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**Flight lesson.** With help from mother Jenny, Anna Wiedmann, 4, gave the kite she received on her recent birthday its maiden voyage last week. Photos by Mike Long.

## Local mechanic shot in botched robbery

Hospital releases Merriam Park man with bullet still lodged near his spine

by Matt Tustison

John Bric lost a lot more than 84 cents on July 12.

The 59-year-old self-employed mechanic was shot and robbed by two assailants while he was working on a trailer in back of his house at 2063 Marshall Ave.

"I picked up the safety chain of the trailer and I saw them walking near the corner," Bric recalled following his release from the hospital last week. "They asked me for money. I told them I just wrote out a \$10 check to put gas in the pickup. Well, the guy backed up and shot me. All I had was 84 cents in change and I got shot for it."

"That guy wasn't looking for money; he was looking for a dead body," Bric said. "He never even looked at

what I had in my hand. It would be different if I had agitated him or something, but I didn't do anything. I just happened to be in my own yard."

Bric was rushed to Regions Hospital and was placed in the intensive care unit where he was listed in critical condition. He returned home on July 20 with the bullet still lodged near his spine. Removing it would have been too risky, doctors said.

"I had major surgery on my back and on my side and on my stomach area, so it's not something where I'll be back to work in 15 minutes," Bric said. "My stomach is still sore. Every time I get up or sit down I can feel it."

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## School Board, City Council races draw slew of candidates

by Jane McClure

Lawn signs are already sprouting up in the Villager area due to a crowded field of St. Paul City Council and St. Paul and Minneapolis school board candidates who filed for office by the July 20 deadline.

Fifteen candidates have filed for four open seats on the St. Paul School Board, and 18 hopefuls have been attracted to four vacancies on the Minneapolis School Board. Eight people are in the running to succeed Ward 3 City Council member Mike Harris, who is stepping down at year's end after three two-

year terms.

The St. Paul City Council candidates elected this fall will serve four-year terms. School board members in both Minneapolis and St. Paul also serve four-year terms.

The September 14 primary election will narrow the field to two City Council candidates per ward and eight school board candidates in each city. Also appearing on the general election ballot on November 2 will be one and possibly two referendum questions: whether to fund a new outdoor ballpark in St. Paul for the Minnesota Twins through an additional half-percent sales tax, and whether to

ban all new billboards in the city.

The following is an overview of the area races and ballot questions:

### St. Paul City Council Ward 3

Political independent Mike Harris' decision not to seek a fourth term drew a larger field of candidates than any other City Council race. One of the hopefuls is his brother, Patrick Harris of Macalester-Groveland, who is similarly running as an independent.

Two other candidates, Highland Park residents Renee Kvasnik and Chuck Mitch, sought the same Ward 3 seat in 1995. Mitch lost to Harris in the general election. Kvasnik

was eliminated in the primary.

DFL-endorsed candidate Mitch Gordon, Socialist Workers Party-endorsed candidate Amy Roberts and independents Matt Anfang, Todd Boys and James Skjje (pronounced Shay), all of Highland Park, have also filed for the Ward 3 seat. All are seeking elective office for the first time.

### St. Paul City Council Ward 2

Chris Coleman, who is completing his first term, faces four primary hopefuls in the Ward 2 race. The West Side resident is being

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## Commission approves Shepard-Davern plan

by Jane McClure

A plan nearly two years in the making for redeveloping the Shepard-Davern neighborhood of Highland Park was approved Friday by the St. Paul Planning Commission.

However, before sending the plan on to the St. Paul City Council for its approval, the commission made several recommendations regarding building height restrictions, affordable housing and the possible rebuilding of the West 7th Street-Edgumbe Road intersection as an at-grade crossing.

The plan envisions a revitalized business district and the addition of more than 1,000 new housing units in the area bounded by West 7th, Rankin Street and Shepard Road. It recommends the redesign of Shepard and Edgumbe roads as parkways to calm traffic and the redevelopment of West 7th Street and Highway 5 Bridge as a more inviting gateway to the city.

The plan also calls for the removal of single-family homes in the area bounded by West 7th, Norfolk and Davern streets and their replacement with a mix of office and retail uses. Though no

developer has been chosen, the City Council has agreed to proceed with the establishment of a tax increment financing district there to assist with the redevelopment.

New construction along Shepard Road and portions of Norfolk, Stewart and Youngman is currently subject to a 40-foot height restriction because it lies within the Mississippi River Corridor. Developers have indicated that the 40-foot restriction would severely limit the number and quality of new multi-unit

**Shepard-Davern/see page 8**



## Deli unveils plans to build on Pizza Hut site in Highland

A new Schlotzsky's Deli is expected to be open by year's end in the former Pizza Hut location at 1941 Ford Pkwy. Construction manager Rob Peraza met with the Highland District Council's Community Development Committee on July 22 to review a tentative site plan, proposed signs and architectural drawings for the new eatery.

Committee members expressed support for the plans, but no vote was taken. The committee and full district council will review the official site plan once it is filed with the city. No zoning changes or variances are expected to be needed for the new restaurant.

Peraza said the existing Pizza Hut building will be torn down and replaced with a 32,000-square-foot brick structure. He said the company considered using the existing building, but found it needed extensive renovation. "There was just no way we could make it work," he said.

Plans for the new building call for a patio facing Ford Parkway. No parking will be lost as a result of construction. The current parking lot will be redone and landscaped.

Committee members suggested that landscaping and wrought iron fencing follow the Highland Village Plan, a document adopted by the city in 1985 to guide future development in the Village.

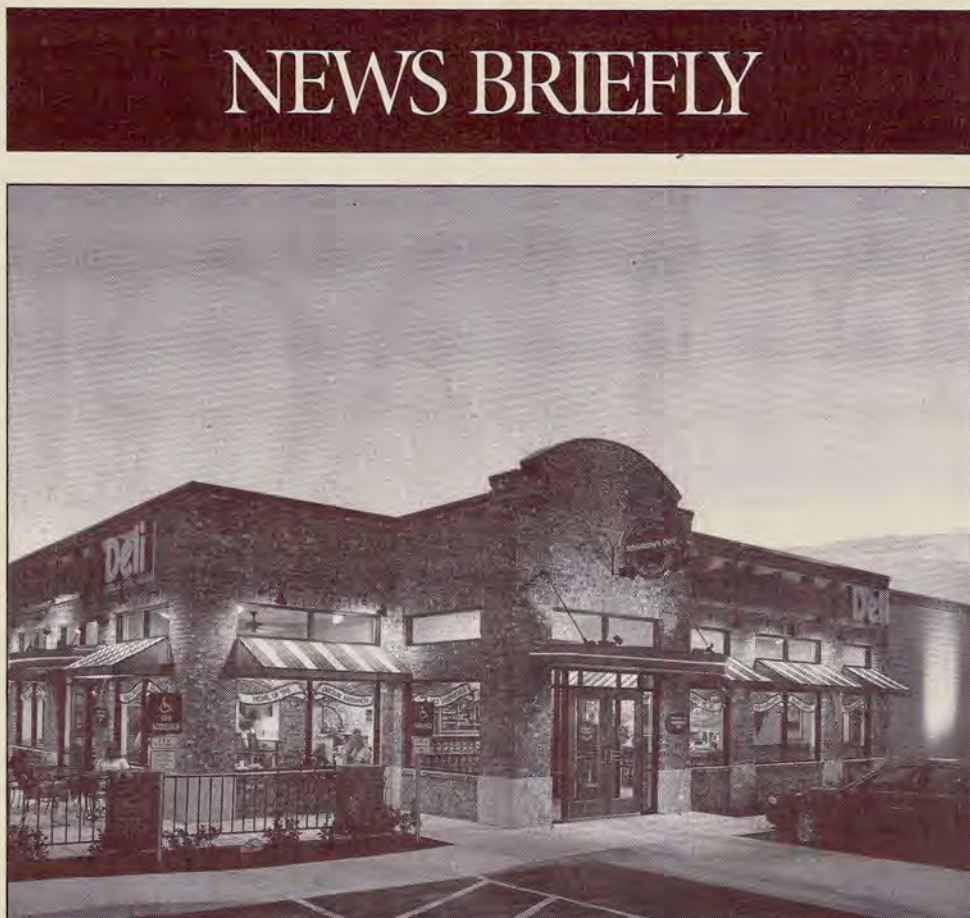
Schlotzsky's got its start in Austin, Texas, 27 years ago. The chain has 673 restaurants in 39 states and 14 foreign countries. The menu offers hot sandwiches on sourdough buns, pizza and salads that are made to order. The restaurant does not serve alcoholic beverages.

## Southbound Fairview gets new look north of Marshall

The remaking of Fairview Avenue's driving lanes continues to move northward. St. Paul Public Works crews restriped the street's southbound lanes between University and Marshall avenues on July 12. The work was done at the request of the Merriam Park Community Council.

Over the past few years, Fairview Avenue has been restriped from its southern end in Highland Park to Marshall Avenue in Merriam Park. The restriping has reduced the number of traffic lanes from four to two while adding left-turn lanes and bicycle lanes.

Having the restriping end at Marshall had caused confusion for southbound motorists who had to merge from two lanes to one. As a result, the southbound lane was restriped all the way to University.



A formal site plan has yet to be submitted, but it appears the former Pizza Hut on Ford Parkway will be razed this fall and replaced with a Schlotzsky's Deli much like the building pictured above. Last week, a Highland District Council committee reviewed a tentative site plan with a representative of the international restaurant chain.

Al Shetka of the Public Works Department said the restriping will be evaluated in the weeks ahead to see if it has been effective in reducing traffic problems at Marshall and Fairview avenues. He said it has not been determined if the city will restripe northbound Fairview from Marshall to University.

## Committees support Ford's request to move fuel tanks

Two Highland District Council committees voted unanimously on July 22 to support Ford Motor Company's request for river corridor modifications in order to place propane tanks on property it owns between Mississippi River Boulevard and the river.

The request will be heard by the St. Paul Planning Commission's Zoning Committee on August 5 and will go to the full Planning Commission on August 13. The commission's decision will be final unless it is appealed to the City Council.

Ford wants to place eight, 30,000-gallon propane tanks on an old roadbed adjacent to

a trailer storage area. Because the site is in the Mississippi River corridor, the plan must meet several conditions, including one that restricts construction on slopes. Ford is seeking permission to build on a slope of more than 12 percent. The slope restriction is in place because of concerns about runoff and the impact of construction on the river bluff.

Ford officials said the tank system is needed as a supplemental fuel source if natural gas deliveries to its Twin Cities Assembly Plant are ever curtailed. The new tanks would replace the tanks now in two areas east of the main assembly building.

The plans call for the tanks to be covered with earth. The site will be extensively landscaped so it cannot be seen from the river and it cannot cause potential runoff problems. The location was chosen because it is adjacent to the plant's primary Northern States Power delivery system for natural gas.

Company officials said the system will meet Minnesota Pollution Control Agency guidelines. It has already been reviewed by the St. Paul Fire Department, Minnesota De-

partment of Public Safety and the Minnesota Fire Marshal's office. The tank system will also require approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, which also has jurisdiction in the river corridor.

## City considering sanctions against billboard company

A lengthy squabble over two billboards in St. Paul will continue on August 19 at a hearing before an administrative law judge. The city is considering what sanctions to take against Midwest Outdoor Advertising.

Midwest is alleged to have failed to remove two billboards as ordered by the city. The billboards in question are on Payne Avenue and at I-94 and Vandalia Street.

Midwest did not abide by the required height and size limits when it constructed the Vandalia Street billboard in 1997. The company later sought a variance from those limits, and that was granted by the St. Paul Planning Commission over the opposition of the Merriam Park and St. Anthony Park community councils. However, the variance was denied on appeal to the City Council.

Midwest did not appeal the City Council's decision, but the signs have remained as they were constructed.

The judge, who will hear testimony from city staff, the billboard company and other interested parties, is expected to make a recommendation to the City Council sometime this fall.

Midwest Outdoor Advertising was recently sold to Delite Outdoor Advertising of Eagan. However, the sale is not expected to affect the hearing process.

News briefs were compiled by Jane McClure.

## Correction

A news brief in the July 14 *Villager* concerning the lawsuit over Lexington Townhomes incorrectly recapped the Ramsey County District Court order in the case of plaintiffs Pat Byrne and Rachel Blank of Summit Hill vs. the city of St. Paul and Mendota Homes Inc. The plaintiffs' motion to dismiss Mendota Homes' counterclaim for malicious prosecution was granted. The plaintiffs' motion to dismiss Mendota Homes' complaint for interference with economic rights was granted. The plaintiffs' motion for attorney's fees in connection with Mendota Homes' counterclaim was granted. Mendota Homes' motion for attorney's fees was denied. The *Villager* apologizes for the errors.

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## Commission approves seven-unit townhouse cluster for I-35E bluff

by Jane McClure

The St. Paul Planning Commission approved a special condition use permit on July 23 that will allow developer John Kratz to build a seven-unit townhouse project on a vacant lot overlooking I-35E in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood.

The permit was granted despite the objections of neighbors on Juliet and Palace avenues who say that the proposed Ridgewood Bluff Townhomes will block their views of the Mississippi River Valley and make their homes less valuable. Residents also expressed concern that the project would increase traffic on Lexington Parkway and add to the demand for on-street parking.

However, Planning Commission members said the project meets a growing need for new housing in St. Paul. "We all know it's tough to do infill development in this community, but it's absolutely necessary," said commissioner Richard Nowlin.

Neighbors opposed to the project had not decided as of last week whether they will ap-

peal the commission's decision to the St. Paul City Council.

The permit was needed because Kratz is proposing a cluster development that will group five townhouses in one building and two in another in order to provide more open space. The proposal won the support of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council on July 8 and the site plan has been approved by the city's office of License Inspections and Environmental Protection.

"I see this as a way to meet the demand for new housing in the city," said Kratz, who has been a developer in St. Paul for more than 20 years.

In 1997, Kratz's plan to build a three-story, eight-unit townhouse on the site was opposed by the district council and neighbors and was rejected by the Planning Commission and City Council. At that time, the building's mass, height and design were cited as reasons to oppose the permit.

