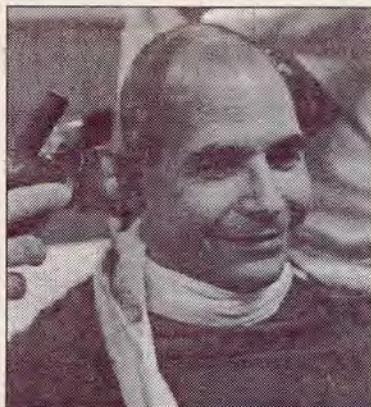




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He kept his word, not his hair.

The Reverend Mike Papesh kept his promise to have his head shaved after Holy Spirit students made good on their pledge-taking by raising more than \$44,950 during this fall's Marathon for Non-Public Education. Above, Aaron Daily and Jim Burt shear the pastor's locks during a school assembly on October 15. Below is the finished result. Science teacher Maggie Hoody also had her head shaved, but did so in the privacy of her homeroom. Photos by Michael Dvorak.

Neighbors consider possible changes in land use along Hiawatha Corridor

Opinions aired during discussion of light-rail stations

by Molly McBeath

The Metropolitan Council on October 10 held the first of two neighborhood workshops on the design of the stations along the proposed Hiawatha Light Rail Transitway in South Minneapolis. About 130 area residents and business people attended the workshop, which also addressed potential new land uses around each of the stations.

Local officials are under the gun to meet the deadline for federal funding. "One of the federal requirements is that the process involve broad community input," said David Schmidt, a Nokomis neighborhood resident and member of the Light Rail Community Advisory Committee.

The Metropolitan Council needs to assure the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that local funds are available for part of the project and that land uses along the 12.2-mile corridor will be compatible. If the money is approved, the federal government will pay half of the \$446 million cost of the light-rail line connecting downtown Minneapolis, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and the Mall of America. The transitway could open as early as 2003.

A report on the Hiawatha Corridor will be

delivered in November to the FTA, which will rank the proposal before sending it on to Congress in February. The FTA's recommendations will largely determine which of more than 190 transit projects nationwide receive federal funding. Proposals will also be judged by how they improve a region's overall transit network, cost efficiency, the potential for reducing air pollution, travel-time savings and whether they promote convenient, affordable housing.

Nineteen stations are planned along the light-rail line, including those at Lake Street, 38th Street, 46th Street and the VA Medical Center. An additional station is being considered for 50th or 52nd Street to serve Minnehaha Park.

Neighborhood residents attending the workshop were generally opposed to any major changes in land uses along the Hiawatha Avenue line. "Development should be for the benefit of the neighborhood, not the commuters," said Louis Hoffman, a Keewaydin neighborhood resident and member of the Hiawatha Corridor Citizens Advisory Committee. Hoffman guessed that the FTA would like to see developments that are denser than

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Chamber favors connecting Ayd Mill Road to freeways

by Jane McClure

Even though a study of options for Ayd Mill Road will not be released until later this year, one organization that is involved in the study has already announced its preferred alternative.

The Midway Chamber of Commerce wants Ayd Mill Road to be rebuilt as an "attractively landscaped parkway" with a direct connection to I-35E on the south and an indirect

connection to I-94 on the north. The chamber board, which represents about 360 businesses in the Midway, did not indicate a preference for two lanes or four.

"We wanted to get our position out there to make people aware of the crucial need our businesses have for access to and from the south," said Eileen Watters, the Midway Chamber's director.

The lack of an efficient connection to the southern metropolitan area has been a long-

standing problem for Midway area businesses, according to chamber president John Mohr. "We see our recommendation as a compromise between the extremes of building a park as some have advocated and turning the road into a full-fledged, high-speed, high-traffic freeway," Mohr said. "Our recommendation recognizes the need to balance the legitimate concerns of nearby residents with the very real needs of the greater Midway area, which accounts for about a third of all

jobs in St. Paul and nearly 25 percent of the city's commercial-industrial property tax base."

The chamber opposes construction of any freeway-style interchanges at the north end, which have already been ruled out by the Ayd Mill Road Task Force. The chamber instead prefers an indirect connection to I-94 that would allow northbound traffic to fan out

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Airport runway extensions remain on MAC's agenda

by Jane McClure

Despite the suspension of the Northwest Airlines flights they are intended to serve, the extensions of two runways at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport have been recommended by a committee of the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC).

If the plan is approved by MAC later this month, crosswind Runway 4-22 will be extended in two years from 11,000 to 12,000 feet to accommodate fully loaded flights to Asia. The south parallel runway will be extended next year to accommodate those flights until the 4-22

project is completed.

The extra 1,000 feet will be added to the St. Paul end of the Runway 4-22, which sends planes over St. Paul and Bloomington. The project will cost MAC \$4.2 million. Temporarily extending the south parallel runway will cost \$2.5 million.

The Northwest flights that would use the extended runways have been using MSP for years, but without a full load. Those flights were indefinitely suspended in September due to the downturn in the Asian economy.

The suspension of the flights prompted some members of MAC and

airport noise activists to question why the runway extensions should proceed. In September, MAC commissioner Steve Cramer of South Minneapolis persuaded other commissioners to postpone action on the runway extensions until more was known about Northwest's plans.

However, MAC commissioner John Himle of Bloomington said, "I'm convinced that we ought to proceed. Being able to offer international flights is needed so that Minneapolis-St. Paul International (MSP) can continue to be a

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Pasqual's restaurant and deli move onto Grand Avenue

Pasqual's Salsaria and Southwestern Deli will open a new 55-seat restaurant this week in the storefronts formerly occupied by the Curry Leaf Deli and Cafe Ceylon at Grand Avenue and Syndicate Street.

The St. Paul City Council on October 7 granted restaurant, on-sale malt (strong beer), catering and food vehicle licenses to Pasqual's on the condition that the restaurant close no later than 10:00 p.m., that garbage and recyclable material not be picked up before 7:00 a.m. and that deliveries be restricted to the Grand Avenue side of the building. The conditions had been recommended by the Macalester-Groveland Community Council.

Tim Gilfoil serves as the president and chief executive officer of Pasqual's, which has operated similar restaurants for many years in Minneapolis' Uptown area, Edina and Madison, Wisconsin.

At a public hearing in September, concerns were raised about parking in the area south of Pasqual's and truck traffic down Syndicate Street. No additional parking is required by city code with the switch in restaurants. Pasqual's manager, Tim Healy, said that none of his current employees owns a motor vehicle, so they will not be parking in the area.

NEWS BRIEFLY

City Council seeks comments on St. Paul's housing plan

The St. Paul City Council voted on October 7 to hold a public hearing on the city's proposed housing plan, but not until after wrangling over how comments on the plan should be sought.

Council member Jerry Blakey wanted to create a citizens advisory committee on housing issues and postpone submission of the plan to the Metropolitan Council until late next year. Council member Chris Coleman wanted the council to undertake its own study of housing issues, with a completion date of April 1999. Council member Jay Benanav asked to delay submission of the plan until April and continue working with the Planning Commission on housing issues.

After much debate, the council agreed to delay submission of the plan until April and have a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on housing issues in December.

The housing plan, which is part of the city's comprehensive land-use plan, was originally

due at the Metropolitan Council by year's end. It is to become part of the regional plan designed to limit suburban growth and concentrate housing development and job creation in the center cities.

Highlights of the plan include maintaining the city's existing 117,000 housing units and providing an additional 6,000 homes by 2020. The plan calls for constructing 300 to 400 new housing units per year over the next 10 years, with more than half of them in and around downtown.

The city has estimated that there is room for 800 new housing units in the Summit Hill, Macalester-Groveland, Highland Park, Merriam Park, Snelling-Hamline, Summit-University and West 7th Street neighborhoods. That includes 300 homes that the city believes can be provided through remodeling existing homes to provide accessory apartments. The new apartments would be allowed in homes of 2,000 or more square feet.

City planner Nancy Homans said one of the biggest challenges the plan faces is providing affordable housing. As federal funding has been eliminated over the last few years,

there are fewer incentives for developers to build such housing, she said.

City nixes business rezoning for Grand Avenue residence

A house at 1488 Grand Ave. will remain a home as the result of a St. Paul City Council decision on October 14 to deny rezoning the property for business use. The rezoning request had also been rejected by the Planning Commission.

Don Frable and Steve Winover had sought to rezone the property from RM-2 to B2-C. The partners planned to sell the property for use as an insurance office with a residence on the second floor.

Frable and Winover did not attend either of the public hearings, but they did meet with more than a dozen neighbors in August to outline their plans. Most of the neighbors called or wrote to the city opposing the rezoning. City staff recommended denying the rezoning because it was inconsistent with local land-use plans and represented spot rezoning.

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council did not act on the request because it did not meet in August.

News briefs compiled by Jane McClure.

Chamber favors connecting Ayd Mill Road to freeway system

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from Ayd Mill Road in several directions, including north along Pascal Street to University Avenue.

The chamber's recommendation was made earlier than city staff would have liked, according to Mike Klassen of the St. Paul Department of Public Works. City staff had suggested that groups represented on the task force wait until after a public hearing to state their preferences.

However, several area organizations have indicated that they want to present their preferences at the public hearing, which will be held before the St. Paul City Council and Planning Commission in January or February.

Watters said the chamber made its recommendation early to offset support for replacing Ayd Mill Road with a park. The park, which is one of six Ayd Mill Road alternatives still on the table, has been promoted of late by the citizens group Neighborhoods First! Although Neighborhoods First! does not have a seat on the task force, a few task force members belong to the group.

The Midway Chamber's recommendation

draws on several of the six Ayd Mill Road alternatives that are included in the first draft of an environmental impact statement (EIS) for Ayd Mill Road. The six options include:

- "No build," leaving the road as is with no connections to the freeway system.
- A park to replace the roadway.
- A two-lane road with a direct connection to I-35E and an indirect connection to I-94 by extending Ayd Mill Road to St. Anthony Avenue along the railroad tracks between Hamline Avenue and Pascal Street.
- A four-lane road with a direct connection to I-35E and an indirect connection to I-94 via existing frontage roads and ramps. Ayd Mill Road would be extended to St. Anthony along the railroad tracks. One lane in each direction could be designated for high-occupancy vehicles.
- A four-lane road with a direct connection to I-35E and an indirect connection to I-94 via the frontage roads and new bridged ramps. One lane in each direction could be designated for high-occupancy vehicles.
- Transportation system management-travel demand management, incorporating

such controls as ramp meters, turn lanes, greater accommodation for buses, traffic-signal pre-emption and electronic signs.

Several district councils will address the Ayd Mill Road options at meetings in the coming weeks.

The Snelling-Hamline Community Council is inviting neighborhood residents and business people to vote on the matter following a discussion at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 22, at Bethel Christian Fellowship, 1466 Portland Ave.

The Merriam Park Community Council will discuss Ayd Mill Road alternatives at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 9, and Wednesday, November 11, at the Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave. The full council will vote on its preferred alternative on November 11.

The Lexington-Hamline Community Council will hold a public hearing on Ayd Mill Road at its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, October 26, in Buetow Auditorium at Concordia University.

The Macalester-Groveland, Summit Hill, Highland, West 7th and Summit-University

district councils have not announced when they will discuss Ayd Mill Road.

The Ayd Mill Road Task Force completed its review of the first draft of the Ayd Mill Road EIS on October 5. Task force members will meet in November to review and approve the final draft of the EIS executive summary.

Most task force members said they think the EIS is basically fair and represents the work of the group. However, several organizations have complained of a bias in the EIS for "build" alternatives and a lack of information distinguishing the two-lane from the four-lane alternatives.

Once the EIS is completed, it will be reviewed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration. When those agencies sign off, it will be sent to the St. Paul Planning Commission and City Council, which will release the report to the public.

Following the public hearing before the City Council and Planning Commission, the task force will make its recommendation to the City Council, which will then decide which alternatives to include in the final EIS.

CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH CARE

Irritated Nerves Can Be A Pain In The Neck

Pain extending from the back of the neck, usually on one side, to the shoulder and arm is among the most frequent of conditions treated in chiropractic offices. Patients with this condition often also complain of numbness and tingling in the lower arm and hand with a sense of muscle weakness. Major attention is given to identifying the causes of each patient's problems so that the most effective treatment approach can be applied.

This painful condition occurs when certain nerves which originate in the neck portion of the spine and lead to the arm are subjected to pressure or are otherwise irritated. This pressure or irritation is nearly always caused by some problem involving the cervical spine where the nerves originate.

What are the most common causes of neck and arm pain?

- Abnormalities in the position or mobility of vertebrae;

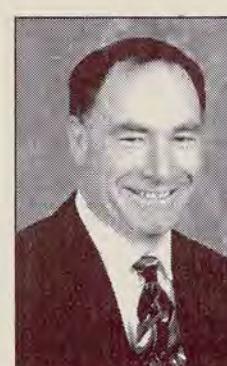
- Spinal disc protrusions;
- Spinal joint strain or sprain;
- Arthritis or joint inflammation;
- Muscle spasm at the side of the neck.

Fortunately, there is help for most neck and arm pain problems. Chiropractic physicians will take the patient's health history, perform a physical exam and take X-rays (if indicated) to help in identifying the cause of the patient's problem. Appropriate remedial measures are then undertaken.

What are the measures generally taken?

- Corrective spine care;
- Instruction in proper use of upper spine;
- Chiropractic physiotherapy;
- A well-planned program of appropriate exercise.

Additionally, doctors of chiropractic refer to and work in cooperation with all other health care providers when indicated for patients' conditions.



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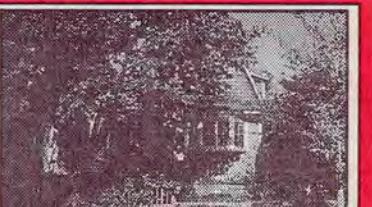
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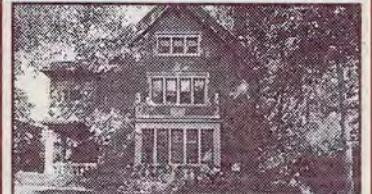
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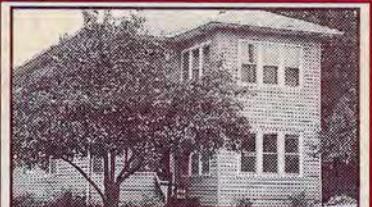
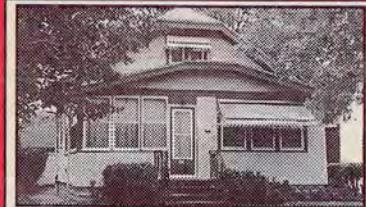
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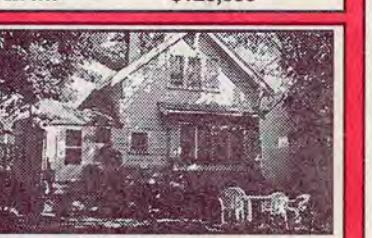
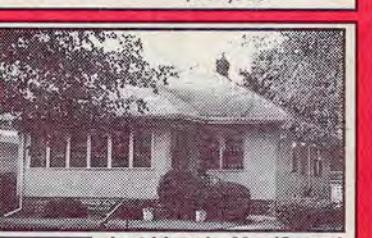
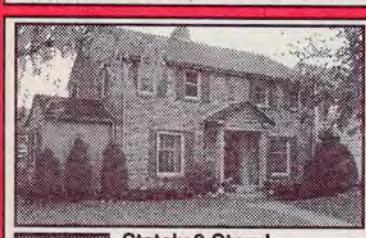
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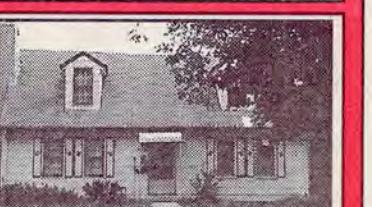
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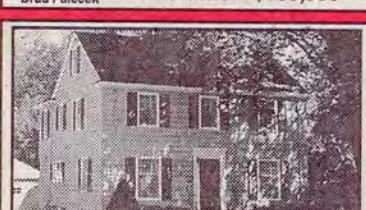
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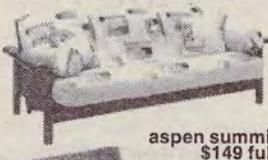
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Property code staff move to Grand, two other sites

by Jane McClure

Despite concerns about cost and efficiency, the St. Paul City Council agreed on October 7 to spend \$85,000 to relocate its property code enforcement staff to three locations across the city. Most of the staff will be moved from their current quarters in the Public Health building at 555 Cedar St. to the St. Paul Police Department's East Team headquarters at Payne and Minnehaha avenues and to its Storefront Office at Grand Avenue and Finn Street. Five clerical and management staff will be moved into the city's Citizens Service Office in City Hall.

The move is partly a result of the merger of the city's and county's Public Health Departments two years ago. The Public Health building and its equipment and furnishings were turned over to Ramsey County following the merger. That left property code enforcement employees with few computers, no voice mail and a dearth of other equipment and furnishings. The county was asking the city for \$75,000 per year to rent the space or to vacate by December 1.

Fifteen staff members will set up operations at the East Side site, and eight will be housed in the Grand Avenue office, which the city rents for \$1.00 per year from the University of St. Thomas. The Grand Avenue facility had housed St. Thomas' campus security office as well as the police, but the security office moved into a new campus

dormitory this fall.

City Council member Mike Harris noted that it will be the second major change for the property code enforcement staff in two years. The staff was shifted to the Fire Department following the merger of the Public Health Department.

Harris also questioned why a supervisory position is being added to the staff. Mort Bostrom of the St. Paul Police Department has been appointed interim supervisor of the office.

"It just seems like we keep adding more layers of government," Harris said. "We keep hearing that we need more inspectors, but what's the first thing we do? We hire a supervisor."

Other council members questioned how well the staff would work from three different locations. "I'm afraid that we're setting this up to fail," said council member Kathy Lantry.

Roger Curtis of Mayor Norm Coleman's staff defended the move. "Having the inspectors out in the neighborhoods will allow them to address problems before complaints are made," he said.

Curtis said the move, coupled with equipment improvements, will provide better response to complaints and improved communications. According to him, it also will put the clerical and management staff in direct contact with the Citizens Service Office, which receives most of the property code complaints.

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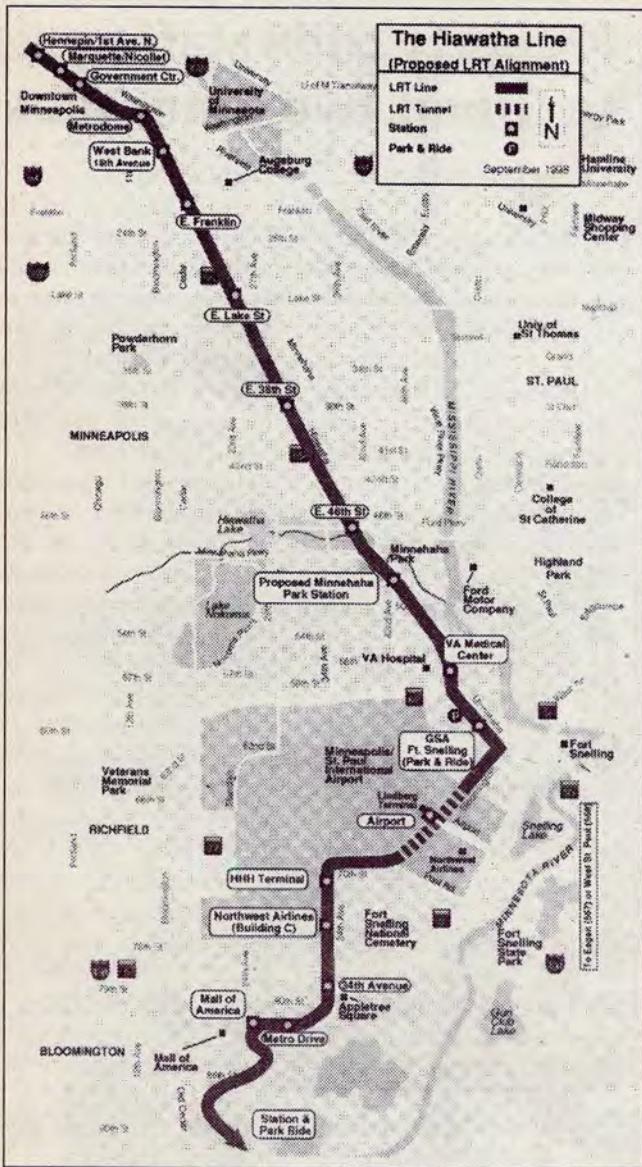
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The Hiawatha Corridor light-rail transit line as planned.

Hiawatha light-rail stations reviewed /from page 1

what area residents would prefer.

Earl Netwal, a Minnehaha neighborhood resident, agreed. "I don't see a lot of major density change (in our future)," Netwal said.

Several neighborhood residents spoke of the need to preserve Nokomis Village, the business district that is located about a half-mile west of Hiawatha Avenue near the intersection of 50th Street and 34th Avenue South. However, many supported a mix of new commercial and residential development near the intersection of Hiawatha and 52nd Street.

Parking and pedestrian access were other concerns. Mary Dietz, president of the South Hiawatha Business Association and the owner of Copy Express in Parkway Plaza, wanted assurances that the plaza would not become a park-and-ride lot for commuters boarding at the nearby 46th Street station. Dietz said she would welcome any additional business that the light-rail line brings. "We're certainly within walking distance—if they can get over here," she said.

The Minneapolis City Council will vote in December on an interim zoning ordinance to control new development along the proposed transitway until new zoning regulations can be drafted. That ordinance is still being written.

"There's not even a specific idea right now," said Minneapolis city planner Monique MacKenzie in regard to what restrictions the interim ordinance

would impose.

The majority of area business people appear to have yet to get excited about the Hiawatha Transitway. Nokomis Village merchants, anyway, "have got a wait-and-see attitude," said Mark Thoson of Nokomis Jewelry, 5006 S. 34th Ave. The chair of the Nokomis Village Association, Thoson believes the light-rail line has the potential to either help or harm Nokomis Village. According to him, the transitway could strip the shopping area of its value like the interstates did to villages lying along the older state highways, or it could bring in many new customers from outside the immediate neighborhood.

Thoson would like to see other local business people become more involved in the planning of the transitway. The more they take part in making these decisions, he said, "the greater impact they can have on making things better for themselves."

"I think light-rail transit is a wonderful thing," Thoson said. "I'm really looking forward to having it come through the neighborhood in whatever fashion because of its ability to move people efficiently and quietly."

Area residents and business people appeared to support the location of stations on the northwest corners of 38th and Hiawatha and at 46th and Hiawatha. Though the station at Minnehaha Park is not a certainty, "current planning assumes (the Minnehaha Park

station) will exist," said Mike Schadauer of the Minnesota Department of Transportation. That station could be open year-round or seasonally, he said.

About \$120 million in federal funds have already been earmarked for the Hiawatha project. The state would provide \$100 million, of which \$40 million has already been appropriated. Another \$100 million would come from local sources, including Hennepin County and the Metropolitan Airports Commission, according to Gary Erickson, the director of Transit and Community Works for Hennepin County.

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners will vote in December on whether to increase the property tax levy by \$4.7 million for 1999 to help pay for the construction of the transitway. That increase translates to about \$4.00 for the average city home and \$7.00 for the average suburban home. Similar levies are expected to be made in each of the next five years, with the specific levy amounts to be evaluated each year.

Land-use profiles and conceptual drawings will be displayed at a transit station planning workshop scheduled for Wednesday, November 18. "It will be nice to have a visual to see how it's all going to work, how it's all going to fit together," Netwal said.

For more information about the workshop times and locations, call the Metropolitan Council Data Center at 651-602-1140.

MAC committee recommends proceeding with runway extensions /from page 1

hub airport."

"We have every intention of assessing the market and restoring the flights as soon as we can," said Northwest Airlines spokesman John DeCoster. According to him, the extended runways will accommodate flights to the Japanese cities of Osaka and Tokyo as well as to Amsterdam. The European flights are offered by both Northwest and KLM airlines.

The runway extensions also have the support of the Twin Cities Airport Task Force, an

advocate for Twin Cities businesses that use MSP. According to task force chairman Irv Stern, the runway extension will help make MSP "a major gateway airport."

At its meeting on October 15, the Macalester-Groveland Community Council voted to recommend that the extension of Runway 4-22 be halted. The community council is also asking the St. Paul representative on MAC and local, state and federal officials to oppose the expenditure of public

funds for the runway extensions until they are needed.

"In light of the looming economic depression in Asia, there's no need to extend Runway 4-22," said John Halla of the community council. "It'd be a huge waste of money."

Halla said extending the runway will add to the flyovers and ground noise that plague St. Paul residents. "To extend the runway is a slap in the face to homeowners who are already angry about airport noise," he said.

Glenn Strand of South Minneapolis, a member of the Metropolitan Aircraft Sound Abatement Council (MASAC), also questioned whether the runway extensions are a good use of MAC resources given the uncertainties of the Asian economy. He has asked MAC to do a thorough cost-benefit analysis of the runway extensions and to examine ways to make Northwest bear more of the cost. "If this is such a good idea, let Northwest pay for it," he said.

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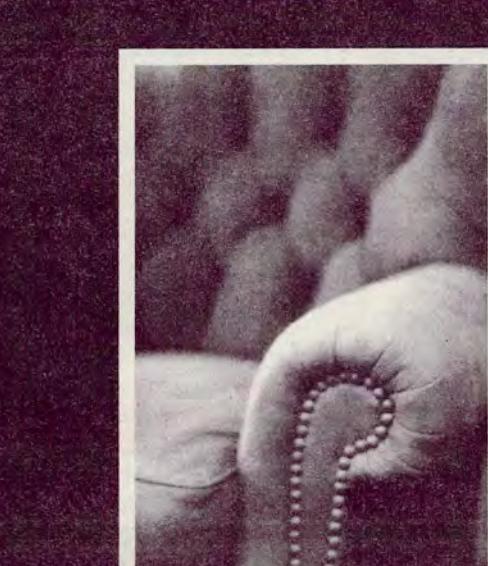
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MICHAEL MISCHKE

Removing Ayd Mill shouldn't be an option

It's a trend in neighborhood news that I've watched with growing interest in the past few years: How we get from here to there is occupying the attention of a lot more people in a lot more ways a lot more frequently. For proof, just look to the front page of this issue.

The development of Ayd Mill Road, airport runway extensions, light-rail transit. Then there are the issues over the I-35E Parkway, the Hiawatha Corridor, the Riverview Corridor. The rebuilding of the Mendota Bridge, the Lexington Avenue Bridge, the Ford Bridge. The striping of Summit Avenue bike lanes, Mississippi River Boulevard bike lanes, Fairview Avenue bike lanes.

And, of course, the always attendant issues of parking, parking and more parking.

Everywhere you look these days there's a group of local citizens springing up to push its own transportation agenda: the Stop the Reroute Coalition, the Ayd Mill Road Coalition, the Friends Of Just About Any Inanimate Object That You Could Ever Imagine Wanting To Be Friendly With.

It's against that backdrop that the *Vilager* publishes elsewhere on this page what will no doubt be just the first of numerous guest editorials on what's shaping up to be one of the more contentious local transportation battles. Writers Jean Hadden, Shelley Johnson and John Manning would like to believe that the debate now heating up over Ayd Mill Road pits state and local transportation officials against neighborhood activists, but it's not as simple as that. Where you live, where you make your living and where you spend it have everything to do with how you feel about the future of that roadway.

I'll let you judge the merits of our guest editorialists' opinion that the roadway ought to be replaced by a park, but I would like to comment on one sentence in their piece that struck me as particularly naive: "The train traffic that already exists along Ayd Mill Road is enough of a concession to moving people and goods through the area." A *concession*? Really. To whom? What do they think came first?

