Macalester-Groveland resident and one of three owners of the new store.

According to co-owner Michele Wells, a nurse and Highland Park resident, The Life Place celebrates the human experiences of illness and recovery, pain and healing, grief and triumph. The store is designed to help the disabled, the aging and the chronically ill

meet the challenges of daily living. Arthritis, diabetes, cancer, stroke, stress, depression and grief are just some of the afflictions the shop attempts to address.

The Life Place's shelves are stocked with knob turners, magnifiers, lap robes and pain-relief wraps. Touch lights, writing aids and hand-free hair driers are displayed beside family games, journals and relaxation tapes. Oversized and weighted silverware is sold along with large-digit and extra loud alarm clocks.

It was Wells and co-owner Michelle Witte, a fund-raising executive for hospitals, health care organizations and other nonprofits, who initially detected a growing need for these kinds of products. With Robinson's help, they conceived of the idea for a service-oriented alternative to traditional suppliers.

"The existing system works well up to a point, but there's a big gap," Wells said. "There are a lot of great services and products out there, but there are also a lot of gatekeepers." The Life Place eliminates the middleman and delivers its products and services directly to



Co-owner David Robinson of Macalester-Groveland shows off Shadow Buddies and other products that are carried at The Life Place, a new store at the Mall of America that caters to the needs of the disabled, aging and chronically ill. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

the consumer, she said.

"How many people do you know who have cancer?" Wells asked. "How many do you know who have an aging parent or a sick child?" The Life Place affirms that reality, she said. "If you can come into a place like the

Mall of America and see all these books, gadgets, comfort items and gifts to ease illness and recovery, that's very reassuring."

The Life Place selects its products with an

The Life Place/see page 22

Collaboration brings domestic abuse intervention into emergency room

by Paul Preimesberger

The emergency room at United Hospital has become more than a place to treat physical injuries. With the help of the St. Paul Domestic Abuse Intervention Project (SPIP), the hospital now provides a safe place where

victims of physical violence can be exposed to services that also serve their emotional well-being.

The hospital, United Family Health Center and United Birth Center have teamed up with the Snelling-Hamline-based SPIP to provide in-person consultations for victims

of domestic violence. The project is being made possible with the aid of a \$1 million, three-year grant from the United Hospital and Allina foundations.

"We chose the SPIP because it's broad-based," said United Hospital emergency room nurse Paulette Groshens. "They've

worked with the police and have good resources with all the Twin Cities shelters."

The hospital was the first of the three groups to take advantage of the SPIP's services. Every patient admitted to the emer-

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Stepping out

Academician takes off on new path to help others walk their way to fitness

by Kate Havelin

Two silver figurines—one doing pull-ups, the other dangling from a bar by her knees—hang from Marilyn Bach's earrings. The whimsical jewelry reflects the Summit Hill resident's sense of humor as well as her passion for fitness.

A year ago Bach became a certified personal trainer—just the latest accomplishment for this mother of three grown children. She holds a Ph.D. in biochemistry and ethics and has won a fellowship to the Brookings Institute.

Now in her 50s, Bach said she is ready to leave behind her career in academic research for a more active profession. Her goal, she said, is "to be a personal trainer for people who can't afford a personal trainer." Since launching Heel to Toe Fitness Walking last February, she has stepped up her one-woman campaign to get people off their couches and onto their feet, walking their way to better health.

Bach prefers walking with groups of clients, either in malls or, when the weather is nice, on scenic trails. "This is how to get fit at low cost, with no equipment to speak of, no health club, no gym fees," she said. However, she cautioned, "you cannot maintain your health and quality of life without some strength training as well."

Bach's fitness regimen, called WalkShaping, combines walking with stretching and strength training. She teaches the technique in community education classes. A new session begins on January 17 at the St. Anthony Park Community Center. She also teaches a class for seniors at Conway Recreation Center on St. Paul's East Side.

Bach will demonstrate her fitness program

at the Women's Expo on January 9 at the Minneapolis Convention Center where she also will be selling her new book, *Six Easy Steps to WalkShaping*.

Bach co-wrote the 100-page book with Lorie Schleck, a physical therapist whom Bach said helped her recover after a medical error during minor surgery in 1995 almost proved fatal. "I almost lost my life," she said. "I certainly lost a lot of muscle tone."

Bach spent much of 1996 in and out of hospitals. Before then, she had always been fit, she said. "I do everything," she said, "walking, running, jogging, weightlifting, skiing." That, she believes, helped her survive the near tragedy. Now, more than two years later, she once again appears fit but, she said, "I haven't had the time to get completely back to where I was before."

In addition to conducting fitness workshops and community education classes, Bach works three-quarters time as a professor at the University of Minnesota. Next year she plans to cut her university teaching to half-time.

Bach said her colleagues in academia have been supportive of her new business career. "My co-workers say I have a Ph.D. in B.S.," she joked.

If she's not a born promoter, Bach said she has always been good at motivating people, and at least two clients, Darlene Kvist and Kay Fitchett, would attest to that. Kvist and Fitchett have been working out with Bach for about a year. Kvist, who owns the Nutritional Weight & Wellness Center on Cleveland Avenue, said Bach provides the motivation and structure to keep her exercising. "For me, it's an inexpensive way to take care of myself," Kvist said.

Bach "gives you a lot of pointers in stretch-



Marilyn Bach, founder of Heel to Toe Fitness Walking and co-author of *Six Easy Steps to WalkShaping*, practices what she preaches during a wintery stroll through Minnehaha Park.

ing, proper walking posture and proper movement," Fitchett said. "Her instruction in stretching helped with a chronic problem I've had with my hip."

Both women said they have benefited from Bach's expertise not to mention her incentives. Bach rewards her clients when they meet their health goals. Her walkers at St. Anthony Park have earned fanny packs, water bottles and cookbooks for getting their heart rates within the target range while working out.

Bach said she's "having a blast" in her new

career, though she admitted it is scary to give up the security of academia for the uncertainty of business. However, she said, "If I were a typical academic, I'd be dead from the narrowness." This decidedly atypical grandmother describes herself as "very itchy, very hyper. I always have to do something to maintain my equanimity."

With a new business and more clients who want help walking their way to fitness, Bach appears to have found a way to keep herself busy—and fit—for life. For information on Bach's upcoming classes, call 290-2604.

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I Resolve, Therefore I Am

For a healthier '98, try making your New Year's goals more manageable

by Neal Bernards

New Year's resolutions aren't my thing. Nor are they most people's, according to statistics from the Marist Institute for Public Opinion. The institute's numbers indicate that only 37 percent of us are "likely" or "very likely" to make New Year's resolutions this year. Of those brave souls who plan to do so, the institute estimates that 19 percent will vow to lose weight, 10 percent to stop smoking and 10 percent to eat healthier.

Well, I'm here to tell you (with apologies to Susan Powder): Stop the madness.

Sure, it's easy to resolve to improve your endomorphic self while staring past a pile of leftover Christmas cookies. It's easy to be resolute as you prod and probe the insulating pounds that now pad you from winter's chill. But you know and I both know it isn't going to last.

How long do you think your glucose intolerance will hold out? Until Passover? Easter? Come on, be realistic. How about Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday?

But don't despair. Despite the fact that the roadways of our lives are littered with the broken promises of self-improvement, all is not lost. As the Marist Institute points out, we're in good company. No one else seems to have any more willpower than you or me. If they did, the world would be smoke-free, fat-free and, save for a daily dose of artery-clearing red wine, alcohol-free.

The trick isn't to avoid New Year's resolutions altogether, but to set your sights so low that you can't help but succeed. Sure, aiming for the stars and settling for less makes for a good story line, but here in the real world we know that the ego boost from actually accomplishing a minor goal far outweighs the satisfaction of settling for, say,

mayor of St. Paul over the governorship of Minnesota. (Hi, Norm!)

A workmate of mine is the embodiment of this down-scaled New Year's resolution philosophy. Every year she vows to give up the same destructive thing that controls her daily life. She resolves to give up her diet.

And she succeeds.

So instead of dedicating yourself to hours of punishment aboard your new NordicTrack, Thigh Master or SoloFlex, commit yourself to a more attainable goal. Instead of resolving to log a Stairmaster climb of Everest in 1998, commit to walking rather than driving to the corner store each time you hanker for a pack of smokes. Or promise to order the fruit tart rather than the crème brûlée the next time you're at Tulips. These types of sacrifices are manageable.

If you're still not convinced, pull out your ancestral photographs. They'll convince you of how absurd our modern New Year's resolutions have become. Certainly our frontier forebears never resolved to lose weight. If anything, they hoped to add fat to their diets. It meant they were doing well.