The current proposal calls for buildings that are not as tall and will more closely resemble nearby homes. Each unit will have



The streetside view of Ridgewood Bluff Townhomes, the seven-unit townhouse development planned by John Kratz for the bluff overlooking I-35E at Palace Avenue.

1,714 square feet of space with three bedrooms, a two-car garage and a walk-out basement. Individual townhouse units will cost from \$250,000 to \$290,000. The total project cost is estimated at around \$1.9 million.

The new townhouses will be located west of I-35E and about 2,000 feet east of Lexington Parkway. Kratz said he will try to preserve as many trees and bushes as he can on the 36,672-square-foot, irregularly shaped site.

Three neighbors addressed the Planning Commission's Zoning Committee on July 15 during a public hearing on the project. They argued that the development did not meet the minimum requirement of at least 80 feet of frontage on an improved street.

However, Kratz and city staff said the project will have 80 feet of improved frontage on Juliet Avenue and 117.4 feet of unimproved frontage on Palace Avenue.

## Candidates crowd the ballot for City Council and School Board /from page 1

challenged by Republican-endorsed Victor Gomez, independents Bill Dahm and Patrick Byrne, and perennial candidate Sharon Scarrella Anderson.

Gomez, a marketing consultant for West-Side-based Aguilar productions, lives downtown. Dahm is a West Side resident who is seeking Reform Party endorsement. Byrne of Summit Hill was involved in the lawsuit over the Lexington Commons townhouse project near St. Clair and Lexington. Scarrella Anderson lists a Summit Avenue address, although she has not lived there for several years and still claims the home was unfairly taken from her. She stunned Republicans five years ago when she won that party's primary for attorney general, but she lost in the general election to Hubert Humphrey III.

### St. Paul City Council Ward 4

First-term incumbent Jay Benanav is running unopposed. He was endorsed by the DFL this spring.

### St. Paul School Board

All four St. Paul School Board incumbents—Greg Filice, Tom Conlon, Neal Thao and Al Oertwig—filed for re-election. Filice, Thao and Oertwig are joined under the DFL banner by Highland Park resident Anne Car-

roll, who is making her first run for office. All four were endorsed this spring. Filice is a Summit Hill resident, Oertwig is a former Macalester-Groveland resident who now lives on the East Side and Thao is one of three West Side residents on the seven-member School Board.

Conlon, who lives in Macalester-Groveland, is endorsed by the Republican Party. Fellow Republican candidates include Highland resident Carol Hugley, East Sider Alex Pavlov and Como Park resident Kelly Heimerl.

The Reform Party has two candidates in the School Board race: East Siders Andy LaMotte and Michael Berger.

Ramsey Hill resident Beth Blick and East Side resident Thomas Hilber are making another try at the School Board this year. Other independent candidates include Merriam Park resident Bernae Gunderson, Lexington-Hamline resident Frank Guzman and East Sider Glenda Hernandez.

### Minneapolis School Board

Board president Judy Farmer is the only incumbent seeking re-election to the Minneapolis School Board. Other DFL-endorsed candidates are Catherine Shreves, Audrey Johnson and the Reverend Albert Gallmon.

Four Republicans are also seeking board posts. They include Robert Scott, Shirley Carlson, Renee LaVoi and Lisa Staplin.

Three candidates—Eubanks, Barbara Koch Smith and Doug Mann—are from a newly formed Minneapolis parents' union that has been seeking changes in the public schools. Other independent candidates are Pamela Taylor, William Donaghy, Steve Hirsch, Billy Pierce, James Livingston, Willie Bridges and Jack Singer.

### Ballot questions

St. Paul voters will be asked on November 2 if they wish to endorse an additional half-percent citywide sales tax, which would pay for about a third of the cost of a new baseball stadium for the Twins. Mayor Norm Coleman and the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce have led the effort for the referendum. More than 13,000 signatures were collected on a petition in June and July. At least 4,869 valid signatures of registered St. Paul voters were required based on the number of people who voted in the city's last mayoral election. The council and St. Paul Charter Commission will work out the exact language for the ballot question in the weeks ahead.

A second petition for a referendum to ban

billboards did not have a sufficient number of signatures. However, rather than throw the petition out, the City Council gave the Scenic St. Paul Coalition an additional 30 days to validate previously gathered signatures and to gather new ones.

If billboard foes succeed in getting their issue on the ballot, the referendum question would ask voters if they are in favor of prohibiting new billboards in the city and removing existing ones within five years.

Scenic St. Paul is pressing on with its petition drive, according to chairperson John Mannillo of Highland Park. "We came in 945 signatures short," he said, "but we've already been gathering new signatures and are working to validate some of the signatures we got. Our goal is to get another 700."

The Minneapolis Park Board agreed on July 21 to drop its plan for a referendum for \$8 million in parks programs. Most of the money would have been earmarked for youth sports. The Park Board approved the referendum in early July, but it was vetoed by Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton. An attempt to override the veto failed 3-5. Sayles Belton has agreed to work with the Park Board to increase funding for parks programs in her 2000 city budget.

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## Shooting stuns Merriam Park /from page 1

Jan Miller, captain of the nearby Iglehart Avenue block club, called the shooting "a real wake-up call for this neighborhood—that we are not immune to having this kind of crime in our area."

Miller arranged a neighborhood meeting following the incident. It was attended by about 130 neighbors on a sultry 90-degree evening in St. Mark's School's non-air-conditioned Carolyn Hall.

"People were pretty shaken," Miller said. "I was getting a phone call every 20 minutes once people found out about John. So was Christine Yanchar." Yanchar is the crime prevention coordinator for the Merriam Park Community Council.

Sergeant Gerry Breyer of the St. Paul Police Department's Robbery Unit explained at the meeting that Bric and a 21-year-old acquaintance were accosted about 11:15 that Monday morning by two men between 19 and 25 years old.

The suspects first approached the 21-year-old demanding money. He initially balked, at which time one of the suspects pulled out a small-caliber, nickel-plated automatic pistol. The 21-year-old gave them his money.

The suspects then approached Bric, who told them he only had 84 cents. Not believing him, they fired a round into the fender of a car Bric was repairing. When Bric did not respond with additional money, the suspects shot him in the upper body and fled east on Iglehart to Wilder Street.

A St. Paul Police K-9 unit tracked the suspects to the alley between Iglehart and Carroll avenues near the Merriam Park Community Center, where the dogs lost the scent.

Witnesses had seen the suspects lurking behind Marshall Liquors at Marshall and Wilder before the incident, and a surveillance camera caught one of them at the nearby Suds America Laundromat. The suspects then apparently entered the Total Mart across Cleveland Avenue from Bric's house, possibly intending to rob it, according to Breyer. A surveillance camera at the Total Mart produced photographs of both suspects, Breyer said.

The first suspect is an African-American male, approximately 5-foot-10 and 180 pounds, with short hair. He was wearing blue denim shorts and a blue Adidas jersey with a vertical white stripe. The second suspect is an African-American male, 5-foot-10 to 6 feet

tall and weighing 170 pounds. He was wearing a light green shirt and faded baseball cap.

The two suspects were still at-large as of last Friday, according to Michael Jordan, public information coordinator for the St. Paul Police. The police have taped a segment for the Crime Stoppers program, which is scheduled to begin airing this week over KSTP-TV.

Anyone with information related to this crime is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 651-452-7463.

"This was a sporadic incident and you shouldn't be concerned about it happening again," Breyer told the neighbors. "Merriam Park is one of the safest neighborhoods in town."

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"We're in a vulnerable area," Miller said. "It's easy to get into our neighborhood. We're right off of I-94 and the Lake Street Bridge. It's hard for us to know who's coming into our

neighborhood. They can get in and out very fast."

Neighbors at the meeting asked what they could do to prevent such crimes.

"Start a block club or join one," said Roger Meyer, president of the Merriam Park Community Council.

Breyer agreed. "The best thing you can do is know who lives in your neighborhood and know when someone suspicious is in the area," he said. "If you see something suspicious, call the police. If you think it's a serious issue—if you know in your heart that something doesn't belong in your neighborhood—then emphasize it to the person who's taking your call. Then the call will receive a higher priority and the police will respond more quickly."

A fund has been established to help cover the medical costs for Bric, who does not have health insurance. Donations may be sent to the John J. Bric Fund, c/o Liberty State Bank, 176 N. Snelling Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104.

"It's going to be a pretty big hunk of change," Bric said of his medical bills. "An awful lot of people worked on me down there—day after day after day."

"My neighbors are asking me if I'm thinking about moving out," Bric said. "Why should I move? I'm not going to come down to (the robbers') level and move because of what happened. No way."

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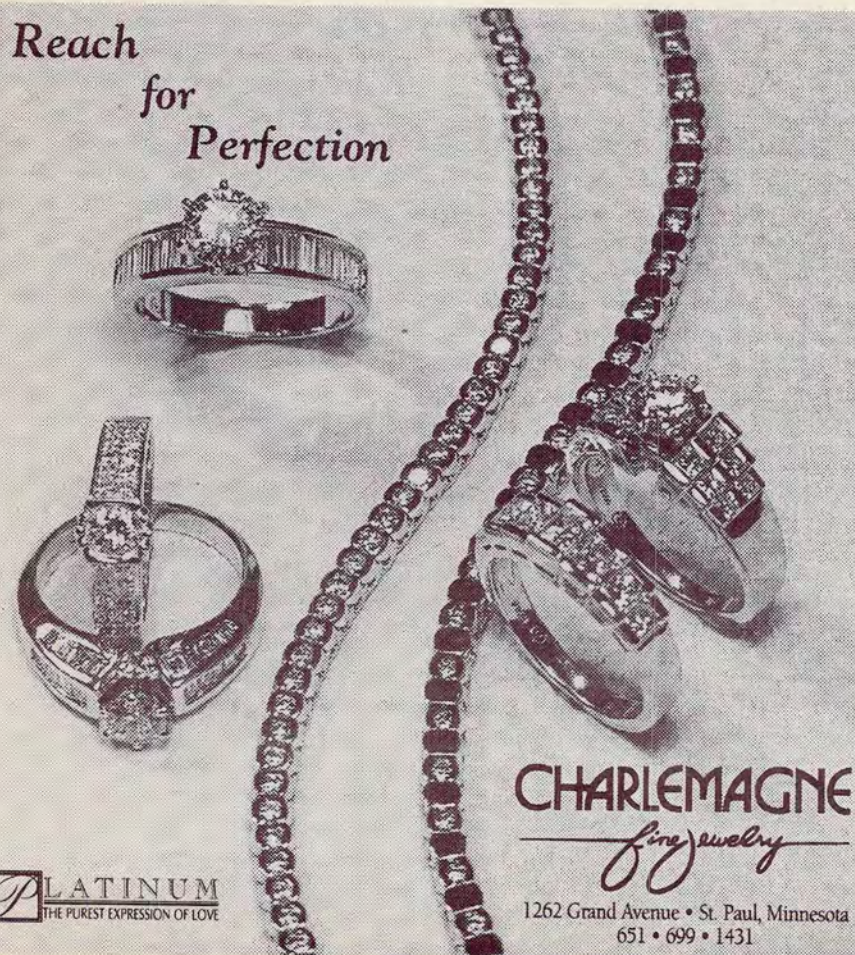
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## A 7th-inning stretch

**T**he top half of the 7th has ended and the local nine are coming to bat. However, things don't look good for the home team of Mayor Norm Coleman and other proponents of building a baseball stadium for the Twins in St. Paul.

With just three months to go before the November 2 general election, the home team trails 80 to 20, according to a *Star-Tribune*/KMSB-TV Minnesota Poll conducted earlier this month. The poll asked Minnesotans if they would support subsidizing the construction of a new outdoor stadium for the Twins.

Given that score, the notion that the home team could convince St. Paul voters to support a referendum to levy an additional half-percent sales tax to cover the city's share of the costs would seem preposterous. It might even be viewed as giving new meaning to the term 7th-inning stretch.

And yet ... and yet talking to the mayor while tailgating with friends at last Saturday night's Saints game, I came away with the feeling that the inveterate pitcher—dressed for Grateful Dead Night in a tie-dyed Saints jersey—just might pull it off. Oh, it's a long shot to be sure, but the financing plan, expected to be finalized this week, will likely tell the tale. If Coleman comes up with a creative solution for financing a downtown stadium that St. Paul voters believe is in their best interests, the home team may still be able to carry the day on November 2.

My guess is that Coleman's pitch will rely heavily on St. Paul's pride—some have been known to call it an inferiority complex—with respect to its larger twin across the river. Assuming the financing plan includes a hefty contribution from billionaire owner Carl Pohlad, the addition of less vilified local owners and possibly a mechanism to eventually transfer ownership of the team from the Pohlads to the public, it's not inconceivable that St. Paul voters will see bringing the Twins over from Minneapolis as good for the Capital City.

However, should the home team succeed, the game decided on November 2 will have been only a warmup to the bigger battle to be fought during the next session of the Minnesota Legislature. And the home team faces even more formidable opposition up the hill from City Hall, even if it's still on home turf.

Coleman's insistence that a Twins stadium would spur economic development downtown will likely fall on deaf ears in the halls of the Capitol. State legislators have shown stunning consistency over the past three years in their opposition to any stadium deals that rely on state money, which Coleman's plan does. After all, why should the constituents of the legislator from Frostbite Falls have to pony up to support the development of new sports bars in downtown St. Paul?

Why indeed. No, the more I think about it, the more I believe that unless Coleman can pull a rabbit out of his hat as he did with the Minnesota Wild, the bid to build a Twins stadium in St. Paul is doomed. A cynical public understands perfectly well that billionaire team owners and their millionaire players will forever attempt to pick taxpayers' pockets unless the economic disparities within Major League Baseball are addressed. They see the current product on the field and they understand that those disparities will forever relegate small-market teams like the Twins to minor-league status. They look at the 17-year life span of the Metrodome and they understand that if current conditions continue, a new shrine to the national pastime is only a decade or two away from its own economic obsolescence.

I'm not even sure why the mayor would devote so much time and energy to such a losing proposition. Or I wasn't sure until I got an explanation from City Hall last week.

"The mayor may lose the battle over the ballpark," Erich Mische, Coleman's director for strategic initiatives, was heard to predict. "However, he'll win the PR war."