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad tracks were laid in 1880—a full decade before the arrival of the electric streetcar—along a former mill stream in the ravine now shared with Ayd Mill Road. The tracks, later referred to as the Short Line, provided the first commuter rail link between the then-distant cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

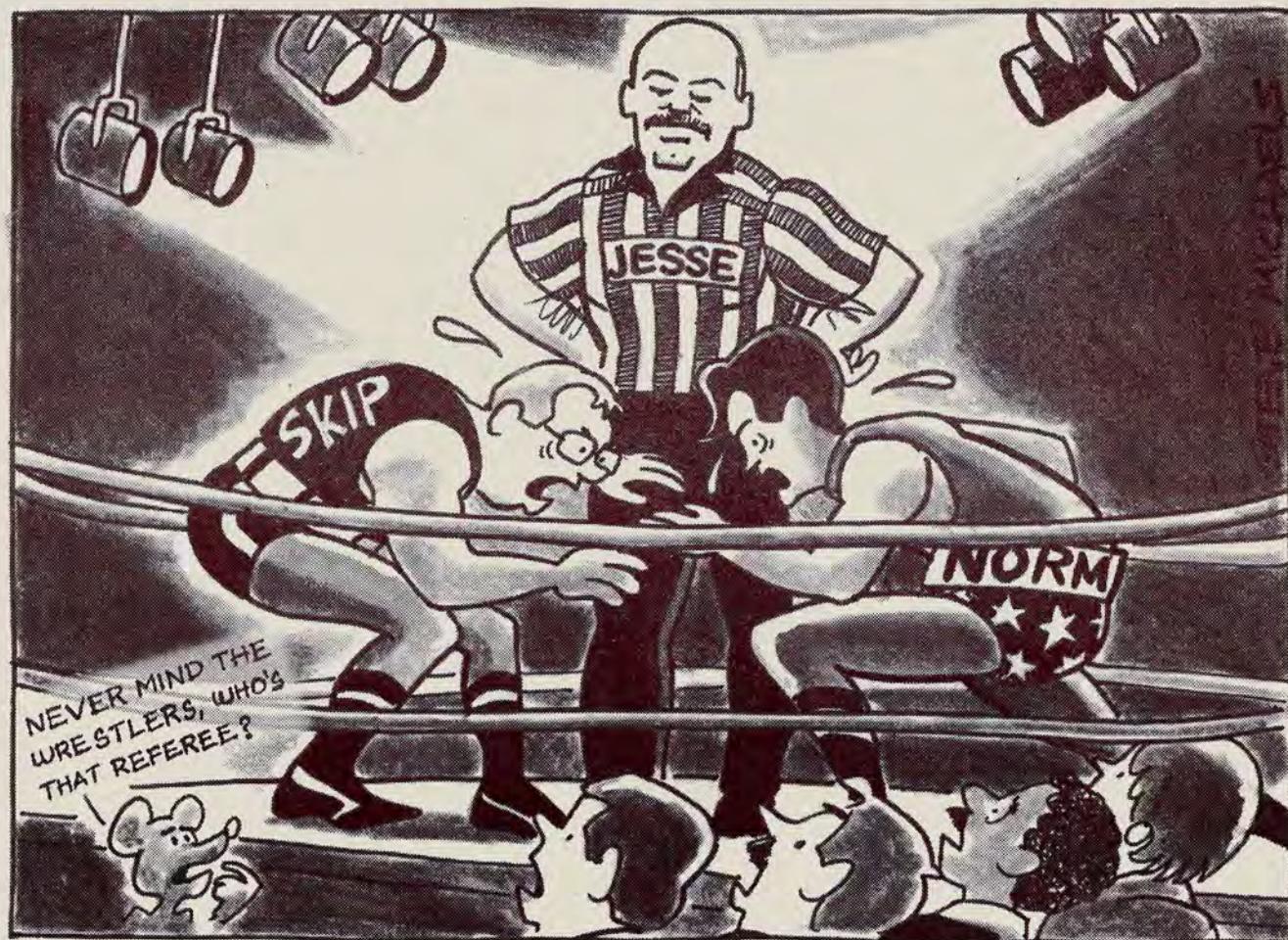
Smelling a buck, Colonel John L. Merriam platted the village of Merriam Park midway between the two burgeoning Twin Cities just two years later. It was Merriam's hope that the longstanding rivalry between St. Paul and Minneapolis and the growing movement in some quarters to be done with it and merge the two would one day bring the center of Federal City (or what Archbishop John Ireland liked to call Paulopolis) to Merriam Park. A new Minnesota State Capitol, a new Union Depot and the then-proposed Cathedral of St. Paul were all envisioned as anchoring a single, brand new central business district in and around Merriam Park.

Rivalries apparently die harder than some might like.

Thus, the stage was set for the development of the Selby-Snelling commercial area and of the entire Midway in the following decades—development predicated on the arrival of the railroad and the people it attracted. Let it be noted: The people came after the railroad, not the other way around, and they came because of the railroad, not in spite of it.

The Snelling-Selby and Midway business districts no longer rely on rail for their customers, of course; they rely on roads. And according to independent surveys done by several Selby-Snelling businesses, as many as 25 percent of those customers come via Ayd Mill Road to the south. Cut off that access and those customers will use other, already congested neighborhood streets—or they won't and they'll go elsewhere. As Midway Chamber of Commerce president John Mohr points out in the front-page story in this issue, there are many, many people who have an enormous stake in making sure those customers continue to come.

Minimizing the impact of a rebuilt Ayd Mill Road is a worthy goal, but let's not minimize the importance of the roadway itself. Removing it should not even be an option.



Ayd Mill Road deserves to hit a dead end

by Jean Hadden, Shelley Johnson and John Manning

It's time for city residents to become involved in deciding whether our neighborhoods will make more room for cars and roads or for parks and people. It's a Rorschach test of sorts about how people see Ayd Mill Road being used in the future.

State traffic engineers want to see Ayd Mill Road join the highway system with a direct connection to I-35E and an indirect connection to I-94. Some area residents think it's a good idea, too. They think the Ayd Mill Road connections will siphon off cars that now clog city streets.

Right now, there is particularly heavy congestion on four blocks of Lexington Parkway caused by motorists going from I-35E to Ayd Mill Road and back again. Those who are devoted to expanding the state highway system say it will relieve congestion for those blocks.

In truth, it's just a rationalization. Speedier highway connections for motorists are what they're after—not the preservation of St. Paul's strong neighborhoods or the alleviation of traffic on a four-block stretch of Lexington Parkway.

Some people suggest that it's too early for neighbors to be concerned. A headline on the front page of the October 7 *Vilager* stated "Roadway foes rush to judgment with ink still wet on pre-draft EIS." But if we wait any longer to voice our hopes for our neighborhood, we won't be heard. From the beginning, the process has been biased in favor of a highway project and proponents don't want recent community organizing efforts to get in their way.

Many area residents are worried about what St. Paul may do to itself. A group of us have come together recently as Neighborhoods First! We believe the city should improve transit and put in a park—not add new highways. We've already collected more than 1,000 signatures from people who agree.

After drafting of the environmental impact statement is completed and neighborhood groups make their comments, it will be up to City Council members to vote on this issue. If they listen to those who want to rebuild Ayd Mill with better freeway connections, traffic on that road will increase 100 percent. The problems that now inflict that stretch of Lexington would be spread along a road seven times as long.

Traffic would increase on St. Paul neighborhood streets as well, including Summit, Grand and St. Clair avenues. The city's project manager said the extended highway would not reduce traffic on Randolph and Jefferson avenues west of Lexington. It would become harder for people to walk to

neighborhood stores, churches and schools, which would damage one of the great strengths of our city.

An official at Liberty State Bank was quoted in the *Vilager* as saying park proponents "don't consider the business community one iota." That's not true. By rebuffing the arrival of a pumped-up Ayd Mill, neighbors are trying to preserve the health of both residential areas and the businesses they support.

A park, on the other hand, would end the attraction highway builders have for this ravine. The train traffic that already exists along Ayd Mill is enough of a concession to moving people and goods through the area. There's a lesson to be learned from construction of the I-35E Parkway. To complete the project, the government reached an agreement with neighbors to limit speeds and ban trucks. But now legislators frequently introduce challenges to those limitations. If Ayd Mill Road were to be rebuilt with freeway connections and curbs on speeds and truck use, how long would that last? After all, along with federal dollars comes the loss of local control.

A new park would bring together people from the surrounding neighborhoods that lack adequate park space. Imagine what a park could include: walking paths, running water, playgrounds and nature areas. It could serve to reconnect our neighborhoods to the Mississippi River—a goal the city has discussed as part of its land-use plan.

An Ayd Mill park would also be a wiser use of public dollars. It would cost about \$6 million compared to more than \$40 million for the highway option. The state is \$6.6 billion short on its current highway wish list, so why is anyone trying to add to that tab? By spending 15 percent of what the highway option costs, we'd do far more for our community's property values and tax base.

A member of the Ayd Mill Road Task Force was quoted in the *Vilager* as saying, "I think you have to ask Neighborhoods First! whose neighborhood comes first."

The answer is that all of the city's neighborhoods come first. We don't want to see the problems associated with heavy traffic spread out. We want to see them reduced. And we don't want the legitimate concerns of city residents who are bothered by traffic to be used by highway builders to sell a project that deserves to hit a dead end.

Editor's note: The writers are residents of the Merriam Park, Lexington-Hamline and Macalester-Groveland neighborhoods of St. Paul and members of the Neighborhoods First! steering committee. The group's next meeting will be held at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, in Gangelhoff Center at Concordia University.

Sibley Manor's tradition didn't merit knock as 'a major drain'

Dear editor,

In your article on the Shepard-Davern area in the September 23 *Villager*, Sibley Manor Apartments is described as being populated with lower-income residents and recent immigrants. Consultant Carolyn Krall is quoted as calling Sibley Manor "a major drain" on the area.

Sibley Manor was built in 1952 as a moderate-income housing project for World War II veterans and their families. At the time, there was a large military base at Fort Snelling. In 1958, the same families who own and manage the apartments today took over from the builder. These now second- and third-generation family members are working hard to keep up a tradition of supplying the area with well-maintained and affordable housing.

We feel offended by the statement that we are a major drain on the area. This year we will pay \$420,000 in real estate taxes and \$200,000 in water bills. Sibley Manor is home to about 1,900 people in 550 apartments. Over 200 of these units have been occupied by the same families for over 3 years, 25 units for over 20 years, and in 10 units the same families have lived with us for over 40 years. Some long-standing residents were immigrants at one time. Isn't that what America is all about?

Our apartments have been a good starting place for people coming to this country for years. We are proud of this and will continue to do our part in supplying affordable housing in St. Paul.

Robert Julen, part owner
Sibley Manor Apartments
Highland Park

Budget surplus was \$4 billion

Editor:

I would like to correct an error that was made in the October 7 *Villager*. The article mistakenly stated that there was an \$8 billion state budget surplus. The correct amount of the surplus was \$4 billion over the biennium.

What to do with the surplus was a contentious issue. The compromise tax bill that was constructed by Governor Arne Carlson and the Legislature provided \$2.7 billion in property tax relief and reform from the surplus, including \$1 billion in rebates. In addition, \$600 million went to increase the state's budget reserve, a portion was dedicated to reduce capital expenses and debt service in lieu of bonding, and the rest was invested in infrastructure improvements and programs.

Michael Paymar, State Representative
District 64B

An option we can live with

To the editor:

I was pleased to see editorial cartoonist Steve Michaels contrast the column written by publisher Michael Mischke calling for a freeway connection to Ayd Mill Road (*Villager*, October 22). The cartoon "Ayd Mill Roulette?" shows bullets loaded into the chambers of all options except for the linear park. This reflects that the shift in thinking necessary to

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commit to a linear park rather than a car and truck magnet may be at long odds, but it still provides southwestern St. Paul a means of not shooting itself in the head.

Michael Cline
Snelling-Hamline

Ayd Mill option worth exploring

Dear editor:

The future of Ayd Mill Road is not a simple choice between two alternatives: reduce automobile traffic on area streets by connecting Ayd Mill Road to the interstates, or increase traffic by replacing the road with a park. Addressing the problem of excessive reliance on the car in our city involves many complex issues. Unfortunately, the authors of the preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Ayd Mill Road produced a range of alternatives that is unnecessarily limited.

The alternative with the awkward name of Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM) has the potential to improve pedestrian and bike safety, preserve mobility, guarantee access for area businesses and protect green space, all without connecting Ayd Mill Road to the interstate system. To do so would require development of a comprehensive TSM/TDM that includes traffic calming, improvements in transit service and careful land-use planning to reduce the need to use a car for every trip.

The incomplete treatment of the TSM/TDM alternative by the authors of the Ayd Mill Road EIS is evident in the \$100,000 budget for this approach, which is inconsequential compared to the \$25 million to \$37 million budget for connecting the road to the interstates. We must do better than this if we want to give the citizens of St. Paul a reasonable range of alternatives for addressing the problem of too much driving in our city.

Chip Welling, Scott Heiderich
Merriam Park Representatives
Ayd Mill Road Task Force

Relieve busy Lexington Parkway

To the editor:

In a *St. Paul Pioneer Press* article, Neighborhoods First! is quoted as saying that Ayd Mill Road "is going to be built...to help people from the suburbs get to downtown Minneapolis... and we just don't think that kind of traffic should be coming through residential neighborhoods."

What about the current traffic on Lexington Parkway? Should the city close Lexington and Hamline and Snelling avenues too? After all, according to Neighborhoods First!, that's also traffic coming through a residential neighborhood.

Lexington Parkway is not a parkway—it's a speedway with a large volume of traffic. Protecting Ayd Mill Road by not opening it to I-35E will only continue the traffic problem on Lexington.

A 2-mile-long linear park is ludicrous. What about the railroad tracks? Wouldn't they be a danger for children playing in the park? If a linear park is the solution, then I submit the city close Lexington, Hamline and Snelling, too.

Residents along Lexington have suffered long enough with traffic and speeding. How about some relief?

Robert Mares
Highland Park

An Ayd for automobile addicts

Dear editors:

Some of you are grumbling about how Ayd Mill Road is not getting completed. You don't have the guts to say you're the ones who want this thing. I'm angry that you don't come out and declare yourselves as highway supporters. Highway supporters and green-space supporters need to have conflict resolution on what should be done with public lands.

Ayd Mill Road is like a waste dump, but for cars. No one wants the cars, but we have plenty of enthusiasm to try to stick them somewhere. I may be wrong, but if you want to place something on public land, whether it's a waste dump, highway or park, you should have to take a number and wait in line like everyone else.

From now on, all automobile advertising should carry the warning: "Significant use of this product causes urban blight, wealth flight, community destabilization and condemnation of vast tracts of public and private lands. This product causes addiction, which causes resource wars."

Bill Mears
Merriam Park

Neighbors first

To the editor:

Regarding Shirley Reider's comments on the September 22 Ayd Mill Road Coalition meeting (*Villager*, October 7):

I was angered at Ms. Reider's implication that members of Neighborhoods First! took over the meeting and that the meeting was not reflective of public sentiment at other coalition meetings. The meeting appeared to be one of the coalition's record turnouts, with more than the 44 people who signed in at Bethel Church. More than 40 percent of the people were not members of Neighborhoods First! Even so, those who identify with Neighborhoods First! are members of the community and had every right to participate in the meeting. I, as well as many others in that room, attended a coalition meeting a few years ago in which the overwhelming sentiment was not to build a freeway connection and to pursue the linear park option.

Many of us who have attended coalition meetings in recent

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years have since become more involved in the work of Neighborhoods First! because the coalition has proceeded as if a highway were inevitable and spent most of its money and energy on a deck park plan that would cost \$20 million for a small amenity compared with the devastating effects of high-volume highway spillover.

The coalition taking the position for a linear park is not simply dismissing problems with traffic on other streets. On the contrary, it is acting on behalf of the community, preventing further and much greater congestion and its broader effects.

Rebecca McLane
Snelling-Hamline

Proud to be for Paymar

Dear editor:

I am proud to join thousands of my friends and neighbors in supporting the re-election of District 64B state Representative Michael Paymar. Having represented this area in the Legislature for 10 years, I recognize and applaud Representative Paymar's strong leadership in controlling property taxes, promoting education and the environment and seeking creative solutions to the crime problem. Representative Paymar stands for the values that make us a strong community. I urge a resounding vote of confidence in Michael Paymar on November 3.

Howard Orenstein
Macalester-Groveland

Time for a change in Dist. 62B

Dear editor:

In the October 7 *Villager*, Wes Skoglund, candidate for the state House of Representatives in District 62B, proclaims, "The thing I'm most proud of in the last session is stopping this crazy 'carry a loaded weapon' bill that my opponent (John Halverson) is in favor of. More guns on the street won't increase safety."

Skoglund is wrong. An exhaustive study by University of Chicago law professor John Lott Jr. found that after states passed concealed handgun carry reform, their crime rates declined by an average of 8 percent for homicides, 5 percent for rapes, 7 percent for aggravated assaults and 3 percent for robberies. The study further found that if the rest of the country had such laws, at least 1,570 murders and more than 4,177 rapes would have been avoided in 1992.

It is Skoglund who is fond of crazy bills. Last year he introduced one that provided tattoo removal for former members of criminal gangs so that they may become productive members of society. While there certainly is some merit in removing gang-related tattoos from wayward youths, the lives of few, if any, law-abiding citizens would be saved as a result.

Crazier still was Skoglund's excuse for not hearing the concealed handgun reform bill. "Whenever you hear another bill, it means that a good bill, one that will save lives, doesn't

get heard," he was quoted as saying in the February 21, 1997, *Star Tribune*. Skoglund simultaneously set aside precious time to hear his tattoo bill. This goes to show just how out of touch he is with reality and how mired he is in the obsolete politics of the 1970s.

It's time for a change. That change is John Halverson.

Scott C. Jensen
South Minneapolis

Vote for kids' sake

Dear editor:

Three candidates in the November 3 election have caused much misery to Minnesota parents, children and grandparents. Gubernatorial candidate Hubert "Skip" Humphrey III, lieutenant governor candidate Roger Moe and Ramsey County attorney candidate Jim Farrell advocate making government bigger and making families miserable.

As attorney general, Humphrey's responsibility has been to enforce statutes to protect the legal interests of Minnesotans. He and his staff failed to enforce the felony statute regarding visitation denial. Skip has allowed noncustodial mothers and noncustodial fathers to be treated differently in the area of family law and child support. This violates the equal-protection-under-the-law clause of the Constitution.

In 1994, Humphrey allowed the state Legislature to pass an administrative law judge process for child support enforcement that in June was declared unconstitutional by the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Moe and Farrell, as a state senator and state representative, respectively, voted for this unconstitutional law.

Humphrey and his staff also have failed to lobby for or to support any kind of legislation regarding accountability on the use of child-support income. Current law continues to allow custodial parents tax-exempt child-support income that they can spend at their discretion. They don't ever have to spend any of that money on the children's needs. Moe and Farrell do not want custodial parents to be held accountable in spending child-support income either.

Dump Humph! Fry Farrell! No Moe! Give someone else your vote—for kids' sake.

Sue Shetka
Macalester-Groveland

Vote for Dwyer, Duggan

To the editor:

On November 3, voters in Mendota Heights will elect two members to the City Council. We urge that they cast their ballots for Mike Dwyer and Ultan Duggan.

Among the candidates, they are the only ones who have a long history of interest and participation in our community. Both have served for more than 10 years on the city's Planning Commission and are familiar with the structure of our city's government and its staff. Both are well acquainted with the city's finances, tax structure, ordinances, comprehensive plan and efforts to reduce aircraft noise.

Recently, Dwyer, the former Planning Commission chair, was unanimously appointed to fill a vacancy on the City Council. Duggan is the current chair of the Planning

Commission. Both are active in their church and the community. Dwyer has served as a coach for many years in youth soccer, softball, baseball and basketball, and Duggan has been co-chair of Celebrate Mendota Heights Parks for four of the past five years.

Vote for these two candidates will help insure that Mendota Heights continues to be a highly desirable community in which to live and work, with city taxes that for many years have been the lowest in the metropolitan area.

Bernard P. Friel, Jill Smith
Jim Losleben, Sally Lorberbaum
Mendota Heights

An endorsement for Wilkin

Dear editor:

As the state Representative for District 38A from 1993 to 1998, I supported legislation reducing taxes, improving education and fighting crime. I am endorsing Tim Wilkin to be our next state representative because I know he will continue this work.

Tim Wilkin will work to reduce the size of government and to reduce the tax burden on Minnesotans. With nine years of experience in the financial services industry, he has the skills and the understanding needed to deal with these issues.

As a husband and father, Tim is concerned about the state of education. He will fight to keep Minnesota's educational system effective and efficient with a strong basic curriculum and high educational standards.

Tim will also fight to protect us from crime by working for tougher prison sentences for repeat violent offenders and drug dealers.

Tim Commers, State Representative
District 38A

Vote Coleman for governor

To the editor:

As a college senior, I care about Minnesota's future. In the upcoming election we must choose a governor who can lead boldly into the 21st century. I frankly am afraid of Skip Humphrey. The *Star Tribune* in 1988 wrote that Humphrey's ideas "evoke the 1960s rather than the 1990s." We need a leader with ideas good for the next century. Humphrey grew up in a powerful, wealthy family and he doesn't seem to understand how to bring people together to make things better for everyone. The *Star Tribune* said, "He chooses sides, not solutions; he blames rather than conciliates."

St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman, by contrast, seems far more in tune with the ideas of ordinary people. He grew up in a working-class family with eight kids and had to go to work when his dad lost his business and their home. Coleman understands hard work. He is like a lot of people I know. Coleman embodies the American dream.

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SHA cites noise, parking problems in opposing Wild Onion expansion

by Jane McClure

Complaints about late-night noise, litter and parking prompted the Summit Hill Association on October 8 to recommend denial of a city license request for expansion of the Wild Onion, 788 Grand Ave.

The association's comments, as well as several written objections from neighbors, have been forwarded to the city's legislative hearing officer. A legislative hearing will be held on the matter before a recommendation is forwarded to the City Council. No hearing date had been set when this issue of the *Vilager* went to press.

Wild Onion owners Joe Schaefer and Jay Salmen want to expand the building to the east by building a 20-by-40-foot addition that would seat an additional 50 to 60 customers. The restaurant now seats about 200.

The SHA's Zoning and Land Use Committee had voted on September 24 to recommend denial of the license request. Committee members urged the owners to do more to alleviate problems caused by Wild Onion patrons and then bring the expansion request back for reconsideration.

Several neighbors who attended the committee meeting complained about the behavior of customers leaving the Wild Onion. One person said bar patrons have banged on his door after the restaurant closed. Others told of being awakened by yelling and fighting. Still others complained of trespassing in yards, the use of the Grand-Lincoln alley for parking, and vehicles racing down residential streets.

"I just say stop," said Avon Street resident Tom Donaghy. "You're doing OK as it is. Just leave us be."

According to its owners, the Wild Onion has hired its own security staff and is implementing other changes to curb problems such as increased collection of trash. "We understand that these are tough problems to deal with," Salmen said. "We're trying to do a better job with the 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. crowd." He invited neighbors to come in and discuss their problems with the restaurant's management.

Salmen and Schaefer bought the former

Lyon's Pub in the spring of 1997, renamed the business and upgraded its decor and menu. The Wild Onion has been successful, Salmen said, but it needs additional seating for its lunch and dinner patrons. The expansion would not result in expanded bar service, a larger dance floor or enhanced sound system, he said. It would, however, eliminate four spaces in the parking lot.

Under the city code, the Wild Onion should have 79 parking spaces. After the expansion, it would need 83. Its parking lot currently has 46 spaces. However, since there was a restaurant there prior to the current code, the Wild Onion is not required to make up all of the shortfall.

An expanded Wild Onion would have to provide 32 additional parking spaces based on a complicated set of rules in the city code.

The 32 spaces include 13.8 spaces to accommodate the addition itself, 8.25 spaces to make up part of the existing parking shortfall, 4.9 spaces because the Wild Onion is within 650 feet of another establishment that serves alcoholic beverages, the four spaces lost to construction and one for handicapped parking.

The Wild Onion does have shared parking agreements with Restoration

Hardware and the Acropol Inn for the use of their lots on the north side of Grand Avenue. The Acropol Inn lot can be used by Wild Onion patrons at any time. The Restoration Hardware lot can be used after the store closes at 8:00 p.m.

However, some neighbors questioned what would happen if the leases were canceled after the addition was built. Others said that they doubted whether patrons would use the Grand Avenue lots.

Some Wild Onion patrons park on Lincoln Avenue, which is posted for resident-only parking. "Then when they find out that they have a parking ticket, they throw bottles and yell and curse," said Lincoln Avenue resident Bill Pesek.

City licensing staff have not yet determined whether the shared parking arrangements with Restoration Hardware and the Acropol Inn can legally be applied in the Wild Onion's quest to expand. A decision is expected before the issue goes to the City Council.

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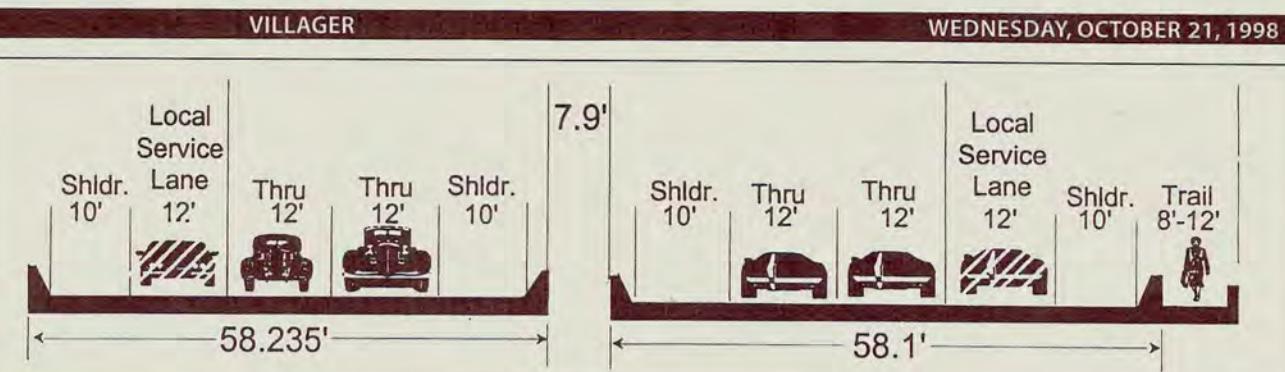
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All but St. Paul have approved MnDOT's proposal for a new 132-foot-wide Mississippi River bridge for I-35E (above).

St. Paul seeks revisions to 35E bridge design

by Jane McClure

A final design for a new Interstate 35E bridge over the Mississippi River is expected to be announced by the end of October. However, before that alternative is chosen, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and St. Paul officials need to reach an agreement on that design.

Of the local units of government asked to comment on the bridge plan, only the St. Paul City Council has not approved MnDOT's preferred design. MnDOT prefers to receive unanimous support for any final design before work on that design begins, according to MnDOT preliminary design engineer Muktar Thakur. Final design work is expected to be completed by 2000. Construction would occur between 2001 and 2003.

St. Paul City Council member Mike Harris said he hopes to introduce a bridge resolution for consideration by the end of the month. He and Thakur have been negotiating several conditions this fall.

"I think we're nearing an agreement," Harris said. "There are still a few points we need to hammer out."

MnDOT's preferred design calls for a \$27 million bridge that is approximately 132 feet wide—almost twice as wide as the current 67-foot bridge. The proposed bridge would have two 12-foot-wide traffic lanes in each direction as well as one 12-foot-wide auxiliary lane in each direction to allow traffic to safely merge onto the bridge. Ten-foot-wide shoulders and an 8- to 12-foot-wide bicycle-pedestrian trail are also proposed. The bridge would be built in its existing

alignment.

That alternative has the support of the Ramsey County and Dakota County boards and the city councils of Mendota Heights, Mendota, Lilydale, Eagan, Burnsville, Farmington, Inver Grove Heights, Rosemount and West St. Paul. Dakota County state legislators and the St. Paul and Northern Dakota County chambers of commerce also support it.

City Council member Mike Harris wants assurances that a wider 35E bridge will not force a wider 35E Parkway.

The St. Paul City Council passed a resolution in March calling for as narrow a bridge as possible, with four traffic lanes, narrower shoulders and a bicycle-pedestrian lane. St. Paul also favors rebuilding the bridge in its existing location. The intent remains unchanged in the new resolution proposed by Harris.

Harris, fellow council member Chris Coleman, St. Paul legislators and representatives of the Highland District Council and West 7th/Fort Road Federation have been meeting with MnDOT staff in recent months to discuss ways to reduce the impact of a larger bridge. One issue concerns the I-35E Parkway. The parkway's width, design and speed limit were set in 1984 by a U.S. District Court ruling that ended years of legal wrangling over freeway construction. The ruling mandated four traffic lanes, additional lane space for merging traf-

fic, a 45 mph speed limit and a ban on trucks.

Harris wants assurances that a wider 35E bridge will not force a wider parkway. He also wants to make sure that any auxiliary lanes are not turned into traffic lanes in the future.