My granny told us countless times about how much hasenpfeffer she and her seven siblings ate during the Depression, not because they liked rabbit, but because they were plentiful. Losing weight wasn't an issue; surviving was.

Over-exertion only leads to sore muscles, which leads to sloth. Slow and steady wins the race. Static leads to cardiac arrest.

When it comes right down to it, there are only three resolutions that make any sense. They're not revolutionary, magic or new, but they'll greatly improve the quality of your life should you have the wherewithal to abide by them:

Eat less. Exercise more. Enjoy in moderation.

It's as simple as that.

Intervention project

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agency department at United is now screened for domestic abuse. If a patient admits to being abused or a staff member notices abuse symptoms, the SPIP is notified and a volunteer advocate is sent to the hospital. Since the program began operating on November 15, Groshens estimates that advocates from the SPIP have visited the hospital's emergency department at least 30 times.

According to coordinator Rebecca McLane of Merriam Park, working with medical and emergency personnel who treat domestic abuse victims allows the SPIP to reach people who may be too scared to call police. "That's one of the goals of the program," she said. "You've got a chance to talk to them confidentially while they're getting medical attention."

SPIP advocate Migdalia Loyola said being able to talk to victims in the emergency room setting is critical. "The hospital is a public place that everyone has access to," she said. "And at that time, having someone to listen to you and direct you can be a matter of life and death. It could mean the difference between returning to a dangerous situation or seeking alternatives."

Volunteer advocates like Loyola offer a variety of information and support for victims of domestic abuse and can address immediate safety concerns if required. But no matter what the need, McLane said, victims are never pressured into action.

"Maybe they want to file a police report or an order for protection," McLane said, "or maybe they need a shelter. Our role is not to tell them what to do. It's basically to see what

they want and help them do that."

The SPIP's work with the United Family Health Center and United Birth Center consists of the same services. Though the Birth Center may seem an odd place for services regarding domestic violence, McLane said it is a good place to start. "Statistics show domestic violence increases during pregnancy," she said. "That's the reason we got involved there."

The SPIP, which is located at 1509 Marshall Ave., was established in cooperation with the St. Paul City Council, Police Department, City Attorney's Office and Ramsey County District Court. The agency has helped more than 20,000 battered women since its inception in 1984. Its 24-hour crisis line takes more than 2,000 calls annually for support, information and referrals. In addition to working with the medical community, the SPIP has expanded its services over the years to include a Latino outreach program and efforts to help police departments develop domestic abuse manuals for their officers.

To provide these services, the SPIP depends heavily on the help of volunteers. All volunteers receive extensive training and support, McLane said. Advocates are especially needed for the program at United.

"The tricky part of the program is getting people who are available to go down to the hospital at night," she said. "But once they do, it's really a powerful experience to have that one-on-one contact."

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Changing mattress, habits can help chronic sufferers of low back pain

Nearly 80 million Americans will suffer from low back pain sometime during their lives. Most of them have tried everything from exercises to medication to find relief. Now a new study shows that the type of mattress you sleep on could have a significant impact on low back pain.

In a study of chronic low back pain sufferers conducted by the Sleep Fitness Center in Minneapolis, 93 percent of the subjects reported significant relief after sleeping on an air bed with adjustable firmness. Participants in the study slept on an air bed for 28 days, and then returned to sleeping on their own innerspring mattress for 14 days. They recorded their perceptions on pain, sleep quality and overall health when sleeping on the air bed versus their innerspring mattress.

In addition to quality sleep, other basic tips to help avoid back pain include:

- Stand up straight. Pull your abdomen in and keep your shoulders back. Good posture can contribute to a healthy back.
- Jump around. If you must stand up for long periods of time, move around frequently and shift your weight from one foot to another.
- Put your feet up. When sitting for a long period of time, try to slightly elevate one foot on a footrest. This will help flatten the lumbar region and reduce muscle fatigue.
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Whole Foods offers free health classes

Whole Foods Market, 30 S. Fairview Ave., will play host to the following free health programs in the coming weeks:

- "Improve Your Digestive Health" will be taught by Raj Dash of UAS Laboratories from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20.
- "Starting a Flexibility Program" will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21. Roger Erickson of Positive Health Company, 1560 St. Clair Ave., will offer practical tips on stretching, nutrition and rest and will answer questions on cardiovas-

cular and strength training.

• "Balancing Hormones the Natural Way" will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28. Diane Jerome, a chiropractor with Reps Chiropractic Health Services, 1526 Grand Ave., will explain how diet, natural supplements and lifestyle changes can help women regulate their hormones and avoid symptoms associated with menopause, premenstrual syndrome and other conditions.

Reservations are required for these classes by calling Whole Foods at 690-0197.

The Life Place

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eye toward practicality and design, said Robinson, an architectural and landscape designer. Among them are supports and hot and cold wraps for aching or arthritic joints; opening aids for jars, bottles and cans; bath and shower safety devices; medication dispensers; and ergonomic gardening tools. Robinson's own favorites are an elegant black and red reaching tool that is precise enough to pick up a coin, and a simple but elegant Lucite soap holder that rotates and keeps soap from becoming slippery.

The combination of aesthetics and practicality is evident in the layout of the store, a pleasing and easily accessible space created by Robinson, who once designed a park in a suburb of San Francisco with play areas for children with limited physical abilities. The furnishings give customers a variety of places to sit and try out the products. The signs were produced with the visually impaired in mind. A computer prints out a list of products that may answer a customer's specific needs or limitations. A well-stocked library features

the most up-to-date wellness and recovery information.

The owners consider a shopping center the best venue for marketing The Life Place's mix of products and services. "My mother would never go to a public agency for these kinds of products and services," Robinson said. According to him, aging Baby Boomers will probably display the same reticence in securing such help.

"Why should you have to go to a cold, scary, church basement to get these kinds of services?" Wells asked. "This is our new Main Street. You can see the shift happening, starting with the mammography clinic down the hall.

"A lot of people felt we were going against conventional wisdom in opening this store," Wells said. "Americans don't like to be sick. They don't like to die. They don't like to grieve. It's hard sometimes when you're sick to feel cared for or to show caring. The Life Place is a celebration of caring."

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Roger Erickson, owner of Positive Health Company, will give you practical tips on starting a flexibility program, including proper stretching, nutrition and resting.

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Wednesday/January 7

THE SIMPLE LIVING GROUP will meet at 7:00 this evening at Minnehaha United Church of Christ, 4001 S. 38th Ave. Tony Balluss, an author on therapeutic massage, will be the speaker. For information, call 729-7556.

A FREE SUPPORT GROUP for persons caring for, or concerned about, elderly or chronically ill persons will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 beginning this evening and continuing for nine weeks at St. Helena's Church, 3204 E. 43rd St., Minneapolis. To register, call Fairview HealthWise at 672-7272.

Thursday/January 8

THE LONGFELLOW GARDEN CLUB will meet at 7:00 this evening at the Mother Earth Garden Center, 42nd Ave. and 38th St., Minneapolis. Master Gardener Janie Eilers will talk about "Wild Flowers of the North Shore."

A COMPLEAT SCHOLAR CLASS on "U.S. Railroad History from the Beginnings to the Great Crash of 1929" will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening and every Thursday through January 29 at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The cost is \$68. For information or to register, call 624-8880.

A LANDMARK SERIES public affairs forum on "Sustainable Development: Building Stronger Businesses and Communities" will be given by national sustainable design expert William McDonough at 11:30 this morning in Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Landmark Center. The hour-long program is free. There also will be a lunch reception and afternoon working sessions with McDonough and other designers, developers and business owners. The cost is \$40. For information, call 292-3285.

A WORLD WAR II ROUNDTABLE discussion on "Victory on the Rails—The Military Railway System" will be offered at 7:00 this evening in the auditorium at Historic Fort Snelling. For information, call 726-1171.

Friday/January 9

THE FIRST FRIDAY CLUB of the Twin Cities will meet for a luncheon from noon to 1:15 this afternoon at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. William Finney, chief of police in St. Paul, will speak on



Frozen fingers. Colder temps have slowed the flow of water running over Hidden Falls, resulting in a wall of glistening icicles. Photo by Mike Long.

"Safer Streets in the Central Cities." The cost is \$17. To register, call 962-6430.

A NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING class on the ovulation method will be taught at 7:30 this evening in Room 113 of the Murray-Herrick Campus Center at the University of St. Thomas. The class will meet for six months. To register, call 962-6752.

Saturday/January 10

A MODEL RAILROAD AND HOBBY Sale will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today and from noon to 3:00 p.m. tomorrow at Bandana Square. There will be used and new model and toy trains, miniatures, books and magazines plus hobby supplies. For information, call 647-9628.