Mische (please note the missing k) may be correct. The mayor has done everything right—especially in submitting the question to a vote of the people—in pressing his case for a Twins stadium. But you'd like to think that this is about something greater than PR, wouldn't you?



## The problem of plagiarism: A handy solution

by Paul Alper

**A** common problem at most universities is dealing with plagiarism. The "point and click" revolution has made it altogether too easy to lift written material. At the University of Minnesota, for example, the same term paper written by Jan Gangloff was submitted in several different courses under the names of several different basketball players. Gangloff claims to have composed between 200 and 400 term papers for these so-called "student-athletes" at the U of M. However, universities of smaller size and status are not immune to such goings-on.

As it happens, I have a proposal which, when implemented, will more or less eliminate plagiarism in term papers.

Back in the old days—before the Web, before word processing and before computers—students wrote themes by hand. An instructor could grade a paper almost without reading it because the more presentable the page, the better the content.

However, critics claimed that instructors were unduly biased in favor of neatness. When word processing became a reality, it was quickly embraced because it was alleged that content would now be preeminent in the grading process. Moreover, with spell checkers students could avoid annoying mistakes, thus making it easier on both the students and the instructors.

Well, just as television was first offered to us primarily as an

educational instrument, computers and the Web have had their unintended consequences, including form triumphing over substance. Empowered by the ability to boldface, underline and italicize type in a bewildering array of fonts, students can now liberate entire passages from cyberspace at the point and click of a finger.

My proposal is to return to those glorious days of yesteryear and require that term papers be handwritten. If a student wishes to quote something at length, cutting and pasting will be permitted—real cutting and pasting, that is, with real scissors and real glue. The student's signature will appear on the first page of the document and on each succeeding page so as to signify ownership, responsibility and pride of workmanship.

In no way should this proposal be viewed as advocating dog work and drudgery. Part of the joy of writing is the pleasure of seeing the written word in the author's hand with the various overwritings, crossouts and insertions. There also is no better way to improve penmanship than to practice getting a coherent thought nailed down in longhand.

Students will benefit because they will see that their work is being judged honestly. Faculty members will gain because they will not have to act as plagiarism police. And the general public will rest more easily knowing that honesty prevails at least in this little corner of the world.

*Editor's note: The writer is a Macalester-Groveland resident and retired University of St. Thomas professor.*

## Too many words about sprawl and too little action

To the editor:

Isn't it time that St. Paul City Council members muster some courage and create a beautiful Ayd Mill Park within skipping distance of thousands of children? The City Council is toying with building a highway in the Ayd Mill Road corridor, a hopeless way to ease congestion on Lexington Parkway. More truthfully, this strategy would benefit southern suburban commuters and the retail polyp of the Midway, not the neighborhoods.

Meanwhile, Lexington has been held hostage in this 20-year debate. Children continue to risk their lives crossing the street. We could calm traffic now by removing one lane in each direction, adding a central turn lane and bike lanes, and enforcing the speed limit and crosswalk law. By designing peaceful neighborhoods with green spaces, maybe more of us would stay in St. Paul to raise children who one day would

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also make decisions we can be proud of.

I've heard too many words about sprawl and congestion and I've seen few actions. The City Council will decide the fate of Ayd Mill Road by this fall. People need to lobby now to change our city for the better. Time's a-wastin'.

Susan Hass  
West 7th Street

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# Song for Sara Jane: Alleged Former Terrorists Have Garage Sales Too

by Kay K. Bowser

I  
The first people of Oregon had a ritual,  
a coming-of-age for their daughters.  
A girl, dancing alone for three days and three nights,  
could see her future in an abalone shell.  
If she saw only darkness, her future would be as dim.

II  
My buddies are still trying to figure out  
who the Symbionese are:  
Point out their country on a map,  
and answer why they chose to liberate  
white American college students before themselves.

III  
Sara Jane would have one garage sale a year.  
She'd sell things you couldn't find here.  
Neat stuff—but no story.

Two blocks over, a reassigned Sister of St. Joseph  
would have a sale from around the world;  
each treasure enfolded  
a story freely told ... of savanna, dusty blue skies,  
children with wide grins and bright eyes.  
Stories stuck to whatever I bought; an indelible portrait.

All Sara Jane would say is she lived in South Africa,  
then had to leave.  
Why her family had to leave South Africa was understood;  
I didn't pry.  
But the way she said it ... to know exile that well.  
Having to leave was a recurring, painful condition—  
as cancer out of remission.  
I took her as one who feels strongly, fears little,  
faced massive reversal.

The problem was,  
there was far more story than she could tell.

Long before South Africa, she was in love  
with the stageless and very real drama of daring.  
A surprised survivor who found herself  
no longer dependent on bombs and guns for change.

She sold me a shell,  
a beautiful, black pearl oyster shell,  
iridescent, large as your hand, fingers splayed out.  
It sat flat on the palm, reflecting gray, blue-white and silent.  
The dark peace of a storm front passed over;  
the sun making fleeing clouds appear black.

Sara Jane, was it really that dark? Truly that bad?  
A gray shell ... still full of promise,  
from a woman who already knew her future.

Kay Bowser, a former resident of Macalester-Groveland,  
Merriam Park and Highland Park, now lives in South  
Minneapolis and writes for the East Calhoun News.

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### An old cottonwood comes down

To the editor:

Now that I have lost my battle with the city of St. Paul and a neighbor to save an old cottonwood tree, I can only wonder about people who, to paraphrase landscape architect Ian McHarg, appear to know so little of nature and care even less. I wonder if they will miss the tree's shade when their summer electric bills soar or the song of the orioles that nested in its highest branches. Will they miss its beauty now that they have a clear sight line of utility poles and wires? They probably didn't know that those "messy" seeds were a source of delight for my daughter, who made pillows of cottonwood down for her stuffed animals. But now they will have a neat lawn and will never have to worry that a stately old tree will ever fall on their house.

Susan Friborg  
Highland Park

### Deli delight

Dear editor:

We would like to thank the *Villager* staff for publishing the excellent article about Cecil's Delicatessen's 50th anniversary in the June 23 issue. Between the article and the advertising, the weekend business was great. We appreciate everyone's help in getting everything together, especially advertising sales rep Dennis Stern, writer Matt Tustison and photographer Terry Faust who got the ball rolling.

David Leventhal, Co-Owner  
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### The only thing we have to fear

Dear editor:

I was shocked when I read the story about neighborhood preparations for the Y2K bug (*Villager*, July 14), shocked that you would contribute to the problem by printing a story about it. The more people worry about and prepare for the

new millenium, the worse the effects will be.

Many computers have already been adjusted and most of the remaining ones will become Y2K-compliant by the time December rolls around. Companies around the globe are working hard to ensure that their computers will be working correctly on January 1. It seems rather clear that there will not be any problems unless people believe there will be problems. There is no need to freak out in the face of the Y2K bug. That will only lead to widespread panic reminiscent of the Salem witch trials or the Red Scare.

Alex Cook  
Summit Hill

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## Highland High's Knuth promoted as part of school district shake-up

by Michael Werner

Highland Park Senior High School is in the market for a new principal and its outgoing principal will help lead the process.

Joann Knuth, who has worked in the school district since 1970 and has been the principal at Highland Senior High since 1992, has been chosen as one of the St. Paul Public Schools' five new area superintendents. She will oversee Highland and Central senior highs, four middle and junior high schools, and 16 elementary schools, mostly in the southwest quadrant of the city. The principals of those schools will report directly to Knuth, who in turn will report to superintendent Patricia Harvey.

"It's a new challenge for me," Knuth said, "but I have knowledge of the district as a whole having been here for a number of years. I have knowledge of the operations, programs and personnel. I think those things will help me move quickly in addressing the issues we need to address."

One of those first issues will be naming a successor at Highland. Knuth said she is working closely with the school's staff and site-based management team to find a new principal "as soon as possible." She said a few candidates have been identified, but she declined to name them.

A self-proclaimed "eternal optimist," Knuth helped Highland achieve blue ribbon status as one of the top high schools in the country. According to assistant principal Kay Insley, Knuth set the standard by which future principals will be measured.

"She has high expectations, so whatever you worked on you always wanted to do your best for her and for the school," Insley said. "She has certainly promoted growth in the International Baccalaureate program and has contributed a lot in the area of the arts."

Those who know her say that Knuth has

the vision and the talents to succeed as an area superintendent. "I think one of her greatest strengths is her ability to work with the public and her ability to bridge communication gaps," Insley said. "She offers the public someone who is approachable, easy to communicate with and readily accessible."

"I think Joann Knuth is a great leader," said St. Paul School Board member Greg Filice. "She's done a great job as principal and she'll do a great job as an area superintendent. I'm pleased that she has the Highland schools in her area because I think that will help in her transition."

Joining Knuth as area superintendents are Harding High School principal Lou Kanavati, assistant superintendent Luz Maria Serrano, executive director of the Achievement Plus Community Schools Mary Boyd and director of community education Terilyn Turner.

In addition to the area superintendents, Harvey created several new positions and eliminated others in an effort to recast the district's central administration. The new structure reduces the number of administrative layers between schools and the superintendent from four to one.

The shake-up peels away layers of assistant superintendents and creates three key positions: chief accountability officer, chief academic officer and executive assistant. Margo Baines, who worked with Harvey in Chicago and served as chief accountability officer for the public school system there, has taken the same post in St. Paul. Highland resident and former state education commissioner Kate Trewick is filling the position of chief academic officer. Tanya Martin Pekel, a White House education policy adviser, is serving as executive assistant.

"This is a whole new way of supporting schools," Harvey said. "We're flattening the layers of bureaucracy and providing more direct contact and support for our schools."

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housing. Any variances to the height restriction would not only have to be approved by the City Council, but by the Metropolitan Council and the state Department of Natural Resources, according to Sandy Fecht, a hydrologist with the DNR.

The DNR would oppose building heights reaching 65 feet, Fecht told the Planning Commission, but state officials might approve a tiered approach with heights increasing as the buildings get further from the river.

Variances from River Corridor height restrictions were "never, ever, ever" discussed by the Shepard-Davern Plan task force, according to Shawn Bartsh, co-chair of the task force and president of the Highland District Council. Bartsh asked the Planning Commission for a thorough discussion before any variances are approved.

The plan does state that when new zoning regulations are drafted for the Shepard-Davern area, heights above 40 feet could be allowed as special condition uses. Developers seeking waivers from height restrictions might have to agree to design guidelines or other conditions in exchange for the added height.

The plan also calls for a thorough traffic analysis before any changes are proposed for the intersection of West 7th and Edgumbe Road. Instead of the freeway-style ramps now in place, an at-grade crossing has been contemplated as part of a plan to redesign Edgumbe Road as a parkway extending south to Shepard Road. Many area residents are concerned that an at-grade crossing would cause traffic to back up along West 7th Street and Edgumbe Road.

The Planning Commission also added language to the plan regarding the need to pre-

serve and add to the Shepard-Davern area's affordable housing stock.

Twenty-five percent of the area's housing has been deemed affordable, largely due to the 550-unit Sibley Manor apartment complex. About 50 of those units would be eliminated under one scenario outlined in the plan. If that happens, the Planning Commission is calling for the replacement of that housing.

The City Council has not yet scheduled its public hearing on the Shepard-Davern plan. If adopted, it will become part of the city's land-use plan, a comprehensive guide for re-development in the city.

## Hazardous household waste collected locally

Ramsey County residents may drop off hazardous household waste free of charge during August in the parking lot of the ice arena on Pleasant Avenue between St. Clair and Jefferson avenues. The collection site will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, August 5-28.

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Mickey's Nook is expected to reopen this week under the new management of Tom Funk, Mickey Brausen, Chuck Mitch and Mary Jo Luna. Photo by Mike Long.

## New owners bring back Nook, Mickey et al

by Bill Wagner

A Highland Park landmark is making a comeback, and with some familiar names leading the charge.

Mickey's Nook, the 3.2 bar and eatery at 492 S. Hamline Ave. known for years for its great hamburgers, was purchased last month by Chuck Mitch and Tom Funk. Closed for the past six months, Mickey's Nook was set to reopen on July 27, according to Mitch, a former professional boxer from St. Paul and owner for the past 34 years of Mitch's Cocktail Lounge on West 7th Street.

The two partners in the Nook not only intend to keep the name, but to bring back Mickey Brausen part time. Brausen owned the Nook for 30 years before selling it to Todd Berglund in 1995.

Mitch and Brausen have both had health problems in

recent years. Mitch, 53, suffered a heart attack in 1992 and overcame cancer a few years later. Brausen, 73, has battled emphysema. But both are looking forward to reviving the Nook. "I met a lot of nice people in that place," Brausen said. "I'm excited about coming back."

Funk, 41, a graduate of Highland Park High School, said he and Mitch decided to buy the Nook about a month ago. "I'd drive by the place every day and it would still be closed," Funk said. "Chuck and I talked about it and it came together. I think we have a heck of an opportunity here. This is a place with a big following in the area."

Berglund agreed. "The customers have been wonderful," he said. "This was a wonderful neighborhood business."

As wonderful as it was, Berglund said that he may have paid too much for the

business. He closed the Nook for nine months in 1997 while spending close to \$100,000 on new windows, a new roof and other improvements to bring the building up to city code. Eventually, Berglund said, the expenses caught up to him.

Mitch said he will continue to spend most of his time running Mitch's. Funk said he will keep his painting business. Mickey's Nook will be managed by Mary Jo Luna, Mitch's fiancée and the manager of Mitch's Cocktail Lounge for the past 2½ years.

In addition to its usual fare of hamburgers, sandwiches, french fries and appetizers, Mickey's will be serving up chili and soup. The new owners feel the food may have been overpriced in recent years and intend to lower the prices. The bar will now be pouring several brands of beer and wine coolers along with a special, heavy root

beer, according to Mitch.

"I feel that I'm a good bar man," Mitch said. "After all, I've been doing it for all these years. Tom has been one of my steady customers, and he will be learning the bar business. Mary Jo will be running that place, and I'm just delighted to have Mickey back again."

Mitch said he would like to retire in about five years, but he still enjoys the bar business. Mitch's has not been a big moneymaker, he said, but it has given him something every bit as rewarding—a happy, purposeful life filled with good friends.