Not everybody thinks the auxiliary lanes are even needed. Last month, the West 7th/Fort Road Federation voted for a bridge reconstruction plan that would provide four through lanes, a bicycle-pedestrian trail and no auxiliary lanes. The federation is working with state Senator Sandy Pappas and Representative Carlos Mariani to get information from MnDOT on whether ramp meters at both ends of the bridge would suffice in making traffic merging safer.

"There's still a lot of concern in our neighborhood that the auxiliary lanes could become through lanes," said West 7th community organizer Betty Moran.

Pappas also has asked MnDOT to look at the possibility of a "reverse flow lane" that would be open to traffic going one way during morning rush hour and the other way in the afternoon.

Yet another issue raised by neighborhood groups and elected officials is the impact that a wider bridge would have on Crosby Farm Park. Land in the park will be needed during bridge construction as a staging area for equipment.

Those questions and other issues raised by neighborhood organizations will be discussed from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 3, at the MnDOT Water's Edge Building, 1500 W. County Road B2, Roseville. The meeting will include a status report on the bridge and a discussion of design features, including railings, beams and landscaping.

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Advocates decry mayor's proposal to cut library, parks budgets for '99

by Jane McClure

St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman's efforts to trim the city budget and avoid an increase in the property tax levy for 1999 have come under fire from the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library and the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Commission.

All city departments are being asked to hold the line on spending in 1999, according to city budget director Joe Reid. At the same time, the library materials budget has been cut from \$1.3 million in 1998 to \$1.2 million in the mayor's 1999 budget proposal and the Parks and Recreation Division's maintenance budget has been trimmed by \$78,000.

"We're going to be looking at some very tough choices here," said Mike Harris of the St. Paul City Council, which has been holding hearings on the city budget. After six consecutive years of holding the line on the property tax levy, the city may need to be more creative in how it provides services, Harris said.

The Parks and Recreation Commission will contend in its upcoming "State of the Parks" report that the city should not build additional parks and recreational facilities until it makes a greater commitment to maintaining the parks it has.

Much of the \$78,000 parks maintenance budget cut would be achieved through the elimination of a maintenance supervisor. The city does provide \$500,000 for maintenance-related capital improvements for parks in the mayor's 1999 budget, but those funds are for physical improvements, not for such routine work as cleaning buildings, cutting grass and shoveling snow.

"The easiest thing to remove from the city budget seems to be maintenance money," said Parks and Recreation commissioner Altin Paulson. According to him, parks maintenance should be a fixed budget item so that maintenance does not fall further behind.

City Council member Jerry Blakey said that a dedicated maintenance fund makes sense. "It seems like every year when we discuss the budget we're back at this place," he said.

City Council member Jay Benanav echoed Blakey's concern. "I think it's incredibly poor policy to build new buildings and then not have a plan to maintain them," he said.

The city currently maintains about 4,000 acres of park property, including 44 recreation centers, six regional parks, three large field complexes, four golf courses, Como Zoo and Conservatory, Midway Stadium, four swimming pools, a swimming beach, 37 miles of parkways and 85,000 boulevard trees.

According to Parks and Recreation superintendent Robert Piram, the maintenance of the parks system is nowhere near a crisis stage, but he cautioned that years of minimal and deferred maintenance are beginning to take their toll. "We're setting ourselves up for some really difficult times in the future,"

Piram said.

The Parks and Recreation Commission regularly hears complaints about run-down or vandalized recreation centers. "People just cannot believe the sad state of affairs at some of the playgrounds," said commissioner John O'Halloran.

Park maintenance needs are not likely to decrease with the opening next year of the new Dunning and Dayton's Bluff recreation centers. Work will also begin in 1999 on the expansion of the Jimmy Lee Recreation Center three blocks east of Dunning.

Then there are the projects waiting in the wings for the city's Long-Range Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) in 2000-2001, including planned improvements to the Homecroft, Griggs and North Dale recreation centers.

"I think we have to look at the Capital Improvement Budget very, very seriously," said commission chair Jill Danner. "We need to look at not expending any more money on facilities until we have the commitment that there'll be proper maintenance."

Maintenance efforts have been hampered this year by summer storms that damaged or destroyed thousands of trees in the city's parks system, Piram said. Last week, parks crews had to be diverted from storm cleanup to start stringing up holiday lights downtown.

The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library is offering up to \$125,800 in matching funds if the city increases the library materials and staff budget by \$417,493 from the mayor's proposed level.

"In today's information age, the variety of materials needed by library users is rapidly evolving," said Peter Pearson, the Friends' executive director. "The St. Paul Public Library's budget has not even kept pace with inflation, much less allowed the library to expand its collection."

Pearson estimated that the public library's current materials budget has the buying power it had in 1983.

The Friends, a nonprofit organization of over 1,000 members that was formed in 1945, have proposed that the city provide for the following library materials and staff in 1999:

- \$150,000 for library materials (\$100,000 from the city, \$50,000 from the Friends).
- \$51,000 for staff training in new technology (half from the city, half from the Friends).
- \$100,293 from the city for community outreach, with half-time employees added at each of the city's five smallest branch libraries—Riverview, Rice, Hamline, Arlington and St. Anthony Park.
- Enhanced business, science and technology services, including \$16,700 from the city and \$8,300 from the Friends for a customer survey to evaluate needs; \$91,000 from the city for two full-time science and technology librarians; and \$84,000 from the city and \$42,000 from the Friends to establish a business, science and technology collection.

United Way comes to counties' aid

The United Way of the St. Paul Area has launched a \$25 million fund-raising campaign to support health and social service programs for residents in Ramsey, Dakota and Washington counties. Contributions will be used to address critical needs. Priorities include keeping kids in school, out of gangs and off of drugs; moving families from poverty to economic independence; helping victims of abuse rebuild their lives; and ensuring care for the elderly and people with disabilities.

Last year, the United Way raised \$23.1 million, a 9.8 percent increase over the previous year and its biggest increase in 13 years. Money raised through the annual campaign supports 218 programs offered by 80 agencies

across the eastern metropolitan area. Some of the larger, more well-known agencies include the American Red Cross, the Boy and Girl Scouts, and the Salvation Army.

"One in four people in our community are helped by a United Way program every year," said John Castro, campaign co-chair. "Chances are someone you know is being helped right now. That's why support for these programs is key. In some way, they touch all of us."

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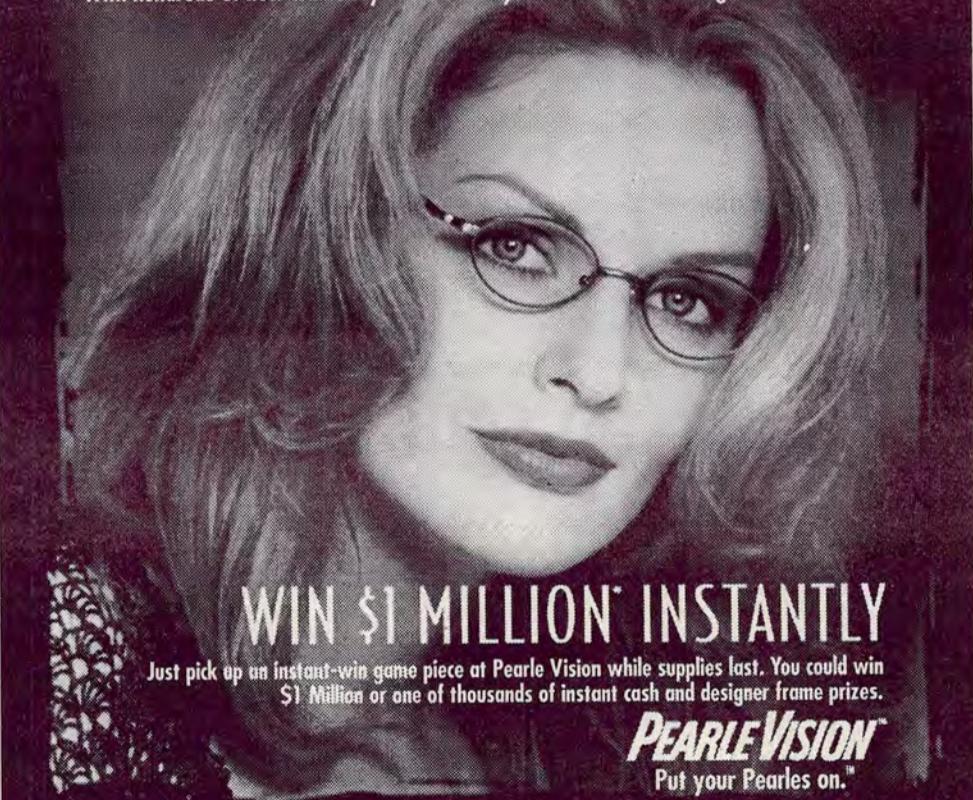
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Mendota Heights mayoral, council races to be decided Nov. 3

by Bill Wagner

Mendota Heights voters will choose a mayor and two City Council members in the general election on November 3.

Mayor Charles Mertensotto, who is seeking his seventh term in office, is being challenged by Joseph Card, who is running for elective office for the first time.

Mertensotto, 70, a partner in a St. Paul law firm, has lived in Mendota Heights since 1959. He has been the city's mayor for 12 years and was a member of the City Council off and on for 16 years before that. He said he decided to run for re-election one last time due to popular demand. "So many people asked me to do it," he said. "But this is going to be the last one, absolutely."

Mertensotto said he still has some unfinished business to attend to before stepping down, namely the completion of the city's revised comprehensive plan. He said he is most proud of cost-effective measures undertaken during his years as mayor, citing as an example the \$500,000 the city saved by getting work on a new water feeder system done for about half of what had been estimated. He also is proud of other achievements during his tenure, including the construction of a new city hall, the passage of a \$3.4 million parks referendum, the development of a senior housing facility and the addition of 20 miles of bike trails.

"Our city is certainly financially sound," said Mertensotto, adding that Mendota Heights consistently has had one of the lowest property tax rates among cities in the metropolitan area.

Card, 45, grew up in Highland Park and has lived in Mendota Heights for the past six years. He said he is less than enamored with the city's current leadership and decided to run to give Mendota Heights voters a choice.

"I think Mertensotto has been in office too long," Card said. "I don't think he's been treating people with respect."

Card, who runs a commercial construction company, said he did not like the way the city treated him when he built an addition on his garage. If elected, he said he would treat citizens with more respect when they come before the City Council. He also believes more needs to be done to reduce aircraft noise, to make schools and neighborhoods safer, to keep city government to a minimum and to lower taxes.

Mendota Heights voters will be asked to choose among five candidates to fill two four-year seats on the City Council. One seat is currently held by Jill Smith, who has decided not to seek re-election. The other seat was held by Christine Koch, who moved out of town in July.

Mike Dwyer, a 10-year member of the Planning Commission, was appointed to serve the remainder of Koch's term and is now running for the position. Also vying for the two seats on the council are Ultan Duggan, Galen Funk, John Hartmann and Mary Jeanne Schneeman.

Dwyer, 43, an 11-year resident of the city, is a commercial attorney with an Eagan law

firm. He cited the experience he has gained by his years on the Planning Commission as reason for extending his brief stint on the council.

"I think Mendota Heights is a good place to live and raise a family," said Dwyer, a father of four. "I'd like to make sure that it continues (to be). If you participate, you have a say in what happens."

Duggan, 57, is a 22-year resident of the city and chairs the Planning Commission. He ran for the council six years ago, but did not actively campaign due to the illness of his mother.

Duggan, who owns a shoe store on University Avenue in St. Paul, said he wants to serve on the council because his experience will serve the city well. "I'm the longest-serving person on the Planning Commission," he said. "I've learned a lot about city ordinances."

He said he would like to see the City Council develop a new vision for Mendota Plaza, which is often kiddingly referred to as the city's downtown.

Funk, 48, has lived in Mendota Heights for 15 years and has never sought elective office. An account manager for US West, he wants to lend his expertise to helping the city answer some of its most pressing questions, including

whether to erect a new community center and whether to give greater emphasis on redevelopment at Dodd Road and Hwy. 110.

"I've met a lot of people over the years because I've been coaching their kids," Funk said. "I think I represent the average Mendota Heights resident."

Schneeman, who would not disclose her age, ran unsuccessfully for the council two years ago. She describes herself as a full-time homemaker and volunteer who has worn many hats during her more than 30 years in Mendota Heights. Schneeman served a six-year stint on the Parks Commission and now serves on the boards of Catholic Charities and the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association.

"I've always wanted to do something like (serve on the council)," she said. "I've always been so busy, but now I have the time."

Schneeman said she would like to see the city pay closer attention to redevelopment at Dodd and 110, airport noise and expansion of the I-35E bridge. Any redesign of the bridge, she said, should include paths for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Hartmann, 60, is a 30-year resident of Mendota Heights and served on the City Council from 1979 to 1990. Because of that experience, Hartmann said he can be of great assistance in the task of remaking the city's comprehensive plan.

"I'm very familiar with (the comprehensive plan)," said Hartmann, a 32-year veteran of the computer industry who now works as a computer consultant.

Hartmann said he also knows a lot about other issues facing the council and feels his background can be a valuable asset, especially during a time when the city is losing two veteran council members.

Mendota, Lilydale, Sunfish Lake vote

Bridget Anderson is challenging incumbent Jim Toye in the November 3 election for a two-year term as mayor of Mendota. Seeking four-year terms on the Mendota City Council are James Grob, Laurence Jung and Roger Seaver.

Sunfish Lake Mayor Frank Tiffany has no challengers in his re-election bid.

Voters will be asked to choose between three candidates running for two seats on the council. They are Joel Bennett, Louise Schatz and Tim Stoddard.

Mayor Ed Mullarky and council members Robert Johnson and James Levy are running uncontested for the Lilydale City Council.

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Johnson steps down after 25 years as strong right arm of state's high court

Cynthia Johnson of Summit Hill will close out a quarter-century of work for the Minnesota Supreme Court when she steps down as its commissioner and chief legal counsel effective November 1.

Johnson is only the second person to hold the commissioner's position in the modern era of the court. She started as a clerk for Associate Justice George Scott in 1973 after receiving her law degree from Marquette University, served as assistant commissioner to Richard J. Leonard Sr. for three years and was appointed commissioner in 1978 by Chief Justice Robert Sheran.

"Cindy Johnson has been a superbly effective and devoted public servant for over 25 years," Sheran said. "While I was chief justice and before the Court of Appeals was created, her assistance was indispensable."

"I'm saddened to see Cindy Johnson resign," said former Chief Justice A.M. Sandy Keith. "She is one of the ablest attorneys I have worked with in the past 43 years. She was always available as a resource on the appellate process or on issues of substance resolved by the court."

Johnson figures that she and the two attorneys in her six-person office have been involved with nearly 50,000 cases over the past two decades. When a case comes before the court, it is her office that researches it and makes recommendations to the justices on whether they should take the case and, if they do, how to proceed. She also acts as the Supreme Court's liaison between the district courts, the appeals court and the state bar.



Minnesota Supreme Court commissioner Cynthia Johnson. Photo by Mike Long.

"One of my proudest accomplishments is that our office has kept up with the growing volume of work with the same number of staff for the past 20 years," said Johnson, who has served with 24 justices and six chief justices during that time. "It's been a privilege to watch the law develop in ways that no one could have anticipated."



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Jewish Book Fair returns to the JCC

The Jewish Community Center will hold its annual Jewish Book Fair on October 28–November 15. The fair, which is being presented in cooperation with the Hungry Mind Bookstore and several community organizations, will take place at the JCC, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The following speakers will be featured:

• Cartoonist Stan Mack, former art director of the *New York Times Sunday Magazine* and author of several books including *The Story of the Jews*, will open the book fair at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 28.

• Storyteller Cherie Karo Schwartz, author of the family book *My Lucky Dreidel, Hanukkah Stories, Songs, Poems, Crafts, Recipes, and Fun for Kids*, will highlight a St. Paul Jewish Reading program at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 1. She also will perform in concert at 7:00 p.m. that day with the Minnesota Jewish Storytellers Guild.

• Jonathan Kirsch, author of *Moses: A Biography*, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 2.

• Aaron Levin, author of *Testament: At the Creation of the State of Israel*, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 4.

• Former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Michael Blumenthal will discuss his book *Germans and Jews: A Personal Exploration* at 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 9.

• Joan Nathan, considered to be the pre-eminent spokesperson for Jewish food in

America, will talk about her book *Jewish Cooking in America* at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 10.

• Naomi Levy, a member of the first class of women to study for the rabbinate at the Jewish Theological Seminary, will talk about her new book *To Begin Again: A Journey Towards Comfort, Strength and Faith in Difficult Times* at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 11.

• Joyce Antler, the Samuel Lane Professor of American Jewish History and Culture and chair of the department of American Studies at Brandeis University, will talk about her book *The Journey Home: How Jewish Women Shaped Modern America* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 12.

• Local television and radio commentator Beth Friend will moderate a Local Authors Roundtable at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, November 15. Participants will include Ruth Brin, author of *Bittersweet Berries*; Bart Schneider, editor of the *Hungry Mind Book Review*; and Anne Ipsen Goldman, author of *A Child's Tapestry of War, Denmark, 1940-45*.

Admission to the opening speech is free. Admission to each subsequent program is \$2.00 for JCC members and \$4.00 for others. A \$50 donation to the JCC's People of the Book Fund will admit two people to all of the events. Books will be for sale throughout the fair.

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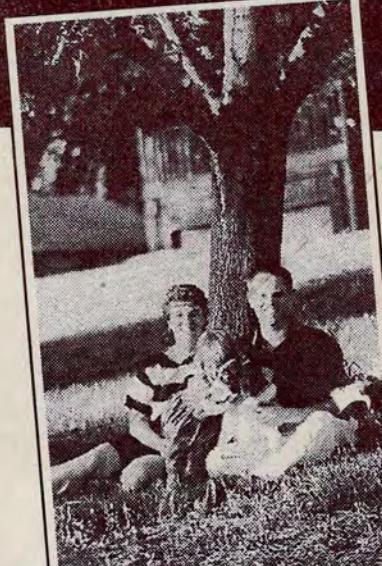
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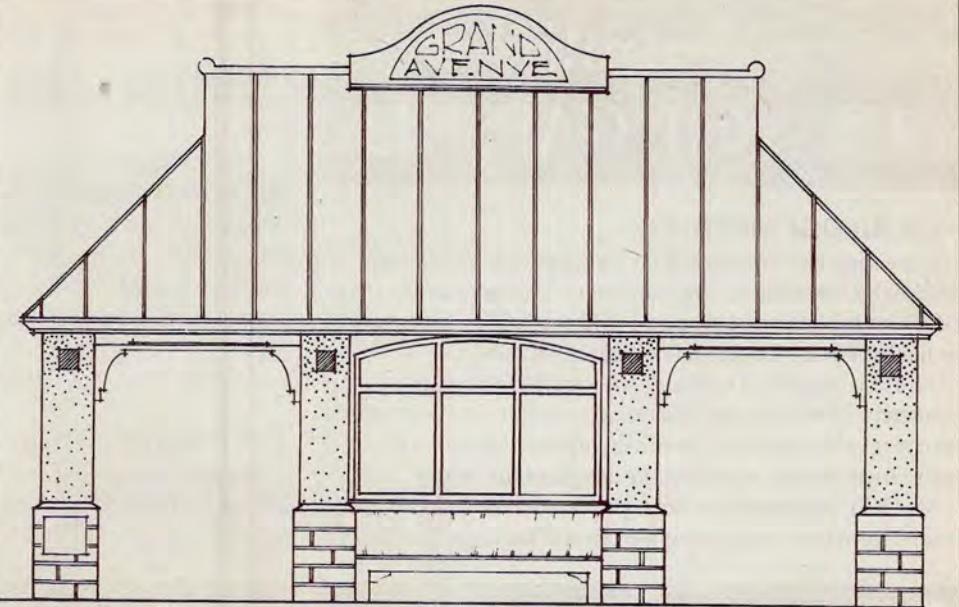


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A two-year effort by local residents and business people will come to fruition this fall when an early 20th century-style bus shelter is completed at Victoria Crossing.

Beauty and the bus

A shelter in keeping with Grand Ave.'s style rises this fall at Victoria Crossing

by Molly McBeath

The southwest corner of Grand Avenue and Victoria Street is about to get a building to match in style, if not size, the buildings on the other three corners of Victoria-Crossing. A new brick and stucco bus shelter is being erected there this fall through the cooperative efforts of the Summit Hill Association and Grand Avenue Business Association.

The new shelter will resemble an early 20th century trolley stop. It will be twice the size of a standard bus shelter and will be inlaid with decorative stone and topped with a standing seam copper roof.

The shelter is the culmination of more than two years of planning by area residents and business people who were looking for ways to enhance the character and utility of Grand Avenue. "The initial idea was to find a way to enhance the pedestrian nature of Grand so that people would be more inclined not to drive," said David Heide, a former board member of the Summit Hill Association (SHA). "Parking has been an ongoing problem in and around Grand Avenue."

Heide, with the help of neighbor Marilou Cheple, conducted a customer survey assessing the qualities that make Grand more or less attractive to pedestrians. One area that stood out was the parking lot at Grand and Victoria. The southwest corner was originally occupied by three houses facing Victoria. They were torn down long ago when the property became a used car lot. In 1978 the corner was converted to a parking lot for the burgeoning Victoria Crossing retail area.

"The missing building on that corner is unfortunate," said Heide, a professional designer. "I've always seen Victoria Crossing as an entrance to the Summit Hill neighborhood. When you enter the neighborhood from (elsewhere on Grand), the entry is sort of framed and there's a threshold between Grand and the neighborhood. That doesn't exist at Victoria."

The Grand and Victoria location was not the only site considered for a bus shelter. Others included Lexington and Grand (prior to the construction of Blockbuster Video) and the north side of Grand between Grotto and Avon streets.

"We thought we'd better focus the funds on a single location and develop other locations

as funding permitted," said Dick Cortright of the Strategic Financial Group, a GABA board member and the treasurer for the project.

A volunteer committee of neighbors and business owners was awarded two grants from the city of St. Paul's Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) program, which is funded by the city's half-percent sales tax. The first grant of \$15,000 helped pay for a pedestrian plaza at the site, including pavers, benches and bike rack. The second grant of \$20,000 will help pay for the shelter itself.

Both STAR grants had to be matched dollar for dollar with financial or in-kind contributions. GABA and the SHA secured \$10,000 in cash and \$24,000 in donated materials and labor, including Heide's design and the services of general contractor Mike Killa of Authentic Construction.

"GABA members are thrilled to have this landmark added to that corner, which has always looked kind of vacant," said Char Mason, executive director of GABA.

The feedback from neighbors has been positive as well, according to SHA executive director Ellen Biales. "People have a sense that what's made the neighborhood and business community successful is its character," Biales said. "Efforts to preserve and enhance that character are things we take very seriously."

"The bus shelter is a nice symbol of what the SHA and GABA can accomplish together," said SHA president Molly Coskran.

Upkeep of the shelter will insure that the two groups continue working together. Major maintenance projects, including painting and repairs, will be paid for out of a joint SHA and GABA fund. Basic maintenance such as cleaning and snow shoveling will be done by Metro Transit.

"We feel it's a great thing," said John Levin of Metro Transit. "Having the shelter makes it more comfortable for bus riders. It's one more thing to attract ridership."

Metro Transit is hoping new scheduling and transfer policies will also promote bus ridership on Grand. Route 3 now runs every 15 minutes on weekdays from early morning to early evening, and free transfers may be made in any direction, including return trips, up to 2½ hours after the initial bus ride.

Just when the bus shelter will be completed is uncertain. "But we're committed to having it finished before the snow flies," Heide said.

Merriam Park COUNCIL CAPSULE

I-35E BRIDGE MEETING

A meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 3, to advise the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) on the design of the new I-35E bridge. The meeting will be held at Water's Edge, 1500 W. County Road B2.

Those who attend will be provided with an overview of concerns about the bridge design and an update on the progress of the project. There also will be a discussion of the recommendations regarding the design of the bridge.

MnDOT is currently favoring a plan that would widen the bridge from the center using the current footings. The design

would provide for an 8- to 12-foot pedestrian/bike trail, two 12-foot traffic lanes in each direction and one 12-foot service lane on each side. MnDOT expects to announce a preferred design alternative in the coming weeks. For information, call project manager Larry Phillip at 651-582-1397.

UST RAMP LICENSE

The Merriam Park Community Council voted at its October 14 meeting to take no action on the request by the University of St. Thomas for a city license for the parking ramp under the new residence hall near Selby Avenue. Since the council supported the construction of the eight-story residence a couple of years ago, no new position was deemed necessary.

THE RAIL-VOLUTION

The next Transit For Livable Communities meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 21st, at Macalester Plymouth Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave. Some of the 26 Min-

nesotans who attended this year's Rail-Volution conference in Portland, Oregon, will be on hand to talk about how sidewalks, bike lanes, improved bus service and transit-oriented developments contribute to healthy neighborhoods. For information, call 651-644-6856.

AYD MILL ROAD STORY ON SPNN

Beginning October 22, the St. Paul Neighborhood Network will be airing a news special on the redevelopment of Ayd Mill Road. The piece will be replayed every day for one week at noon and 6:30 p.m. on cable channel 35.

ELECTRONIC LINK TO ENVIRONMENT

A new electronic link has been established for those who are seeking environmental information. The Web site is called "Bridges" and can be found at <http://bridges.state.mn.us>. The site allows users to search all of the Web resources of Minnesota environmental agencies simultaneously.

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Highland Area Community COUNCIL CAPSULE

TREE REPLACEMENT FUNDS

The Highland District Council has funds available to help replace trees on private property that were lost in this summer's storms. The council will match 50 percent of the cost of a new tree, up to \$40 per household. For more information, call the Highland District Council at 651-298-5138.

DEER MANAGEMENT AND CROSBY PARK

The Community Services Committee of the Highland District Council will hold two public meetings on Thursday, November 12, in the Village View Room of the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

At 6:30 p.m., representatives from the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will discuss plans for managing the deer population in the southern bluff area of Highland Park.

At 7:30 p.m., a meeting will be held to discuss improve-

ments to Crosby Park. The goal is to create a development plan for the area. For information on either meeting, call the district council office at 651-298-5138.

CRIME PREVENTION

With the sun setting earlier, residents are being urged to take additional steps to improve their household security. Police suggest mounting motion detector lights on the garage and installing timers on two or three lights inside the home.

For information about starting a block club, call the district council office at 651-298-5138.

RECYCLING CONTAINERS

The district council office is out of recycling containers and will not be getting new ones until October 26. Those who do not have a container can still sort their recyclables, place them in grocery bags and set them on the curb.

LAWN RAKING

It is against the law in St. Paul to dump or rake leaves and grass clippings into the street. Raking leaves into the street raises the cost of street cleaning and adds unnecessary pollutants to the river. Residents can take their leaves and grass clippings to county compost sites until the end of November.

While they are there, they also can pick up free garden compost and wood chips.

SNOWPLOVING RULES

It won't be long now before the first snowfall hits. Here is a brief reminder about St. Paul's snowplowing rules:

Snow emergencies are declared after snowfalls of 3 inches or more or an accumulation of 3 or more inches of snow over several days. Night Plow Routes, which are arterial streets and the posted side of north-south residential streets, are plowed first, starting at 9:00 p.m. on the day a snow emergency is declared. Day Plow Routes, which are the non-posted side of north-south residential streets and all other streets, are plowed beginning at 8:00 a.m. the following day.

Parking is banned until the street is plowed to the curb. The city will again make an effort to tag and tow cars that are left on the street before the plows come through. For information, call 651-266-PLOW.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 26: Recycling pickup, 7:00 a.m.

November 3: Election Day

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Personal chef Katie Geraghty O'Malley, owner of Kate's Cookin', gets help rolling out the crust for homemade chicken pot pies from Anna McGinn, 2, and her brother Jack, 4, in the McGinns' Minneapolis home. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

Those too busy to cook can turn their ovens over to Katie O'Malley

by Catherine Condon

While shopping at Byerly's recently, Katie Geraghty O'Malley watched as customers stood waiting for take-out food from the grocery store's deli counter.

"I was shocked at the line of people," she said. "They were coming in with their work clothes on and a kid on their hip who they'd just picked up at day care. I thought, 'I should just slip my card into all their pockets.'"

The card reads Kate's Cookin', a personal chef service that O'Malley launched in June. Instead of waiting in line at the deli, those who are too busy to cook for themselves can have O'Malley prepare three-course meals for them in their own kitchens. She does the grocery shopping, cooks the food and washes the dishes.

"I bring everything," said O'Malley, 39, a Merriam Park native who now lives in Mendota Heights. "The only thing I need is a countertop, stove and refrigerator."