Sunday/January 11

A "FAMILY HISTORY PROJECT" to learn how to start a genealogy and how to care for family photographs will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 this afternoon at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$7.00 per family, or \$5.00 per family

for JCC members. To register, call 698-0751.

Monday/January 12

A BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE will be given at noon today at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Garneth Peterson, a cultural resource historian and planner, will discuss the growth patterns that resulted in the Twin Cities' diverse area of bluffs, views and water. Admission is free. For details, call 296-6126.

A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 this evening and every Monday evening in the 9th floor conference room at United Hospital, 333 N. Smith Ave. Admission is free. For information, call Chaplain Myers at 220-8889.

Tuesday/January 13

A NEW MOTHERS AND BABIES group will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 this morning at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The topic of the meeting will be infant massage. For information or to register, call 698-0751.

THE 1998 MINNESOTA SPORTSMEN'S Boat, Camping and Vacation Show will take place beginning today and running through Sunday at RiverCentre. Hours will be from 5:00 to 10:30 p.m. today, from noon to 10:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$2.00 for children under 12 and free for preschoolers.

RESOURCES FOR CHILD CARING will offer "Story Magic: Come Play With Me!" a workshop teaching participants the art of finger plays, puppets, songs, flannel board stories and transition ideas, from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening and next Tuesday at the Close to Home Child Care Center, 1457 Grand Ave. To register, call Heather at 641-6613.

Wednesday/January 14

AN ORGANIC GARDENING CLASS on "Planning an Organic Backyard Orchard" will be offered from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Instructor Ken Honl will give hints on planning a home orchard and

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give advice on how to achieve successful yields without chemicals. Admission is free. To register, call 872-3291.

Thursday/January 15

LA LECHE LEAGUE (St. Paul Metro chapter) will meet at 7:00 this evening. The discussion will focus on "The Art of Breastfeeding and Avoiding Difficulties." For meeting location information, call Barb at 645-8516.

Saturday/January 17

AN OPEN HOUSE will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 this afternoon at Bethlehem Covenant Church, 3141 S. 43rd Ave., Minneapolis. Tours will be given so that visitors can see the new child care space, community room, elevator, nursery and the revised library. Refreshments will be provided.

Sunday/January 18

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet at 2:30 this afternoon at 1625 Pinehurst Ave. for a walk around the Highland Park area. Afterwards walkers can meet at Arby's, 654 S. Snelling Ave. For information, call Sally at 699-9697.

AN IRISH SOCIAL EVENING will be held from 7:00 to 11:00 tonight at Kieran's Irish Pub, 330 S. 2nd Ave., Minneapolis. The evening will include music, dance and fellowship and a premiere showing of the Irish television documentary "Graceville." For information, call 227-5090.

A CZECHOSLOVAKIAN DINNER will take place today at the C.S.P.S. Hall, 383 Michigan St. Dinner will include Jaternice sausage, raised bread dumplings with gravy, sauerkraut, rye bread and dessert. The first seating will take place at 12:30 p.m. and the second at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 6-12. For reservations, call 224-6498.

Tuesday/January 20

A CELEBRATION to honor 30 years of service to the community by Model Cities of St. Paul Inc., a neighborhood-based health and outreach project, will take place from 5:00 to 8:00 this evening at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. A light reception will follow. Admission is free. For information, call 296-6126.

A COUPLES COMMUNICATION CLASS will meet from 6:00 to 8:30 beginning this evening and continuing for four Tuesdays at Catholic Charities, 215 Old 6th St. To register, call Lyle at 630-9092.

A FAMILY ISSUES PARENTING GROUP will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The topic of discussion will be positive discipline. The cost is \$12 per person or \$18 per couple. To register, call 698-0751.

"FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL CHOICE," a free program for parents of preschool children, will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Parents will learn about school registration, learning styles, multiple intelligences, school settings and other pertinent information. For information, call 690-1645.

A WORKSHOP on "Breaking Down Barriers, Building New Foundations" will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. There will be a panel discussion with participants telling their stories of struggle and healing from depression, manic depression and schizophrenia and a question-and-answer session. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 698-0751.

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ON THE TOWN

Art shall overcome

Series attempts to bridge the divide between blacks, Jews by exploring prejudice they each have known

by Bob Gilbert

Healing the rift between the African-American and Jewish-American communities is the theme of the play *To Know the Heart of a Stranger*, which opens January 14 at the Jewish Community Center. The same theme serves as the centerpiece of 40 events that will be presented this month and next as part of "Intersecting Rhythms—an African-American and Jewish Cultural Dialogue."

"There's been a rise in anti-Semitism in the black community and a rise in discrimination against blacks in the Jewish community," said Kim Hines, an African-American actress who wrote and directs the play in collaboration with Jewish playwright and actor Harvey Stein.

"What we want to show is that we have many things in common and that maybe we need to go back and mend some fences and reestablish some of the relationships we had in the past," Hines said. "We're hoping that anybody who's harboring prejudice will

begin looking at that and start asking themselves some questions and maybe try to free themselves from the barriers that are keeping them from making a connection to the other group."

To Know the Heart of a Stranger takes its title from the Bible's Book of Exodus. It features a cast of three adults and eight teenagers who through a series of soliloquies and vignettes explore the prejudice the two groups have suffered. The tale of a Holocaust survivor is told not by a Jew but by an African-American. The story of an African-American woman working in the home of a Jewish family is told not by an African-American but by a Jew.

"Intersecting Rhythms" arose from the conviction that art has a special power to help us consider, experience and understand unfamiliar points of view," said Kevin Olson, director of arts and special events at the JCC. According to him, it was Stein who came up with the idea of presenting the play as part of a series of arts events. "When it was discovered that there were several African-American and Jewish art projects in the



Central High School students Gerald Woods, Leora Maccabee (top) and Lasha Tilsen take a break during rehearsal for *To Know the Heart of a Stranger*. Photos by Kristine Heykants.

works, it started making sense to put them together into some sort of umbrella program," Olson said.

The seven-week series of theater, exhibits, dance, music, film and dialogue will open on Sunday, January 11, at the O'Shaughnessy with a keynote speech by civil rights activist Julian Bond, an African-American who is married to a Jewish woman from St. Paul.

The series (see the complete schedule below) is being presented cooperatively by the St. Paul JCC, the Twin Cities Black Film Project, Intermedia Arts and Jewish Community Action.

Nine performances of *To Know the Heart of a Stranger* are scheduled—at the JCC, Intermedia Arts and Central High School—and a discussion will follow each.

"There's a lot of ethnically oriented art in Minnesota, like the Minnesota Jewish Theater, the Penumbra Theater and the Asian Theater company," Stein said. "However, most of the work they do is only about their own people. I think it's time for people to reach out to other people. To me that's truly multiculturalism."

To help the teen-age actors gain a keener

'Intersecting Rhythms'/see page 28

Series opens cultural dialogue between blacks and Jews

Civil rights activist Julian Bond will open a seven-week series entitled "Intersecting Rhythms: An African-American and Jewish Cultural Dialogue" with a keynote speech at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11, at the O'Shaughnessy on the campus of the College of St. Catherine.

The series, which is intended to promote understanding between the two minority groups, will provide a showcase for theater, music, dance, photography, sculpture, film, painting, oral history and poetry at locations across the Twin Cities.

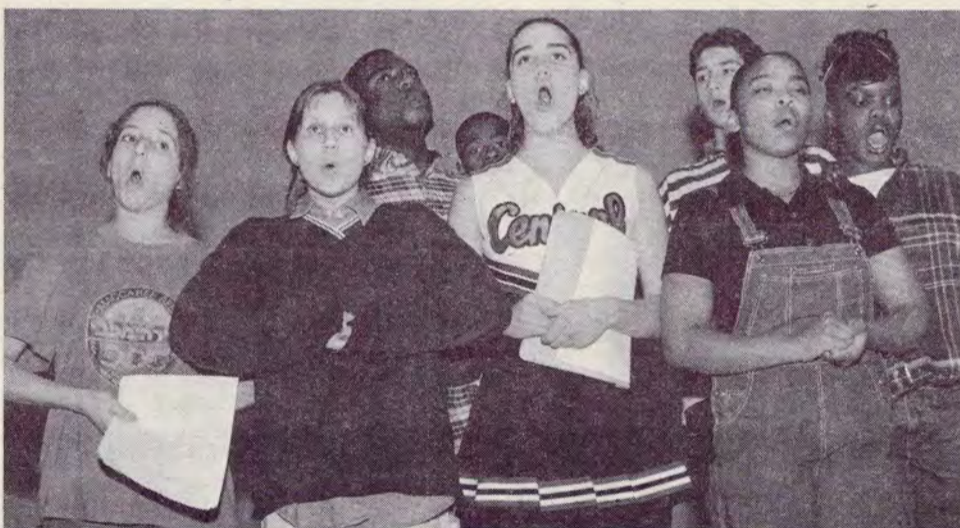
Bond's speech, like many of the series' 40-some events, is free; however, reservations are required by calling 698-0751.