"You have to genuinely care about people in this business," Mitch said. "You have to be sincere when you say to a customer, 'Thank you for stopping in and come back soon.' Once you lose sight of that, you're finished in this business."

## STAR board swamped with a record number of applications

by Jane McClure

The revitalization of three local commercial buildings, the continuation of three neighborhood improvement programs and an upgrading of the athletic fields at Highland Park High School are among 54 projects in the running for large grants and loans in the latest round of the city of St. Paul's Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) program.

The 54 applications are the most received in the five years of STAR, according to program coordinator Michelle Swanson. Grant requests total \$9,590,363 and loan requests total \$8,339,142. However, only about a third of those amounts is expected to be available. The exact amounts will not be known until the end of July when returns on past STAR loans and unused funds from past projects are added to the pot.

The STAR board will begin reviewing the projects in August, and will make its recommendations to the mayor and City Council this fall. All funds that are awarded must be equally matched by applicants with money, materials, labor or in-kind services.

Seven of the 54 proposals were made by applicants from the Villager area. They include:

- The St. Anthony School of Dance and Grand Avenue Ace Hardware. The two businesses are seeking a \$100,000 grant to assist with the renovation of the building at 1680 Grand Ave. The hardware store is located on the first floor and the dance studio on the second floor.

- The St. Clair Broiler. Owner Jimmy Theros is seeking a \$45,000 grant and a \$45,000 loan to improve the energy efficiency of his building at 1580 St. Clair Ave. The two-story structure, which was erected in 1927,

still has its original uninsulated windows. The windows would be replaced, doorways would be rebuilt and exterior signs and awnings would be added.

- The Buchmeier Insurance Agency. Company president Greg Hudalla is seeking a \$63,425 grant to pay for the installation of utilities under a new building at 1567 W. 7th St., just down the street from the firm's present location at 1246 West 7th St. "We've been on West 7th since 1902 and we'd like to stay," Hudalla said, "but installing utilities makes it cost-prohibitive."

- Highland Park High School. The junior and senior highs are seeking a \$150,000 grant for new lighting, improved seating and the reconstruction of the track at the athletic fields near Montreal and Snelling avenues.

- The Highland Business Association, which is seeking a \$220,000 grant for ongoing

improvements to public property in Highland Village, including automatic sprinklers to water the Village planters.

- The Macalester-Groveland Community Council, which is seeking \$60,000 to assist neighborhood homeowners who wish to replace the lead water pipes that connect their homes with the city water mains beneath the street. The council received a \$100,000 grant in 1998 for the same purpose. More than 4,000 of the 8,000 households in Macalester-Groveland are served by lead water pipes, which can be a source of lead poisoning.

- The Merriam Park and Snelling-Hamline community councils. The two groups are seeking a \$150,000 grant to continue their Pride in Neighborhood Housing program, which provides loans and grants to residents who make exterior improvements to their homes.

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Children's Program of Northern Ireland president Kathy Schultz (right) is joined by European coordinator Brian Collins and travel coordinator Karol Baumeister at a recent picnic for kids taking part in the international exchange program. Photo by Ben Ogren.

## New era of peace brings new focus to Children's Program of N. Ireland

by Leslie Walters

For the past 25 summers, the Twin Cities-based Children's Program of Northern Ireland has offered 10- and 11-year-old kids from that troubled country a five-week respite from the political and religious turmoil there.

This summer, with signs of a new peace in Northern Ireland, the program got off on a more relaxed note. It also added a component for older children. For the first time, it brought a group of teenage boys from Belfast's Protestant Campbell College to stay with the families of students from Cretin-Derham Hall.

Among the eight Irish teen-agers was Richard Simpson, 17, who spent two weeks in July as the guest of Rob and Colleen Langford of Highland Park and their 18-year-old daughter Sarah. Sarah, a 1999 CDH grad, visited Ireland last spring as part of the exchange program. She and 33 other CDH students spent three weeks touring both Northern Ireland and the southern Republic of Ireland.

The Langfords have led Simpson on tours of Minneapolis and St. Paul, visiting the governor's mansion, the Mall of America, and Sarah's grandfather's law office in downtown St. Paul. At the family cabin in Minong, Wisconsin, Simpson discovered water skiing and double-tubing. "Oh yeah, and there were the concerts at First Avenue," Sarah said, slapping Simpson's palm.

Andy McClenaghan, 17, of Northern Ireland went bowling, visited the Mall of America and took a bus tour of St. Paul while staying with Doug and Dianne McMurray of Merriam Park and their son Dan, 18, and with Rita and Jay Yamashiro of Eagan and their son Peter, 18.

Both Simpson and McClenaghan were familiar with Governor Jesse Ventura before coming to the United States. McClenaghan knew of the former wrestler's plans to return to the ring as a referee, and Simpson, though he wasn't sure which state Ventura hailed from, already had a copy of *I Ain't Got Time to Bleed*.

Prior to their trip, the Irish children participated in exercises that emphasized that there is more that unites than divides the Protestants and Catholics of Ireland. In the United States, they have been paired with children of

a different religious background to encourage friendship and respect across sectarian lines.

"I was a bit nervous before I came here, but I knew Sarah, so I had some idea what to expect," Simpson said midway through his stay with the Langfords. "It's been grand."

"Richard's just like an international man," Sarah said. "I've come to better understand the differences in our two cultures, but also to see how similar we really are."

Escaping from the strife in Northern Ireland was not a big factor in Simpson's decision to visit the United States, he said. Though he is concerned about the fighting back home over politics and religion, "there's a big difference between being worried about it and just being totally, totally obsessed," he said.

According to Simpson, the vast majority of the Northern Irish people, Catholic and Protestant alike, get along with their neighbors. "The group that says, 'my great, great, great grandfather was killed by your great, great, great grandfather,' is very small," he said.

McClenaghan agreed. "I don't think politics and religion are that big a deal," he said. "We know the rough areas (of Northern Ireland), and they're rough if you get caught unprepared, but that just involves a small minority of people."

Karol Baumeister of Mendota Heights, owner of American Group Tours, arranges all the travel for the Children's Program of Northern Ireland. Baumeister, who first got involved in the program as a host parent 18 years ago, put on a barbecue for the children last week.

The students from CDH "all loved the North," she said. "It's a wonderful part of Ireland. We Americans make all these judgment calls about the country when we don't have the education to be making them."

"Before I went to Northern Ireland, I wasn't really sure what to expect," said Dan McMurray, a 1999 CDH grad. McMurray said he had heard about the new peace, but also about police stations that were ringed by barbed wire and police cars that looked like armored trucks. However, he said, American notions of the Northern Irish constantly fearing for their lives and of bombs exploding there daily are out of proportion with the reality of the situation.

"When I was there, I never felt in any real kind of danger," McMurray said. "Then again, people from Ireland, if they read the *New York Times*, might get the impression that the Twin Cities is a crime-infested area."



## Highland Area Community COUNCIL CAPSULE

### NEW TASK FORCES FORMED

The Highland District Council will be creating two task forces in the weeks ahead. The first task force will consider the creation of a special sign district in the Shepard-Davern area to regulate billboards and other advertising signs. The second task force will create design standards for signs. Those who are interested in serving on either task force may obtain more information by calling the district council at 651-695-4005.

### AUGUST BOARD MEETING CANCELED

The Highland District Council's board of directors has canceled its August meeting. Its next meeting is scheduled for September 16.

Area residents are encouraged to attend the council's board and committee meetings. They are all held at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The Community Services committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month, the Transportation Committee meets on the fourth Monday of the month, and the Community Development Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS AUGUST 3

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crime prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

Crime prevention coordinators for all of St. Paul's 19 district councils have helped to organize block parties, ice cream socials and various contests for National Night Out. The St. Paul Police Department's reserve officers and neighborhood assistance officers will be visiting neighborhood gatherings to distribute information about their services.

National Night Out is designed to promote participation in local crime prevention programs, to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and to send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

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## Well-wishers raise \$30,000 to give ailing toddler chance for longer life

by Mary Firestone

Ann Marie Heimel had never met Jessica Moore, a 20-month-old girl with a rare disease known as Hurler's Syndrome, and yet she felt a strong desire to help her.

"I was at Great Clips (in Highland Village) and the woman cutting my son's hair had a picture of Jessica at her station," said Heimel, a Highland Park resident. "Below it were candy bars with her picture on them. They were trying to raise \$20,000 by July 10."

Both Heimel and her son were moved by the story of the family's struggle. Hurler's, a genetic disease of the connective tissue, manifests in stages beginning with respiratory dysfunction and graduating to enlarged facial features, bone disfiguration and dwarfism. Children with Hurler's usually do not live past the age of 10. Jessica's parents were hoping that a bone marrow transplant would allow their daughter to reach her teen-age years, when hopefully a cure would be found.

Heimel decided to have a garage sale to help raise money for Jessica's operation, but there was one problem: she had sold all of her family's extra belongings during a sale last fall. She called her friends and asked if they could donate items. They in turn called their friends and by that weekend, June 26-27, the sale was under way. Heimel placed a picture of Jessica prominently on her lawn.

"I thought I could take advantage of living on such a busy street," said Heimel, a Cleveland Avenue resident.

As people heard of the benefit, the inventory grew. People from the neighborhood donated their clothes, furniture and exercise equipment. Children donated their toys. People also stopped and simply wrote out checks.

"At Nativity, a basketball camp coach asked the kids who had planned on celebrating the coach's birthday to not buy a cake, but to instead each bring a quarter to give for Jessica," Heimel said. "Many of them gave a dollar and some gave five dollars."

The garage sale raised \$3,000 and the surplus items were given to another garage sale for Jessica which raised an additional \$3,000. Heimel and others also raised \$2,000 by selling candy bars at the Highland Little League Fields and Nativity Grade School, and kids in the neighborhood had a lemonade stand that raised \$65.

Davanni's Pizza hosted a benefit for Jessica on July 12 and donated 20 percent of its sales to the Moore family for a total of \$4,285. Jessica's mother, Colleen Moore (nee Hannon), grew up in St. Paul, attended Cretin-Derham Hall and the University of St. Thomas and worked at Davanni's, and her father, Jason, also worked at the restaurant while attending St. Thomas.

Jessica received her bone marrow operation on July 8 at the University of Minnesota. If her recovery continues to go well, she is expected to be released within the next couple of weeks.

"The garage sale was wonderful and very unexpected," Colleen said. "The support has been incredible, both emotionally and spiritually. It most have worked because Jessica responded positively in seven days to the operation instead of the expected 15-21."

The family is required to pay 10 percent of the \$450,000 cost of the operation. About \$30,000 has been raised so far. Additional donations can be sent to: The Jessica Moore Fund, c/o Norwest Bank, 1455 W. Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55408.

## RELIGIOUS NOTES

**Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church**, 435 S. Hamline Ave., will host a Vacation Bible School from 9:00 a.m. to noon on August 2-6 for children ages 3 to 6th grade. The cost is \$5.00 per student. To register, call Darlene Miller at 651-698-2323.

**Pilgrim Lutheran Church**, 1935 St. Clair Ave., will continue its summer enrichment series on the following Wednesdays: a Mexican feast will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 28, followed by a global communion service at 7:00 p.m.; and a vespers service using the "Holden

Evening Prayer" will take place at 7:00 p.m. on August 4, followed by vocalist Krista Palmquist presenting a "Scandinavian Sampler" at 7:30 p.m. Call 651-699-6886.

**The Temple of Aaron Synagogue**, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd., will offer the following activities: a congregational Sabbath dinner at 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 30 (\$12 for adults, \$8.00 for children); "Erev Shabbat live," an informal Sabbath service, at 8:00 p.m. Friday, July 30; and a "Learner's Minyan" at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 7. Call 651-698-8874.

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## HIGHLAND FEST RETURNS AUGUST 13-15

Excitement is rapidly building for Highland Fest 1999. The theme for this year's neighborhood festival, "Discover Highland," is certainly appropriate since the featured events will extend from Randolph to Montreal avenues and from Snelling Avenue to the Mississippi River. Activities for all ages will fill all three days of the festival from August 13-15.

Highland Village will continue to serve as the focal point of the celebration. This year Ford Parkway will be closed to motorized traffic on Friday from Howell Street to Cleveland Avenue and on Saturday and Sunday from Howell to Cleveland and Cleveland to Finn Street.

Ford Motor Company, Highland Fest '99's principal sponsor, will host an open house on Saturday and Sunday at its assembly plant in Highland Village. The event will include a new vehicle display, an all-Ford classic car show, tours of the new high-tech training facility, videos of the Ford truck assembly process and free refreshments. The UAW hall, located across Ford Parkway from the Ford Plant, will display rare photographs of Highland Park before and during the building of the plant in 1923. Free popcorn will be served.

A classic car show will also be presented in the parking lot of HighlandBank from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday during a live broadcast of KSTP-AM 1500's "Auto Talk" with Paul Brand. "Auto Talk" will also be presented live from Highland Fest the following day from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Other KSTP personalities broadcasting live from Highland Fest are T.D. Mischke, who will do his Friday the 13th broadcast from a secret location in the Village from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Loren Kohlen and Freddie Glasoe, who will present "The Home and Garden Show" from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday; and St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman, who will air his show from noon to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Highland's own Matt Michalski, a.k.a. "The Rookie" from the Joe Southeray Show on KSTP, will emcee the main stage shows over much of the weekend. KSTP-AM 1500 is another of Highland Fest '99's main sponsors.

The venerable Highland Art Fair, the centerpiece for High-



This photograph from 1941 shows Ford Motor Company employees at work in the three miles of tunnels that lie beneath the assembly plant in Highland Village. The sand that was mined from these tunnels was used to make automobile windshields in the early days of the Ford plant.

land Fest since its inception in 1984, will feature the works of 124 artists displayed in booths fanning out in all four directions from the corner of Ford Parkway and Cleveland Avenue. This year's art fair is presented by Chipotle Grill.

The Rockin' Hollywoods will entertain the crowds on Friday night, thanks to the support of the HighlandBank. Firststar Bank will present the Blenders on Saturday evening, followed by the District and then a return engagement by Martin Zellar, sponsored by R.F. Moeller Jeweler. All three concerts will be presented on the Firststar Stage in Hillcrest Park.