At her own kitchen table, the wife and mother of two displayed news clippings about how personal chef services have increased tenfold in the last five years. There are now an estimated 1,500 such businesses operating in the United States.

O'Malley had always enjoyed the culinary arts, so after reading the success stories and receiving the encouragement of family and friends, she decided to leave her 20-year career as a preschool teacher and get cooking.

To drum up business, she distributed brochures and business cards to homes in Mendota Heights and Sunfish Lake. She also notified the local media and landed a feature segment on KSTP-TV in late July.

"Things are going great," O'Malley said. "I'm overwhelmed with the response I've gotten so far. People have just raved."

O'Malley inherited her culinary skills from her mother, Irene Geraghty, who died this summer. "I learned a lot from her," O'Malley said. "She loved to entertain and always used fresh ingredients. Instead of opening a can of soup, she'd make her own sauces from scratch. She loved to experiment with her own recipes."

O'Malley said she started experimenting on her own after she got married. "Living out in California for 10 years, I picked up a lot of ideas on fresh cooking," she said. "My husband Michael always said that I should get into the restaurant business, but I didn't want to do that."

However, when she heard about personal chef services, O'Malley said something clicked.

The minimum cost for a dinner package

through Kate's Cookin' is \$120, which includes three entrees (three to four servings per dish), three side dishes or salads (approximately four servings per dish), and homemade bread. The price is based on a two-person household. O'Malley said the healthy servings allow for an occasional dinner guest, additional light meals or lunch the next day.

"Essentially, for two adults, you're getting four meals," O'Malley said. The package is structured figuring that many couples opt to go out to eat on the last night of the work week. Desserts and specialty breads are available at an additional cost.

"Before Katie, we went out to eat four or five times a week," said David Gantman of Mendota Heights. Now he and his wife, Kristin, pay a lot fewer of those \$80 restaurant tabs by having O'Malley cook for them weekly. "It's been a blessing," he said. "It's been great food and cost-effective. We have a pretty low-fat diet. She's done a great job in keeping within those boundaries."

O'Malley meets with clients to customize the meals based on their food preferences or they can choose from items on her own extensive menu. "I actually do a lot of low-fat dishes," she said, "and I certainly will work around a favorite recipe. I'm very open to suggestions."

The days she cooks, she packs her car with her own pots, pans, utensils and spices before stopping at a grocery store near the client's home to purchase the bulk of the ingredients for the meals.

Most clients are away from home while she cooks. O'Malley prepares and packages the meals, and leaves them in the refrigerator or freezer with simple reheating instructions. By last month, she had the traveling, shopping, unloading, cooking and cleanup down to three hours.

"I'm getting faster," she said. "Efficiency and organization are really important with this job. Otherwise you're wasting time, and time is money."

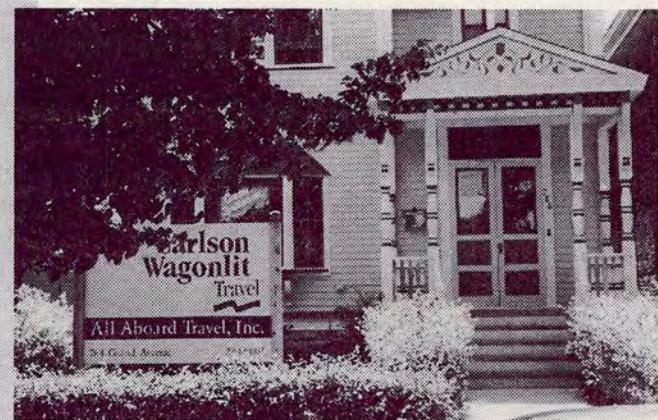
One of O'Malley's most memorable clients was a woman who had given birth to her third child. "The baby just had open heart surgery, so the mom had no time to cook," she said. "Her friends bought two weeks of meals for her."

O'Malley said she has set no sales objective. "I really haven't thought about it," she said. "At first I thought that if I could just do this part time, I'd be happy. Now it seems that I'll probably be busier than that, which is fine. The flexibility is nice. I'm here when the kids leave in the morning and I'm here when they get home in the afternoon."

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Family firm hits a high point

Fourth generation of Walshes carries Thomas Finn Co. into its 2nd century

by Dave Page

St. Katherine Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Arden Hills seemed an odd place to be celebrating the 100th anniversary of a construction firm that grew up in the Ramsey Hill neighborhood of St. Paul.

Then again, "it has a great roof," said Rick Walsh, referring to St. Katherine's onion-shaped domes. Walsh is the son of Jim and Rose Walsh, owners of the 100-year-old Thomas Finn Company, which earned its reputation by installing or repairing the roofs of some of the largest churches in St. Paul, including St. Mark's Catholic Church and House of Hope Presbyterian Church.

"St. Agnes was the toughest one, though," recalled Jim Walsh. "We had to put scaffolding around the entire structure. It took all summer." It was hard work, Jim said, but hard work is what keeps a company in business for 100 years.

Jim Walsh's great uncle, Thomas Finn, founded the company in 1898, and Jim has been with the firm for almost half a century. In those years, Jim has had his fair share of close calls.

"Looking up at those church roofs is bad enough," said Joel Banks, an employee of the firm. "When you're up there, it's even worse."

Thomas Finn was born in County Galway, Ireland, in the late 1860s and immigrated to St. Paul in the late 1880s. He worked with an uncle in the plumbing and heating business for 10 years before striking out on his own. In 1898 he established his one-man construction company on St. Peter and 10th streets

downtown. The initial investment, according to a journal that is still in the family, came to \$176. His company's assets included a horse, a ton of hay, a wagon, 76 tools and 12 fixtures.

Soon the Thomas Finn Company was involved in some of the largest construction projects in St. Paul. It did the ventilation for St. Joseph's Hospital, the roofing and ventilation for the St. Paul Hotel, the catwalks for City Hall. The company also installed the copper roof of the St. Paul Cathedral. This year Jim's son Greg was back up on that roof repairing storm damage.

Jim Walsh is the son of Dick Walsh, whose sister, Rose, was married to Finn. Dick went to work for Finn while attending Cretin High School. After graduating from Cretin in 1910, Dick moved to New Mexico, but returned in 1918 to become the firm's bookkeeper.

Dick took over the business in 1936, the year Thomas Finn died. Shortly thereafter, Dick moved the firm to 370 Dayton Ave., on the present site of the YWCA of St. Paul.

Jim joined the company in 1952 after a stint in the service, and took over the business following Dick's stroke in 1970. In 1984 Jim moved the firm to its present location at 615 Drake St.

Jim currently serves as the vice president of the firm. His wife of 42 years, whose name is also Rose, serves as president. The Mendota Heights couple have six children, all of whom have worked at Thomas Finn at one time or another. Sons Greg and Stephen manage the roofing and sheet metal departments and daughter Mary Langevin manages the office.

The firm employs 35 people and does



Representing the third and fourth generations of Walshes to work for the Thomas Finn Company, from left, are Steve Walsh, Jim Walsh, Rose Walsh, Mary Walsh Langevin and Greg Walsh. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

mostly commercial roofing now. Though it is occasionally hired to work with tile, slate and copper roofs, most of its jobs involve hot tar and gravel, according to Banks, who has been with the firm for 22 years.

One of Thomas Finn's biggest customers is 3M. "We've been working on one project

(at 3M) for six months," Stephen said. "Reroofing any one of their large buildings can take as much as 10,000 to 20,000 pounds of aluminum."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Mary Beissel of Mendota Heights was recently honored with the Circle of Achievement Award at a Mary Kay business seminar in Dallas. The award is given to those who have sold more than \$300,000 in Mary Kay products during the yearlong contest period.

The St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium has received the National Recycling Coalition's 1998 award for outstanding public education. The NEC was recognized for its creative and easily understood materials on recycling and waste reduction. The NEC conducts a host of programs designed to conserve energy and protect the natural environment. It has administered curbside recycling programs in St. Paul since 1986.

Dr. Karl Chun has joined Fairview Highland Park Clinic, 2155 Ford Pkwy., as a board-certified pediatrician. Chun, who earned his medical degree from the University of Hawaii, joins three full-time family practice physicians at the Highland Village clinic.

Vineeta Sawkar of Highland Park, a general assignment reporter and interim weekend anchor for KSTP-TV's "Eyewitness News," has been named the regular co-anchor for the evening newscasts on Saturday and Sunday. A graduate of Boston University, Sawkar joined KSTP in 1995 following stints with TV news programs in Omaha and Fargo.

Regina Candies, 2073 St. Clair Ave., will be offering free tours of its kitchen as part of its 72nd anniversary celebration on Saturday, October 24. The tours, which begin every 45 minutes between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., include the history of the three-generation family business. Prize drawings for a gift basket and a Halloween basket will also be held.

Edina Realty's Highland office recently welcomed Mark Funk of Minneapolis to its staff of sales associates. Funk, who earned an M.A. in education from the University of Iowa, was formerly employed by the Bloomington school district.

Leslie E. Strohm of Mendota Heights has launched a new business called ProTec Environmental Consultants. A former assistant membership director for the Jewish Community Center, Strohm is the new firm's president and is responsible for marketing, sales and daily operations. Her husband James, a chemical engineer and long-time environmental consultant, is the senior project manager.

David C. Sellergren of Macalester-Groveland, a real estate lawyer with Doherty, Rumble and Butler, has been named one of the top lawyers in the Twin Cities in a survey of 8,000 lawyers conducted by *Minnesota Law & Politics* magazine.

David and Rose Goehring are moving their architectural firm, David Goehring

Architects, out of their Merriam Park home and into a new office on the top floor of International Market Square in downtown Minneapolis.

Eric Eoloff of Highland Park has been named director of administration for the Allina Foundation, the community investment arm of Allina Health System. Eoloff was previously employed as Medicare sales manager for Medica Health Plans. Before that he was a journalist for the Bloomington *Sun Current* and Owatonna *People's Press*.

Real Personal Training Inc. has been started by Crystal Urbanski, a registered physical therapist and Highland Park resident. Urbanski, who also is a certified weight trainer, offers professional fitness consulting and coaching in a client's home.

Jubilee Shop, 1051 Grand Ave., has changed its name to Ten Thousand Villages. The non-profit store has been selling the work of artisans from more than 30 developing countries from its space in the Oxford Mall for the past eight years. Ten Thousand Villages is the name of the organization that works directly with the artisans. A celebration to mark the renaming of the store will be held from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 8. Live African and Caribbean music, storytelling, games and refreshments from around the world will be featured. For information, call 651-225-1043.



In a photo from the 1920s, company founder Thomas Finn (right) poses with his employees in the firm's original downtown shop. Standing at center in the white dress shirt is then-bookkeeper Dick Walsh.

Thomas Finn Company

attended the anniversary party, including Philip Friedlund, who met Jim this spring after a tornado ripped through St. Peter. "The wrecking ball was just about to smash down the old Nicollet Hotel when an architect who worked with Jim said it could be saved," Friedlund said.

Friedlund and Walsh decided to purchase the historic hotel, which is reputed to be where Jesse James picked up a horse before his infamous Northfield raid. The Thomas

Finn Company is now repairing the Nicollet Hotel's storm-damaged roof.

According to Jim Walsh's son Rick, the company's longevity is largely due to his father's ability to juggle the day-to-day challenges of a family firm. However, Bob Wind, a retired Thomas Finn employee, has another theory.

"The Walshes always made us feel as if we were part of the family," Wind said. "Because of that, work was as much fun as it could be."

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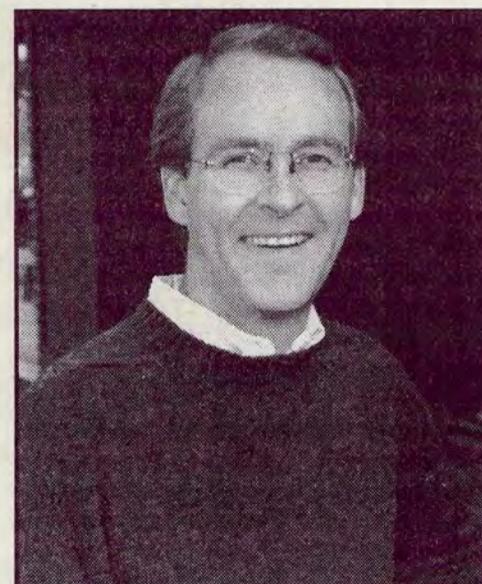
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SCHOOL NOTES

Enrichment classes for children in grades 1-5 will be offered from 9:00 a.m. to noon on four Saturdays beginning October 24, at Highland Catholic School, 2017 Bohland Ave. The classes are being sponsored by the University of St. Thomas. For registration information, call 651-962-5385, extension 2.

The Highland Park High School class of 1988 is looking for missing alumni to attend the 10-year class reunion. The reunion will be held on November 28 at the Airport Hilton in Bloomington. For information, call Taylor Reunion Services at 1-800-677-7800.

Central Evening High School is now offering free classes for students ages 16-21 who are seeking to earn a high school diploma. The classes meet from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. English as a second language classes also are offered. For registration information, call 651-293-5355.

Vista Productions, the theater department of Visitation School and St. Thomas Academy, has been selected by the American High School Theatre Festival to perform at next summer's Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland. The troupe is one of 19 high school theater groups from the United States that were selected and the only one from Minnesota.

Cretin-Derham Hall will hold open houses for prospective students and their parents at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 4, and Tuesday, November 10. The first session is for those whose last names begin with the letters A-L, the second for those with last names that begin with M-Z. Information will be available about admissions criteria, application deadlines, placement tests and financial aid. Tours of the school will be offered and staff members will be on hand to answer questions. For information, call Mary Jo Groeller at 651-696-3302.

The Minnesota State Arts Board recently approved \$220,848 in grants to support artist residencies in 61 schools around the state. Grants to local recipients included \$3,000 to Highland Park Elementary for visual artist Marcia McEachron, who will teach various artistic techniques and design principles; \$2,956 to Highland Park Senior High for Marilyn Lindstrom to help students design murals representing Hmong, African-American, Latino and Chinese cultures; \$4,140 to J.J. Hill Montessori for T. Mychael Rambo to help students write stories and

St. Thomas finishes \$24.5 million residence hall

The University of St. Thomas recently held a dedication ceremony to mark the completion of its new \$24.5 million student residence on the north end of the main campus overlooking the football field.

The eight-story residence offers apartment-style housing for 346 students and a three-level parking ramp for 358 cars. The residence was built in an effort to entice more juniors and seniors into living

on campus and to ease the college's parking crunch. A new skyway connects the residence and ramp with Koch Commons, which offers food, computer, fitness and health facilities.

The building also is the new headquarters for the university's Office of Public Safety and Parking Services, which moved in late August from a house at 2097 Grand Ave. The new office includes a bank of television monitors that are

linked to security cameras in the new ramp and other campus parking lots. The house on Grand will be used by the St. Paul Police Department as a base for its bicycle-mounted officers.

This fall, St. Thomas has slightly more than 2,000 students residing in 10 residence halls and several off-campus apartments. Twenty-five years ago, the university had 825 students living in three residence halls.

investigate the lives of literary and historical figures; and \$2,409 to Linwood Elementary for dancer Jane Peck and poet John Minczeski to teach "ideas of change using the theme of trees."

District 197 Community Education will offer the following classes beginning next week: Beginning Quilting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, October 27-December 1, at Friendly Hills Middle School (\$39); Beginning Word Processing at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, October 27 and 29, at Moreland Elementary School (\$66); and Dabbling in Songwriting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 29, at Heritage Middle School (\$32). For information, call 651-681-2389.

St. Thomas Academy cadets will conduct a triple flag salute honoring the United States, France and Ireland during a banquet on Thursday, October 29, at the Town and Country Club. The banquet will commemorate the birth of Irish democracy 200 years ago. Seán Ó Huiginn, Ireland's ambassador to the United States, will be the guest of honor.

Grandparents are invited to attend School District 197's Early Childhood and Family Education program with their grandchildren from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, November 14, at the Learning Center, 1300 Mendota Heights Road in Mendota Heights. There will be books to read, a gift to make, new songs to learn and other activities. The cost is \$7.50 per family. To register, call 651-405-2480.

Michael Garcia, a Dayton Avenue resident, has been named deputy director of Achievement Plus, an education improvement initiative that is in place at Monroe Community School and Daytons Bluff Elementary in St. Paul. Garcia was pre-

ously a senior consultant for the community services group of the Wilder Foundation.

Dr. William Rudelius has been named to the newly created endowed chair in global marketing at the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Business. Rudelius, co-author of one of the nation's top-selling textbooks on the principles of marketing, has taught for more than 30 years at the University of Minnesota, where he has been a professor at the Carlson School of Management.

The largest freshman class in its 113-year history has contributed to a record high enrollment at the University of St. Thomas. There are 1,038 freshmen at St. Thomas this fall, which surpasses the university's former record of 997 set in 1996. Total enrollment stands at 10,790, a 3.4 percent increase over last year. That includes 8,068 students on the St. Paul campus and 2,077 on the Minneapolis campus. Other students are enrolled at St. Thomas facilities in Chaska, Owatonna, Anoka, Rochester, Woodbury and the Mall of America.

Macalester College recently announced a \$50 million fund-raising campaign to support student financial aid, faculty and student research, construction of a new campus center and other programs. The college raised \$31.7 million during the "quiet" phase of the campaign, which began in 1995, and is now turning to alumni and friends to raise the remainder. Macalester received a large gift from *Reader's Digest* co-founders DeWitt and Lila Wallace in 1981, which helped generate its current \$461 million endowment. College president Michael McPherson said the endowment is not large enough to generate income to support all the college's needs. The fund-raising campaign is scheduled to run until May 31, 2000.

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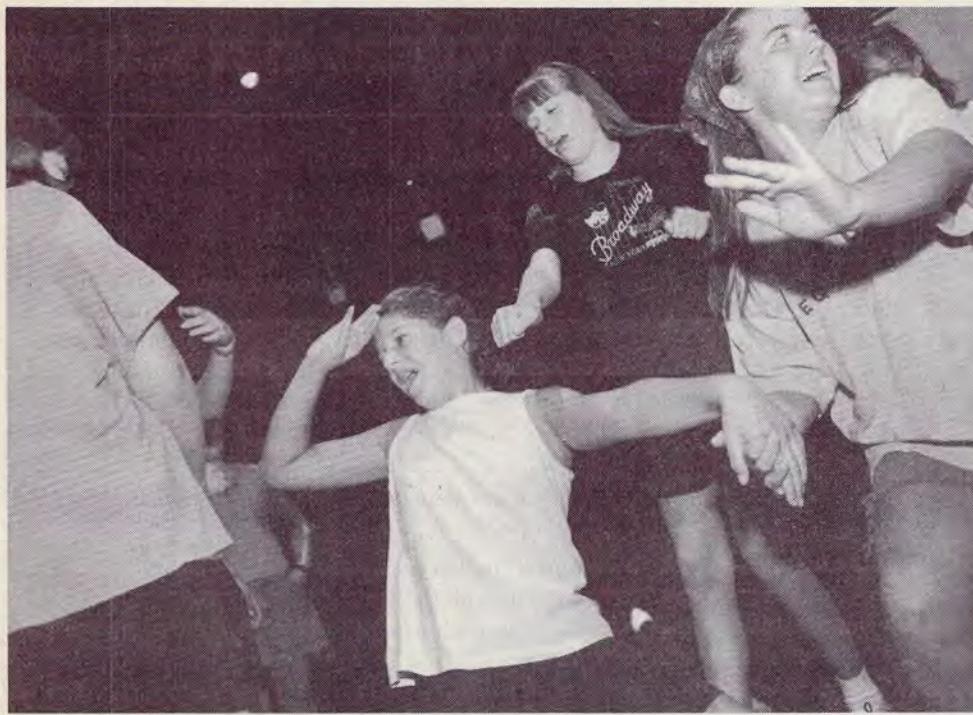
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Rebecca Habegger, center, leads fellow drama students in a warm-up exercise as part of a Stagecoach St. Paul-Summit class at Concordia University. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

Class act

British theater arts program chooses St. Paul for site of its 200th franchise

by Catherine Condon

Amy Levine's daughter, Delia, sings in the University of St. Thomas' children's choir and acts in plays at Expo Magnet School. The Summit Hill 5th-grader, Levine said, is "naturally theatrical."

So when Stagecoach Theatre Arts announced that it had picked St. Paul for the location of its 200th school, Levine decided to register Delia for the fall session. Called Stagecoach St. Paul-Summit, the school offers drama, vocal and dance training to children ages 4-16 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays at Concordia University.

Founded 10 years ago with three schools in Surrey, England, Stagecoach is now the largest part-time theatrical school in the world, according to principal Simon McAllister. Minnesota is the only U.S. state with Stagecoach franchises. The award-winning program opened its first Minnesota franchise last fall and now has schools in Eden Prairie, Edina, Golden Valley, Minnetonka and St. Paul.

"Minnesota is supportive of the arts," McAllister said. "There are a lot of good art communities here. There are plenty of artists available to teach."

McAllister helped launch Stagecoach Minnesota last fall, two years after moving from London to Minneapolis to teach drama and do commercial voice-overs. A graduate of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, McAllister has acted, directed, taught and worked as a talent agent throughout the United Kingdom.

Stagecoach St. Paul-Summit debuted as a summer program last June. "I ran the ads for the school and it sold out within a week," McAllister said. "That was quicker than any of our other schools. I thought, 'Perhaps we need to be running it year-round.'"

As expected, fall classes are full. McAllister said he was not surprised, considering the interest of those who visited Stagecoach's booth at the Minnesota State Fair. "There were more inquiries from St. Paul than all the (other Minnesota) schools put together," he said.

Each school recruits 45 students, divided by age into three groups of 15. For the first hour, one group learns dancing, the second singing and the third acting. The groups then rotate. The Stagecoach year has three 12-week terms running from September through June. Tuition is \$295 per term.

"The combination of dance, drama and

singing gives students a complete physical, emotional and creative workout," McAllister said. "It challenges them on all levels. We give new students two weeks to try it out before we ask for the full fee." According to him, about 70 percent of Stagecoach Minnesota students enroll after they get a taste of the classes.

Stagecoach training is serious, he said, but it is also fun. It appeals to youngsters who are intent on a career in the arts as well as those who are seeking to make new friends and learn new skills.

"Five percent of our students will maybe do something professionally," McAllister said. "After they're through here, they'll know how to audition and how to conduct themselves professionally. The rest of them, hopefully, will learn to communicate better, become more self-aware and be more confident. Perhaps they'll learn to do things through improvisation in a drama class that they would never have done otherwise, like address bullies in school or problems that they're having at home."

Like all Stagecoach staff, the St. Paul school's three instructors are experienced, educated professionals. Dance coach Macushla Hill has taught, choreographed and performed throughout the Twin Cities at facilities like the Walker Art Center and Hennepin Center for the Arts. Hill said she is thrilled with Concordia's facilities, specifically the dance studio with its mirrors, bars and sprung floors.

"Because it's an academic facility, we have a nicer place to work," she said. "It has a more professional atmosphere, I think."

The staff also includes drama coach Flint Keller, who has worked extensively with Midwest Youth Dance Theatre and SteppingStone Theatre for Youth Development, and music coach Kenny Kiser, who teaches at the Garfield Avenue Studio of Music and St. Thomas Conservatory of Music, and directs the children's choir at the Metropolitan Music Conservatory.

At this time, McAllister said, Stagecoach has no plans to expand further in Minnesota or to open schools elsewhere in the country. That may change, however.

"If this works in Minnesota, then we're pretty sure we'll be able to make it work anywhere else," he said. "If we can get a successful program up and running here with a nice track record of two or three years, that would be the point at which we'd start venturing into other states."

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BOARD NOTES

At its October 15 meeting, the Macalester-Groveland Community Council discussed a recommendation from its Airport Noise Committee to oppose plans for extending the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport's crosswind runway that carries planes over St. Paul. The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) plans to permanently extend the runway to 12,000 feet in order to optimize Northwest Airline's non-stop 747 service to Hong Kong.

The community council is concerned that the extension will result in an increase in aircraft noise by moving the runway 1,000 feet closer to St. Paul. For that reason, it plans to ask MAC to halt the extension and will encourage local, state and federal elected officials to oppose the expenditure of public funds for the project.

Those sharing the community council's concerns are being encouraged to call local MAC representatives John Dowdle at 651-227-0200 or Dick Long at 651-698-6561 to express their views.

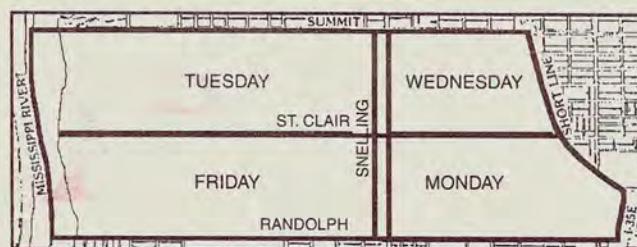
TEEN POETRY PROJECT

This fall, the community council will be offering interested high school students the opportunity to participate in a free writing class. The Macalester-Groveland Teen Poetry Project, led by local poet Jennifer Kohnhorst, is geared toward students who are already interested in writing but would like to refine

Volunteer drivers are urgently needed to deliver meals to homebound elderly area residents through the Merriam Park Senior Program. For information, call 651-645-7424.

Election judges are now being sought for the November 3 general election in St. Paul. Residents of the city who are eligible to vote and can read, write and speak English may serve as election judges. Candidates and people closely related to candidates are prohibited. For information, call 651-266-2171.

The Ramsey County Guardian Ad Litem Program is seeking volunteers to serve as court-appointed advocates for children. Volunteers are needed for as little as six hours a month to



Macalester-Groveland recycling days

their skills.

Students will participate in poetry readings at a local bookstore and will produce a magazine. For information, call the community council office at 651-698-7973.

GREAT PUMPKIN DROP

The Great Pumpkin Drop II will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, November 7, in the parking lot of Immanuel Lutheran Church, located on Snelling and Lincoln avenues. Pumpkins brought to the site will be collected by Eagle Environmental and used as compost on metro-area farms.

This project is an alternative to putting pumpkins in the trash. Because pumpkins, particularly those that have been out in the cold, do not shred easily, they clog up and often cause breakdown of the machines at the Refuse Derived Fuel facility at Newport.

Pumpkins that are painted will not be accepted, and candles must be removed. For more information, call Scott Foss at the community council office at 651-698-7973.

COMPOST SITE HOURS

County compost sites will be open until the end of November. Hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday, Wednes-

day and Friday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday; and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

Those interested in backyard composting are invited to stop by the community council's compost demonstration site at the Edgcumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St., or call Scott Foss at 651-698-7973.

RECYCLING MADE EASY

Recycling is collected weekly in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood. Items should be sorted, bagged and set out on the curb by 6:30 a.m. on collection day. For information, call the community council office at 651-698-7973.

JOB CONNECTION

The Job Connection brings together workers who want to earn money working flexible hours close to home with senior citizens in the Macalester-Groveland and Highland areas who are looking for someone to mow, rake, clean house or perform minor repairs around the home. The wage depends on the age of the worker and the difficulty of the job, but it averages around \$6.50 an hour. For more information, call Jessica Bakkene at 651-698-7973.

CRIME PREVENTION

October is crime prevention month. Police officials report that one of the best ways to have a safe neighborhood is to either start or join a neighborhood block club. Block clubs are about neighbors looking out for neighbors. They not only help prevent crime, but provide a forum for neighbors to come together to address common concerns. About 25 percent of Macalester-Groveland blocks still have not organized clubs. It is easy, fun and a great way to get to know neighbors. For information on how to get started, call 651-698-7973.

VOLUNTEERS

serve the interests of children who are involved with the court system due to allegations of child abuse or neglect, delinquency, domestic violence or a custody dispute resulting from divorce proceedings. For details, call 651-298-4047.

The Salvation Army is seeking volunteer mentors for Project Break-Through, a program designed to help families break out of the cycle of poverty. For details, call 651-730-6160.