The series will also include the following:

Family Tapestries, an exhibit of photographs of African-American and Jewish families in Minnesota, will open with a reception at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 14, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave., and will continue through February 22. Admission is free.

An exhibit of photographs by Laurence Salzmann of his mixed-race neighborhood in Philadelphia, and sculpture, photography and painting by Jewish and African-American artists from Minnesota, will open with a reception at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, January 15, at Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of February. Admission is free.

To Know the Heart of a Stranger, a new play written and directed by Harvey Stein and Kim Hines (see story above), will be presented in four performances from January



The teen-age cast of *To Know the Heart of a Stranger*, presented as part of "Intersecting Rhythms," rehearses a scene (from left, Leora Maccabee, Louisa Podlich, Gerald Woods, Courtney Richards, Lasha Tilsen, Scott Lyons, Terisha Hollie and Lauren Goods).

14-18 at the JCC, in three performances from January 22-25 at Intermedia Arts, and in two performances on January 29 and 31 at Central High School, 275 N. Lexington Pkwy. Tickets are priced from \$5.00 to \$10.

And the Walls Come Tumblin' Down, a theatrical dance by Mary Easter and Judith Brin Ingber, will be presented in three performances from January 15-18 at Intermedia Arts and in one performance on January 18 at the JCC. Tickets are \$10.

"Bridges and Boundaries", a panel discussion on the historical alliances and more recent tensions between African-Americans and Jews, with Rabbi Barry Cytron, professor August Nimitz and others, will be held at 2:00

p.m. Sunday, February 1, at the Weisman Art Museum, 333 East River Road, Minneapolis. Admission is free.

"Changing the Lens: Jewish and African-American Perspectives in Film" will feature six screenings with a discussion following each. Tickets are \$6.00 for each screening. The schedule includes:

- *Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored* (120 minutes), based on the book by Clifford Taulbert on his coming of age in the segregated South, at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, February 8, at the Grandview Theater, 1830 Grand Ave. A reception will follow at Macalester College.
- *Black to the Promised Land* (75 minutes),

a film by Madeleine Ali about 11 African-American teen-agers who are taken by their Jewish teacher to live on a kibbutz in Israel, at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, at the JCC.

- *The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick* (96 minutes), a humorous yet serious exploration of Judaism, at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, February 15, at the Grandview Theater. A reception will follow at Macalester College.

- *The Hating Pot* (60 minutes), an upbeat documentary that explores prejudice and hatred in the United States with dance, dialogue and songs, at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 16, at Intermedia Arts.

- Two hour-long films—*A Litany for Survival: The Life and Times of Audre Lorde*, the African-American and lesbian poet, teacher and activist; and *In Her Own Time: A Profile of Barbara Myerhoff*, the Jewish anthropologist—at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, at Intermedia Arts.

- Two 40-minute Academy Award-winning documentaries—*Time for Justice*, about the American civil rights movement; and *One Survivor Remembers*, about the Jewish Holocaust—at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, February 21, at the JCC.

"Get Down, Moses!" a concert fusing African-American and Jewish musical traditions, with the Blended Cultures Orchestra and Sankofa, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, February 22, at the Weisman Art Museum. Admission is \$7.00.

A series pass is available for \$50. For more information on individual events or reservations, call the particular locale: the JCC (698-0751), Intermedia Arts (871-4444), or the Weisman Art Museum (625-9494).

Music

The Dubliner Pub, 2162 University Ave., will hold the following concerts from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Thursdays through Saturdays: Todd Menton on January 8-10; and The Tim Malloys on January 15-17. Also The Tim Malloys will perform every Tuesday and Sunday and Trial Ro Crua every Wednesday. There is no cover charge. For information, call 646-5551.

The Minnesota Orchestra will perform a Beethoven Festival at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, at Orchestra Hall and at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 8, at the Ordway Music Theatre. The festival will continue at 8:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, January 12-13, at Orchestra Hall and at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Friday, January 16, at Orchestra Hall and at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, January 17, at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced from \$16.75 to \$51, call 371-5656.

A concert will be given by more than 200 SPA students, teachers and parents at 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 9, at the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced at \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students, call 690-6700.

"Fidelio in Concert," a concert version of *Fidelio*, Beethoven's only opera, will be performed at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, January 9-10, at the Ordway Music Theatre, 345 Washington St. For tickets, priced from \$17 to \$47.50, call 291-1144.

The School of Divinity Chorale will perform the music of Vivaldi, John Rutter, Paul Manz, John Bell, David Hurd and Nansi Carroll at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, January 11, in St. Mary's Chapel at the St. Paul Seminary, 2260 Summit Ave. Admission is free. For information, call 962-5793.

The Music in the Park Series will present the Minneapolis Guitar Quartet at 4:00 p.m. Sun-



A photograph from the 1950s of Chubby's Barber Shop at 6th Street and Lyndale Avenue in Minneapolis—with barber Sylvester "Chubby" Young, Charles Nichols and his son Charles Jr.—will be included in an exhibit on African Americans in Minnesota during the past 100 years, opening Sunday, January 18, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd.

day, January 11, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. For tickets, priced at \$12, call 646-5266.

Sacred harp open singing will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, January 11, at Merriam-Lexington Presbyterian Church, 203 N. Howell St. Those who attend will be able to participate in singing early American, four-part, spiritual folk music. Admission is free. For information, call 642-9118.

Organist James Callahan will perform on the Skinner organs at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, January 11, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. A Mass will follow at 5:00 p.m. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, call 228-1766.

Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg will perform an all-Bach program at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 14, in the Ted Mann Concert Hall on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota, at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 15, and at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 16, at the Ordway Music Theatre, 345 Washington St., and at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, January 17, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. For tickets, priced from \$13.50 to \$37, call 291-1144.

The St. Paul Early Music Series will present "Concerto delle Donne," a concert exploring contrasts and continuity in women's music of 17th-century Italy, at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, January 17, at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 901 Portland Ave. For

tickets, priced at \$15 or \$8.00 for seniors and students, call 647-4903.

The Chamber Music Society of Minnesota will perform at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, January 18, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. They will perform pieces from Walter Piston, Bela Bartok and Johannes Brahms. For tickets, priced at \$15 or \$10 for seniors and students, call 339-2264.

A chamber music concert will be performed by the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 18, at the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced from \$20-\$25, call 291-1144.

Zeitgeist will perform at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, January 18, at the

Southern Theater, 1420 S. Washington Ave., Minneapolis. For tickets, priced at \$12 or \$10 for students and seniors, call 224-7522.

Exhibits

An exhibit of popular prints and engravings from the 19th century is on display at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. The exhibit will be on display from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays until March 28. The cost is \$1.00. For information, call 297-2555.

"Q is for Quilts," an exhibit of 14 quilts donated from across Minnesota and the stories be-

hind them, has opened in the "Minnesota A to Z" exhibit at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. A new set of quilts will be displayed each year until the exhibit closes in 2005. Admission is free. For information, call 296-6126.

"Crossing Borders," an exhibit of pottery, weaving and glass by four artists from northern Minnesota and Canada, has opened at the Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave.

"Manhattan Streets," recent paintings by Matthew Madsen, has opened at Bread & Chocolate, 867 Grand Ave. The exhibit can be viewed between 6:30 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. everyday.

"Material Matters," a group exhibition including both painters and sculptors whose work emphasizes the "process of making," with each artist celebrating the unique, physical properties of the materials they use, has opened in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. The exhibit will remain on view until February 15. For information, call 696-6416.

An exhibit of new paintings by Mark Horton will open with a reception from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, January 10, at Groveland Gallery, 25 Groveland Terrace, Minneapolis. The exhibit will remain on view until February 4. Running concurrently with Horton's exhibit will be "To Dream is to Know," new paintings by Hank Rowan, which will be shown in The Annex. For information, call 377-7800.

"Two Lines and a Circle," new paintings by Shane Hart, will open with a reception from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, January 10, at Beauxmange Fine Art, 684 Smith Ave. The exhibit will run until January 31. For information, call 221-9868.