Saturday's line-up will get off to a flying start with the annual Highland Fest Run, sponsored by the Midway YMCA and Bruegger's Bagel Bakery. Fairview Clinic physicians will dispense their medical knowhow all day from a Health Information Booth. The raft of children's activities on Saturday, sponsored by Dakota Bank and Parrish's Supper Club, include the always-popular children's parade led by the Stompin' Dixies, a petting zoo and a performance by the Teddy Bear Band. Saturday will see nearly continuous musical entertainment from two stages, including featured concerts by the Blue River Blues Band and the C.I. Girls, sponsored by the Highland Dis-

trict Council and Hillcrest Booster Club.

One of the additions to this summer's celebration will be a family ice skating party from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday in Drake Arena at St. Paul Academy and Summit School. A DJ from Nightsounds will play tunes for skaters by request. The event, which is sponsored by the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* and the city of St. Paul, will also include face painting, and appearances by Goldy Gopher, a host of other costumed characters and a representative from the Minnesota Wild. Caribou Coffee will sell coffee and treats.

Circus of the Star will present its annual Highland Fest performances at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at Hillcrest Recreation Center.

Tours of the historic Highland Water Tower on Saturday will be accompanied this year by an open house from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Villager Communications right across the street. Those who make the trek up and down the 152 steps leading to the tower's observation deck will be rewarded at the offices of the *Villager* and *Grand Gazette* newspapers with free cookies, root beer and a souvenir coffee cup. Tours of the water tower will also be offered all day on Sunday.

Festivities will conclude on both Friday and Saturday nights with a fireworks show in Hillcrest Park, courtesy of Aspen Clinic, Chicago Beef Co., Details Salon, Fairview Pharmacy and Clinic, Faricy's in the Village, Pearle Vision Center, Red Robin Cleaners and R.F. Moeller Jeweler.

A full day's agenda continues on Sunday, including performances by the Splatter Sisters, Scottish dancers, the Lex-Ham Community Band, a bag pipe band, the Tropics steel drum band and the cast of *Forever Plaid* from Chanhassen Dinner Theatres. Governor Jesse Ventura has been invited to join the celebration on Sunday for the drawing of five pairs of round-trip tickets anywhere in the United States, courtesy of Sun Country Airlines.

A complete schedule of events will be featured in the special Highland Fest section of the August 11 issue of the *Villager*. For information, call the HBA office at 651-699-9042.

## HIGH TEA

The next High Tea in Highland will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 4, at TeaSource, 752 S. Cleveland Ave. Sandwiches from the Highland Grill will be served, along with hot and cold tea and other goodies. For details, call the HBA at 651-699-9042.

## Merriam Park COUNCIL CAPSULE

### CRIME PREVENTION COORDINATOR

The Merriam Park and Snelling-Hamline community councils have hired Nicolette LaSorella as their new crime prevention coordinator. She will be involved with organizing and supporting neighborhood block clubs, the councils' community safety committees and the University of St. Thomas student-neighborhood task force.

LaSorella has done neighborhood organizing on social justice issues for several nonprofit organizations over the last 15 years. She can be reached by calling 651-645-6887.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

More than 31 million people across the nation are expected to join forces during National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3, to promote police-community partnerships; crime, drug and violence prevention; and neighborhood unity. Merriam Park residents are being encouraged to hold a block party in honor of John Bric, a neighbor who was shot behind his house two weeks ago. A fund to support Bric and his family has been set up at Liberty State Bank for those wanting to make a donation.

The Merriam Park Community Council has various promotional items, such as lawn signs, flyers, banners, balloons and the "prize patrol" for blocks that want to host a National Night Out party. Even those who do not have time to organize a big gathering are being encouraged to turn on their front porch lights on August 3 to show their support. For information, call Nicolette LaSorella at 651-645-6887.

### TRAFFIC MEETING SET

Roger Meyer, president of the Merriam Park Community Council, will facilitate a meeting at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 4, in the cafeteria at St. Mark's School for residents who are concerned about traffic issues in the Shadow Falls neighborhood. For details, call Sherilyn Young at 651-645-6887.

### BUILDING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Alison Maule-Kronmiller of Merriam Park has applied to rezone the property at 1678 Selby Ave. from residential to business in order to open Merriam Park Professional Offices, a psychology practice.

The community council's Building and Land Use Committee will discuss the proposal at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 4, at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. For information, call Sherilyn Young at 651-645-6887.

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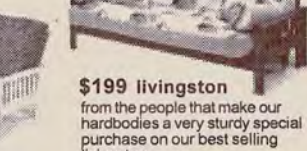
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## Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

### BOARD MEETING CANCELED

The board of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council will not meet in August. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 9.

### KIDSPARK SEEKS TEACHER

KidsPark, the community council's licensed drop-in child-care program, is seeking a new teacher for fall. KidsPark is open for limited hours during the summer months. After Labor Day, the program will resume child care between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For information about the position, call the Macalester-Groveland office at 651-695-4000. To make a reservation to use KidsPark, call 651-698-7841.

### JOB CONNECTION

The Mac-Groveland Job Connection is looking for experienced workers interested in providing housecleaning, window washing, gutter cleaning and indoor and outdoor painting for area seniors. Pay and scheduling are negotiated by the senior and the worker with the average worker being paid \$7.50 an hour. For information, call 651-695-4000.

### STUMP REMOVAL

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council has a group contract with Midwest Tree Technology to remove stumps on city boulevards. The cost to Mac-Groveland homeowners will be \$25. The contractor will grind stumps outside the district for \$30. To sign up, send a check made payable to the MGCC at 320 S. Griggs St., St. Paul, MN 55015.

### HOME FIX-UP PROGRAMS

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

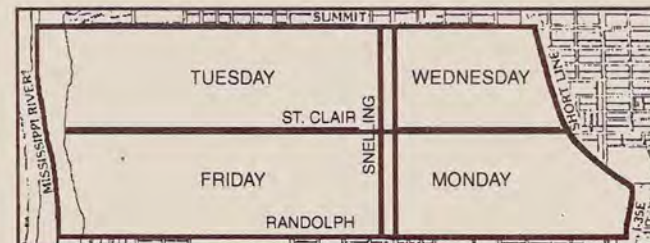
Loan officers will be available to process applications and answer questions. Those interested in applying for a loan that day should bring along estimates for the work that they would like performed, their most recent pay stub and homeowners insurance information.

Through the Middle Income Fix-Up Fund, Macalester-Groveland residents may apply for an unsecured loan of up to \$10,000. Repayment is made over a 5-year period at the prime interest rate.

The Moderate Income Fix-Up Fund is available to

Macalester-Groveland residents who are at or below 89 percent of the median income for the metro area. To be eligible, the maximum income is \$25,950 for a family of two and \$36,900 for a family of six. Eligible households may borrow between \$1,000 and \$10,000. The loans are secured at a half percentage point below prime and are repayable over five years. Applicants may be eligible to receive 20 percent of their loan as a grant that does not need to be paid back.

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



Macalester-Groveland recycling days

### RECYCLED REMINDER

The Macalester-Groveland neighborhood has a new recycling contractor, SuperCycle. Recyclables are picked up weekly on specified days (see map). Glass does not need to be separated by color, and metal and aluminum can be mixed together. The recycling program will no longer collect antifreeze, used motor oil, car batteries or scrap metal. To report missed pickups, call Patrick Shannon at 651-695-4000.

### ALLEY GARDEN TOUR

The community council's annual tour of award-winning alley gardens will be held the weekends of July 31-August 1 and August 7-8. This year more than 180 alley gardens have won an award. Maps will be available at Mississippi Market Co-op on Randolph Avenue, Kowalski's Grand Market, Grand Avenue Ace Hardware and the Edgumbe Recreation Center.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday, August 3, neighborhoods throughout St. Paul are being invited to participate in the 15th annual National Night Out. Macalester-Groveland residents are encouraged to spend the evening outside with their neighbors in an effort to increase neighborhood spirit and raise awareness about local block clubs and crime-prevention efforts.

Each year participating block clubs are eligible for a drawing for an ice cream social for the entire block. This year's winner is Jefferson Avenue between Fairview and Prior. The ice cream will be donated by Mississippi Market.

### GROVELAND PLAYGROUND

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10, to review plans for the renovation at Groveland Recreation Center playground. The project is scheduled to be completed next spring. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Groveland, 2045 St. Clair Ave. For information, call 651-695-4000.

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## Taking the initiative anew

Area family centers are scrambling to trim their budgets, while re-evaluating how best to serve the diverse needs of St. Paul's children

by Jane McClure

The directors of St. Paul's nine family centers have been doing a lot of cutting and pasting in their 1999-2000 operating budgets this summer. The centers, including three that serve neighborhoods in the Villager area, are having to trim their budgets by 20 to 30 percent as the result of an unexpected reduction in state funds. A few of the centers have already cut back on staff hours. Others have trimmed programs and supplies and are asking families to chip in to help defray costs.

In mid-June, the St. Paul/Ramsey County Children's Initiative notified center directors of the need to cut \$400,000 from what was ex-

pected to be a \$1.8 million budget. Most directors had only days to trim their budgets prior to the start of their new fiscal year on July 1. The state cut came at a time when the Children's Initiative's five-year startup funds were depleted.

"We didn't have any sense that the budget cut was coming," said Children's Initiative board chair Al Oertwig, who is also a member of the St. Paul School Board. "This is the first time we've had to look at paring back."

"We're concerned about the long- and short-term impacts of the cuts," said Children's Initiative director Kathleen Vellenga. "It's been exciting to see people feeling capable of taking more responsibility for the lives

of their children and finding resources they can use. You hate to lose that."

The centers have served more than 4,200 families of all income levels since the Children's Initiative first began setting them up in 1993. Services vary by neighborhood, but the centers all strive to improve the quality of life for families in St. Paul. Most of the centers offer home visits to pregnant women and new mothers and infants, immunizations, assistance with school registration, family and parent education classes, parental support groups and referrals to other agencies. The centers also host a wide variety of events, including car seat safety days, field trips and educational speakers.

The Children's Initiative has new grant requests pending with the St. Paul and McKnight foundations to help make up the budget shortfall. Word on the status of those grants is expected in August. Long-term solutions are also being discussed. They include consolidating or closing some centers and conducting fund-raisers.

"We're continuing to come up with ideas, but we need to keep having conversations," said Dave Haley of Ramsey County Human Services. "These are not things we should make hasty decisions on."

Vicki Katz, director of the Highland

Family centers/see next page



Dr. Ann Jennen demonstrates proper teeth-cleaning techniques with the help of Aakansha Jain during a program for parents and children at the Highland Macalester-Groveland Family Center. Photo by Terry Faust.

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Children who are good readers in school have almost always been read to extensively when they were younger. "Research has found that experience with books during the preschool years is directly related to successful literacy development during the elementary school years," said Jody Martin, an education specialist for Children's World Learning Centers.

During the preschool years, children are "learning machines," Martin said. Their natural curiosity and desire to make sense of their world are powerful motivators to learn.

To assure that a child comes to love books and language, Martin offers parents the following simple suggestions:

Read a bedtime story. This ritual cannot be established too early or repeated too often. These enjoyable times when

you and your child are close together are essential to establishing a lifelong love of reading. Reading books to children also teaches them a wide range of skills that are essential to learning to read.

Read the same books over and over. You may get bored with the repetition, but young children need to hear the same story several times in order to make it their own.

Show your child that you read. Read newspapers, magazines and books and let your children see the wonderful things reading has to offer.

Give your child items for writing. Children need to make marks on paper—or on a computer for that matter—to learn that what we say can be written down or typed and that they can write, too.

Write messages to your child. When

you need to be away, leave a message to be read by your child.

Label your child's possessions. Name tags are not just for camp. Children need to see their names on everything. The first letter children usually recognize is the first letter of their first name.

During the process that children go through in learning to write, they often do things that adults view as mistakes. They are not mistakes—they are part of the natural sequence children need to go through in learning to write. Common examples include reversing, repeating or omitting letters; writing the entire word or sentence backward as if shown in a mirror; and inventive spelling. Parents can help their children by acknowledging these natural sequences and supporting their child's efforts with positive comments.

## Early childhood program registration to begin

The St. Paul Early Childhood Family Education program will have its "Families Today" brochure available at local public libraries beginning in August. The brochure includes information on ECFE and provides forms to register for this fall's programs.

ECFE offers parent discussion groups, guided play and learning for children, and planned parent-child activities. Parenting classes are offered on such topics as discipline, communi-

cation, child development, preparing for school and growing together as a family. Literacy classes also are offered. Educational field trips and special events are held throughout the year.

The program is available to families through the St. Paul school district. Most parents and their children who become involved in ECFE attend activities once a week for two hours.

The Highland and Macalester-Groveland ECFE programs will be

hosting open houses at their sites, 975 S. Snelling Ave. and 348 S. Hamline Ave. respectively, from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, September 8. The Northwest ECFE program, 1317 Charles Ave., will hold walk-in registration on Thursday and Friday, September 9-10.

The registration fee is determined by the ability to pay. "Families Today" brochures may be picked up at local public libraries or will be mailed out by calling 651-793-5422.

## Family centers take the initiative

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Macalester-Groveland Family Center, said she believes that "very, very strong parent leadership," a dedicated volunteer corps and other neighborhood partners will help her center as it looks at cutting about \$66,000 from its \$180,000 budget. The family center, which is housed at the Jewish Community Center, made cuts throughout its budget, but is trying not to reduce services or activities, Katz said.

According to her, the Highland Macalester-Groveland Family Center is unique because of the ethnically and economically diverse population it serves. Immigrant families living in the Sibley Manor Apartments are a key focus for the program.

"This is a place where people from the rest of the community can interact with the immigrant community," Katz said. The center's full- and part-time staff includes people who speak Spanish and Russian. The center has also built a strong working relationship with the JCC and Homecroft Elementary School.

The Northwest Midway Family Center, 1912 University Ave., which serves the Merriam Park, Snelling-Hamline, Lexington-Hamline, St. Anthony Park, Hamline-Midway and Como Park neighborhoods, is looking at a \$40,000

cut out of a budget of \$140,000.

"There's no way you make these kinds of cuts without taking a bite out of services," said director Julie Pinomaki. "We have to decide what's important and what programs can go on the back burner for a while." Like Highland Macalester-Groveland, Northwest Midway has made several budget reductions, including cutting back on Pinomaki's hours.