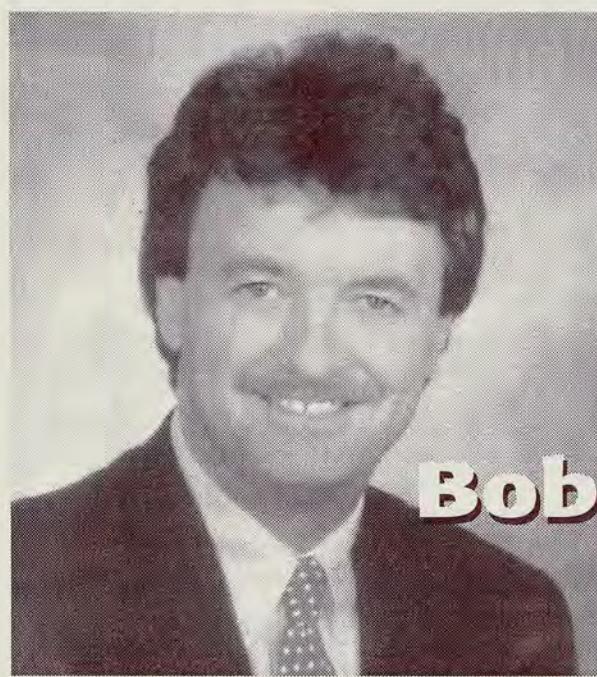
The St. Paul Public Library is seeking adults to tutor children twice a week for at least six months as part of the national America Reads Challenge. Tutoring sessions will take place at all library branches. Training will be provided. For information, call Jennifer Barrett at 651-292-7270.

The United Jewish Fund and Council will host its annual Super Sunday telethon on November 1. Volunteers will man the phones from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to raise money for several Twin Cities agencies. The telethon will be held at the UJFC offices at 790 S. Cleveland Ave., Suite 201. Those who are willing to lend a hand may call 651-690-1707.

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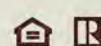
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Activities creeping up for those seeking some Halloween fun

Hang up the ghosts, carve up the pumpkins and install fresh batteries in the severed hand. It won't be long before the little goblins come knocking on the door looking for trunk-loads of treats.

Those who are looking to scare up a little fun prior to the big day had better shake a leg—preferably one that's still attached. There are enough haunted houses, ghostly tours and pumpkin parties being held locally that a person would have to become a creature of the night to take them all in.

To help with the monstrous task of deciding where to go and what to do, the *Vilager* offers this roundup of events being held in honor of All Hallow's Eve:

Ghosts of Fort Snelling tours will be given from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, October 21-22. Guides will take visitors on candlelit walks past some of the fort's favorite haunts, while costumed characters play out historic scenes. Admission is \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors and \$5.00 for children. Call 612-726-1171.

Ghosts and Graves Tours are being led at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday now through Halloween beginning at the Wabasha Street Caves, 215 S. Wabasha St. Tales of ghosts, hauntings and crimes of passion will be presented as tour-goers take a two-hour drive past some of St. Paul's most spirit-filled sites. The cost is \$18. Call 651-292-1220.

Hauntings, an interactive theatrical experience of Halloween horror, is being produced now through October 31 in the Wabasha Street Caves, 215 S. Wabasha St. Host Jim Cunningham of Merriam Park transports audiences back to Victorian times when spiritualism captured the world's imagination. Tickets are \$26. Call 651-989-5151.

Shadows and spirits will stalk the halls of the state Capitol from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. October 22-30. Visitors are invited to tour the Capitol while they meet costumed characters from the state's past. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$2.00 for children. To register, call 651-296-2881.

The Tunnel of Terror will open for its 17th season in the sandstone labyrinth adjacent to Watergate Marina, 2500 S. Mississippi River Blvd. Members of the St. Paul Jaycees are dressing up in costume to guide visitors through a maze of scary scenes set up in the caves. The Tunnel of Terror runs the evenings of October 22, 24-25 and 28-31. Admission is \$9.00 for adults, \$7.00 for children. There's a \$1.00 discount for those who bring a food shelf donation. A special children's matinee



Macalester-Groveland resident Rob Martell will direct his final haunted house from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, October 23-24 and 30-31, at his Goodrich Avenue home. The St. Paul Open School senior has orchestrated the highly successful spook house for the past six years, overseeing everything from the custom-made masks and music to lighting and set design. Thirteen local youths will act out various roles for this year's event. Pictured warming up for the fright nights are Carlos Martell, Tim Schea and Eric Krausher. Admission is free with a food shelf donation. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Halloween. Call 651-222-1708.

The Zoo Boo will be presented from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday, October 23-25, at Como Zoo. Children who follow the Zoo Boo path will receive treats at decorated stations. Costumes are encouraged. Admission is \$4.00 in advance and \$4.50 at the gate for children; \$1.00 for adults. Advance tickets are available at the zoo's gift shop and at most Snyder's stores. Call 651-487-8229.

All Hallows Eve tours will be offered from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. October 23-24 and 29-30 at the Gibbs Farm Museum. Pranks, jack-o-lanterns, ghosts and games are all on tap as costumed guides lead visitors through the museum grounds. Vignettes of chilling tales will be presented at various stops along the way. A bonfire will be lit and refreshments will be served. Admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors and \$2.00 for children. Call 651-646-8629.

Hillside of Horrors will be presented by the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation at the Highland Park Pavilion from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. October 23-24 and 29-31. The cost is \$5.00, \$3.00 with a food donation. Call 651-266-6400.

Victorian ghost stories will be told at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, October 26-28, at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. The stories will be read by costumed actors in the parlor of the brooding mansion. Refreshments and tours will follow. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children. Call 651-297-2555.

The Addams Family will be the featured guests during Kids' Week activities at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, October 28-31, at Summit Avenue Assembly of God, 845 Summit Ave. There'll be clowns, puppets, chalk art, juggling, unicycling and prizes. A harvest party will take place on Halloween, with hot dogs, snow cones, candy and other goodies. Call 651-228-0811.

A Halloween Extravaganza will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 29-30, at the Dodge Nature Center, 1795 Charlton St. in West St. Paul. Costumed guides will take visitors along trails where they'll encounter a chocolate cow, mystery bean peddler and Jack of the giant beanstalk fame. Tours will set out every 15 minutes from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m. on both evenings. The cost is \$8.00. Call 651-455-4531.

Halloween concerts for the benefit of

Minnesota Special Olympics will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, October 30-31, at Gabe's by the Park, 991 N. Lexington Pkwy. Headliners will include Martin Zellar and the Hardways on Friday, and Tim Mahoney on Saturday. Tickets are \$10 at the door on Friday, and \$7.00 on Saturday. For information, call 651-646-3066.

The Great Minnesota Candy Giveaway will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 31, at the Governor's Residence, 1006 Summit Ave. This is the seventh and last time that Governor Arne Carlson and his wife, Susan, will pass out bags of candy to young trick-or-treaters. Costumed characters also will be on hand. Children are encouraged to show up in costume. Admission is free.

Highland Village will open its doors to trick-or-treaters between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31. More than 30 businesses along Ford Parkway and Cleveland Avenue will be handing out treats. Kids can decorate their trick-or-treat bags between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the lobby of Firstar Bank, 757 S. Cleveland Ave. Free safety glow sticks will be distributed between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at R.F. Moeller Jeweler, 2073 Ford Pkwy. A Halloween costume contest, with cash awards of \$50, \$30 and \$20, will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Blimpies, Randolph and Fairview avenues. Halloween storytime will be held between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 2080 Ford Pkwy. For information, call the Highland Business Association at 651-699-9042.

The rockin'zydeco band ZoloGo will play host to a Southwest Louisiana style Halloween bash on Saturday, October 31, at the St. Paul Curling Club, 470 Selby Ave. Dance lessons will be offered at 8:00 p.m., with the dancing and music to follow from 8:30 to midnight. Admission is \$7.00.

Spooky World, "America's Horror Theme Park," has opened its fourth season at Murphy's Landing in Shakopee. From Wednesday through Sunday evenings now through Halloween, visitors can experience the Creepy Hollow Hayride, four new haunted houses, the "Booville" children's area, monster mini-golf, the Doom Drop giant slide, the slime booth and more. Admission is \$14; free for children 5 and younger. Call 612-445-8555.

Macabaret '98 has returned to haunt Upstairs at McColl's, 366 Jackson St., on Fridays and Saturdays through October 31. The musical revue features a wickedly witty collection of songs dealing with the macabre. Tickets cost \$13. Call 651-224-5313.

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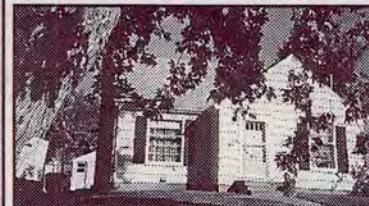
Large brick home...
at 794 Linwood with 6 BRs, 4 fireplaces, 5 baths, hardwood floors, main floor family room. Many updates. Attached garage.

Alice Dickinson/Sarah Kinney 227-9144 \$459,000



4-BR/2-bath expansion.
Quality-built brick/vinyl on 1/2 acre park-like yard, king-sized living room, country eat-in kitchen, completely pine walled upper level, newer roof, central air, attached garage.

Jim Dorfman/Brian Dorfman 651-698-2481 \$139,900



Just listed! 1-1/2 story.
Immaculate! Great curb appeal. Spacious sunfilled rooms, fireplace, hardwood floors, formal dining room, upper level non-conf. BR or family room/office, etc. New furnace. Sold "As Is".

Jeannie Marver 690-8571 \$120's K



Darling 2-BR + sunroom.
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Jeannie Marver 690-8571 GREAT PRICE!



Fall color surrounds
this magnificent 4+ BR St. Paul home nestled on a hill adjacent to Battle Creek Park. Ten minutes to 3M and downtown. Exceptional value and location in this price range.

Gillisa McKiernan 690-8544 \$154,500



Great starter home!
Own for less than rent in great neighborhood. Call for more information on this 2-BR stucco bungalow with garage.

Gillisa McKiernan 690-8544 \$58,000



New in South Highland.
First time on market since 1951. Custom built 1-1/2 story, fireplace, hardwood floors, ceramic tiled bath, lovely treed yard, 2-car garage, central air. Near river, great neighborhood.

Rosemary McNeely/Lolly McNeely Salmen 690-8541



"HOUSE HAUNTING?" It is available Oct. 31st. Softwood floors, no nat. wdwk, drafty rooms, original decor by a poor decorator and no mechanics! But to heck-with rates — So good "It Won't Last" — so call for other options.

Jim and Sue Lindsay 690-8531



Cute & all up-dated. A very functional home with kitchen open to the living room, upscale decor w/use of ceramic tile, hardwood floors redone & 90's colors. 2 BRs, fenced yard, 1-car garage, workbench in LL, updated elec.

Jim and Sue Lindsay 690-8531 \$96,500



So very affordable" — so much house for the money! 3 BRs, 2 baths, main floor laundry room, large kitchen, formal dining room, newer furnace and lots of updates, convenient to downtown. Available to look at.

Jim and Sue Lindsay 690-8531 \$79,900



Sparkling 5-BR rambler. Totally redone Highland home in A-1 condition. Repainted inside & out, new roof, refinished hardwood floors, new baths & tile, large main floor fam. room, finished basement, seller's warranty.

Gillisa McKiernan 690-8544



New in Mendota Heights!
East Ivy Falls, lovely 4-BR, 4-bath multi-level. Huge kitchen and family room. Soft, neutral decor, vaulted living room, quiet family cul-de-sac, large private lot — it's all here! Call Lolly to see.

Rosemary McNeely/Lolly McNeely Salmen 690-8582



Renovated starter!
Enjoy the sunny front porch or maybe the cookouts on the spacious deck. Home has new 2-car garage, carpeting and roof, 2 BRs, 1 bath.

Dennis Malloy 651-690-8524 Only \$79,000



Great potential!
Up/down duplex with 1-BR, 1-bath in each unit. Could be a large single family home with 4 BRs, family room, living room, dining room, 2 baths, kitchen. Plenty of room for garage.

Dennis Malloy 651-690-8524 \$59,000



Impeccable interior!
This 2-story in Roseville School District is exquisitely renovated — boasting new carpet, paint, hardwood floors, huge country kitchen/fam. room. 3 beautiful, big BRs, 3 baths. Fenced park-like yard.

Sue Drude Noyes 690-8558 \$119K



543 Lincoln \$299,900.
4 BRs, 3 baths, owner's suite has four-season porch and tile bath, hardwood floors, maple kitchen with new appliances. 3-car garage, red brick and stucco!

Netteberg, Peter & Christine 690-8546



Wilder 1-BR condo.
Over 55 — grant unit, association fees \$76. Move-in condition, close to everything. Sixth floor has great views. Has underground parking space, all appliances.

Dick Martinson 690-8536



Three-bedroom 2-story.
Sold in just 3 days. 1306 Fairmount. Natural woodwork, built-in buffet, original cabinets in kitchen. 150 foot, deep lot. Thinking about a move? Call Linda J. Alter.

Linda Alter 690-8584



Southview Golf Course.
Mint 2-BR, 2-bath condo includes sunroom, large eat-in kitchen with exterior window, dining room, fireplace, laundry, walk-in closet, loads of storage, 1/2 mile to Robert Street shops.

Dick Voss 690-8543 \$119,000



Large 1-BR condo.
On golf course with lake view — top floor, all on one level, laundry in unit, solarium, sun porch, walk-in closet, lots of storage, all appliances. 1,100 square feet.

Dick Voss 690-8543 JUST \$89,500



Bright, sunny 2-story!
Macalester/Groveland 2-story stucco with gleaming hardwood floors, 3 BRs + den, 2 porches, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, bright sunny rooms and close to river. Hurry! Call Denny Osborn to see!

Denny Osborn 690-8520 \$159,900

VILLAGER Voters Guide

Your resource for information on the general election.

Voters will take to polls on November 3

Local residents who head to the polls on Tuesday, November 3, have their work cut out for them. Along with deciding who will be Minnesota's next governor, voters in the *Vilager* area will be casting ballots for secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, state attorney general, U.S. Representative, three amendments to the Minnesota Constitution, a Minnesota Supreme Court justice, numerous district judges and a wide variety of county and municipal seats.

Those uncertain for whom they intend to vote in the general election may find the voters guide that appears on this and the following four pages helpful. Local

candidates were asked to respond to a series of questions on topics of particular importance in this election.

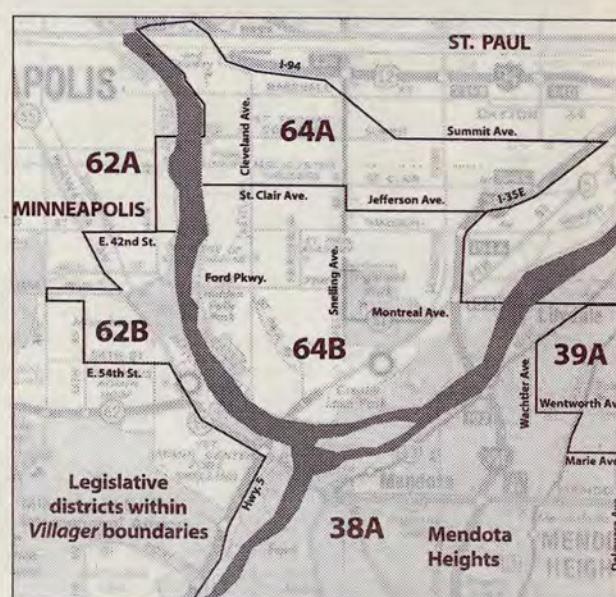
Due to space considerations, the voters guide was limited to the three major-party candidates for governor and to those candidates seeking elective offices for state representative from House districts 64A, 64B, 62B and 38A; Ramsey County Board from District 5; Ramsey County Attorney; and U.S. Representative from District 4.

The voters guide also includes a sample ballot on the bottom of page 30 that lists all of the contested races and ballot questions that will be decided this fall.

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 3. To vote, a person must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and a Minnesota resident for at least 20 days before the election.

Citizens may register on election day at their polling place provided they bring along a Minnesota driver's license, a state identification card or a registered voter from the same precinct to vouch for them.

For information about polling places or other election and voter services, call 651-266-2171 in Ramsey County, 612-673-2070 in Hennepin County or 651-438-4380 in Dakota County.



Minnesota Governor

Questions

Budget: The state government is currently running a surplus in its budgeting. What should be done with the money currently in the state coffers? Are there additional spending provisions that you would support?



Norm Coleman

St. Paul
Age: 49
Political party: Republican
Occupation: Mayor of St. Paul

I will give Minnesota families \$3 billion in tax relief over the next four years. The average Minnesota married couple (\$40,000 joint income) would see a permanent tax cut of \$378 per year. My plan also includes \$150 million for a state payment for one-half of 1999 farm taxes.

I will use a portion of the non-sustainable surplus to give a one-time income tax rebate, which would mean a \$530 check to the average Minnesota family. I will not only phase out the marriage penalty that exists for many in our tax code, but also the so-called "sick tax."

Crime: What more should the state do to combat crime?

As a former prosecuting attorney, I know how important it is to punish criminals. I will push for tougher laws against gangs, guns and juvenile crime. I will double the funding for the state's gang strike force and will increase the mandatory minimum penalties for gang members convicted of felonies. I will work to keep guns from being used illegally. We need to restrict plea bargains when the crime involves guns and require consecutive sentencing for each gun offense committed. We need to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their crimes and concentrate on reducing crime at its source.

We need to crack down on gangs, guns and drugs to make our communities safer. I propose doubling the statewide gang strike force, cracking down on felons and gun dealers who threaten on our streets, strengthening sentencing for gun crimes, and toughening our probation laws to keep repeat offenders behind bars.

We must also work to prevent crime by investing in proven youth intervention and violence prevention programs and by expanding Weed and Seed initiatives in crime-plagued neighborhoods to reduce crime and encourage economic growth.

Education: Do you agree with the state's graduation standards? How would you like to see them modified? What other ideas do you have for improving Minnesota's schools?

Minnesota needs to raise expectations of its students and schools. As governor, I would do the following: implement, strengthen, and ensure the quality of strong academic standards; strengthen Minnesota's basic skills standards; discourage social promotion to prevent students from reaching the next grade level if they are not ready; ensure the availability of high quality preschool opportunities so that students arrive at kindergarten ready for school; implement merit pay for teachers; shift decision-making to local schools; and create a "Parent's Guide to Minnesota Schools."

We need to give local school districts and teachers the time, tools and training they need to adapt the new graduation standards to their classrooms. Our proposed \$235 million Education Excellence initiative links funding increases with student performance. We focus on mastering the basics and give school districts funding to implement what they need to succeed.

The hallmark of the Humphrey-Moe education plan is a commitment to young learners with increased funding for early childhood education and tax credits for families to send their children to learning-based child care.

Urban Growth: Should more controls be enacted to curb urban growth outside the seven-county metro area? What do you envision as properly planned growth throughout the state?

Government should not be in the business of telling people where and how they should live. Unlike my opponent, I would not even consider appointing Myron Orfield or an anti-growth advocate to head up the Metropolitan Council. I recognize that good planning and zoning is necessary to keep the cost of government services at a minimum. But local communities know best what their needs and conditions are. While I would encourage local communities to plan for growth, the state should not mandate planning by communities.

We need to have a two-prong approach to limiting sprawl. First, we need to work with elected officials to employ wise land-use planning. Second, we need to provide incentives for redevelopment in our center cities and discourage paving-over our rich farmland, green pastures, and forests.

In my balanced budget proposal, I've included an \$80 million Environmental Initiative fund to clean up and redevelop polluted and abandoned sites in our cities. This initiative will both enhance our environment and help create jobs in blighted areas that need redevelopment.



Hubert Humphrey

New Hope
Age: 56
Political party: DFL
Occupation: Minnesota Attorney General

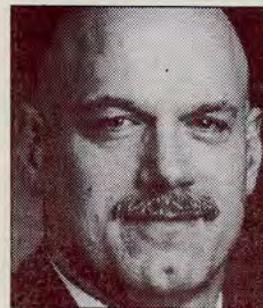
Under the Humphrey/Moe balanced budget plan, we'll cut taxes by more than \$1 billion over four years, with a permanent cut in the tax rate, and provide tax cuts for families to pay for child care, college tuition or care for an elderly parent. We will also cut property taxes by \$340 million to reform an unfair and burdensome system. In addition, our plan wisely invests the budget surplus to help achieve higher standards and improved test scores in our public schools and create a world-class public education system.

Crime prevention starts in the home and the community. The courts and police can only react to crime; they generally cannot prevent it. Individuals and communities can prevent crime. The state should be promoting community activism, neighborhood watch groups and participation in national nights out against crime.

By working together, we can reduce crime. When I was mayor of Brooklyn Park, we put these steps into action. While the crime rates were going up across the state of Minnesota and across the nation, they were dropping in Brooklyn Park.

The Legislature passed and funded the Profile of Learning program. We should implement the program this year, and then take a close look at it in the spring to determine what parts we should keep, what should be changed and what should be eliminated. The teachers should be given more time and training in how to implement this program because it is such a significant change from the status quo. I would like to see the law mandating an average of a 17:1 student-teacher ratio enforced, so the students in K-6 can benefit from the smaller classes as the Legislature intended.

I would like to eliminate the Metropolitan Council and replace it with a statewide elected body that will act in an advisory capacity for our residents.



Jesse Ventura

Maple Grove
Age: 47
Political party: Reform
Occupation: On leave from daily talk radio program

All of the budget surplus currently in the state coffers and most of the upcoming surplus have been appropriated by the Legislature. I propose to return any non-appropriated funds to the taxpayers in the proportionate amount they paid them. I am in favor of completely revamping our property tax system. Instead of supporting a regressive tax system that is based on a speculative value of your property, I propose that when residential property changes hands, it should be taxed on the basis of its actual purchase price. The tax should remain fixed until the property again changes hands.

Minnesota House of Representatives

Questions

Education: What kind of reforms are necessary to improve the performance of Minnesota's public schools?

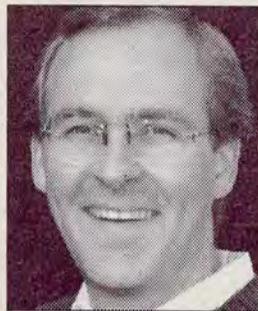
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Crime: In your estimation, what is the most significant crime problem in the state? What should be done to reduce it?

Legislation: If you could get one bill passed in the next session of the state Legislature, what would that bill do?

Qualifications: What distinguishes you from your opponent in the race? Why should voters elect you?

District 64A



Matt Entenza

1622 Hague Ave.
Age: 37
Years of area residency: 15
Education: B.A., Macalester College; J.D., U of M
Political party: DFL
Occupation: Incumbent

I will continue to work to make Minnesota schools the best in the country. As a member of the House Education Committee, I believe that we need to lower class sizes. It is unacceptable to have more than 20 children in a 2nd-grade classroom. We also need to join the vast majority of states that have all-day kindergarten. To achieve this goal, I helped St. Paul schools get over \$3 million for all-day kindergarten programs. We must continue school funding reform. We should lower St. Paul school property taxes, and the state should assume responsibility for equal education funding. A child should have equal opportunity in a school in St. Paul, Edina or International Falls.

In the last two years I voted for \$2.7 billion in new tax cuts. I am particularly proud that over \$2.2 billion was directly targeted to cutting property taxes for homeowners, renters and businesses. What should we do in the future? Our recent surpluses are unlikely to continue with the present economic uncertainty. I favor continuing to cut our property taxes, but we must be careful to put money into our rainy-day fund. Any new spending should be restricted to targeted investments in our future, like education. A well-educated and trained work force is the key to continued economic success.

I am very concerned about violent crime and the use of guns in the commission of crime. Some politicians advocate making it easier for people to carry concealed weapons as a form of protection. As someone who has successfully prosecuted hundreds of cases, I know more guns lead to more violence. I oppose easing the permit requirements for concealed weapons and I favor long mandatory prison sentences for using a gun during a crime.

If I were limited to one bill, I would want to reform our education finance system. We must stop paying for a large share of education costs with property taxes. If the state took most of the responsibility for education funding, we could slash property taxes. More importantly, we could provide all children in Minnesota, regardless of the wealth of their community, with the opportunity for a first-class public education.

Prior to my election, I served on many neighborhood organizations, like the Merriam Park Community Council and the Mississippi Market Co-Op board. As a prosecutor, I understand the crime issue and the importance of crime prevention. As a legislator, I have received over 20 awards for my work on behalf of our community. I will continue to focus on lowering property taxes, improving our schools and protecting our environment.



Pat Muggenburg
Address: 150 Montrose Place
Age: 72
Years of area residency: 16
Education: B.S., University of Minnesota
Political party: Republican
Occupation: Retired

Put the focus back on the basics—reading, writing and arithmetic. Emphasize discipline. Cut the education budget by monitoring every dime that is spent. Let's find out exactly where all the kickbacks are going. Eliminate the National Education Association. Return control to the states.

State surpluses will have to be returned to the taxpayers. Forget the rainy-day funds.

Needed to alleviate the crime problem are more effective treatment facilities, like Teen Challenge in Minneapolis, which has a 94 percent success rate.

A bill to streamline government agencies and expenditures. The bill would cull the ineffective, unnecessary, overstaffed areas in all departments. I'd run government like a business.

I'd work hard at improving what we've got, work hard on eliminating unproven, unnecessary, overstaffed areas in all departments. I'd run government like a business.



Ray Cleveland
1250 Scheffer Ave.
Age: 37
Years of area residency: 10
Education: Degree from Defense Logistics Academy
Occupation: Agent with Minnesota Dept. of Revenue
Political party: Republican

We need to direct education funding to where it is needed most—the classroom. We need to cease the growing practice of funding education bureaucracies.

As a public school teacher, my wife tells me that she and her colleagues see very little evidence of increased education funding reaching classrooms. Instead they see more and more layers of administration being added.

In St. Paul, we need to return to neighborhood schools. Schools should be neighborhood assets. Let us take the money we spend on bus fuel and use it instead to ensure that every school is a properly equipped facility with low teacher-pupil ratios.

A budget surplus is an overpayment of taxes. Taxes are the price we pay for government.

For purposes of illustration, imagine the taxes you pay as a utility bill.

Many of us are on budget plans through which we pay so much per month that should average our utility use. If at the end of a year each of us paid \$1200, but our utility use was only \$950 for that period, it would be right to expect a refund for the difference.

Ninety percent of budget surpluses should be returned to taxpayers with the balance held in reserve for future economic downturns.

The most significant crime problem is that criminals find that there is little consequence for victimizing others in Minnesota. We need to make Minnesota a much less inviting place for those who would prey on others. We need to stop the practice of "catch and release" and hold criminals accountable for victimizing the innocent.

Lastly, we need to substantially increase sentences for those who commit crimes with a firearm.

I want to end the Marriage Penalty within Minnesota's Income Tax structure.

The family is Minnesota's most essential social structure. It is absurd that it should be penalized within our system of tax administration.

I believe that bigger government does not equal better government. I believe that families rear children more effectively than government agencies. I believe that there is no virtue in being compassionate with other people's money.

I believe in a fiscally responsible representation. I believe that people who play by society's rules should be honored. I believe that the private sector meets needs more efficiently and rapidly than government can.



Michael Paymar
2009 Juliet Ave.
Age: 44
Years of area residency: 9
Education: M.A. public administration, B.A. education
Political party: DFL
Occupation: Incumbent

I supported graduation standards and implementation aid for school districts. The Legislature should provide designated resources to implement school discipline programs so teachers can teach and all students can learn.

On a parochial note, even though I am not on the Education Committee, I worked to forge a compromise on the compensatory aid formula so schools in Highland Park and Macalester-Groveland will not lose funding.

As a former (yet still licensed) teacher, I support smaller class sizes, technology in the classroom, more effective teaching training and enhanced reading programs for early elementary children.

Of the \$4 billion surplus over the biennium, the Legislature returned more than \$2.7 billion in tax relief and reform to the taxpayers. The compromise bill constructed by Governor Carlson and the Legislature also dedicated \$600 million to the reserve account. A portion went to reduce capital expenses and debt service for projects, and the rest was invested in infrastructure and programs. If we have future surpluses, a combination of tax cuts and investments in our state's future is a common-sense approach when economic times are robust.

I authored a bill to increase penalties for felons convicted of carrying a gun. On the Judiciary Committee, I have been a strong advocate for intervention and prevention programs. We need additional probation officers and specialized courts. I have worked with victims and offenders of violent crimes for 20 years. Simplistic "solutions" do not work and carrying concealed weapons does nothing but deepen the threat of violence.

The state economy is rated one of the strongest in the country and I want to keep it that way. We must prudently invest in Minnesota families. I remain concerned about quality of life issues: excellence in public education, affordable housing and health care, a cleaner environment, safer neighborhoods, economic development opportunities, efficient transportation and controlling sprawl. I will also work to increase state funding for education.