A **Jerome Artists Exhibition**, featuring the works of five Minnesota ceramic artists, will open with a reception from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, January 16, at the Northern Clay Center, 2424

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"Just one of the Girls," an exhibit featuring 50 black-and-white photos by a dozen young women, will open with a reception from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, January 16, at the St. Paul YWCA, 198 N. Western Ave. The exhibit is the product of two community-based photography projects. Seven girls ages 8-13 (above) from the Portage for Youth enrichment center worked with seasoned female photographers to create photo documentaries of their lives. Five girls ages 16-17 participated in the New Voices program of *The Circle*, a Native American monthly newspaper based in Minneapolis, to learn about journalism, photography and media production (the photo at right is by one of them, Ona Knoxsah, 16). The opening reception also will feature music by Casey Clementson and Jody Curtis and comments by Sheila Wellstone. Admission is free. The exhibit will remain on view until January 31.



E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. The exhibit will remain on view until February 21. For information, call 339-8007.

Theater



Three Rivers Meeting. Jim Stowell's newest work about the search for the meaning of "home" has opened at the Great American History Theatre, 30 E. 10th St. Performances will continue until January 25. There also will be one weekend with performances of *Cuba Si*, showings of two of John Hanson's films featuring Stowell and a celebrity reading of his book *Traveling Light*. For ticket information, call 292-4323.

Theatre in the Round Players will open the comedy *Relatively Speaking* by Alan Ayckbourn on Friday, January 9, at their performance space at 245 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis. Performances will continue at 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 7:00 p.m. Sundays through February 1 (the final performance will be given at 2:00 p.m.). For tickets, priced at \$14, call 333-3010.

Upstart Theatre will perform A.R. Gurney's *Love Letters* at 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, January 13,

20 and 27, at the Bryant-Lake Bowl Theater, 810 W. Lake St., Minneapolis. For tickets, priced at \$10, call 825-8949.

Love! Valour! Compassion! Terrence McNally's humorous and controversial new play, will open Tuesday, January 13, at Park Square Theatre, 408 St. Peter St. The play tells the story of eight gay men, friends and lovers, old, new and prospective, who spend three holiday weekends together at a lakeside cabin. Performances will continue until February 15. For ticket information, call 291-7005.

15 Head, a Theater Lab, will perform *The Lady From the Sea*, an adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's masterwork, at 8:00 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 7:00 p.m. Sundays from January 15 through February 7 in the Red Eye performance space, 15 W. 14th St., Minneapolis. For tickets, priced from \$8.00 to \$15, call 306-2207.

Humboldt High School's drama department will perform *The Butler Did It Singing* at 7:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, January 15-17, in the auditorium at Humboldt Senior High, 30 E. Baker St. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. The Friday evening

performance can be purchased in a package with an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner at a cost of \$9.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students. For tickets, call Jennifer Tesch at 293-8600, ext. 4197.

Mixed Blood Theatre will perform *Dr. King's Dream*, a celebration of the life and career of Dr. Martin Luther King, at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, January 17, in Mixed Blood's historic fire-house theater, 1501 S. 4th St., Minneapolis. For tickets, priced at \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children, call 338-6835.

Ragamala Music and Dance Theater will perform *Return of the Rain Seed* at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 18, in the Anne Simley Theater at Hamline University. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8.00 for children and adults accompanied by children. For reservations, call 824-1968.

"Lifting As We Climb: African-American Women Working for Change," three 15-minute dramatic monologues written by Kim Hines, will be performed at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday, January 18-19, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is free. For information, call 296-6126.

Books



The Hungry Mind Bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted): Heid E. Erdrich will read from her collection of poems *Fishing for Myth* on Friday, January 9; Leslie Adrienne Miller will read from her new book of poems *Yesterday Had a Man In It* at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, January 10; Catherine Liu will read from her new novel *Oriental Girls Desire Romance* on Thursday, January 15; David Bowman will read from his new novel *Bunny Modern* at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, January 17; and Marya Hornbacher will read from her new book *Wasted: A Memoir of Anorexia and Bulimia* on Tuesday, January 20. Admission is free. For details, call 699-0587.

"Poetry in the Afternoon," a program of live poetry readings, will take place from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, January 11, and the second Sunday of every month at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy. Mary Logue will be the reader and high tea also will be served. Admission is free. For information, call 690-9443.

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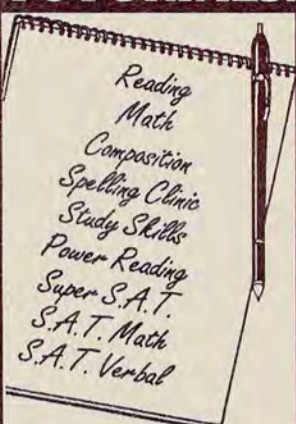


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Family

"The Amazing Castle" exhibit has opened at the Minnesota Children's Museum, 10 W. 7th St. Children can wind their way through the castle and experiment with light and illusion and find their way through a maze to the tower to awake the sleeping giant. The exhibit will remain open until February. For information, call 225-6000.

"Sundays at Landmark," a family-oriented event series, will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays at Landmark Center. Musician Laura MacKenzie and children's author Jim Latimer will present *The Irish Piper*, a musical retelling of the Pied Piper story, as well as other original stories by Jim Latimer, all accompanied by Irish and Scottish music on an array of instruments, on January 11. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children over 6. For information, call 292-3225.

History Hijinx programs for

children ages 3-11 will be offered from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The line-up includes the following: children can make a miniature pair of snowshoes and discover the many ways Minnesotans enjoy the outdoors in winter on January 11; and families can create a memory map to chart the gathering places in their community on January 18. Admission is free. For details, call 296-6126.

Macalester College's African Music Ensemble will perform a series of concerts for children in grades K-12 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, January 13-15, and January 20-22, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. There also will be a performance for the general public at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, January 31. Admission is free. For information, call 696-6382.

Minnesota Dance Theatre will perform Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, as well as Fredric Ashton's *Facade* and *White Swan Lake* Pas de Deux at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, January 18, at the Ordway Music Theatre. A party with dance, music and storytelling will take place at 3:30 p.m. For tickets, priced from \$7.00 to \$19, call 224-4222.

Preschool storytimes for children ages 3-5 will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 20, and will continue on Tuesdays through February 24 at the Merriam Park branch of the St. Paul Public Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. To register, call 292-6624.

Theatre Sans Fil, Canada's premier puppet theatre company, will perform *The Crown of Destiny* at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 20, at the Ordway Music Theatre. There also will be a world party with Scottish music and interactive activities at 5:30 p.m. For tickets, priced from \$7.00 to \$19, call 224-4222.

Dance

The TGIS Singles Social Club will hold the following smoke-free dances at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays (unless otherwise noted): The Originals will provide the music for a dance on January 10 in the Grand Ballroom at the Thunderbird Hotel, 2201 E. 78th St., Bloomington; and Bob and the Beachcombers will provide the music for a dance on January 17 at the Marian KC Hall, 1114 W. 79th St., Bloomington. Admission is \$10 with a \$2.00 discount for those arriving before 9:00

p.m. For more information, call 644-3443.

Film

Welcome to Sarajevo, Michael Winterbottom's film based on true stories from the siege on Sarajevo, will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 8, at Landmark's Lagoon Theater in Minneapolis. A reception at the Calhoun Square Atrium will follow. Proceeds will benefit the Minneapolis-based American Refugee Committee, a nonprofit, humanitarian relief organization that has been assisting Bosnian refugees since 1993. For information, call 872-7060.

"Cinema with Passion" continues with weekend showings at the Riverview Theatre, 3800 S. 42nd Ave., Minneapolis, with the following films: *Killing Me Tenderly* at midnight Friday, January 9, at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 10, and at midnight Saturday, January 17; *Fox Hunter* at midnight Saturday, January 10; and *We're No Bad Guys* at midnight Friday, January 16, and at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 17. Admission is \$5.00. For information, call 349-2549.

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sense of their characters, Hines and Stein educated them about the struggles that have had to be endured by the two ethnic groups. They taught them about the long history of anti-Semitism and the Holocaust in Europe in the 1930s and '40s, and about slavery, the Jim Crow laws and the civil rights movement in the United States.

"I never knew about the Holocaust until now," said one of the actors, Gerald Woods, a senior at Central High School. "I never communicated with any Jewish people before and a lot of

them never mixed with black people before. We're getting to know each other."

Working with the young actors has been rewarding for Stein as well. Teenagers tend to question things more, are more sensitive to hypocrisy and are more outspoken than adults, he said. They taught him a lot.

"The kids brought a fresh perspective to racism," Stein said. "Most adults don't have many friends who are of a different race, but schools are more integrated than the public. They're one

of the few places where people encounter people different from themselves."