"We can put a Band-Aid on this and get through the crisis or we can look at some long-term changes," said West 7th Family Center director Jane Hunt. The center used to operate out of the West 7th Community Center.

"We also have to ask, given the situation we're all in, what value does the community place on the centers?" Hunt said.

Hunt has decided to cut one of three staff positions at the West 7th Family Center. "We hired the person in March and had to cut the position in June," she said. The amount of materials and supplies was also reduced to cut \$40,000 from its \$140,000 budget.

The center has also taken several steps to reduce costs over the long term, Hunt said. Just weeks after hosting an open house to show off its new play area, family center officials decided to

move to rent-free space at Monroe Community School. The family center is looking for a new fiscal agent now that it has moved out of the West 7th Community Center.

The city of St. Paul, Ramsey County and St. Paul Public Schools all give \$75,000 a year to the Children's Initiative and donate staff time. Oertwig noted that when the program began, no one envisioned having as many as nine centers. Yet there is still concern that some neighborhoods are not being served.

A survey of families who use the centers was conducted by the Wilder Foundation in the spring of 1998. It indicated that 100 percent of the mothers contacted were receiving regular prenatal care, about 96 percent of children were up-to-date on immunizations, 85 percent of families followed through on information received at the center and 77 percent reported increased interaction between parents and children as a result of participating in center activities.

Oertwig said neighborhood support for the family centers is an indication that they are indeed needed. "It's not a question of whether the Children's Initiative will go on," he said. "The question is at what level will services be provided?"

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## Saturday/July 31

A MINNESOTA MILITARY EXPO will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. today and tomorrow at Historic Fort Snelling. There will be a replica of the Vietnam War Memorial, a drill team performance, vehicle show, exhibits and a show of military aircraft. Admission is free. Call 612-726-1171.

A GARAGE SALE will begin today at Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Ave. Hours will be from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. this evening, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. tomorrow, from noon to 6:00 p.m. on Monday and from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Admission is \$3.00 for preview night.

## Sunday/August 1

"MINNESOTA FOLK '99," a festival featuring musicians, artisans, storytellers and games that showcase the ways that different cultures make the ordinary extraordinary, will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. today at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is free. Call 651-296-6126.

A GUILDED AGE OPEN HOUSE will be held from noon to 5:00 p.m. today at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Guides will conduct 19th century games and social activities. An organist will perform in the gallery and refreshments will be served on the veranda. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children. Call 651-297-2555.

A WALKING TOUR featuring some of Mendota's natural and historic landmarks will begin at 2:00 this afternoon from the Sibley Historic Site. The cost is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors and \$1.50 for children. For reservations, call 651-452-1596.

WALKING TOURS of Minnehaha Park will take place at 2:00 this afternoon and every Sunday in August. The tours will start at the John H. Stevens House. The cost is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

## Monday/August 2

A COMPUTER CLASS on "Welcome to the



Circus masters in mime face will help introduce the various acts during Circus of the Star performances on August 6-8 and 12-15 at Hillcrest. Photo by Mike Long.

## Circus troupe prepares to shine again during Highland Fest

Circus of the Star will present its fifth annual Highland Fest performances from August 6-8 and 12-15 in the gymnasium of the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

The popular Highland-based youth circus will perform acts of skill and daring on the trapeze, high wire, Spanish web and teeterboard, along with acrobatics, clowning, juggling, unicycling, adagio and more.

Some 120 students, ages 6-18, train year-round to learn the circus acts, which

are performed with lights, music and full costumes. "Ordinary kids doing extraordinary things" is how Mayor Norm Coleman describes the program.

Show times are 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets, priced at \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children age 10 and younger, are now available at Hillcrest. Last year all of the performances were sold out. For more information, call the recreation center at 651-695-3706.

World Wide Web" will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening and will continue tomorrow and Wednesday evening. The cost is \$40, or \$30 for JCC members. To register, call 651-698-0751.

## Tuesday/August 3

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet in the parking lot of the St. Paul Cathedral for a walk around the neighborhood at 7:30 this evening. Call Chuck at 651-644-7502.

## Wednesday/August 4

A SUPPORT GROUP for people dealing with depression will be offered from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening and on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Call 651-698-0751.

"NEIGHBORFEST," a community celebration hosted by the University of St. Thomas, will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 this evening on Foley Plaza at the university. There will be swing music and dancing to Metro Jam, pony rides and other activities for the kids, free popcorn, ice cream cones, cotton candy and lemonade. Other food will also be available for sale. In case of rain, the event will be held inside Murray-Herrick Campus Center. Call 651-962-6406.

## Saturday/August 7

THE MINNESOTA IRISH HERITAGE Fair will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. today and from noon to 6:00 p.m. tomorrow at the University of St. Thomas. The fair will feature two stages of continuous entertainment, including performances by Eileen Ivers (the star fiddler of Riverdance), Liam Clancy, the Mooncoin

Ceili Dancers, Tom Dahill, the Clann Na Cairde Dancers and others. A children's area will feature crafts, dancing, storytelling, sheepherding, freckles and red hair contests and much more. There will be exhibits of Irish coins, painting and crafts; discussions about genealogy, spirituality and the Famine; and mini performances of *Flanagan's Wake* along with performances by Na Fianna and the Titanic Players in the cultural area. There will also be a charity soccer game between Kieran's Irish Pub and Brit's Pub at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. A mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Harry Flynn at 11:00 a.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8.00, or \$5.00 in advance. Children 12 and younger get in free. For information, call 612-474-7411 or visit the Web site at [www.irishfair.com](http://www.irishfair.com).

WALKING TOURS of Summit Ave. will be given at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. today and every Saturday through September at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. The 90-minute tours will start at the James J. Hill House and proceed up Summit Ave. to Ramsey St. and conclude near the Cathedral of St. Paul. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children ages 6-15. For reservations, call 651-297-2555.

## Sunday/August 8

A LECTURE on Victorian mourning rituals will be presented at the Alexander Ramsey House, 265 S. Exchange St., at 1:00 this afternoon. Tours of the house will follow the presentation. The lecture will be repeated at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children ages 6-15. For information, call 651-296-8760.

A COMMUNITY PICNIC will be held beginning at 5:00 this evening at Boyd Park, at the East end of Selby Ave. There will be hot dogs and lemonade and neighbors are asked to bring a dish to pass. At 6:30 p.m. the "Songs of Hope" performers, a group of children ages 10-13 from diverse cultural backgrounds, will entertain. Admission is free.

A GARTENFEST-KINDERFEST will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. today at the Germanic-American Institute, 301 Summit Ave. There will be music, dancing, ethnic food, children's games, a European gift shop and more. For information, call 651-222-7027.

YACHAD, a monthly support group for Jewish gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, their families and friends, will meet from 10:00 a.m. to noon today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For information, call 612-542-4825.



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# ON THE TOWN

## Color my world

Artist finds inspiration in the hope of others

by Catherine Condon

In one of Versea Bourdaghs' striking watercolors, robed figures soar upward against a backdrop of green, yellow and purple buildings.

Groups of children are clustered about holding hands, while a red bird perches on a window and a bold star glows in the corner.

"What I try to do is use vivid color to symbolize the energy of the hope that I'm trying to capture on my canvas, the hope that transports you to a place beyond your poverty, your political oppression," said Bourdaghs, a Merriam Park resident.

The watercolor is among nearly a dozen of her most recent paintings included in her "Community of Hope" solo exhibition that will run from August 1-29 at the newly opened ArtcetRah gallery at 157 N. Snelling Ave. An opening reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 1.

"My current artwork focuses on the relational aspect of hope and community," Bourdaghs said. "Hope leaves you with a capacity to live life with purpose and joy and to have focus, regardless of what your circumstance is. One of the people who own a couple of my pieces describes them as 'magical realism.'"

The same description could be used for Bourdaghs' career. Until five years ago she dabbled in art solely for pleasure. She earned an elementary education degree from the University of Minnesota and was employed as a substitute teacher throughout the 1970s

before holding various positions in the business world. Along the way, she raised two children who are now grown and living on the West Coast.

In 1994, Bourdaghs decided to fulfill the thesis requirement for her master's degree in liberal arts from Hamline University by exhibiting her collages. That first public exhibition of her monochromatic creations of string, wire, fabric, paper and other materials inspired her to create more. After word of her talent spread, she began showing and selling her work.

In three short years, Bourdaghs has enjoyed the sort of success that many artists labor a lifetime to achieve. She has now had her work featured in 13 exhibitions, including galleries in Minneapolis and Hudson and at a nationally juried exhibition held annually in Elk River. Her collages are displayed as memorials in Minnesota and Illinois churches, and her work can be found in private collections throughout the Midwest.

According to Bourdaghs, it was the colorful landscapes, weavings and the outlooks of the people she saw during a 1997 trip to Guatemala that fueled her transition from black-and-white collages to working in bright watercolors.

"I've seen what happens in those villages," she said. "I've seen remarkable people who don't really have anything before them but hard work, yet they see themselves in a much different light. They envision a life that still has purpose, that the future holds

promise in spite of all the evidence that tells them life's just tough."

Bourdaghs said she uses doorways, windows, circles, thresholds, ladders and other symbols in her art to convey the message that life moves beyond material reality. She paints tall, narrow buildings meshed together to symbolize "embracing community."

She also uses images of birds in abundance. "In many cultures and religions, the bird is a symbol of moving from the physical realm to the spiritual," she said.

The child-care service Bourdaghs runs in her home—her "day job" as she calls it—accounts for the presence of youngsters in her paintings. She also volunteers at the Center for Victims of Torture in South Minneapolis.

Bourdaghs' exhibition will be the first official show at ArtcetRah, which opened in May. Earlier this year, Jerald Brown decided he needed to do something in his retirement besides putting at home or traveling. So the former child protection and human services worker decided to open ArtcetRah, a combination framing service and art gallery just a few blocks from his home.

Brown said he learned framing from his carpenter father while growing up in Arkansas. "My dad would hand-carve frames and I'd help him out," he said. "I always had an interest in art and in beautifying other people's works."

Brown said he plans to showcase the artwork of local artists like Bourdaghs. "I'm no real critic, but I certainly have an idea of what would be complementary to the



Merriam Park artist Versea Bourdaghs will show off her latest watercolors during a "Community of Hope" solo exhibition August 1-29 at the ArtcetRah gallery on Snelling Avenue. Photo by Terry Faust.

gallery," he said.

After the ArtcetRah exhibit, Bourdaghs is scheduled to show her work just a few doors down at the Sweatshop from September 1 through November 30. She also is anxiously awaiting the September publication of the *Year 2000 Women Artists Datebook* by the Syracuse Cultural Workers. Her 1998 watercolor, "Muses of Freedom," will be published in the datebook. A release party will be held at ArtcetRah later this year.

Bourdaghs' piece was selected from the submissions of hundreds of women artists. She hopes that the exposure she gets from the datebook will translate into opportunities for her to exhibit her artwork nationally.

"It's been very exciting and rewarding," she said of her art career. "Someone else looks at what you've done and it speaks to them on some level. And being paid for it is wonderful. All I can do is honor the whole process."



Riverview owner Loren Williams checks out an old reel of film in the cinema's state-of-the-art projection room. The theater will celebrate its 50th birthday with special screenings July 30-August 6. Photo by Terry Faust.

## Screen classic

Riverview remains tribute to golden age of cinema

by Greg Schach

In 1946, prominent theater-owners William and Sidney Volk decided they had waited long enough to replace their outdated theater, the Falls. So the brothers directed the foremost theater architects of the time, Liebenberg and Kaplan, to draw up plans for a luxurious 1,000 seat, motion picture palace.

They chose a streetcar intersection at 38th Street and 42nd Avenue in the Hiawatha neighborhood of South Minneapolis as the site for the new theater. Two years and \$250,000 later, the enormous granite-and-brick structure was complete. The Volks christened the building, which sits six blocks west of the Mississippi, the Riverview.

*June Bride*, a comedy classic starring Bette Davis and Robert Montgomery, began playing at

2:00 p.m. on December 30, 1948, on the theater's single screen. Audiences have been laughing, crying and otherwise enjoying themselves at the Riverview ever since.

At the time of its opening, the *Minneapolis Star* gushed about the theater's many futuristic amenities such as a "Voice of the Theater sound equipment, body-form seats, hearing aids and a new type of air conditioning system to eliminate drafts."

"I've heard stories that when it first opened, 800 people would come to a show," said current owner Loren Williams. "They left and 800 more would be waiting in the lobby for the next show."

This week, Williams is inviting the Riverview's legions of fans to help celebrate the theater's golden birthday. From July 30 to August 6, the theater will be screening classic films, including



## Music

"Summer at Northrop," a free concert series from noon to 1:00 p.m. outdoors on the Northrop Auditorium Plaza, will continue with the following musicians: Ellington Echoes on Wednesday, July 28; Slim Hip-pees on Wednesday, August 4; and Zhang Ying on Monday, August 9. For information, call 612-624-2345.

Organist Elwood Bernas will perform the music of Vienne, Mendelssohn and Buxtehude at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, August 8, at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 239 Selby Ave. For information, call 651-228-1766.

The Honeywell Concert Band will perform a free concert at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 10, on the grounds of the Sibley Historic Site in Mendota. For information, call 651-452-1596.

## Books

Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy., will offer the following events for adults: Mike Link will read from and sign copies of his book *Hiking Minnesota* at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 28; and a bookfair to benefit the Highland Park Speech and Debate Team will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, July 31. Admission is free. Call 651-690-9443.

Kenneth O. Doyle will discuss his new book *The Social Meanings of Money and Property: In*

*Search of a Talisman* at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. Admission is free. For information, call 651-222-3242.