I am running for re-election because I believe Minnesota is a great state and I want to continue to make a contribution. I am proud of my legislative accomplishments. I was able to get several important bills passed by working in a bipartisan manner and by earning the respect of leadership. I also served on the Duluth City Council for 8 years before moving to St. Paul in 1989. I will continue to work hard for our district, St. Paul, and our state.

District 64B

Minnesota House of Representatives

Questions

Education: What kind of reforms are necessary to improve the performance of Minnesota's public schools?

Budget: The Legislature has come under fire for the way it handled the state's recent budget surplus. What should be done with any future budget surpluses?

Crime: In your estimation, what is the most significant crime problem in the state? What should be done to reduce it?

Legislation: If you could get one bill passed in the next session of the state Legislature, what would that bill do?

Qualifications: What distinguishes you from your opponent in the race? Why should voters elect you?



Sandra Masin
1795 Carnelian Lane, Eagan
Age: 55
Years of area residency: 22
Education: B.A. Valparaiso University (Indiana)
Political party: DFL
Occupation: Real estate sales and insurance representative

The performance of Minnesota's public schools can be improved by the following:

1. Smaller class sizes.
2. Helping families and teachers deal with the problems that prevent students from concentrating on learning. There are currently several productive systems like this in place.
3. Strengthening school-family relationships.
4. Increase teachers' compensation to ensure the recruitment and maintainence of high-quality staff.

An "overrun" percentage could be used to set the definition of "surplus." Once a surplus situation is identified, an automatic refund process would be triggered.

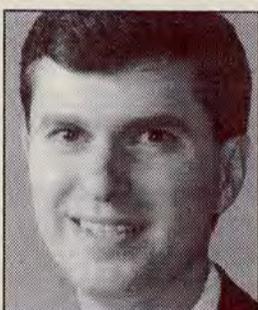
A tighter budget would be a major strategy in addressing the surplus situation. Departments should be required to monitor and report budget status on a frequent basis and adjust accordingly to prevent collecting excess funds. Property taxation and school funding are prime targets for modification. How this would be done is the greater question that can only be explored when real options are presented.

Drugs, due to the negative impact on the mental and physical well-being of users and the result on society, such as safety issues, work loss, birth defects, etc. To rectify, I would promote safe gathering places for our youth, increase support for police intervention and push for more stringent consequences for the sale and use of drugs.

We must ensure a quality education for all students. Action: The global marketplace constantly defines new skills needed to compete successfully as an individual and in business. State standards are worthwhile, and we should increase accountability for meeting them. Education funding needs to be reviewed to ensure income stability for the school districts and equitable taxation for constituents.

I currently serve on the Eagan City Council and I have a long history of community involvement. Our area deserves leadership that is knowledgeable, that actively represents us, that believes in outreach, that will be there for us.

I have a proven track record in all these areas. I have both the knowledge and experience to represent our district in a highly productive and responsible manner.



Tim Wilkin
3364 Heritage Lane, Eagan
Age: 32
Years of area residency: 7
Education: B.A. in finance from University of Iowa
Political party: Republican
Occupation: Business insurance underwriter

I want to work to improve education, primarily by setting high academic standards and relying on proven teaching methods. The current state-mandated Profiles in Learning have not been demonstrated to improve education for our children. Teachers, parents and students have all expressed concerns that the Profiles in Learning are too vague, too bureaucratic and too difficult to implement. I would rather see teachers spend their valuable time in front of class teaching, not becoming paper-shuffling bureaucrats.

Decisions about a child's education should remain in the hands of parents and local school officials. I support tax credits to put more educational decisions back into parents' hands.

I support a law that would require the state to return 100 percent of all future budget surpluses to the taxpayers.

Repeat violent crime and juvenile crime are the most significant crime problems in the state. We need tougher sentences for violent criminals so that they do not have the opportunity to victimize others. We should have tougher penalties for the first-time juvenile offenders so they know we are serious about punishment. Prison inmates should be working during the day and learning in the evenings, not watching TV and lifting weights.

I would like to enact a bill requiring that all budget surpluses be returned to the taxpayers. A permanent tax cut should also be part of this bill. This would allow us to keep the money we earn for ourselves and our families, instead of letting the state take it away.

I am the only candidate in the race to sign the Taxpayers League of Minnesota pledge to vote against any tax increase. I have nine years of experience in the financial services field. This gives me the needed skills to work to reduce our tax burden. I have served on the Dakota County Planning Commission for four years, most recently as vice chair. I enjoy the endorsement of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.



John Halverson
4648 S. 33rd Ave., Mpls.
Age: 34
Years of area residency: 8
Education: U of M School of Architecture
Political party: Republican
Occupation: Co-owner Colonnade Design Group Architecture

Local control of our schools is paramount and I will oppose any program that gives a bureaucrat power over our kids at your expense. I will repeal the harmful "Profiles in Learning" curriculum because this expensive, red-tape laden program doesn't teach the basics, wrestles control of our schools from parents and teachers and has no accountability.

I will make it easier for you to choose the best school for your children by expanding tax credits to include tuition. I will expand the charter and magnet school systems. I will author legislation to put a cap on the size of school districts so the largest districts are decentralized and become more accessible and more accountable to parents.

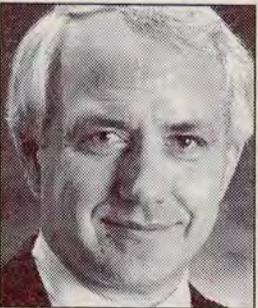
Past legislatures have abused your trust by spending the lion's share of more than \$5 billion in tax surpluses since 1991. They also spent the next \$400 million surplus. The unlimited spending must stop.

I will stop wasteful spending and limit the growth of government to inflation. I will reform property taxes to prevent tax assessors from arbitrarily inflating your home value by making your purchase price the assessed value and limiting increases to inflation. I will repeal the unfair "Marriage Tax" and the 1991 "temporary" sales tax increase. I will give back any future surplus through instant income tax rebates.

We attract criminals from other states because Minnesota is pro-business for drug dealers. Gateway crimes flourish to feed the drug culture and our neighborhoods suffer. Criminals are cowards and respond to pressure. I will apply pressure by demanding that criminals not be awarded "catch and release" probation and that "three strikes you're out" legislation becomes law to take repeat felons off our streets for life.

The best crime-fighting tool is a good education. The best education is realized when parents have control and are involved in their schools. While taxes are too high and crime is too rewarding, nothing threatens the future of urban living more than the "Profiles in Learning." The best piece of legislation we can pass is the repeal of "Profiles" and the restoration of local control and parental involvement in education.

My opponent is a political child of the '70s and votes for big government bureaucracy to take power from you. I am like you in believing that we need lower taxes and streamlined state government. I believe you deserve to keep more of what you earn and you deserve a government that respects your productivity and intelligence and defends your freedoms. My opponent supports politics of the past. I will provide leadership for the future.



Wes Skoglund
4838 S. 30th Ave., Mpls.
Age: 53
Years of area residency: 53
Education: B.A., University of Minnesota
Political party: DFL
Occupation: Incumbent

The long-range answer for improving Minnesota schools is to focus on younger kids. All Minnesota children should be guaranteed the ability to read by the 2nd grade. The short-term answers are smaller class sizes, truancy enforcement and prevention programs (including at the elementary level) and preschool programs for the littlest kids who are not getting any help at home.

Minnesotans are fortunate because our economy is strong and the state budget balances. It is important that excess tax revenues be returned, but that sufficient budget reserves are maintained for the economic drought that will come someday. The state should ease the property tax burden of Minnesotans by picking up a greater share of education costs. The state should also eliminate the extra half-percent sales tax that Minneapolis shoppers pay.

Focus on sexual predators, gun crimes, drug pushers and repeat offenders. Safe streets require real consequences. Prison is needed for people who deliberately harm others. Work crews that scrub graffiti, rake leaves and shovel snow are needed for those who violate livability crimes. Minnesota must crack down on lawbreakers who fail to live up to the conditions of their probation or supervised release.

If I could get one bill passed in the next session it would be the career criminal legislation I authored that deals with repeat offenders for both property crimes and crimes against the person. It gives prosecutors and judges more sanctions or "tools" to deal with lawbreakers who commit crimes after being previously convicted of crimes. This bill passed the House in 1998, but did not pass the Senate.

The most obvious difference between my opponent and me is over whether loaded pistols should be allowed to be carried virtually everywhere by almost any non-felon. My opponent received an "A+" from the National Rifle Association in the last election for his strong support of NRA issues. I got an "F-" from the same group for my strong opposition to this proposal.

District 38A

District 62B

Ramsey County Board

Questions

Challenge: What is the biggest challenge confronting Ramsey County and what would you as county commissioner do to address that challenge?



Rafael Ortega

702 Chippewa St.
Age: 46
Years of county residency: 20
Education: B.A. from Fordham University, M.S.W. from U of M
Political party: DFL
Occupation: Incumbent

Our biggest challenge is to make limited resources stretch as far as possible over many needs. While practicing every possible economy, we must continue to be there for Ramsey County citizens who need help. By partnering with the city, the school board and the private sector, we have saved money and improved services—for example, in the Achievement Plus program. There, by coordinating family social services with school programs, we take a holistic approach to the needs of families and children. We can save money and improve the quality of life in our county by stressing a preventative approach to problems.

Taxes: What can the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners do to control spending and prevent or limit future increases in the tax levy?

District 5

We have worked with the city of St. Paul to achieve savings by combining the city and county health departments and election bureaus. We are in the expensive, but necessary, process of enlarging our detention facilities for both juveniles and adults, and we are working with St. Paul to allocate the adult facility. Safety is a big issue. A joint safety center with the St. Paul Police Department will provide long-run savings. I have worked for consolidation of city and county job-training programs and partnering with the private sector to provide a more effective and seamless delivery of skills development to our community. We continue to explore other areas in which combined or cooperative operations may yield economies.

Qualifications: What distinguishes you from your opponent in the race? Why should voters elect you?

My 10-year experience as the director of a large nonprofit agency with a multimillion-dollar budget and my record of many years of volunteer work in the community speak for themselves. At the present time, my outside activities include being on the board of United Hospital, the Metropolitan State University Foundation, the West 7th Partners for Violence Prevention, the Riverfront Corporation and Minnesota Landmarks. I believe that my work and volunteer experience contrast sharply with the background of my opponent.



Zack Ryan

1322 Alton Ave.
Age: 22
Years of county residency: 22
Education: B.S., U of M Carlson School of Management
Political party: Independent
Occupation: Accountant

The County Board must earn the confidence of its citizens. The current board has raised taxes each of the last four years while the city and school district have lowered them. The current board members have raised their own salaries three times. The current board has fought against communities—instead of working with them—on issues such as the 35E Bridge expansion. The current board has sat silent while numerous scandals involving high-level county officials have weakened our faith in county government.

As an accountant, I will push the county to find alternatives to tax increases to meet budget challenges. I will never vote myself a pay raise. I will stand up for what is right when problems surface. I have the energy and enthusiasm to rebuild this community's relationship with county government.

First of all, the County Board must make holding down taxes a priority and provide leadership in doing so. This has not been done in the past four years. The incumbent commissioner last week refused to support a measure that would have held the 1999 tax level at 1998 levels—something the city has done five years in a row. Without leadership from elected representatives, county departments will never look for innovative ways to save taxpayers' money.

In the short term, the county should seek savings in the area of waste management, where payments to NSP for the facility at Newport have increased sharply to \$13 million a year. In addition, judicious use of the county's reserve fund—which stands at \$38 million—should be used to soften the effects that recent legislative changes to commercial property tax rates will have on homeowners.

I alone have the enthusiasm to do the work that is needed to restore faith in county government. The incumbent has done nothing to engage the problems that have plagued Ramsey County. He refused to search for cost savings in the budget and raised taxes instead. He did nothing to address the crises brought about by repeated scandals in county government.

I grew up in St. Paul and have deep roots in the community. I will reach beyond the usual interest groups to find new ways of doing things and will work with enthusiasm to earn citizens' respect and confidence.

Ramsey County Attorney

Questions

Challenge: What is the biggest challenge confronting Ramsey County's criminal justice system and what would you do to address that challenge?



Jim Farrell

Address: East Side
Age: 38
Years of county residency: 38
Education: B.S., University of Minnesota; J.D., William Mitchell
Political party: DFL-endorsed
Occupation: Dist. 67A state rep.; Hennepin County prosecutor

Police need to have confidence that when they make a good arrest, cases will be charged aggressively. Currently, the Ramsey County Attorney's office refuses to prosecute nearly half the cases police bring in, a decline rate as much as 60 percent higher than other urban counties.

The full impact of welfare reform is just a few years away. We need to get ready by establishing a separate child protection division with its own leadership and expertise. The leadership will work to coordinate child protection efforts with delinquency and adult prosecution efforts. At the same time, we will work with other county and city constituencies to establish a one-stop domestic violence center. There, the victim will be able to obtain an order for protection, access advocacy and protective services, provide evidence to law enforcement and meet with a prosecutor.

Choice: Why should voters choose you over your opponent in the race for Ramsey County attorney?

Qualifications: What in your background qualifies you to serve as Ramsey County attorney?

The county attorney is responsible for achieving public trust that government will make the right decision in providing the justice necessary for us to live safely and securely. I believe that I have the values, sense of justice and the experience necessary to be the county attorney you can trust to make the right call. Along with my values, I have learned that a strong sense of justice occurs in elected officials with healthy relationships. As a lawyer that has both prosecuted and defended felony level crime, I have called upon a sense of justice deeply rooted in my personal relationships with my wife, daughters, family, friends, mentors and neighbors. I will be a county attorney that creates relationships with employees and you to make sure our community standards are enforced along with a trust that justice is being sought by competent, committed and ethical public servants.

I have learned the hope of a better tomorrow starts with me and the simple values taught by my parents and shared with my wife—honesty, integrity, hard work and a concern for your neighbors and your community. I have used these values as my guide in making tough decisions as a legislator. I have had to vote on issues concerning tax fairness, nuclear waste storage, treaty rights, the death penalty, budgets and corporate subsidies. With every vote, I have stood up, been counted, accepted responsibility for my actions and not sought to blame others.



Susan Gaertner

Address: Vadnais Heights
Age: 43
Years of county residency: 43
Education: B.A., University of Minnesota-Duluth; J.D., U of M
Political party: DFL
Occupation: Incumbent

As a prosecutor, I have spent my entire working life listening and learning from citizens in Ramsey County. This is what I have heard: Try prevention. Intervene early with kids who stray just a little. And finally, for those offenders who are just so dangerous, detain them in prison for a long, long time.

I was elected Ramsey County Attorney in 1994 and spent the next four years developing my "Three Strikes Against Crime" program. This program includes: collecting child support to prevent a life of poverty and crime; truancy intervention to keep kids in school and out of trouble; and detention, identifying gang and gun offenders and making sure that we punish them to the fullest extent of the law. I believe this balanced approach can be expanded to address teen-age alcohol and drug abuse, domestic abuse and other challenges.

My comprehensive "Three Strikes Against Crime" approach has accomplished the following:

- Since 1994 child support collections have increased 48 percent in Ramsey County.
- Since 1996, over 7,000 Ramsey County truants have been intervened through my Truancy Intervention Program, with an outcome of over 76 percent improvement attendance.
- According to the 1997 Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission, a person who commits a crime with a gun in Ramsey County is 50 percent more likely to go to prison than if he committed the same crime in Hennepin County.

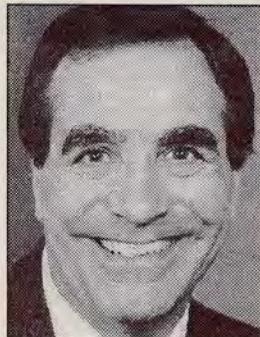
These results, my commitment to expand my approach to teen alcohol and drug use and domestic abuse, and my lifetime of prosecution experience are reasons why the voters should re-elect me.

I am a prosecutor, not a politician. The position of Ramsey County Attorney is a nonpartisan elective office that requires experience, maturity and courage. In 1988, I developed a successful career criminal program in Ramsey County. In 1989, I was the first prosecutor in Minnesota to get DNA evidence admitted in a criminal trial and have become a forensic DNA evidence expert. In 1992, I served as a special assistant U.S. Attorney and special assistant Attorney General for environmental litigation. In 1995, I committed Dennis Linehan as a sexually dangerous person, the first such commitment in Minnesota. And in 1997, I am very proud to say that as Ramsey County Attorney I achieved the highest incarceration rate of metro counties for those criminals convicted of committing a crime with a gun.

U.S. Representative

Questions

Foreign policy: To what extent should the United States become involved in the affairs of other countries, especially in light of the Secretary of State's statement that we are fighting the "war of the future"?



Bruce Vento

Address: St. Paul
Age: 57
Years of area residency: 57
Education: A.A. University of Minnesota, B.S. University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Political party: DFL
Occupation: Incumbent

The United States must continue its global leadership role, focusing on the right of political self-determination, free market economics with transparency, social justice and human rights. American policy efforts and resources should support fair trade and foster economic development at home and abroad based on our values.

U.S. economic policy should advocate U.S. businesses and jobs with credit enhancements that build the rights of workers in a free market economy. Military assistance should be limited to resources and technology necessary for self-defense with restrictions on the transfer, sale or use of such weapons. The U.S. should be prepared to act militarily only as a last resort.

Welfare: Evaluate the current state of welfare from the federal standpoint. Is the federal government providing the resources to the states that will be necessary for change?

District 4

I supported the Clinton initiative which successfully changed welfare by moving people from dependence to the world of work. Federal programs should provide individuals with the tools to help themselves and to support their families.

For welfare reform to succeed, support for education and training must be increased; health care benefits must be extended to working families; and jobs must be available with adequate services for working parents, such as child care and enhanced transportation.

Social Security: What steps should be taken to help ensure that the Social Security fund continues to be solvent?

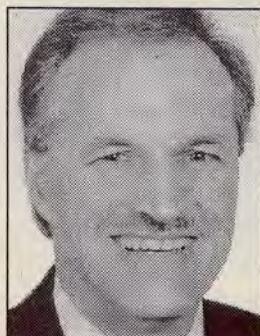
I am committed to maintaining and establishing a sound Social Security program and assuring its solvency. The budget surplus is comprised only of Social Security and Medicare dollars. Congress should not pass an election year gimmick that spends that surplus for tax breaks that principally benefits wealthy special interests.

I oppose privatization and means testing of Social Security. Public investment policy changes must protect the taxpayer and the insurance system. Raising the payroll tax should be the last resort to meet the commitment to this inter-generational insurance compact. Tax simplification should enhance retirement provisions already in the tax code.

Campaign reform: What provisions of campaign reform do you support? Should Congress limit spending of "soft" money on campaigns? How should this be done?

I have consistently supported comprehensive proposals to reform the way campaigns are financed. Limits upon spending, special interest contributions, the uncontrolled independent expenditures and the new flood of soft money are appropriate. I voted for the bipartisan Shays-Meehan campaign reform bill that passed the House. This proposal is a positive start that bans "soft money" and limits negative independent expenditures with the full and timely disclosure of funds and resources donated.

The House and Senate Republican majority leadership have repeatedly attempted to frustrate the enactment of meaningful reform. It is time to end this gamesmanship by passing the Shays-Meehan bill.



Dennis Newinski

Address: Maplewood
Age: 54
Years of area residency: 34
Education: Graduate, St. Paul
Technical Vocational Inst.
Political party: Republican
Occupation: Has worked for NSP for 33 years

Fair and consistent expansion of global trade, helping developing countries design and implement sound strategies for economic growth and protections for human rights, and maintaining U.S. sovereignty are key elements of foreign policy. Our troops should never be sent abroad without a clear, compelling, well-defined mission to protect U.S. interests or our allies in democracy.

The federal government and the states have made great strides in helping welfare recipients to become self-sufficient. The national debate about welfare reform has not only transformed the system, it has made the public aware of the need for private involvement in helping people move off welfare. Many welfare recipients are single parents who need extra help with transportation and child care. Communities have responded with 24-hour child care centers, loan and grant programs to help with transportation needs, and more training and tuition-reimbursement programs in the workplace. Although more needs to be done during this transition period, I am proud of the progress we have made so far.

Congress has been wary of tackling Social Security because it is such an explosive political issue. The longer we wait to reform it, however, the worse the problem becomes. I support partial privatization of Social Security for younger workers, with an ironclad guarantee for current recipients and older workers that they will be able to collect the benefits they worked so hard for. Great Britain has instituted a similar program with tremendous results. Their experience shows that partial privatization, properly implemented, will provide a more secure retirement for younger workers, a higher standard of living for retirees, and won't deprive anyone of their benefits.

Substantive campaign finance reform is long overdue. Special interests have accumulated tremendous power by contributing millions of dollars to members of Congress. My opponent, for instance, has taken 72 percent of his campaign funds from special interests over the last eight years, and less than 20 percent of his campaign funds during that time came from within his district. Clearly, there is a serious need for reform. We need to restore balance to the political process. I support limiting special interest contributions to 30 percent of total campaign contributions, and requiring candidates to show that at least 50 percent of total campaign contributions come from their home district or state.

Nov. 3 ballot asks voters to choose officials, decide questions

The following candidates and questions will appear on the November 3 general election ballots of voters who live in the area served by the *Vilager*. The candidates' names are followed by their party affiliation, except where they are running for non-partisan offices. An asterisk denotes the incumbent.

Only contested offices have been included here. Voters are to cast their ballots for one person in each race unless otherwise noted. Failure to vote for a constitutional amendment has the same effect as voting "no."

ALL BALLOTS

Governor: Norm Coleman (Republican), Thomas Fiske (Socialist Workers), Frank Germann (Libertarian), Hubert Humphrey III (DFL), Fancy Ray McCloney (The People's Champion), Ken Pentel (Green Party Minnesota), Jesse Ventura (Reform) and Chris Wright (Grassroots).

Secretary of State: Edwina Garcia (DFL), Kenneth Iverson (Libertarian), Mary Kiffmeyer (Republican) and Alan Shilepsky (Reform).

State Auditor: Patricia Becker (Minnesota Taxpayers), Judi Dutcher* (Republican), Nancy Larson (DFL), Bob Odden (Libertarian) and Joseph Peschek (Progressive Minnesota).

State Treasurer: Mitchell Berg (Libertarian), Jim Dunlop (Reform), Carol Johnson (DFL) and Kevin Knight (Republican).

Attorney General: Mike Hatch (DFL), Jim Mangan (Reform), Ruth Mason (Libertarian) and Charlie Weaver (Republican).

Minnesota Supreme Court Justice: Alan Page* and Roger Peterson.

Constitutional Amendment No. 1: Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to extend to the year 2025 the dedication of lottery proceeds to the environmental and natural resources fund and to maximize the long-term total return to the fund?

Constitutional Amendment No. 2: Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to affirm that hunting and fishing and the taking of game and fish are a valued part of our heritage that shall be forever preserved for the people and shall be managed by law and regulation for the public good?

Constitutional Amendment No. 3: Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to abolish the office of state treasurer?

ST. PAUL BALLOTS

U.S. Representative, District 4: Michael Neitzel (Libertarian), Dennis Newinski (Republican), Carol Simmons Schulstad (Minnesota Taxpayers), Dan Vacek (Legal Marijuana Now), Bruce Vento* (DFL) and Heather Wood (Socialist Workers Party).

State Representative, District 64A: Matt Entenza* (DFL) and Pat Muggenburg (Republican).

State Representative, District 64B: Ray

Cleveland (Republican) and Michael Paymar* (DFL).

Ramsey County Commissioner, District 5: Rafael Ortega* and Zack Ryan.

Ramsey County Attorney: Jim Farrell and Susan Gaertner*.

Second District Court Judge: Kathleen Fixsen Hupalo and George Peterson*.

Second District Court Judge: Walter Bowser* and Judith Tilsen.

Soil & Water Supervisor, District 2: Ingrid Bjorklund, Dwayne Deziel, Bill Downing and Robert Vogel.

Soil & Water Supervisor, District 5: Joseph Fox and Glen Olson.

City Charter Amendment: Shall the St. Paul City Charter be amended to provide that each council member shall hold office for a term of four (4) years?

MENDOTA HEIGHTS BALLOTS

U.S. Representative, District 4: Michael Neitzel (Libertarian), Dennis Newinski (Republican), Carol Simmons Schulstad (Minnesota Taxpayers), Dan Vacek (Legal Marijuana Now), Bruce Vento* (DFL) and Heather Wood (Socialist Workers Party).

State Representative, District 38A: Sandra Masin (DFL), Tim Wilkin (Republican).

State Representative, District 39A: Thomas Pugh* (DFL) and John Trojek (Republican).

Soil & Water Supervisor, District 2: Ed-

ward McKinley, Suzanne Savanick and Clay Van de Bogart.

Mendota Heights Mayor: Joe Card and Charles Mertensotto*.

Mendota Heights City Council (vote for two): Ultan Duggan, Michael Dwyer, Galen Funk, John Hartmann and Mary Jeanne Schneeman.

First District Court Judge: Robert Gogins* and Martin Judge.

First District Court Judge: Tim Blakely and Peder Hong*.

First District Court Judge: Philip Kanning* and Julianne Ortman.

MINNEAPOLIS BALLOTS

U.S. Representative, District 5: Kevin Houston (Libertarian), Jason Kassel (Anti Federalist), Michael Pennock (Socialist Workers), Martin Sabo* (DFL) and Frank Taylor (Republican).

State Representative, District 62A: Lee Greenfield* (DFL) and Orlando Ochoada (Republican).

State Representative, District 62B: John Halverson (Republican) and Wes Skoglund* (DFL).

Fourth District Court Judge: Franklin Knoll* and Kevin Kolosky.

Hennepin County Attorney: Sheryl Ramstad Hvass and Amy Klobuchar.

Soil & Water Supervisor, District 2: Danny Jefferis and Joe Newberg.

THE KIOSK

Friday/October 23

A VINTAGE JEWELRY SALE to benefit Children's Hospital will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today at 840 S. Syndicate Street.

THE ST. PAUL AREA CHAMBER of Commerce will hold a breakfast from 7:30 to 9:00 this morning at the Town & Country Club, 2279 Marshall Ave. Ruth Stanoch, former DFL Party Chair; Wy Spano, lobbyist and co-author of politics in Minnesota; Tom Horner, partner at Himle Horner; and Sarah Janecek, lobbyist and co-author of *Politics in Minnesota*, will give guests the inside scoop on issues surrounding the 1998 elections. The cost is \$15. To register, call 651-223-5000.

Saturday/October 24

A FALL FESTIVAL will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 4600 E. 42nd St., Minneapolis. There will be gift items, home-baked goods, white elephant items and a Kid's Korner with nursery care. Lunch will be served between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

A BAZAAR will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1807 Field Ave. There will be homemade crafts, Christmas items, a white elephant sale, bake sale, raffle and a free Kiddie Room from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 651-698-9443.

Sunday/October 25

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet on Davern Street, at the intersection of Norfolk and Stewart, for a walk around the neighborhood at 2:30 this afternoon. Call 651-644-7502.

Tuesday/October 27

A HARVEST DINNER will be held at the Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church, 1523 Fairmount Ave. Seatings will be at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 5-11 and free for children under 5. For reservations, call 651-227-0570 by October 25.

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THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet at Burger King on W. 7th Street by Hwy. 35E for a walk around the neighborhood at 7:30 this evening. Call 651-644-3770.

Wednesday/October 28

"CONVERSATIONS ON AGING," a three-part seminar exploring the perils and privileges of the latter years of life, will be offered from 7:00 to 8:30 beginning tonight at The Sweatshop, 167 N. Snelling Ave. The first program "Up Close and Personal—50s, 60s, 70s" will be hosted by Sage Cowles, Carol Connolly and David Francis on Wednesday, October 28. Admission is free. For reservations, call 651-646-8418.

A TRAVELOGUE and slide presentation on "Germany, An Intimate Journey" will be given by Roland Seboldt at 7:30 this evening at Books For Travel, Etc., 857 Grand Ave. Admission is free. Call 651-225-8006.

Thursday/October 29

THE STERLING SPEAKERS Toastmasters club will meet from 6:30 to 7:45 this evening and every Thursday at the Lexington Library, 1080 University Ave. People interested in improving their public speaking skills and self-confidence are invited to join. For information, call Dan at 651-645-1240.

A SEMINAR on "Spend Less, Save More" will be offered from 6:30 to 8:00 this evening at Sanford Community School, 3524 S. 42nd Ave., Minneapolis. The cost is \$5.00. For information, call 612-627-7192.

A FREE LECTURE on "When Push Comes to Shove: Pressures on Children, Families and Educators" will be given by Sharon Kagan, senior associate at Yale University's Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy, at 7:00 this evening in the Jeanne d'Arc Auditorium at the College of St. Catherine. Call 651-690-6819.