One of the things that Jews and African-Americans have in common is their struggle to find a place in American society, Hines said.

"There can be so much healing in a cultural series like this," she said. "We have to take steps in that direction or it's never going to happen. This project is not the final word; it's just the beginning of a process that will continue."

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The good, the bad and the ugly of '97

No memory of last year's sports highlights will retain the crystal clarity of Bobby Thompson's home run in 1951, the USA hockey team's victory in the 1980 Olympics or Kirby Puckett's catch in the 1991 World Series. Still, there were some images from the past 12 months that are worthy of one last look.

Tiger Woods' stunning victory in the Masters had to be the top sports story of the year. He not only lapped the field at Augusta, but forever altered the game of golf.

The Gopher men's march to the Big Ten basketball championship and to the NCAA Final Four was another of those once-in-a-lifetime happenings. We won't see the likes of conference MVP Bobby Jackson again soon.

The Timberwolves also made the playoffs for the first time, with phenom Stephon Marbury making the difference.

However, even champions had their problems last year. The Florida Marlins won the World Series and then promptly dismantled their entire roster. They lost more than \$30 million en route to their champagne celebration. The Chicago Bulls won the NBA title in stirring fashion, but Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman and coach Phil Jackson immediately became embroiled in financial disputes. Green Bay brought the Lombardi Trophy home to Wisconsin, and suddenly the cheeseheads became even more unbearable.

On the downside were Mike Tyson's ear-biting incident, the USA's Ryder Cup disaster, Kevin Garnett's obscene salary squabble, Dennis Green's schizophrenic behavior and the sorry state of the Twins and their stadium.

Personally, I had a great year. I saw the Las Vegas strip for the first time and Tiger Stadium for the last time. I saw Bob Dylan at Midway Stadium and drove past Yogi Berra's boyhood home in St. Louis. I saw the College World Series in Omaha, the annual fireworks convention in Cedar Rapids and the Badlands in South Dakota. I saw my son's IHM-St. Luke's baseball team make the playoffs, and I finally set KSJN-FM on my car radio. I feel like a grownup now.

NO ROOM FOR CRYBABIES, INDEED

If there was indeed a conspiracy among Twin Cities sports columnists, then I feel left out. They never called me.

I never liked Dennis Green—not from the very first. The guy might be a wonderful person. He might even be an excellent football tactician. He might be, but if so, he has concealed those qualities with remarkable success throughout his reign as the Vikings' head coach.

It's somebody else's turn at the helm now.

If there was any doubt about Green's schizophrenic personality, it was removed with the publication of *No Room for Crybabies*, his ludicrous autobiography. The book only confirmed our suspicions about Green. His paranoia puts Mulder and Scully to shame.

The Vikings are in dire need of help beyond a new head coach, however. The defensive backs were roasted, broasted and toasted, especially in the last two months of the season. And I told you from the start that Robert Smith was not the running back needed to compete in the NFL playoffs; he rolled up a pathetic 33 yards in eight carries at San Francisco.

You simply can't win at this level without a ground game. The Vikes need a Jerome Bettis-like bruiser, a fullback who can punish defenders. Tampa Bay turned the corner this year, but not until they added big Purdue fullback Mike Alstott.

WE LOST A GOOD ONE

St. Paul sportswriter Mike Augustin, who died suddenly last month from pancreatic cancer, was the textbook nice guy. He treated high school coaches the same way he treated professional superstars. He put just as much into his work covering a Bethel-Hamline game as he did the Super Bowl. He was perhaps the last of a breed—a sportswriter who truly loved the games he was covering.

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Central-Highland Park-Humboldt goalie Justin Parranto deflects a shot as defensemen Thompson Blodgett and Wes Wilson keep a Sartell forward from the rebound. Parranto notched 24 saves in the Hawks' 5-1 victory December 29.

Saving grace

Goalies redeem two area puck programs

by Tom Cody

Neither the Sibley nor the combined Central-Highland Park-Humboldt hockey teams are strong candidates for next spring's state high school tournament. But because they're both anchored by all-state goalies, they're likely to be competitive in every game that they play this year.

Sibley's Bob Tallarico and CHPH's Justin Parranto have been outstanding for their clubs once again this season.

"It's tough on Justin sometimes," said CHPH coach Jim Munkwitz. "He knows we're not going to score a ton of goals for him, but we know that he's not going to give up a ton either."

Tallarico is in a similar situation at Sibley. "Bob really feels the strain at times," said Warriors coach Scott Reddy. "We've had some trouble scoring, and

he knows he can't give up any weak goals. He's had the team on his back many nights."

Both seniors, Parranto and Tallarico began their careers in the crease at about the same time and for the same reasons. "When I was playing Squirts (at age 8), I figured out that the goalie was the only guy who never came off the ice," Tallarico said. "I took to it immediately."

"I like playing the whole game," Parranto said. "It looked like fun, so (at age 9) they threw me the pads. I like the position because you control the whole flow of the game from the nets."

Parranto and Tallarico met at a summer camp for goalies. There they became familiar with the technical aspects of the position. "They worked hard on our skating," Parranto recalled. "We did three hours a day of power skating to

build up our quickness and endurance. Goalies have to be fast on their feet. They worked really hard on using our hands as well."

"Bob is particularly good with the glove," Reddy said. The Sibley netminder excels at shortstop for his high school's baseball team in the spring, but according to him, "the glove work is totally different in the two sports. In baseball it's all technique and practice, but in hockey it's all reaction. You have no time to think out there."

"Bob sees the puck so well that he makes a lot of those great highlight-film saves," Reddy said. "He also controls his rebounds well. He has kept us in a lot of games that wouldn't have been very close if he hadn't been in the nets. There's a competitive edge to him that's hard to find in kids."

Parranto's strength is his quickness, according to Munkwitz. "Justin commits to shooters very late, (so) they have to make the first move," he said. "He's about 100 percent (save percentage) on first shots. He gets beat on second and third chances sometimes, but he never gives up the easy goal. He has had some truly outstanding games for us over the past three seasons, and he has never had a bad game."

Sibley won just three of its first seven games this season, "but only one was a blowout," Reddy said. "We've lost a few 2-1 or 3-2 games that Tallarico kept us alive in. We only scored nine times in our first six games, then we got eight goals against Willmar. We've had good play from our defensemen (seniors Bryan Smolik, Justin Hop and Tyler Wilsey and sophomore Troy Troje). They're big and they've kept people off Bob for the most part."

"I need the slot cleared," Tallarico

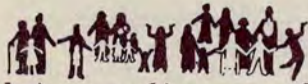


Sibley goalie Bob Tallarico makes one of his 21 saves during the Warriors' 2-1 overtime loss to St. Louis Park January 3. Photos by Mike Long.

Goalies/see next page

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UST's Fritz notches 300th victory

by Bill Wagner

For a guy who used to be unsure about his life's work, Steve Fritz has done fairly well for himself. The University of St. Thomas men's basketball coach, who doubles in brass as the school's athletic director, notched his 300th career victory when the Tommies defeated St. Mary's 77-60 last month at Schoenecker Arena.

"When I first got into coaching, I wasn't sure if it was what I really wanted," said Fritz, who has compiled a 300-160 record in 18 seasons and has led the Tommies to seven conference championships. "But I certainly liked it once I put in some time at it. I'll coach for as long as we have good kids on the team."

Fritz served his college apprenticeship for three years as an assistant to legendary UST coach Tom Feely. According to Fritz, Feely was something of a visionary because of his emphasis on defense and playing a controlled, disciplined game. "He was a man ahead of his time," Fritz said. "He knew how to milk the clock with the four-corner

offense. He also was a coach with great fire, a great desire to win."

Fritz also credits his two high school coaches—Jim Poole of Bloomington Prairie and Orrie Jirele of Rochester Lourdes—with being positive influences on his career choice.

The veteran UST coach has had many outstanding players while with the Tommies. He said the greatest player he ever coached was probably Terry Mikan, a UST star in the 1970s and the son of former Minneapolis Laker George Mikan. "Terry was a 6-foot-5 point guard with great skills," Fritz said.

Fritz attributes much of his success and longevity to the character of the athletes who played for him. "We just haven't had that many discipline problems," he said.

As athletic director, Fritz also has made notable contributions to the university by hiring Mal Scanlan and Dennis Denning, who have helped turn around the school's football and baseball programs. He also was instrumental in getting the women's hockey program up and running at St. Thomas.