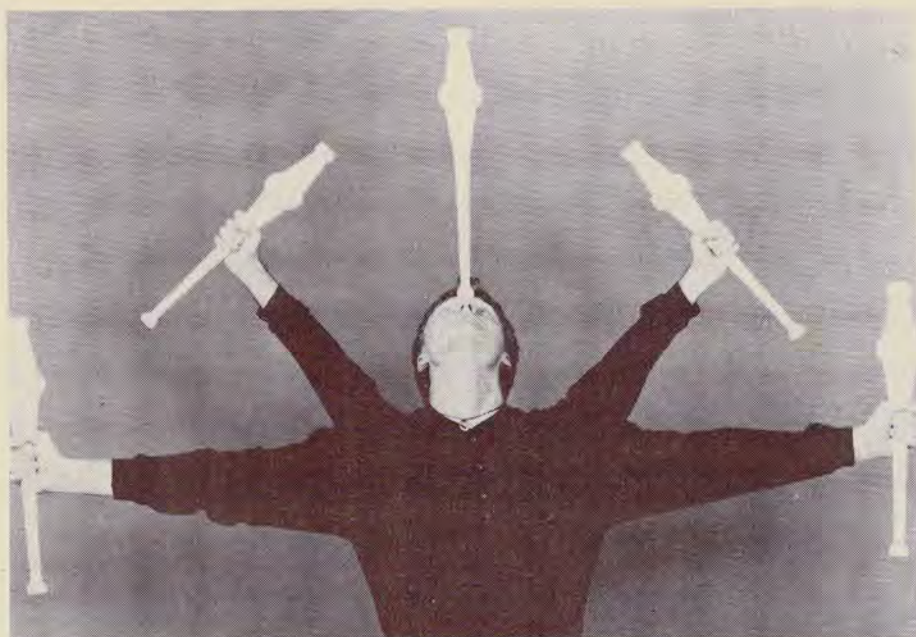
The Hungry Mind Bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted): Steve Stern will read from his collection *The Wedding Jester* on Thursday, August 5; Steve Thayer will read from his novel *Silent Snow* on Friday, August 6; and Dean Bleher will read from his new book *Please Lord, Make Me a Famous Poet or at Least Less Fat* at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, August 8. Call 651-699-0587.

## Family

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

SteppingStone Theatre for Youth Development has opened *The Stinky Cheese Man* in the Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Landmark Center. The play is based on the best-selling comic classic by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith that takes familiar fairy tales and turns them inside out, backside front, upside down and every other direction

## ON THE TOWN briefly



**Juggle this schedule.** Sixty-eight different productions on 10 stages over 11 days—that's what will be offered to fans of comedy, theater and dance at the sixth annual Fringe Festival. The festival will run from July 29 through August 8 in the Loring theater district of Minneapolis. None of the productions is longer than 60 minutes, and most will be presented at least a half-dozen times. Blink, the juggling and comedy duo from Maine pictured above, will perform as many as 15 shows. Tickets are \$8.00 for each performance or \$50 for the entire festival. For information, call Ticketworks at 612-343-3390.

but straight. Performances will be given at 2:00 p.m. Sundays, at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and also at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays, and at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays through August 1. For tickets, priced at \$6.00, call 651-225-9265.

The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., will offer the following activities for children at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays: a

demonstration on how to make origami flowers and butterflies and a chance to make your own will be held on July 31; a reading of Lucy Cousin's books about Maisy the Mouse and a chance to meet Maisy will be offered on August 7. For information, call 651-224-8320.

"Nine Nights of Family Fun," a free concert series for families, will take place from 6:30 to

7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through August 31 on the grounds of the Minnesota History Center (families may bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on and a picnic supper). The lineup will include the following concerts: Bob Bovee and Gail Heil will perform old-time country music on August 3; and Ross Sutter and Jamie Gans will perform Scottish, Irish and French-

Canadian tunes on August 10. For information, call 651-296-6126.

## Dance

"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 Minnesota Jazz Orchestra on July 29; and the Moonlight Serenaders on August 5. Free dance lessons will be given at 6:15 p.m. Admission is \$7.00. Call 651-224-1191.

A special "Swing Night" will be held from 8:00 p.m. to midnight on Friday, July 30, at the Wabasha Street Caves, 215 S. Wabasha St. The David Andrews Big Band will provide the music. Dance lessons will be given at 7:15 p.m. Admission is \$8.00. Call 651-224-1191.

The TGIS Singles Social Club will hold the following smoke-free singles dances at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays: Dancer will provide the music for a dance on July 31 at the Thunderbird Hotel, 2201 E. 78th St., Bloomington; and the Classics will provide the music for a dance on August 7 also at the Thunderbird Hotel. Admission is \$10, or \$8.00 for those arriving before 9:00 p.m. Call 651-644-3443.

A Summer Swing Dance Party will be held from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Sunday, August 8, at the Dancers Studio, 99 N. Snelling Ave. Dance instruction will be

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## Exhibits

**"Minnesota Territory,"** Re-membered and Recorded," an exhibit featuring paintings, drawings, prints and books from 1849 to 1900, has opened at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. The exhibit will be open for viewing from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays until September 25. The cost is \$1.00.

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

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

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

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

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

**"Eating,"** an exhibit of art, artifacts and photographs illustrating



"Songs of Hope," a concert of songs, dances, rhythms and folkloric dress performed by children from all over the world, will be given at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, in the E.M. Pearson Theatre at Concordia University. Admission is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids.

ing eating as a social experience and part of Minnesota's economy, is on view at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Call 651-296-6126.

**"NewArt,"** an exhibit of recent work by Patricia Canelake, Barbara Lea and Mary Gibney, has opened at Cafe Latté, 850 Grand Ave. The exhibit will remain on view until October 15.

## Theater

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

**Around the World in a Bad Mood: Portrait of a Flight Attendant**, a musical comedy about the wacky world of air travel, will be performed at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, August 1, and at 8:00 p.m. Monday, August 2, in Buetow Theatre at Concordia University. The play sponsored by North Star Opera, stars Rene Foss, local actor, playwright and flight attendant, who also had a part in writing the original musical score and lyrics. For tickets, priced at \$17.50, call 612-343-3390.

**Eugene O'Neill's Ah, Wilderness!** will open Wednesday, August 4, at the Guthrie Theater. The play takes a humorous and sentimental look at American society at the turn of the century and centers around the

Miller family and their 17-year-old son Richard, who is on the edge of manhood. Performances will continue through August 29. For tickets, priced from \$16 to \$39, call 612-377-2224.

**PlayLabs**, The Playwrights' Center's developmental conference for new American plays and playwrights, will culminate with public staged readings of five plays on Friday and Saturday, August 5-6, in Rarig Center on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota. The schedule will include *Prodigal Kiss* at 10:00 a.m., *Tallgrass Gothic* at 2:00 p.m. and *Offspring of the Cold War* at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 6; and *Mallbaby* at 2:00 p.m. and *Heavenly Shades of Night are Falling* at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 7. The suggested donation is \$5.00 per play, or \$20 for all five plays. Call 612-332-7481.

**The Lex-Ham Community Theater** will perform *The Dining Room*, a series of 18 short vignettes that are all set in an American dining room from the early 1900s to the present, at 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays through Saturdays, August 5-7 and 12-14, in the E.M. Pearson Theatre at Concordia University. For tickets, priced at \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children, students and retired people, call 651-645-3207.

## Etc.

**The Powderhorn Festival of the Arts** will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 7, and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 8, in Powderhorn Park in Minneapolis. Admission is free.

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## Riverview Theater /from page 23

Laurel and Hardy's *The Music Box* and *Another Fine Mess* and episodes from *The Adventures of Captain Marvel*. Show time is 7:30 p.m. each night.

On Friday and Saturday, July 30-31, the Café Accordion Orchestra will provide entertainment before the films and during intermission. To mark its 50 years of showing films, admission will be 50 cents each night.

The lobby of the theater remains virtually unchanged since it underwent a \$50,000 facelift in 1956. As part of the renovation, the Volk brothers installed a counter and stools for patrons waiting for concessions. New sofas, imported Italian lamps and marble coffee tables were added. Those amenities, combined with a faux gold water fountain and floral print carpeting, gave the lobby a classic art deco meets *Leave it to Beaver* living room feel. The owners also introduced a television lounge to the theater.

"I suppose a number of people at that time didn't have a television," Williams said. "It was another way to entice people to come in, to watch this new-fangled TV before and after the show."

When Sidney Volk died in 1983, two of his former employees, Katy Melberg and Mark Schmitz, purchased the theater. About six years later, Williams bought it after coming across a small newspaper ad.

Besides being a celebration, this week's festivities will also serve as a tribute to the Riverview's ability to thrive at an urban intersection of two out-of-the-way side streets despite competition from video stores and suburban multiplex theaters.

"The theater has always been well maintained," said Williams, a Hiawatha neighborhood resident. "Up in the projection booth it's as modern as any 16-plex. We have digital sound, new projectors and a new film-feeding system so

the film presentation is every bit as good as any place in town."

Several years ago the economics of the movie industry prompted the Riverview—one of only four single-screen theaters remaining in the Twin Cities—to turn to showing second-run films.

"Many film distributors require a commitment of three to eight weeks," Williams said. "If a single-screen theater like this opened the picture and committed to eight weeks and it happened to be a dud, it would just kill us. With the second-run option, commitments are only a week at a time and the film is already a known commodity so there's not nearly the risk."

Today moviegoers pay \$2.00 to watch a film at the Riverview that had cost up to \$7.00 to see at first-run theaters when it opened just a few weeks earlier.

The Riverview also runs specialty shows at midnight on weekends to attract new fans. The audience-participation cult hit *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* continues to play on Saturday nights, while Hong Kong action films featuring the likes of Jet Li and Jackie Chan are shown on Fridays.

For most of its patrons, the Riverview offers a chance to take a three-hour trip back to a simpler time. Movie-goers walk into the theater under a large, light-bedecked marquee that seems to actually hang over the intersection. Once inside it takes an unusually strong-willed person to pass the concession stand and the aroma of real buttered popcorn without opening the wallet.

"We have people who come back week after week," Williams said. "Some people don't even know what's showing; they just know there's a show here. With a lot of people, we know what concessions they're going to order before they walk in the door."

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## Hey, Norm! Stadium sites abound here

Assuming funding for a new Twins stadium is ratified by St. Paul voters this November, developers will be scrambling to find the best ballpark site. Though there are five sites on the table for a downtown stadium, Mayor Norm Coleman should be thinking in broader terms before committing to a site. Though the following locations might have their own drawbacks, they are surely worthy of hizzoner's consideration:

1. **Hidden Falls Park.** If Coleman wants a riverfront atmosphere for a new ballpark, there's no better place to find it than down the hill from Mississippi River Boulevard. Tailgating is a long-established tradition at Hidden Falls, especially among the target teen-age crowd, and a stadium here wouldn't require any public money; it could be fully funded by recycling aluminum cans tossed along the riverbank. Just imagine a warm summer evening sitting in the bleachers and looking over your shoulder to see carp flopping about on the river's surface.

2. **University and Snelling avenues.** Yes, I mean right in the intersection. Just think how smoothly traffic would flow in and out of a ballpark here. Better yet, move it over to Hamline and University. The Cody family alone could save enough money to pay for the park if the Midway Target store was leveled.

3. **Linwood Playground.** There'd be even more savings here. The field is already in place and the site offers great vistas of the old Schmidt Brewery, the High Bridge and the Ramsey County compost site next to the Pleasant Avenue Ice Arena. The lower lot at Linwood holds about eight cars, which would help ease parking problems at the new stadium. Otherwise, excess parking could be found six blocks away at Grand and Victoria, where there are always plenty of extra spaces available on warm summer evenings.

4. **Cretin-Derham Hall.** The best outdoor baseball field in town is already there. All it needs is the addition of about 40,000 seats. The Copper Dome and the Nook could be easily converted into sports bars, and Schmitt's Barber Shop could be relocated to the left-field pavilion. The Ran-Ham Bowling Alley could offer pre-game diversions and tailgating could take place in the Total station's parking lot.

I'm sure there are other suitable sites that I've overlooked. Send them in. I'll make sure that Norm gets our proposals before the November 2 referendum.

Cody/see page 30

## Errant balls tee off pair living by Mendota Par 3

by Matt Tustison

Janice Simmonds has a garbage bag full of golf balls, yet she is not an avid golfer. She collects them as evidence that her backyard, located near the 5th green at the Mendota Heights Par 3 Golf Course, is being bombarded by errant tee shots.

Golf balls have broken three windows in her home and have damaged a patio table, Simmonds said. They also have been found in her pool, causing her to be concerned for the safety of her three children. She and her husband, Gerald Trooien, have now sued the owners of the course, Summit Hill-based Mendota Golf L.L.P., demanding that the 5th hole be moved.

"I'm not trying to ruin anybody's summer," Simmonds said. "I want people to enjoy their experience at the golf course. But I don't want them to hurt someone."

Michael Cashill, a partner in Mendota Golf L.L.P., believes the suit was filed in retaliation for having asked Simmonds and Trooien to move the trees they planted and the fence they built on golf course property. The family reportedly spent more than \$79,000 last year to install the fence and trees as a shield against incoming golf balls.

Cashill, who lives in the same neighborhood as Simmonds and Trooien, wrote the family a letter in March asking that the fence be moved before the 1999 golf season opened. For the next two months they attempted to resolve the matter. In May, Trooien and Simmonds agreed to remove the fence.

However, Simmonds said



Jenner Omodt, 9, of Mendota Heights winds up to hit his tee shot at the controversial 5th hole at the Mendota Heights Par 3. Photo by Ben Ogren.

the issue of golf balls flying into her yard remained unresolved. "The gentleman who does our lawn joked that he should be wearing a hard hat," she said.

Cashill said Simmonds' claims are greatly exaggerated. According to him, the family's property line is 40 yards beyond the 5th green. "It's only about a 90-yard hole," he said, "so to hit a ball into their yard you'd have to hit it 1 1/2 times as far as the hole. I'd say the only people who've hit balls into their yard are the ones who've intended to hit them into their yard."

Nonetheless, Cashill said he offered to install a 30-foot-tall fence with nylon netting between the golf course and the family's yard. Simmonds said she and her husband rejected the idea because they were concerned about children climbing the fence and getting hurt.

According to court documents, Cashill said the family's contractors bulldozed

25- to 40-foot-tall trees when they moved into the house in the spring of 1998. Cashill said the trees would have provided the protection the family seeks. Some of the trees, Cashill said, were on golf course property and were removed without his consent.