A WORKSHOP on "Women and Money" will be given by nationally recognized educator, author and financial consultant Ruth Hayden at 10:30 this morning at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$12, or \$8.00 for JCC members. To register, call 651-698-0751.

Saturday/October 31

A BAZAAR to benefit Bethany Convent will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Carondelet Center, 1890 Randolph Ave. There will be baked goods, ceramics, art, afghans and crafts. Call 651-696-2870.

AN INFORMATION SESSION to learn about master's degrees in education, library and information science, nursing, occupational therapy, organizational leadership, physical therapy, social work and theology will be offered at 9:00 this morning at the College of St. Catherine, 2004 Randolph Ave. Admission is free. Those who attend will receive a free waiver card that can be used in place of the graduate program application fees. To register, call 651-690-6933.

Sunday/November 1

A CZECHOSLOVAKIAN DINNER will be served today at the C.S.P.S. Hall, 383 Michigan St. Seatings will take place at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children. For reservations, call 651-224-6498.

"PARENT CONNECTION," a first-grade family reading program, will hold a kickoff celebration of Jewish reading from 3:00 to 5:00 this afternoon at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The celebration is free and will include storytellers, entertainment and food. For information, call 651-698-0751.

Tuesday/November 3

A JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP will be led by Debra Norsworthy from 10:00 a.m. to noon today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Participants will learn how to make earrings and necklaces. The cost is \$5.00. To register, call 651-698-0751.



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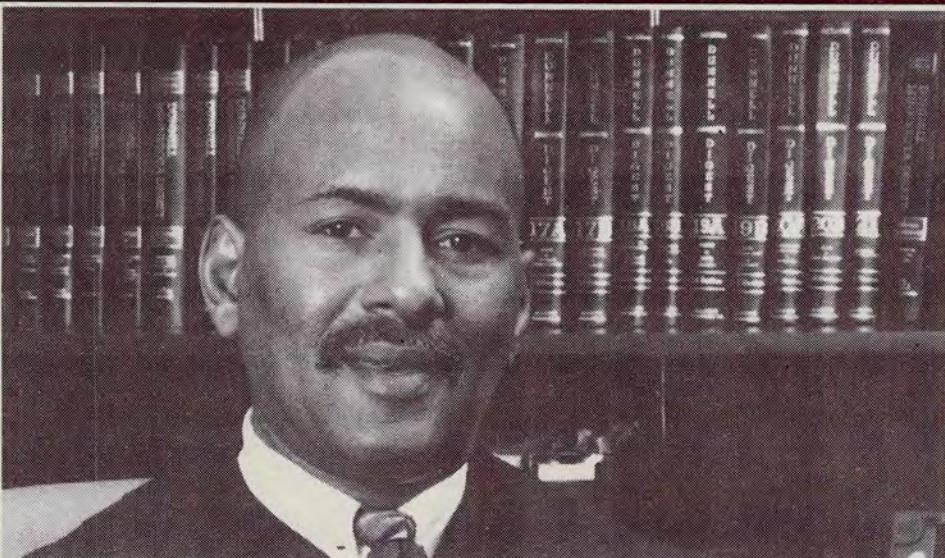


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SENIOR NEWS

The Merriam Park Senior Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave., will be offering the following activities in the next few weeks: a showing of the New Foggy Follies production of *We All Love Lucy* at 12:45 p.m. Thursday, October 22 (\$20); blood pressure clinic on Wednesday, November 4; foot care clinics by appointment on November 4 and 17; Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday, November 17; the movie *The Horse Whisperer* and Fanny Hill Theater's *Christmas at Rudy's* on Wednesday, November 18; a 55 Alive driver improvement course from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 20 (\$16.50); and bingo on Wednesday, November 25. For information or reservations, call 651-645-7424.

The St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation is offering the following activities geared to those age 55 and older: a mixed senior bowling league at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays at Minnehaha Lanes (\$5.50 a week); Gymnastics classes on Fridays beginning November 6 at Bridgeview Pool (\$29); a brunch club on the first Sunday and third Friday of each month; and a senior chorus called the Golden Melody Makers. For information on these and other activities, call 651-266-6370.

Senior Royalty applications are now being accepted for the 1999 St. Paul Winter Carnival. Three men and three women will be selected during a coronation on February 2 to represent senior citizens of St. Paul throughout the coming year. The registration deadline is December 31. For information or an application, call 651-266-6370.

Regions Hospital will offer free flu shots to people age 50 and older as part of its annual Senior Day from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, October 24. There will be free refreshments, music, blood pressure checks, door prizes, displays, giveaways and health care information. For directions, call 651-221-4387.

Flu vaccinations will be given on Monday and Tuesday, October 26-27, at the Snyder Drug Store in the Mendota Plaza Shopping Center in Mendota Heights, and from Monday through Wednesday, November 16-18, at the Snyder's Drug Store at 2083 Ford Pkwy. in Highland Village. The shots cost \$10 and are recommended for elderly people, adults and children with chronic illness, and anyone who has close contact with high-risk groups. For specific times, call 612-935-5441.

Speeding the Region into the 21 Century

Hiawatha Light Rail

The start of light rail transit service in the Hiawatha Corridor by 2003 is a giant step forward to improve and enhance transit services in the Twin Cities metro area. Even before light rail transit service begins, public support and community involvement are essential to the successful planning, design and construction of light rail in our region.

The Hiawatha Corridor route is 12.2 miles long, with 19 light rail stations, and links downtown Minneapolis, Mpls.-St. Paul International Airport and the Mall of America. Estimates are that 24,000 riders per day will use light rail with neighborhood connections from Metro Transit and other regional bus service.

Twenty-two light rail train cars, each 90' long with low floors for easy boarding will seat 65 customers or 160 customers including standing room.

Community Planning Workshop

Wednesday, November 18, 6-9 pm
Minneapolis Convention Center

Neighborhood Meetings

Provide community input on planning and design of light rail stations. To schedule a meeting, call 651-582-1031 during business hours.

For information about light rail, call the Regional Data Center at 651-602-1140 or visit the Metropolitan Council website at www.metrocouncil.org.

ON THE TOWN

Good vibrations

Steve Yeager's 'April Sessions' CD is a windfall for those who like great jazz

by Tom Surowicz

Superstar rock bands can spend two years making a record and still come up with a dud. A group of jazz veterans can spend two days in a studio with no rehearsal, no overdubs and just a few skeletal arrangements, yet the odds are good that they'll exit with a gem.

People who fluently speak the same international language of rhythm, harmony and improvisation are used to creating beauty on the spot. Steve Yeager, a Macalester-Groveland vibraphone player and percussion teacher, is emerging as one of those folks.

Right now, Yeager is the least known performer on his own CD, "April Sessions," which features venerable tenor sax star Irv "Mr. Smooth" Williams, former Buddy Rich Orchestra pianist Bobby Peterson and first-call bassist Tom Lewis. The album's release will be celebrated with a gala party at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, November 1, at the Dakota Bar and Grill in Bandana Square.

"April Sessions" appears on Yeager's own Windfall Music label. "The definition of windfall is a stroke of good luck," he said, "and the idea of a stroke works well for a percussionist's project."

Yeager certainly had a stroke of good luck—and good taste—when he gathered together the support players for "April Sessions."

"I used to watch Bobby Peterson when I was in high school," he said. "He was working at the Rainbow Gallery. But I never played with him before the album. I just got the guts up to call him. I never met Irv Williams before, either. We'd talked on the phone about working gigs together a few times, but it never panned out. I was just going for a sound. Those guys, and Tom Lewis, are the best in town."

Yeager makes much of his living teaching private lessons in his home and for the Minnesota Orchestra Outreach program and Young Audiences of America. He is more

likely to be seen playing corporate parties than nightclubs. His previous recordings as a sideman have been more in the "new age" and chamber music veins, with Celtic harpist Kim Robertson and the group Vida. Despite that, he is a true jazzman at heart. He relishes meeting other musicians on the bandstand and going to work without a net.

"That was the way the whole record date went," Yeager said. "We didn't rehearse any of it. I wrote some beginnings and endings on some of the tunes—you can clearly hear that. Some we just played straight down—no chart, just live from memory. We just did one or two takes on most of the songs. I felt I needed to do it that way. The album isn't perfect—there are some things I would've played differently—but I'm pretty darn happy with what we got."

Yeager has every right to be happy with "April Sessions." The hour-long disc features classic jazz tunes by Oliver Nelson and Dizzy Gillespie; gorgeous ballads from Hollywood, Broadway and Tin Pan Alley; and confident, gently swinging all-pro performances.

It's no wonder that "April Sessions" is already getting a lot of airplay on KBEM-FM, and will soon be added to Jim Willkie's nationally syndicated "Jazz After Hours" play list. The CD will be available at the Dakota during the release party or it can be ordered from Yeager's Web site (steveyeager.com), where he already does a brisk business selling vibraphones and percussion arrangements.

"My biggest seller is an arrangement for percussion ensemble of Dave Brubeck's 'Blue Rondo a la Turk.' It sells especially well in Europe for some reason," Yeager said.

Yeager was well-prepared for his dual life as a jazzman and entrepreneur. A St. John's University grad in music and psychology, he later attended the prestigious Berklee School of Music in Boston on a Gary Burton Professional Music Scholarship. Burton, for the uninitiated, is one of the world's top five vibraphonists. At Berklee, Yeager also



Macalester-Groveland vibraphone player Steve Yeager will celebrate the release of his "April Sessions" CD at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, November 1, at the Dakota Bar and Grill.

studied with Boston cult legend Ed Saindon.

Since moving back from Boston in 1988, Yeager has worked with Vida and singer Prudence Johnson. He currently plays big band swing once a week at the Quest nightclub with Tony De Marco and the Swing-o-philes. "We do classy tunes—Sinatra/Nelson Riddle-type stuff—with great arrangements by guitarist Dave Singley," he said.

Yeager is just as savvy on the marketing front. Most of his gigs take place far from saloons. "I've developed a good market for myself doing the corporate stuff—the St. Paul Companies, Norwest, 3M," he said. "My bag is playing solos, duos or trios using the

four-mallet technique. The corporate work is how I really got my chops together. When I came back from Berklee, I couldn't get a club booking to save my life. The scene was dead. You couldn't find me working much in nightclubs."

That's not likely to change, even after the release of "April Sessions."

"I hate working in bars," Yeager said with a laugh. "Gary Burton laid it out many years ago in a master class and I tell my students the same thing. When you're a vibes player, you're not going to get that phone call. Pianists get called all the time, and bassists and drummers and guitarists. But nobody ever thinks to call the vibes player."

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Music

"**Swing Night in the Caves**," will take place from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. every Thursday at the Wabasha Street Caves, 215 S. Wabasha St. The line-up will include the following: The Beasley's Big Band on October 22; and Tony Demarco & The Swing a' Philes on October 29. Free dance lessons will be given at 6:15 p.m. Admission is \$6.00. Call 651-224-1191.

Kantorei will perform with the Visitation High School Concert Choir and Chamber Orchestra at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, October 24, at Visitation High School in Mendota Heights. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for seniors and students.

The Dale Warland Singers will perform "American Voices" at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, October 24, in the Ted Mann Concert Hall on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota. For tickets, priced from \$10 to \$25, call 612-339-9707.

The Music in the Park Series will open with internationally acclaimed American String Quartet and Twin Cities pianist Lydia Artimiw at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 25, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. For tickets, priced at \$12 in advance, or \$15 at the door, call 651-645-5699.

The Vintage, 579 Selby Ave., will offer the following musical line-up: Amy Holland at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, October 25 (no cover); Tim Snow at 9:00 p.m. Monday, October 26 (\$3.00); and Michael Monroe at 9:00 p.m. (\$5.00). For information, call 651-222-7000.

The Landmark Center New Music Series will present "Secrets for Recorder and Ensemble," featuring recorder virtuoso Clea Galhano, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 29, in Landmark Center. Call 651-228-1407.

The Brass Choir, conducted by David Baldwin, from the University of Minnesota will perform at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, October 29, in the chapel at the College of St. Thomas. Admission is free. Call 612-626-8742.

"**Embraceable You**," a concert of the songs of George and Ira Gershwin, will be performed by soprano Rosanne Halloran and pianist Jeanne Arland Peterson at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 1, at the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced at \$14, call 612-870-1099.

Neal and Leandra will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 2, at the Guthrie Theater. For tickets, priced at \$16.50 and \$18.50, call 612-377-2224.

Mary Chapin Carpenter will kick off the Women of Substance series at 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 2, in the at the campus of the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced at \$27.50 and \$32.50, call 651-690-6700.

Books

The Hungry Mind bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted):

Francesca Marciano will read from her novel *Rules of the Wild* on Wednesday, October 21; Joseph Clark will read selections from his book *Jungle Wedding* on Thursday, October 22; Pam Houston will read from her collection *Waltzing the Cat* on Tuesday, October 27; Leonard Shlain will read selections from *The Alphabet and the Goddess: the Conflict Between Word and Image* on Thursday, October 29; and Frieda Hughes will read selections from *Wooroloo* on Friday, October 30. Call 651-699-0587.

Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy., will hold the following events at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted): Kath-

ON THE TOWN briefly



Steel Magnolias, a play about six southern women who meet in a small town beauty salon, will be performed at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, October 21-24, by the joint theater department of the University of St. Thomas and the College of St. Catherine in Frey Theater at St. Kate's. Pictured giving Emily Carlson a makeover, clockwise from bottom left, are Laurie Parker, Molly McBride, Katie Ferrier, Ali Leuthard and Laurie Jessup. For tickets, priced at \$5.00, call 651-690-6700.

leen Ridder will discuss her new book *Shaping My Feminist Life* on Wednesday, October 21; Maureen Holohan, a former basketball player at Northwestern University, will discuss and sign copies of her series *Broadway Players* on Tuesday, October 27; and a Writer's Harvest, featuring the readings of student essays by local elementary students, will be held on Thursday, October 29 (a percentage of sales will go to Share Our Strength). Call 651-690-9443.

Garrison Keillor, Carol Anshaw and Emily Carter will read from their works in *Best American Short Stories 1998* at 7:00

p.m. Wednesday, October 28, in the chapel at Macalester College. Admission is free.

Dance



"**Turnstyle**," a fall dance series presented by the Minnesota Dance Alliance and the Southern Theater, will take place from September 10 through December 20 at the Southern Theater and in Studio 6A of the Hennepin Center for the Arts in Minneapolis. The series will continue with Chris Aiken and Steve Paxton, Kirstie Simson,

Ka Rustler and Ray Chung at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, October 22-25, at the Southern Theater; Girl Germs at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 29-November 1, in Studio 6A; and Shapiro & Smith Dance with Tadeusz Majewski at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, October 29-November 1, at Southern Theater. Tickets cost \$12 and \$14 for the performances at Studio 6A and \$16 and \$18 at the Southern Theater. For tickets, call 612-340-1725 or 612-335-8200.

A Swedish Apple Pie Ballroom Dance will be held from 9:00 to midnight Friday, October 23, at the Twin Cities Ballroom, corner of W. 7th and Walnut streets. A class will be given from 8:00 to 8:45 p.m. Admission is \$10, or \$5.00 for students with ID. For information, call 651-695-1582.

A Czechoslovakian Harvest Dance will take place from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Friday, October 23, at the C.S.P.S. Hall, 383 Michigan St. Music will be provided by the Twin Lakes Trio. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$1.50 for children ages 5-16 and free for children under 5. For information, call 612-881-6715.

James Sewell Ballet will perform at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, October 23-24, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 25, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. The program will include "Passions," a collaborative effort between composer Augusta Read Thomas and choreographer James Sewell. For tickets, priced from \$16.50 to \$21, call 651-690-6700.

The TGIS Singles Social Club will hold the following smoke-free singles dances at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays: The Rockin' Hollies will provide the music for a dance on October 24 in the Grand Ballroom of the Thunderbird Hotel, 2201 E. 78th St., Bloomington (\$10 with a \$2.00 discount before 9:00 p.m.); and the Underbeats will provide the music for a Halloween dance at the Metropolitan Ballroom, 5418 Wazata Blvd., Minneapolis (\$15 with \$3.00 discount before 9:00 p.m.). Call 651-644-3443.

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The St. Paul Early Music Series will present Ensemble 392 performing the French Baroque music of Marais and Rameau at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, October 24, at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 901 Portland Ave. For tickets, priced at \$10 and \$15, call 651-699-1808.

Metro State University, 700 E. 7th St. The festival will include the following: *Kung Fu Cult Master* at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, October 25; *Expect the Unexpected* at midnight Friday, October 23, at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 24, and at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, November 1; and *Mr. Vampire III* at midnight Friday, October 30, and at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 31. Admission is \$6.00. Call 612-376-7715.

Family

Preschool storytimes for children ages 3-5 will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Fridays through October 23 at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. To register, call 651-642-0385.

Mr. Popper's Penguins has opened at the Children's Theatre Company, 2400 Third Ave. S., Minneapolis. Running in repertory with *Mr. Popper's Penguins* will be *Afternoon of the Elves*. Performances of *Afternoon of the Elves* will continue through October 31 and *Mr. Popper's Penguins* will run through November 8. For tickets, priced from \$10 to \$25, call 612-874-0400.

Katie's Cabaret, an interactive improvisational theatre performance for the young and young at heart hosted by Ramsey Hill resident Amy Elizabeth Fisher, has begun its sixth season with performances every second Saturday of the month through May at the Bryant-Lake Bowl Theater, 810 W. Lake St., Minneapolis. For tickets, priced at \$5.00, call 612-825-8949.

SteppingStone Theatre for Youth Development has opened *The Mighty Mississippi: The Great River Race* in the F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Landmark Center. Performances will continue through October 29. For tickets, priced at \$6.00, call 651-225-9265.

The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., will offer the following events: Holly Hobbie will introduce her new book *Toot and Puddle: A Present for Toot* from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 21; Marcus

Pfister will introduce his newest book *Rainbow Fish and The Big Blue Whale* from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, October 22; A publication party to launch a new children's book series *K.C. Flanagan, Girl Detective Adventures*, written by Susan Murray and Robert Davies, will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 25. For information, call 651-224-9508.

The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., will offer the following storytime activities at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays: James Solheim will introduce his first book for children *It's Disgusting and We Ate It! True Facts From Around the World and Throughout History* on October 24; and Stellaluna, the baby bat from Janell Cannon's book with the same name, will be in the store to greet children on October 31 (also at 2:00 p.m.). Admission is free. Call 651-224-8320.

"*Sundays at Landmark*," a family-oriented event series, will host a harvest barn dance at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 25, in the Cortile at Landmark Center. Lessons will be available for beginners. The cost is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Call 651-292-3225.

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 look at landscapes from the Society's art collection and then paint their own landscape card to mail on October 25; and children can bake a sweet-tasting bread in the shape of a skeleton in celebration of "Day of the Dead" on November 1. Admission is free. Call 651-296-6126.

"*Gathering at the River: Talking Drums*," a series of three concerts to celebrate Japanese, West African and Native American traditions, will include the following concerts at 7:00 p.m.: Mu Daiko on Monday, October 26, at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy.; Sankofa on Thursday, October 29, at the West 7th Street Library, 265 Oneida St.; and Bear Runners

on Thursday, November 5, at the Hamline Library, 1558 Minnehaha Ave. Admission is free. Call 651-222-3242.

Ondekoza, which means "demon drummers" in Japanese, will perform a concert of taiko drumming at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, at the Ordway Music Theatre. A World Party will take place before the concert at 5:30 p.m. For tickets, priced from \$7.00 to \$19, call 651-224-4222.

The Minnesota Orchestra will perform "The Snowman and the Magic of Music" at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 1, at Orchestra Hall. Don Shelby will narrate Howard Blake's *The Snowman* as the orchestra performs. For tickets, priced from \$9.00 to \$28, call 612-371-5656.

The Nokomis Community Library, 5100 S. 34th Ave., Minneapolis, will offer preschool films at 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4. Films will include *Curious George*, *Caps for Sale* and *Mole and the Lollipop*. "Toddler Tales" will be offered at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays throughout November. Also help with homework will be available to children from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. For information, call 612-630-6700.

Etc.

"*Vietnam and Beyond*," a benefit musical performance to raise money for a new Vietnamese Community Center, will be held at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 24, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. For tickets, priced from \$15 to \$100, call 651-484-0446.

Homeward Bound Theatre Company will offer performing arts workshops at Central High School, 275 N. Lexington Pkwy. "Storytelling and Acting" will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 24; and "The Ups and Downs of Juggling" will be offered from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 27. For information, call 651-293-8708.

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Exhibits

"Flying, Floating & Fooling Around," an exhibit of ceramics by Mike Norman and wall hangings by Jan Davies, has opened at the Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave. A reception will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, October 23. The exhibit will remain on view until November 13.

"Beyond Reconsidering," an exhibit of new paintings and prints by Jerry Rudquist, will open Saturday, October 24, at Groveland Gallery, 25 Groveland Terrace, Minneapolis. Also, an exhibit of new watercolors by William Murray will open that same day in The Annex in Groveland Gallery. Both will open with a reception from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and will remain on display until November 28. For information, call 612-377-7800.

"Hiddur Mitzvah," an exhibit of art to enhance a mitzvah by Carol Zuckman will open Sunday, October 25, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The exhibit will remain on view until November 22. For information, call 651-698-0751.

An exhibit of photographs of 11 Lutheran Congregations in Russia by Richard Carter, a theology professor at Concordia University, will open with a reception from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, November 2, in the Buetow Music Building Gallery



Kevin Dutcher plays Professor Mashkan (seated) and Peter Vitale is his piano prodigy Stephen, in *Old Wicked Songs*, which is being performed at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 21-25, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. For tickets, priced at \$12 and \$15, call 651-690-5879.

at Concordia. The exhibit will run until November 30.

Theater



Silence, a play by Macalester College's Dramatic Arts and Dance Department in conjunction with the Japan-America Society of Minnesota, will be performed at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and also at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 23-24, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. For tickets, priced from \$7.00 to \$15, call 651-696-6359.

Outward Spiral Theatre Company will open Brad Fraser's psycho-thriller *Unidentified Human Remains and the True*

Nature of Love on Friday, October 23, in the Little Theater at the Hennepin Center for the Arts, downtown Minneapolis. Performances will continue through November 7. For tickets, priced at \$12, or \$10 for students and seniors, call 612-504-2323.

Cretin-Derham Hall will perform the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play *The Shadow Box* at 7:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, October 24-25, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 26, in the Lillian Theater at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and seniors. For information, call 651-696-3363.

Eye of the Storm will open Bridget Carpenter's *Mr. Xmas*, a

biting new comedy about manhood in today's America, on Saturday, October 24, at the Loring Playhouse, 1633 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis. Performances will continue through November 21. For tickets, priced at \$14 and \$18, call 612-332-1619.

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre will open *Illuminations* Wednesday, October 28, at the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. The performance, representing a colorful seasonal journey through a labyrinth of feminine energy, will take audiences on a torch-lit walking tour through artists' interactive installations around the O'Shaughnessy, the College of St. Catherine campus grounds and Our Lady of Victory Chapel. Performances will be given through November 1. For tickets, priced from \$18 to \$21, call 651-690-6700.

The Penumbra Theatre Company will open *The Day the Bronx Died* on Wednesday, October 28, at the Stoll Thrust Theatre, located in the Rarig Center on the West Bank of the Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota. The play, about an affluent, African American man who revisits his childhood in the Bronx in 1968 in an effort to make sense of his own son's savage beating in a New York City subway, will be performed through November 22. For tickets, priced from \$12.50 to \$27.50, call 651-224-3180.



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OK. Obviously I was wrong. I thought Brett Favre would carve up the Vikings secondary like a Thanksgiving turkey in their Monday night matchup. Instead, Favre turned in the second-worst performance of his career.

(Anybody who saw him in the movie *Something About Mary* knows all about his worst performance.) The Vikings were nothing short of spectacular that evening at Lambeau Field. They thoroughly thrashed an excellent conference rival.

Beyond the outcome, I had the game about right. I figured the two teams were evenly matched at every position except quarterback and that the disparity there would decide the contest. It did. Randall Cunningham turned in the best performance of his career against Green Bay. But much of the credit has to go to his receiving corps. The Vikings' tall and talented wide-outs came through against the diminutive Packer secondary with an assortment of aerial acrobatics. Randy Moss was phenomenal. He's quickly becoming one of those rare players who keep you glued to the TV long after the game is decided. You don't want to miss one of his plays.

John Randle had a huge game against the Pack. He put enough pressure on Favre to single-handedly alter the game's outcome. Eddie McDaniel's return seems to have bolstered the linebacking corps, and place-kicker Gary Anderson has solidified the special teams. An indoor specialist, Anderson has a half dozen games remaining this fall on synthetic turf. He could play a key role down the stretch.

The Packer rematch at the Hump on November 22 will be one of the hottest tickets in town this year. The game may decide the home-field advantage for the playoffs—that is, if the Purple People don't stumble in either of their upcoming road games against Detroit and Tampa Bay. Those are the kind of games that championship teams always seem to win. Beware, Denny and company: The danger of a letdown lurks.

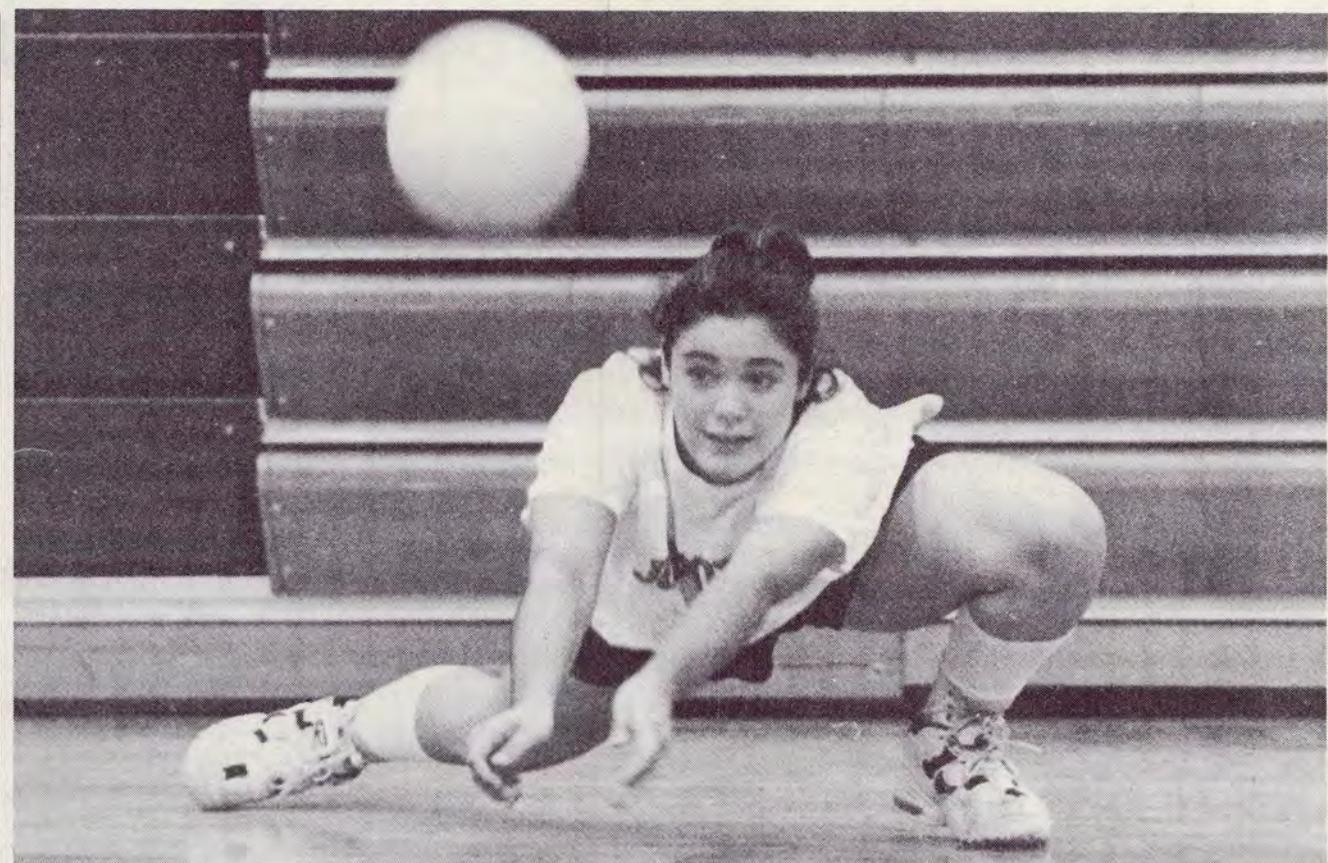
ON THE OTHER HAND

The Vikings have established themselves as among the most successful professional sports franchises of late by hanging onto most of their talented players. Randle, Cris Carter and Robert Smith were all signed before they could slip away via free agency. Not so with Ebenezer Pohl's club. The Twins' financial situation remains muddled beyond comprehension.