SPORTS SHORTS

Instructors are needed to teach downhill or cross country skiing this winter through the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation. Group lessons will be given on Saturdays and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Como Ski Center. Instructors earn from \$7.00 to \$10.50 an hour. For information or an application, call Howard Bell at 266-6415.

Humboldt-St. Paul Hawks players Carrie Wasmundt, Chris Flowers and Hein Le have been named to First Bank All-Tournament adapted soccer teams for 1997.

Volunteers are needed to register skiers and to assist at the finish line at two upcoming cross country ski races: the La La Palooza Loppet at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, January 18, at the Como Golf Course; and the King Boreas Race at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, January 25, at the Phalen Golf Course. For information, call 266-6415.

Turners Gymnastics Center's Level 6 boys team opened its season with a first-place finish at a meet in Forest Lake. The team includes Nick McHenry, who finished 10th on the high bar; Harrison Awe, fifth in the vault; Jacob Butler, first in the vault and high bar, second on the rings and all-around, and third in the floor exercise; Corey McBride, second on the pommel horse; and Ryan Willwer-scheid, seventh on the rings. The Level 5 and Level 6 girls teams from the Turners Center in Mendota Heights placed first at a recent meet at Macalester College. The Level 5 team was led by Rachel Manz, who was first on the

uneven bars; Samantha Howard, first on the balance beam, Emily Mather, second in the floor exercise; Chelsea Frye, second on the uneven bars and second all-around; and Alyssa Phillips, third in the vault. Leading the girls Level 6 team were Elizabeth Skradski, second in the floor exercise and all-around; Kirsten Johnson, second on the uneven bars; Audrey Liquard, second on the balance beam; Nicole Bernard, second in the vault; Laura Hansen, second on the balance beam; Marissa Benthin, second on the uneven bars; Chrissy Phan, second in the floor exercise; Shelby Dixon, second in the vault, uneven bars and all-around; and Jenna Wollemann, second in the floor exercise.

Kate Reiling has been named third team All-America for her play as a midfielder on the Macalester College women's soccer team. A graduate of Cretin-Derham Hall and a sophomore at Mac, Reiling scored five goals and played outstanding defense for the team, which finished 19-2, including 16 shutouts. Teammate Brook Epperson, a senior forward from Jordan, earned first-team All-America honors for the second straight season. Epperson had 12 goals and 18 assists on the season.

Alex King of Mendota Heights recently led her Thompson Academy of Gymnastics Level 5 team to a first-place finish in the state championship meet. King earned a red ribbon with an 8.8 in the vault, 8.75 on the uneven bars, 8.45 on the balance beam and 8.95 in the floor exercise.

Goalies give teams a chance

said. "If the 'D' can keep people off the doorstep, then I'm fine with them. Our guys all played last year, so they know what they're doing."

Parranto feels the same way about the slot. "I can't stand it when somebody gets wide open out front," he said. "The puck gets centered and—boom!—it's over. I always tell my defensemen that the first shot is my problem. The second one is theirs."

Parranto saved an incredible 63 shots in a conference game against Johnson High School last season. He set a league record with 23 saves in the second period alone.

That kind of night "does wear on you physically," Parranto said, "but it's worse mentally. We lost a close one (2-1) to St. Bernard's last week. They outshot us 48-24. I was mentally drained at the end—not because of all the shots, but because we lost."

"It should have been about 8-1," Munkwitz

said in defense of his goalie. "Justin kept us in it all night."

Despite a young lineup, CHPH opened the season with five wins in its first seven games. Munkwitz starts two freshmen, Wes Wilson and Justin's brother Jeff Parranto, and two inexperienced seniors, Thompson Blodgett and Ian Peterschik, as defensemen. The first line—seniors Mike Strom and Elliott Olds and sophomore Andy Norman—has done most of the scoring.

Tallarico now has his sights set on big-time college hockey. "I'm planning to play in the (minor league) USHL for a year," he said. "I'm hoping that the Division I schools will take a look at me after a year in Des Moines or Rochester."

As for Parranto, "We think he's as good a goalie as there is," Munkwitz said. "We're begging (colleges) to take a good look at him. This kid can play."

Cody: Sportswriter Augustin presented life in the best light/

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I met Augie when I began coaching high school sports in 1980. Augustin had the *Pioneer Press* prep beat in those days. In 1983, my Derham Hall basketball team achieved the dubious distinction of blowing a 21-point lead in the state quarterfinals at the old Minneapolis Auditorium. It was Augie who greeted a shell-shocked young coach outside the locker room. He could've lambasted us, but instead he played the next day's story as a heroic comeback for the opposition. It was the wrong story, but that was Augie.

Augustin wrote the best obituaries for the paper, and he always had the perfect anecdote for every wake and funeral he ever attended. He was a keen observer of human behavior, whether from the bleachers on a sunny afternoon or the bar stool in a smoky tavern.

The Twin Cities sports world lost a good one last month.

BASKETBALL'S BETTER

My 10-year-old's hockey career is finished. Brendan has become a basketball player, ending a decade of youth hockey for the Cody clan.

We have no regrets. The folks who run the Edgumbe hockey program are first-rate and we did our stint faithfully with them. But it only took me 20 minutes at Brendan's first basketball game at the Groveland Recreation Center to come up with 20 reasons why basketball is better than hockey:

1. He made a free throw 3½ minutes into his first basketball game. It took him 3½ years to score his first goal.
2. The coaches are not out on the floor during games.
3. There's no icing and no offsides.
4. There are no mothers wearing buttons with their kids' picture on them.
5. There are no ties. They play overtime in basketball and no voice comes over the loudspeaker to throw you out when your hour's up.
6. No one carries a stick.
7. The jerseys are reversible so it's easy to tell who's on whose team.
8. Everyone touches the ball once in a while and nobody has to stand back on defense.
9. I don't have to drive to places like Biff Adams Arena.

10. Games don't start at 6:50 a.m. on Sunday mornings. They start when the civilized world is ready—say noon.
11. Kids don't have to dress like medieval knights.
12. There are no outdoor Winter Carnival basketball tournaments at Conway Playground.
13. You don't stand in snow banks. You sit on chairs.
14. There's no Zamboni machine.
15. The size of the ball and other adjustments are made in basketball to suit the participants.
16. There's no goalie.
17. Brendan can practice the game on his own in the driveway.
18. I don't have to be crammed into over-crowded arena lobbies, struggling to dress my kid in freezing temperatures.
19. I won't have to struggle with the candy machine at the un-Pleasant Arena.
20. I won't have to sharpen Brendan's sneakers.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

• It's time once again for Ball Park Tours' annual Hot Stove Banquet. The 15th annual event will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, January 24, at the Prom Expo Center. Legendary curmudgeon Calvin Griffith will headline the evening. The irascible ex-Twins owner should have plenty to say about the current state of the game. The event will again include ballpark food, a full slate of baseball talk and a charity auction for the benefit of the Midway Little League. WCCO's Pat Kessler will emcee. Tickets are available at the Hungry Mind Bookstore or by calling 227-3437.

• Who are the Twins going to sign next, Satchel Paige? Obviously, this team is at an economic disadvantage when it comes to the free agent market, but did they really need to sign Otis Nixon? The guy is older than dirt. Mike Morgan will be an inning-eater, but he's no spring chicken either. I'd rather see the Twins spend their money on risky young prospects.

• The refurbishing of Williams Arena was well-done. The place still has the "Old Barn" feel, but it's also comfortable and well-lit. The architects were able to maintain the intimacy and the raised floor that gives the Gophers a distinct home-court advantage. Not so across the street. The Gopher pucksters

play in beautiful Mariucci Arena, but the place has no charm. Ever since they moved out of Williams Arena, the hockey team has never really enjoyed a home-ice atmosphere. Obviously, a huge part of the equation is talent—or the lack thereof. Still, I think there's an intangible working against Woog's warriors.

PREP NOTES

• Top gunners among area boys hockey players this season include Ben Jardine of Cretin-Derham (5 goals, 7 assists), Mike Strom of Central-Highland Park-Humboldt (8-1), David Noha of CDH (3-6), Elliott Olds of CHPH (2-6), Austin Hill of Minnehaha Academy (2-6) and Kevin Knapp of CDH (6-2). Top goaltenders are Ethan Keller of St. Thomas Academy (2.73 goals against average), Kris Unise of CDH (3.00), Justin Parranto of CHPH (3.00), Ian Kell of St. Paul Academy (3.00) and Bob Tallarico of Sibley (3.11).