Trooien and Simmonds have since offered to buy a portion of the golf course along their property line for \$25,000 as long as the 5th green is moved. Cashill said golf course architects have told him that it would cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000 to reposition the green. Besides, he said, the golf season is too short for him to even temporarily shut down the hole while a new green is built.

Simmonds countered that she met with a golf course architect who moved a green at the nearby Mendakota Country Club for \$35,000. "Between what we offered them for the land and what they were willing to pay for

the fence (\$22,000), they could've moved the green and come out ahead," she said.

In June, Trooien and Simmonds sued Mendota Golf L.L.P. in Dakota County District Court and attempted to get a temporary restraining order to close the 5th hole. The restraining order request was denied by Judge Leslie Metzen. However, Metzen said the golf course does face "real liability issues" if someone is injured on the family's property. She suggested that installing a fence would be the quickest and most economical solution.

Meanwhile, Trooien and Simmonds have hired a security team to warn golfers that they face civil litigation if their balls end up on their property or if the golfers trespass on their land. The security guards have been playing a recorded message near the 5th tee that warns golfers of the penalties they face if their

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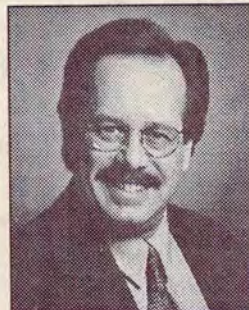
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# Highland Pool memories surface as swimmer hangs up towel

by Maya Hamilton

I introduced myself just the other day as a swimmer. As soon as I said the word, my heart grew heavy. And through the grief, I relived the still-raw feelings and vivid memories attached to the last 10 years of my life.

I could pick up the smell of chlorine from the Highland Pool in the parking lot. The stretch of concrete reflected artificial light as the sun had not yet risen above the horizon. The water steamed, tendrils of vapor telling us that the depths were warmer than the 50-degree air of an early summer's dawn. Small ripples lapped at the edge of the gutter as the mallard couple paddled with impunity in the center of the pool. I wondered if they knew they had not chosen one of our 10,000 lakes as their summer home or if they just liked the chemically treated water as much as I did.

The sun would only rise above us after my teammates and I had put miles behind us. Our coach patrolled the pool's deck above us. His whistle pierced the air to signal his next demands. Only a minute or two elapsed while our pounding hearts could slow before we went under again.

Fuzzy through the scratched plastic of our goggles, the pool tiles passed beneath us. Flipping at the wall, we would pass by the tiles again—thousands, maybe hundreds of thousands of times. Our hands and arms pulled at the water. Our bodies burned for want of oxygen. Our breath was cut short. Our minds screamed out.

After 2½ hours of unrelenting intensity before most of the world was awake, we would climb out of the pool exhausted. We would be back again that day, this time with the sun setting on the other side of the pool, its brightness blinding us with each turn of our heads for air.

Day after day we showed up. At 5:00 a.m., our cold toes would be curled over the edge of the pool, our bodies taut and bare but for the stretched swatch of Lycra that left little room for modesty.

Sometimes I think we loved to swim, that it was the rush of the competition, the challenge of forcing our bodies and minds to the edge of our abilities, and the craving for more that drove us to the pool. But it was also the call of the water, the stillness of blue-green glass, the wonder of the shadows moving across the tile-covered bottom as the sun topped the trees.

So much of my life is attached to the Highland Pool. Each summer it became more and more my home. I swam the other nine months of the year, but the distractions of school



Maya Hamilton as she looked while swimming for the SPA/Highland Park team in 1995. Photo by Mike Long

kept me from making the same attachment. The summers left me freer to live absorbed in my passion. My first few years as a competitive swimmer found me at the pool morning and night, six days a week. My feet grew tough from the burning deck. My skin turned bronze from the reflecting sunlight.

When I turned 15, my five to six hours at the pool every day grew to 16 hours. I became a lifeguard and between morning and evening practices I was in the water teaching children about my love, watching others enjoy my haven.

I knew every inch of the pool, every idiosyncrasy: the slight clockwise current and how to use it to my advantage, the corners where the water bugs would congregate, the

warmest water vents on the coldest mornings, and the exact number of strokes from one end to the other so I could swim with my eyes shut. The pool was my passion, my dreams and aspirations.

Many of my highest and lowest moments are tied to the Highland Pool. I remember the day when three of my colleagues and I pulled a man from the pool, his heart having arrested. We worked as fast as we could and gave him a new chance at life.

I remember the first day I was promoted to Lane 1, the fastest lane in the pool. Starting as the "caboose" behind the college men who resented a 16-year-old girl in their presence, I proved myself again and again and soon enough was among the leaders of the pack.

I remember the rare days I kept up with teammate Tom Malchow, a 1996 Olympic silver medalist, and the days when I worked so hard and swam so fast that I surprised my coach enough to earn a coveted compliment.

But I also remember the pain. As I grew older, the days came more and more frequent when I would find myself sitting on the edge of the pool, tears trickling down my cheeks. My body was unable to do what my heart and mind asked of it. My shoulders were overused and damaged.

Last summer forced me to question all of my reasons for swimming. I was still up with the sun, still watching the tiles pass beneath me, but surgery on both shoulders required me to relearn all that I had taken for granted, all that had become subconscious. Each pull, each breath was now a struggle. Swimming was no longer what I knew and loved. Every stroke was a painful task and a painful reminder of my lost potential.

It has been almost eight months since I have been in a pool. The surgery was not able to correct the damage that had been done. Making the decision to hang up my towel was the hardest thing I have ever done. My passion was still alive, but it was burning for something that could not be resurrected.

So when I heard myself say "swimmer" in my unthinking introduction, the memories chafed. They took me home, my feet cold on the deck, a pre-dawn mist, the soft whispers of my teammates and clear water stretching ahead.

*Editor's note: Maya Hamilton is a Merriam Park resident and will be a junior this fall at Yale University. She graduated from St. Paul Academy and Summit School in 1997 and swam for the combined SPA/Highland Park team as well as the local STAR swim team.*

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## As farm clubs to the high school varsities, VFW teams are thriving

by Tom Cody

A generation ago, there was no VFW baseball in St. Paul. The diamonds were ruled by American Legion teams. Today, there are only eight American Legion programs in the St. Paul area but no fewer than 21 VFW teams, most with direct ties to local high school baseball programs.

VFW baseball is open to players age 16 and younger. In the past, these athletes were caught between leagues—too old for Babe Ruth leagues and too inexperienced for the 18-and-under American Legion teams. Most VFW players have just finished their sophomore year in high school, and over the years successful high school coaches have come to place more emphasis on the development of their incoming players.

VFW ball is "a great opportunity for a varsity coach to teach his system to the incoming juniors," said Sean McKamie, the Central High School baseball coach who also coaches the Twin Star VFW team. "I can evaluate the players and get them working on skills in the off-season. This (VFW) team will be next year's Central team. It's a good situation for me and for the players. They'd rather play VFW with their friends than join a Legion team made up of players from several local schools."

"The biggest attraction in VFW baseball is the lack of boundaries," said Brian Valento, who manages the Minnehaha VFW team. Legion teams like Attucks-Brooks and Hamline are neighborhood-based, drawing their players from specific geographic areas, Valento said, whereas VFW teams can sign up players from anywhere in the city. "For instance, the Cretin kids can all play together no matter where they're from."

Twenty years ago, the top



Ranview's Matt Egan uncorks a pitch in a recent 6-0 playoff victory over Cottage Grove. Photo by Terry Faust.

baseball coaches in St. Paul—men like Wally Wescott, Bill Peterson and Joe Meyer—worked with American Legion teams. However, the focus of high school coaches has since shifted to the VFW leagues.

"I'd say that 80 percent of the teams we play against are coached by their future varsity coach," McKamie said. "Or else he's sitting right there watching while an assistant coaches the team."

"It's a big time commitment for a varsity coach," said Jim O'Neill, the Cretin-Derham Hall coach who manages the Ranview VFW club, a team made up of current and potential CDH ballplayers. O'Neill had to start his VFW practices this summer during the high school baseball playoffs. "But it's worth it in the long run," he said. "You get to establish your philosophy with the upcoming team and you get to work on things. It's a true springboard into the next varsity season. You can find some surprises that you didn't know were there. It's hard to find those guys in the gym in the springtime."

St. Thomas Academy coach Eric Van Brocklin runs a VFW team for his sophomores. "In the spring I never see my B-squad kids play," he said. "Their games are always at the same time as mine. This summer I'm putting my lineup together for next

spring. Let's face it, those who don't play VFW ball suffer. I tell the kids that if it's a close call between two kids for one position, those who play the extra two months will get the nod."

The Ranview VFW team posted a 30-1 record last summer and won the state tournament. This year's club was undefeated in league play and enters this week's state playoffs with a 24-0 record.

Two players who were instrumental in Ranview's title run in 1998 are back in the lineup this summer. The players, Joe Mauer and Tony Leseman, "are both talented enough to play on a Legion team, but they're here at Ranview with their friends and future teammates instead," O'Neill said.

In the long run, however, VFW ball may be helping more than hurting Legion ball. "It gives kids one more summer of baseball, one that might keep them interested in the game in high school," said Greg Fehrman, the coach of the Sibley High School varsity team who also runs the VFW team in West St. Paul.

"Not a lot of kids stick with baseball these days—not unless your program is very successful," Fehrman said. Baseball is hot, dirty, dusty. You really have to love this game to keep playing through Legion ball."

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shots go astray. The guards also have used bullhorns and passed out fliers to convey the message.

However, some neighbors now view the security guards as a nuisance. Robin Rongitsch, who lives near the 5th tee, said she has called the police twice because of the loud and persistent noise coming from the boomboxes used by the security team.

"The police basically said the city attorney and the chief of police are treading lightly on the issue since (the family) has the right to free speech," Rongitsch said. "My response to that was: When does their right to free speech end and my right to be free from harassment begin?"

Mendota Heights Police Chief Scott Johnson said his department received five complaints about the noise between June 15 and July 16. According to him, it is up to the city

attorney to decide if the noise violates the city ordinances. Thus far, the city attorney has not determined the noise to be excessively loud.

Cashill filed a counterclaim against Trooien and Simmonds in early July seeking damages of more than \$50,000 for interfering with business relations, among other things.

"We're a neighborhood golf course and it's important that we get along with our neighbors," Cashill said. "The course has been in business since 1963 and it's an important part of the community. We certainly don't want to put anyone in danger if there's an apparent danger. We've offered to put a fence up for them. We've tried to negotiate. But ultimately, I don't think they're going to settle on anything."

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### GONE FISHIN'

While floating about on one of Ely's more picturesque lakes, I finally came to grips with the notion that fishing and catching fish are two completely different experiences. Too often, the two are considered one and the same, which leads to the type of agony that is usually found only on the golf course.

I went out with a pal after supper one night, trolling around an island. We caught a mess of smallmouth bass (emphasis on the "small") and the action was steady. We had to quit only because we ran out of leeches.

That was catching fish.

The next morning we rose at 6:00 a.m. to hit the lake again. However, after trolling around shorelines for three hours all we had to show for our efforts were a pair of hammer-handle northerners. Still, we talked, we enjoyed the scenery and we hiked along a tree-strewn portage that had been devastated by the recent storms up north. Mostly I watched the sky.

That was fishing, an activity that affords some of the finest cloud-watching known to man.

We did manage to get four nice-sized walleyes to eat at dinner that night with our wives. They were served in a pecan sauce at a wonderful little bed-and-breakfast overlooking the setting sun on a nearby lake.

### RETHINKING GOLF'S MAJORS

This is getting ridiculous. Tournament officials for the British Open, which was played earlier this month at Carnoustie, Scotland, laid out that monster with the sort of sadistic sabotage that has become all the rage in recent majors.

Amateur golfers take delight in watching the best of the best struggle across impossible terrain at the U.S. Open, a

tournament that has evolved into something that hardly resembles golf anymore. Fairways are as narrow as hallways, while the greens are cut to linoleum standards.

Our British counterparts seem to have taken up the challenge at Carnoustie. The length of the course was insane: 7,400-plus yards for a par-71 course. Anything even slightly off the fairways guaranteed a bogey or worse. The tournament became just what the players feared: an embarrassing display of over-par golf.

Some Frenchman from the original cast of *Les Miserables* nearly won the whole thing by default. He had the tournament clinched until he hit a couple of balls into the clown's mouth at No. 18.

Ben Hogan won at Carnoustie. So did Tom Watson and Greg Norman. Now Paul Lawrie, the head pro from Aberdeen, Scotland, joins that illustrious cast of champions.

The PGA, the final major of the year, will be played next month. It is considered the most lackluster of the Grand Slam events, but it wasn't always so. The PGA used the match-play format from 1916 to 1958 and some exciting head-to-head action took place in those days. Television forced the PGA to go to stroke play 40 years ago.

Rather than trick up the courses like the Opens, the PGA should return to match play. A final-round birdie battle between David Duval and Tiger Woods would be far more interesting than a four-day bogey barrage.

The event should be staged like the Minnesota amateur tournaments held up north at Detroit Lakes, Alexandria and Bemidji each August. Qualifying stroke play rounds are played on Tuesday and Wednesday with only the top 64 advancing to the match-play portion. It then takes six victories in four days to win the title.

Instead of humiliating the world's finest players, the major tournaments should be identifying them.

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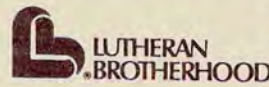
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| High school graduate            | 12,198 | 18.6% |
| Some college, no degree         | 16,605 | 25.3% |
| Associate degree                | 3,987  | 6.1%  |
| Bachelor's degree               | 17,493 | 26.7% |
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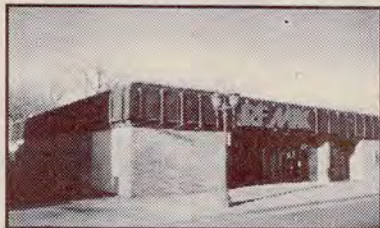
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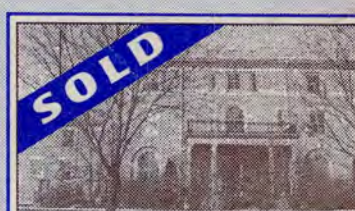
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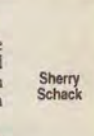
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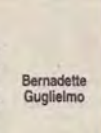
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