It's time to come up with our annual Minnesota Twins winter fix-it plan, and we would if it weren't so painfully clear that the situation is hopeless. Overmatched in 1998, the Twins intend to cut their payroll for 1999. It's hard to fathom, but next year's club is likely to be even more pathetic than this year's. It's the Titanic all over again, but without any lifeboats.

Most second-division teams can at least say they are rebuilding for the future. Not the Twins. The local ball club's youth movement last winter consisted of three guys (Molitor,

Cody/see page 40



Cretin-Derham Hall junior Claire Swenson digs out an opponent's serve during practice. Photo by Mike Long.

Raiders aim to reclaim 3AA volleyball crown

by Bill Wagner

The Cretin-Derham Hall volleyball team may have laid the foundation for a new tradition over the past two years under head coach Therese Canton. The Raiders have gone to the state tournament in both seasons, but that was with an experienced group of starters who had played together since grade school.

This year, Canton had to retool. Still, with only two returning starters, the Raiders appear to be in a strong position to defend their Section 3AA crown and earn a return trip to state.

As of last week, CDH had a 9-1 conference record (12-2 overall) and was ranked sixth in the metro. Its only losses were to perennial powerhouse Apple Valley and conference rival Central, which avenged an earlier loss to the Raiders by beating them in a five-game thriller on October 13.

"I think we're as good as last year, even though we're younger," Canton said. "I wouldn't say we're the best team in the state, but I think we can win our section."

Canton keeps her starters sharp by working them against a potent junior varsity squad. In fact, the JV has been a source for some new players the coach

has worked into the varsity lineup this year.

"We have a very strong JV," Canton said. "We want the JV to push the varsity so our players know that nothing is etched in stone."

Canton keeps her starters sharp by working them against a potent junior varsity. "Our practices are a lot harder than any of our games," said sophomore Katie Plummer.

Sophomore left-sider Katie Plummer agrees with that philosophy. "Our practices are a lot harder than any of our games," she said.

The Raiders also seem to have a little better chemistry this year. "We get along better," Plummer said, "and I think we play together better."

The Raiders' go-to player is senior middle hitter Kris Kraut. The 6-foot-2 team captain strikes the ball sharply and is a consistent blocker. "It's different for

me this year," Kraut said. "Last year I was one of the younger players. This year, I'm counted on for some leadership."

The 5-foot-9 Plummer also is a big hitter and has a poise that belies her youth. "You'd think she was a senior, the way she plays," Canton said. Plummer and Kraut are the lone returning starters from last year's state tournament team.

Setting up the plays for the Raider offense is sophomore Jenny Jeffrey. Though only 5-foot-4, she makes up for her lack of height with quickness and anticipation. Jeffrey had 111 assists before being sidelined with a separated shoulder, but she was expected to be back by mid-month. Emily Rongitsch, a versatile 5-foot-9 junior who plays both right side and setter in the Raider lineup, has been filling in for Jeffrey.

Maggie Skrypek, a 5-foot-8 senior, came off the JV this year as a back row player. She has a good serve, passes well and can take charge if a game starts to get out of hand. Mel Swanson, a 5-foot-8 junior, is serving well and passing adeptly from the left side.

"Our team knows what's important," Canton said. "We have some talented kids in our program and they know what it takes to get the job done."

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Near the end of his 23rd season at Central, head coach Floyd Smaller ran his players through their paces last week despite the steady drizzle. Photo by Michael Dvorak.

Central's Smaller to retire

by Bill Wagner

Central High School will have someone new pacing the sidelines as head football coach next fall for the first time in 23 years.

Floyd Smaller, 61, is stepping down as coach of the Minutemen. When the regular season ends this week, Smaller will have coached 191 games in the St. Paul City Conference, second only to Kenny Mauer, who coached Humboldt and Harding high schools from 1955-89.

Smaller's teams have won 96 football games during his tenure as coach. He is one victory shy of tying for third place with Clyde McDonald, who coached at Harding from 1950-70. The all-time winningest football coach is Mauer with 165 victories, followed by Mal Scanlan with 104 wins during his 20-year career at Washington, Johnson and Cretin-Derham Hall.

Smaller will be taking some memorable

moments into retirement. He was an outstanding football, basketball and track star at Mechanic Arts High School, and went on to become a stellar athlete in football and track at the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff. He taught and coached at Mechanic Arts High School before taking the reins at Central in 1976. His Minutemen contended for the City Conference crown throughout the 1980s and captured championships in 1987 and 1988.

His achievements include being the first African-American in Minnesota to serve as president of the St. Paul Coaches Association (1974), to coach football and basketball at the same school (Mechanic Arts in 1975-76), to win a state title with boys and girls teams (boys track in 1979 and 1989, and girls track in 1977-78 and 1994), and to coach in the Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game (1988). He was inducted into the Min-

Smaller/see next page

Sibley carries almost all new lineup into defense of sectional soccer title

by Tom Cody

Previous success can be a double-edged sword in high school sports.

Last fall, the Sibley boys soccer program put itself on the map with conference and section titles. Coach Terry Doud's club made it all the way to the state championship game, where Sibley lost 1-0 to Apple Valley. This fall, as Sibley senior defender Mike Maracle explained, "We do have the playoff experience going for us, but we've also made ourselves a name that we have to live up to."

"There's a little bit of pressure on this team now," Doud said. "Teams come out to play against us knowing what we accomplished last year. They want to beat us, to prove themselves against us."

Few teams have. The Warriors carried a regular-season mark of 12-2-4 into postseason play last week. They finished second in the St. Paul Suburban Conference with a 12-1-3 record.

Sibley was scheduled to play Park of Cottage Grove at home in the

Section 3AA semifinals on Tuesday, October 20, after this edition of the Villager went to press. The championship game will be played on Thursday, October 22.

"Woodbury won the (St. Paul Suburban) conference title, and they're seeded first in the section tournament," Doud said. "If everything goes according to plan, we'll get a rematch with them on Thursday."

Sibley lost to Woodbury 2-1 in early September, but came back to forge a 1-1 tie in the rematch in early October.

"We deserved to lose that first one," Doud said. "We weren't prepared to play and they were. We played much better in the second match, but we had a big letdown in the last 10 minutes and allowed them to score the tying goal. We'd sure like to get another shot at them."

Woodbury's sophomore forward Sasha Gotsmanov ranks among the top scorers in the metro area. He is a foreign exchange student from Russia whose father plays for the Minnesota Thunder professional soccer team.

"Gotsmanov is an excellent finisher," Doud said. "He's a player who can make the difference in a close game. We'll use Maracle to mark him if we get that far. Actually, our best defense against a guy like that is to control the ball on offense and keep it away from him."

"He's good," Maracle said of Gotsmanov. "He likes to dribble and he's got a great shot. You've got to stay close to him, give him no room to move in the offensive end. The games against Woodbury were the two most fun games of the season. They always seem to go right down to the final couple minutes. It'd be great to meet them (in the finals) where the best team goes to state."

"We lost a ton of talent off the '97 team," Doud said. "A lot of kids who didn't play much last year have had to step it up for us this fall. It took awhile, but our offense and defense are starting to come together. There was a three-game stretch in the first

Sibley/see next page



Sibley's senior defender Shane Pavel (right) missed the header on this play, but his team defeated Harding and its forward Chang Vang (left) 5-0 last week. Photo by Mike Long.

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Smaller to retire

nesota State High School Hall of Fame in 1995.

Smaller coached many outstanding football players during his career. Wide receiver Elmer Bailey went from Central to play for the Minnesota Gophers, the Denver Broncos and Miami Dolphins. Wide receiver Stacy Robinson, who also played quarterback when Smaller coached him in the late 1970s, went on to earn two Super Bowl rings with the New York Giants. Von Sheppard, a running back and long-jumper, helped captain the University of Nebraska to a national football championship. Quarterback Jeff Loots averaged more than 371 yards a game as quarterback at Southwest State before becoming a signal-caller in arena football.

Sheppard described Smaller as a man who combined both on-the-field intensity and personal warmth. "I consider him a good friend," said Sheppard, now an assistant principal at Johnson High School. "I consider him the reason I am who I am today. You could ask him for advice and know that you'd get an honest answer."

Sheppard said Smaller will always be remembered for his intensity. "He's a perfectionist," Sheppard said. "He has expectations. He wants things done a certain way and he doesn't make dumb mistakes."

For his part, Smaller said he'd like to be re-

membered as "a tough-love type of person, someone who was firm and honest and cared about his players—whether they were successful on the field or not."

Smaller was part of a contingent of coaches who lobbied in the mid-'80s to force the three non-public schools—St. Thomas Academy, Hill-Murray and Cretin-Derham Hall—out of the City Conference. Their actions resulted in the ouster of the Cadets and Pioneers, but not the Raiders.

Smaller hasn't changed his stance on private schools. According to him, their presence upset the league's competitive balance. He feels the public school athletes would be better served if the conference was reserved for public schools only. "At least the (public school) kids would have the chance to play for first place," he said.

Smaller will continue to teach health and physical education at Central through the 1999-2000 school year, and will stay on as the coach of boys and girls track. Scott Howell, Smaller's current line coach, and Central athletic director Nate Galloway are considered the two leading candidates to replace him as head football coach.

Asked what he will do to occupy his Friday nights next fall, Smaller said, "I'll be in the stands watching the game."

Sibley soccer

week of October that turned us around."

Doud was referring to games against conference rivals South St. Paul, Park and St. Thomas Academy in which Sibley outscored its opponents 15-0. "Everything clicked in those three games," said Sibley senior forward Mike Langer, "and I mean everything. Our '97 team seemed to have the ability to play together right off the bat. This year's team has more talent, but it took awhile to come together. I like this team's speed and we have more finishers around the net."

Langer led the Warriors during the regular season with 18 goals. "Mike puts unbelievable pressure on the other team, but he's even more aggressive in the defensive end," Doud said. "Maracle is our stopper back. He's very solid defensively and plays well going forward. He's an excellent passer and a big leader for us."

Senior midfielders Jacob Grun and Matt Niedemier played big roles on last year's championship team. "Grun plays with incredible intensity," Doud said. "He only knows one

speed: flat out. Niedemier has college-level skill. He plays the game at a higher speed than the rest of the players."

Doud also lauded the efforts of senior goalie Chad Sepeda and senior defenders Shane Pavel and Joe Sheire. "Pavel's got great ability, especially up in the air," Doud said. "He controls most of the balls that are up for grabs." Sheire has given the Warriors depth on defense, Doud said, and Sepeda has a 0.71 goals-against average.

"If we're lucky enough—no, make that skilled enough—to get there, the state tournament will be very interesting," Doud said. "Maple Grove is probably the favorite; they've been top-ranked all year and they've got two of the state's top scorers. Anoka is also a strong contender. Then there are a bunch of teams like us who could make a run at winning the whole thing."

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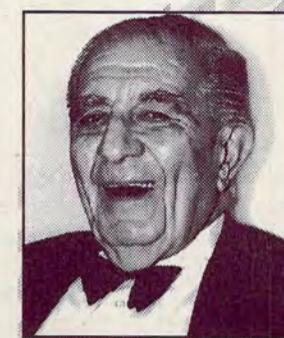
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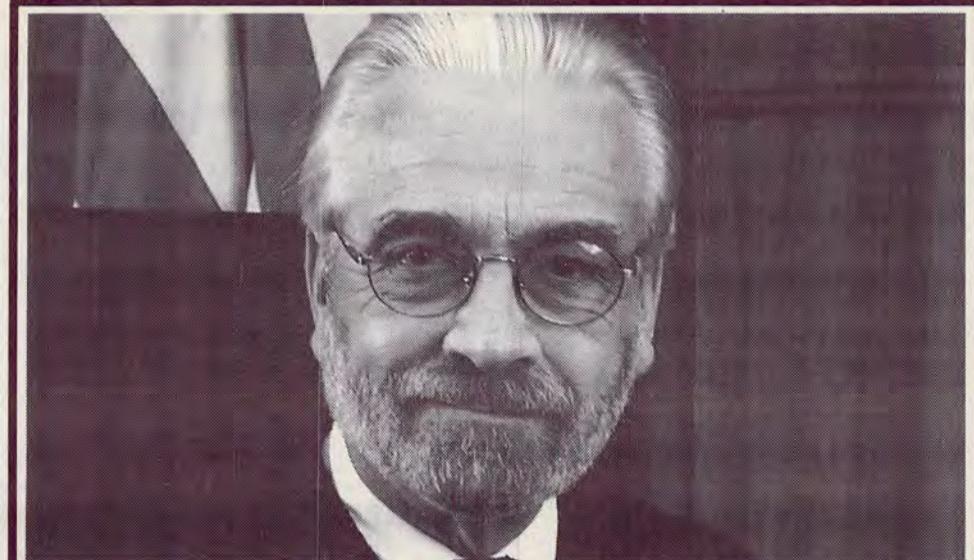
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Cody: Two teams under the same dome couldn't differ more

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WORLD SERIES NOTES

• Baseball insiders have always considered the Padres' Kevin Brown one of the finest pitchers in the game. The last couple of autumns have alerted the general population to this fact. Brown throws the heaviest ball in the majors. Like David Cone in his prime, he has mastered three or four different "out" pitches. The sad fact is, if the Padres don't win the whole enchilada this week, Brown's reputation will continue to languish among the second-division hurlers.

Brown is talented enough to keep this seven-game series competitive; however, the Padres simply don't match up well with the Bronx Bombers anywhere else. One of baseball's quirks is that the best team doesn't always win. Look at last year. There is very little doubt that the Cleveland Indians would have won an extended series against the Florida Marlins. My favorite this year is a tough call. I'd hate to see the best team lose, but on the other hand the Yankees have Chuck Knoblauch and George Steinbrenner.

• Nobody—me included—gave San Diego much of a chance against the Atlanta Braves in the NLCS. We all missed an obvious factor: The Braves were playing with two starters that the woeful Kansas City Royals had discarded. Right fielder Michael Tucker and second baseman Kevin Lockhart were never standouts even in the second tier of the AL Central Division. It should come as no surprise that they were

overmatched in the pennant series. It breaks my heart that Jane Fonda won't be seated in the front row at the Fall Classic this year.

TRICKS & TREATS

• It's a tragedy, but the NBA strike is going to rob basketball fans of those thrill-a-minute games of late October between, say, Sacramento and New Jersey. Perhaps the league will learn a lesson from the labor dispute: Starting the season in

Who are they going to beat? The University of Minnesota football team needs just three more victories to be considered for the Poulan Weed-Eater Bowl. Four victories and they qualify for any sort of Breakfast Food Bowl. Trouble is, I don't see any more W's on the Masonites' schedule.

December makes sense. Too bad the NHL isn't on strike as well. Autumn hockey games have all the nail-biting suspense of an old "Love Boat" episode.

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PREP STATS

• Heading into the playoffs, the top numbers on high school football teams in the Villager area belong to SPA's

senior quarterback T.J. Prunty. The all-purpose athlete has rushed for 300 yards and seven touchdowns and has thrown for 933 yards and six TDs. Top passers include David Rahl of St. Thomas Academy, 779 yards; Ryan Gilson, Central, 801 yards; and Dan Salmen, Cretin-Derham Hall, 598 yards. Top rushers include Heighlos Riser, Highland Park, 598 yards, 10 TDs; Joe Vannelli, CDH, 559 yards, 10 TDs; Rasheem Sharpe, Central, 511 yards, 10 TDs; and Andy Gross, Sibley, 454 yards, 7 TDs. Top receivers include Nick Thompson, CDH, 268 yards; Cellan Burch, Central, 241 yards; Sam Polk, SPA, 232 yards; Jay Eyunni, SPA, 228 yards; Nate Howard, STA, 190 yards; and David Jones, HP, 182 yards.

• At the completion of the fall soccer season, the top scorers among area boys include Joe Schmidt (CDH, 24 goals, 13 assists); Joe Roedler (CDH, 16 goals and 11 assists); Dan Schmidt (CDH, 15 goals and 12 assists); Mike Langer (Sibley, 18 goals and 6 assists); and Casey Schutte (Central, 12 goals and 9 assists). On the girls side, top scorers include Devon Radesovich (HP, 20 goals and 13 assists); Laura Ashley (Sibley, 15 goals and 11 assists); Laura Haugen (HP, 13 goals and 10 assists); Naomi Struve (Minnehaha Academy, 10 goals and 9 assists); Valerie Johnson (CDH, 10 goals and 7 assists); Morgan Anderson (Minnehaha, 13 goals and 4 assists); and Kate Spiegel (HP, 12 goals and 5 assists). The top goalies among the boys are Chad Sepeda (Sibley, 0.72 goals-against average); Chad Clausen (CDH, 0.81); and Jamie Burns (SPA, 0.83). Top goaltenders for the girls include: Kate Carroll (Sibley, 0.76) and Kate Townley (CDH, 0.78).

• There will be strong local representation at the girls state high school tennis tournament October 28-31. Laura Amundson of Central took the Section 3AA individual championship, defeating Sarah Andrews of Sibley in a three-set final. Both girls will play at state. On the doubles courts, the Cretin-Derham Hall tandem of Liz Distad and Rhiannon Ferroyle took the gold in 3AA in another exciting three-set final. They and 3AA doubles runners-up Nicole Hilo and Mari Hunter of Sibley will compete at state.

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A dream deferred

Seminole QB Chris Weinke picks up his gridiron career where he left it at Cretin-Derham Hall eight years ago

by Bill Wagner

It's a long way from St. Paul to Tallahassee, Florida—even longer if you follow the route Chris Weinke took.

Weinke was considered one of the top quarterbacking prospects in the country when he graduated from Cretin-Derham Hall in 1990. He was offered a full scholarship to Florida State University to play football, but turned it down to accept a \$375,000 signing bonus to play baseball for the Toronto Blue Jays.

Eight years later, Weinke is a red-shirt sophomore and the starting quarterback at FSU. Seven seasons in baseball's minor leagues convinced Weinke that football was his first love after all.

Weinke, 26, had a storied career at CDH, where he turned heads while playing football, baseball and hockey. He helped the Raiders win two state championships in baseball during his junior and senior years, getting the game-winning hit in five of the Raiders' six state tournament games.

"I never saw anybody come through in clutch situations like Weinke did," said Dennis Denning, Weinke's high school baseball coach and now the baseball coach at the University of St. Thomas.

There aren't many athletes who would consider playing Division I college football after not having played the game for eight years, but that didn't bother Weinke.

"I know it's my first year as a regular, but the fact that I'm older helps me tune in to both the players and coaches a little better," said Weinke by phone from Tallahassee, where he shares a five-bedroom home with four other students. "I learned a lot in my time as a professional athlete and I want to put it to good use."

What he learned about handling pressure in pro ball should come in handy at Florida State, where football fans expect their team to win. The Seminoles are perennially ranked among the top 20 teams in the country, and at that level, one loss in a season is a major concern. Two defeats is catastrophic.

"Tallahassee is a great town," Weinke said, "but you don't want to show your face in public after a tough defeat. Everything here revolves around Florida State football."

After performing adequately in a season-opening victory over Texas A&M, Weinke felt the heat following the Seminoles' 24-7 loss to North Carolina State, a game in which he threw a school-record six interceptions.

"There are other players on the team who make mistakes, but as the quarterback you're the one who's going to get the brunt of the

criticism," Weinke said. "But I knew that I didn't play well and needed to improve."

It's that attitude that convinced CDH football coach Rich Kallok that Weinke will be successful before his college career is over. "After a bad game, he did what a good quarterback should do—he stepped up and accepted the responsibility," Kallok said.

Weinke has played much better since the North Carolina State game. He spearheaded a 62-13 pasting of Duke in the third game of the season, then fired three scoring passes in an impressive 30-10 win over the nationally ranked University of Southern California.

Though the Seminoles won handily against the Trojans, Florida State coach Bobby Bowden told the press afterward that Weinke still had to work on his passing. Weinke agrees. "That's something that I have to take care of myself," he said. "There isn't anything the coaches can do."

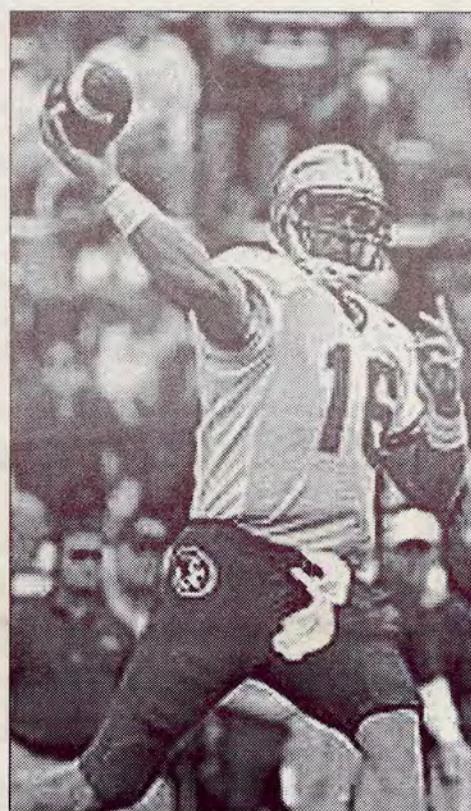
Weinke seems to be taking care of it himself quite nicely. The Seminoles followed up by downing Maryland 24-10 in the fifth game of the season. Weinke passed for 261 yards and one touchdown in that contest. Then on October 11 against Miami, Weinke topped the 300-yard mark for the first time, completing 17 of 32 passes, two of them for touchdowns, in a 26-14 victory. That win bumped the 5-1 Seminoles from eighth to sixth place in the Associated Press' national rankings.

Weinke said he enjoys playing for the legendary Bowden. "Coach Bowden is a positive guy, but he lets us know how he feels about things," Weinke said. "He talks to us before every practice and after every practice."

Weinke said he is grateful for the coaching he got at Cretin-Derham Hall. He was especially generous in his praise for Mal Scanlan, his first coach with the Raiders. "He was the guy who really got the word out (to college recruiters) that I could play," Weinke said.

Florida State has a long row to hoe before it earns an invitation to a major bowl game this year. As of last week, the Seminoles still faced tough games against 25th-ranked Georgia Tech on October 24, seventh-ranked Virginia on November 7, and the regular-season finale on November 21 against the University of Florida.

In his years with the Blue Jays, Weinke had two outstanding seasons in AA baseball. That earned him a promotion to AAA ball. "I felt that I put up good enough numbers to at least get a chance at the majors, but it didn't turn out that way," he said. "I'm not bitter. Here (at Florida State) I have the chance to get my college education for free and play for one of the best football programs in the country."



After a shaky start, Chris Weinke has shown steady progress in his first season as quarterback of the sixth-ranked Florida State University football team.

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Central (3-4)

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| Sept. 4 vs. Arlington | ...41-13 |
| Sept. 10 vs. Humboldt | ...8-24 |
| Sept. 17 vs. Como Park | ...30-22 |
| Sept. 25 vs. Harding | ...40-21 |
| Oct. 1 vs. Johnson | ...20-40 |
| Oct. 10 vs. Highland | ...28-42 |
| Oct. 16 vs. CDH | ...12-42 |
| Oct. 21 vs. Mpls. team | |

Mpls. Roosevelt (5-2)

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| Sept. 3 vs. North | ...19-12 |
| Sept. 11 vs. Edison | ...20-0 |
| Sept. 18 at Southwest | ...35-0 |
| Sept. 25 at Moorhead | ...6-23 |
| Oct. 3 vs. South | ...40-6 |
| Oct. 9 vs. Washburn | ...6-26 |
| Oct. 14 at Henry | ...44-20 |
| Oct. 21 vs. St. Paul team | |

Minnehaha (1-6)

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| Sept. 3 vs. St. Anthony | ...0-29 |
| Sept. 11 at Blake | ...14-17 |
| Sept. 18 vs. De La Salle | ...7-50 |
| Sept. 25 at Rush City | ...6-30 |
| Oct. 3 vs. St. Bernard's | ...10-7 |
| Oct. 9 at St. Agnes | ...0-45 |
| Oct. 15 at SPA | ...15-26 |
| Oct. 21 vs. Breck | |

St. Paul Acad. (3-4)

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| Sept. 4 vs. Spring Lk Pk | ...6-27 |
| Sept. 11 at No. St. Paul | ...17-20 |
| Sept. 18 at Simley | ...40-19 |
| Sept. 25 at Hastings | ...12-41 |
| Oct. 2 vs. Woodbury | ...6-53 |
| Oct. 9 at Tartan | ...7-28 |
| Oct. 16 vs. STA | ...7-28 |
| Oct. 21 at So. St. Paul | |

Highland Park (5-2)

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| Sept. 3 vs. Harding | ...31-14 |
| Sept. 11 vs. Como Park | ...33-7 |
| Sept. 18 vs. Arlington | ...29-0 |
| Sept. 25 vs. Johnson | ...6-21 |
| Oct. 2 vs. CDHA | ...13-44 |
| Oct. 10 vs. Central | ...42-28 |
| Oct. 16 vs. Humboldt | ...28-6 |
| Oct. 21 vs. Mpls. team | |

St. Thomas (5-2)

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| Sept. 4 vs. Hastings | ...13-31 |
| Sept. 11 at Woodbury | ...0-21 |
| Sept. 18 vs. Park | ...27-21 |
| Sept. 25 at Superior | ...26-20 |
| Oct. 2 vs. Tartan | ...25-10 |
| Oct. 9 at Simley | ...55-7 |
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The Central High School "C" Club will hold its 80th annual banquet at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, at Mancini's Char House, 531 W. 7th St. Guest speakers will include NFL official Tom Barnes and former Minnesota Viking Oscar Reed. Admission is \$22. For reservations, call Mike Tenney at 612-474-4706 or Jake Erlich at 651-699-1488.

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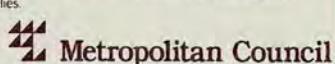
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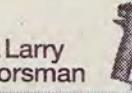
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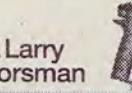
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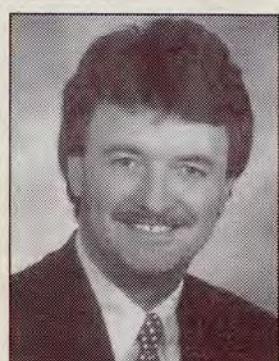
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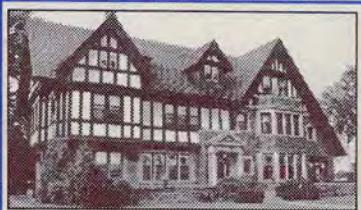
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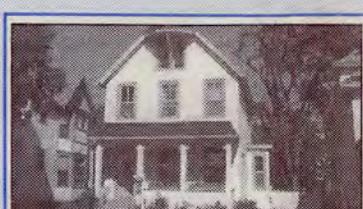
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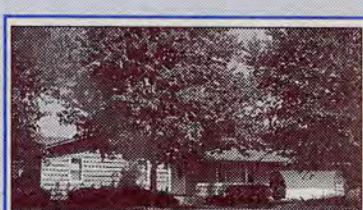
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Custom Brick Home

4 BR, 2 full bath, 1-1/2 story on large lot with mature trees. Formal dining room with built-in buffet, kitchen, screened breezeway from 2-car garage to home. New roof 1997.

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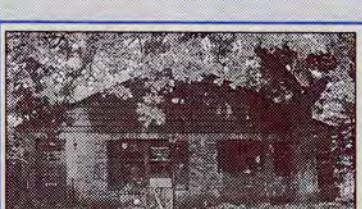
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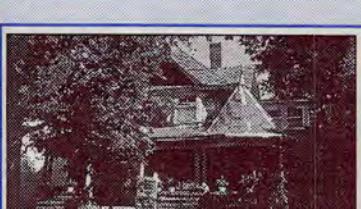
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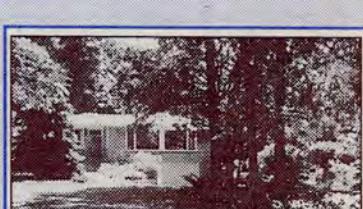
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