• Leading girls hockey scorers are Kyleen Puffer of the St. Paul Blades (16 goals, 6 assists), Heather Murphy of St. Paul United (15-5), Gina Antonello of Minnehaha (10-5), Katie Strassener of Sibley (9-4), Heidi Smith of Sibley (5-8) and Steph Williams of Minnehaha (5-6). Leading area goalies are Kerry Rollwagen of United (1.43 goals against average), Steffanie Seiler of Sibley (1.46) and Emily Gehrman of Minnehaha (3.98).

• At the head of the class in local girls basketball are Katie Bernabei of Visitation (19.8 points per game), Katrina Reese of Roosevelt (17.3), Duretti Fufa of SPA (16.3), Laura Haugen of Highland (16.0), Maureen Smith of Visitation (15.0), Natalie Roedler of CDH (14.5), Kate Townley of CDH (13.5), Steph Scott of Minnehaha (13.2), Emily Troupe of Minnehaha (13.2), Jackie Bye of CDH (12.5) and Kristin Johnson of Sibley (12.4).

• Top scorers in local boys hoops are Thaddeus Fly of Roosevelt (19.3 points per game), Jabari Barner of CDH (17.7), Peter Kiedrowski of Minnehaha (16.7), John Breneman of Minnehaha (16.3), Ben Pearson of STA (16.3), Dean Greenwood of CDH (16.0), Mark Wingo of Highland (15.4), Lewis Freeman of Highland (15.2), Zach Neren of SPA (13.0) and Andy Carter of Central (12.5).

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the new name in St. Paul real estate in '98

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Located in the Highland Bank Building

2100 Ford Pkwy.



English Country Mansion

6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 4 fireplaces, third floor suite with full bath, hardwood floors, lots of fabulous woodwork. Large, private lot, needs some updating, priced to sell!

696-0874 \$269,000



John Otteson



1746 Colvin

Beautiful executive home in a wooded setting is fantastic! Includes 3 BRs, 3 baths, master suite Jacuzzi, skylights, 2 fireplaces and more! Call today for more information!

696-0865



Bob Boland



Premiere Offering!

1824 Dayton. Stately 5+ bedroom 3-story. Handsome woodwork, hardwood floors, 4 porches, 4 baths, private 3-room apartment. Huge 3rd floor. Newer mechanicals.

696-0855 \$229,900



Bob Reidell



Great Starter

Sharp 2+ bedroom home close to Hamline and new parks. Features include natural woodwork, hardwood floors and a lower level amusement room.

647-9965 \$74,900



Scott Brownlee

Happy New Year!!!

I am happy to announce my new association with ReMax Crossroads, Inc. I am proud to use my 23 years of experience serving my clients, customers and friends.



Mitch Fink
696-0888

All the Best in 98!

ReMax Crossroads welcomes Mark Wiebusch and his 17 years of sales experience to our Highland Office. Looking forward to working with you!



Mark Wiebusch
696-0859



Desnoyer Park Area

589 Cromwell. Sparkling 1-1/2 story — move right into this 2-bedroom home. Gleaming hardwood floors, fresh neutral decor, spacious eat-in kitchen with appliances.

696-0855 \$93,500



Bob Reidell



10 Minutes to Highland

Dynamic and contemporary home on choice Eagan cul-de-sac. New maintenance-free exterior, large deck overlooks private wooded lot. Includes hot tub!

696-0846 \$184,000



Lynn O'Hara Ritter



Majestic Mansion

546 Marshall Ave. — Ramsey Hill neighborhood. 6 BRs, 5 baths, 8 fireplaces, 4,400 sq. ft., double lot with perennial gardens, Capitol Hill school, historic integrity. Smashing!

222-5541 \$345,000



Kate McGuire



Merriam Park Duplex

1813 Dayton. Many improvements here! Two new furnaces, new roof, plumbing, baths, and kitchens, updated electric, beautiful finished lower level, great rental history!!

696-0855 \$129,500



Bob Reidell



Just Listed!!

2197 Selby. Shadow Falls location. Charming 3-bedroom stucco 2-story. Gleaming wood floors, fresh neutral decor, fireplace, sunroom, private back yard, early possession.

696-0855 \$133,900



Bob Reidell



Spacious 5-BR Merriam Pk.

4 BRs on one level + 3rd floor MBR with 3/4 bath, spacious kitchen, hardwood floors, leaded glass, 2+ car garage, over 2,300 sq. ft. finished. Only blocks from River Rd.

696-0851 \$199,900



Bob Doffing



Move In Today

Darling home with loads of charm. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, small office. Cozy fireplace. Fresh paint throughout. Don't delay! Your new house is ready now.

696-0858 \$148,900



Hendrie Grant



Merriam Park Classic

1641 Laurel. Beautifully restored 2-story. Stunning woodwork, large open foyer, hardwood floors, new carpet, 2nd floor BRs, eat-in kitchen new bathrooms. Exceptional cond.!

696-0855 \$159,900



Bob Reidell



West St. Paul Rambler

Spacious and perfection are the words to describe this 3-BR, 2-bath home on a quiet street. New appliances, L-shape DR/LR, hardwood floors, professionally finished LL.

696-0872 \$135,000



Randy Brown



Premiere Offering!

1510 Mississippi River Blvd. Outstanding views! Impressive 3-BR ramblers beautifully maintained & decorated. New kitchen, gleaming wood floors, gorgeous landscaping.

696-0855 \$237,500



Bob Reidell



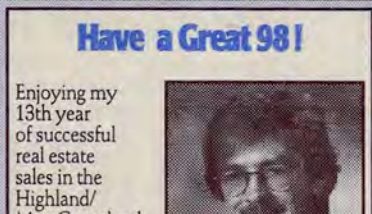
Beyond Compare!

This beautiful, soft, contemporary was built to make the most of light. It has all of the amenities of a new home and the advantage of being located in Highland.

696-0857 \$499,500



Liz Flynn



Have a Great 98!

Enjoying my 13th year of successful real estate sales in the Highland/Mac-Groveland area. Feel free to call me at 696-0867.



Jon Stromme
696-0867



Ten Unit Apartment Bldg.

Newer apt. building with one 3-BR for owner occupant. Near Minnehaha Creek. 4600 Chicago Ave. S.

Jim Swift 646-9060 or Gloria Smith 699-4269.



Gloria Smith



Great Duplex New List

Unit 1: 3 BRs, hardwood floors, built-in buffet, large 3-season porch, great woodwork. Unit 2 Up: 2 BRs, kitchen, LR, DR, deck. Brick & aluminum siding, 2-car garage. Fireplace.

696-0851 \$94,900



Bob Doffing



Affordable at \$92,500!

Wonderful Mac-Groveland neighborhood! Great expansion possibilities, 2-car garage, large back yard, office/den in lower level and two porches to enjoy our summer months!

696-0876



Cathy Smithknecht



Duplex \$44,900

Clean 1+ BR up and down, hardwood floor in kitchen up, fenced yard, 1+ car garage. Good rents, great investment or owner occupy. Call about this or other duplex possibilities.

696-0856



Beth Johnson



W. St. Paul Duplex

\$144,900. Beautiful side-by-side duplex, quiet street, backyard overlooks wooded area. Spacious rooms, hardwood floors throughout. Property like new. Many updates.

696-0842



Chris Heine



Just Listed!!

1966 Laurel. Stunning woodwork and hardwood floors. 4 BRs, 2 baths (master BR bath), large newer kitchen, 2 porches, new mechanics, double garage, fenced back yard!

696-0855



Bob Reidell



Just Listed

Start the new year off in this lovely home. Highlights include hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, 2-car garage, fenced yard, updated bath, three bedrooms, great location.

696-0857 \$114,500



Liz Flynn



Mendota Heights Acreage

A private world of splendid luxury awaits you in this 7-BR/4-bath ramblers on 3+ heavily wooded acres! Walls of glass! 3 fireplaces! Over 4,400 sq. ft. finished!

405-5240 \$375,000



John Herman



Back on the Market

Historic Summit Avenue mansion with 3rd-floor apt. Needs your finishing touches. 623 Summit Ave.

Jim Swift 646-9060 or Gloria Smith 699-4269



Jim Swift



1341 Edgerton St.

Look what your money will buy elsewhere! Charming Arts & Crafts bungalow. Mint! Beautiful woodwork. Brick fireplace. 3 BRs, piano room, attic, sun porch. Don't wait!

646-2100 \$79,900



Beth Richardson



Ten Unit Conversion

Located near the Minneapolis Art Institute. \$120's or make offer. 2429 1st Ave. S.

Jim Swift 646-9060 or Gloria Smith 699-4269



Gloria Smith



Excellent Eagan Location

Almost new 2-bedroom townhouse with fireplace. \$80's. Walk to shopping and restaurants. 1918 Kyle Way.

Jim Swift 646-9060 or Gloria Smith 699-4269