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House drops Profile for being a bureaucratic boondoggle

Schools urged to adopt own high standards

by Michael Werner

Central High School will host a rare class on Saturday, February 20. School will begin at 10:00 a.m. sharp that day, but the students won't have to worry about their parents finding out if they're tardy. That's because these students will be the parents.

The St. Paul Public Schools is offering the morning session to teach parents about Minnesota's high school graduation standards and, in particular, the controversial Profile of Learning. However, with the Profile's troubled past and cloudy future, the session is apt to generate more questions than answers.

Last Thursday, the Minnesota House of Representatives overwhelmingly voted to repeal the state-mandated Profile and replace it with a system that would allow each school district to set its own "rigorous academic standards." The Profile required students to demonstrate what they had learned by completing so-called "performance packages." It was to replace the old system in which students earned credits toward graduation.

After a decade of planning, this year's 9th-graders were to be the first ones held accountable for completing 24 of 48 performance pack-

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Photos by Mike Long

Mediation process begins over Highway 55 lawsuits

No injunction ordered to stave reroute plans

by Dave Page

Representatives of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and citizen groups opposed to the rerouting of Highway 55 met separately last Friday with a U.S. Justice Department official to discuss the parameters for resolving their dispute over the South Minneapolis highway project.

The initial meetings were the first step in a mediation process ordered by Hennepin County District Judge H. Peter Albrecht in response to state and federal lawsuits filed in December by a coalition of reroute opponents, including Earth First!

and the Mendota-Mdewakanton Dakota Indian tribe.

Reroute opponents contend in their lawsuits that the \$37.1 million highway project, which is scheduled to begin this year, will harm the nearby Camp Coldwater spring and disturb land that is sacred to Native Americans. Albrecht said he found no reason to believe the project would endanger the spring and, without any evidence of Native American remains or artifacts in the area, he refused to order an injunction delaying the highway project.

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Cute as a bunny. Students welcomed in the Year of the Rabbit during Highland Park Senior High's annual Chinese New Year celebration last week. Pictured clockwise from top, students form a flower during the fan dance, Highland senior Natalie Schneider performs a Chinese opera and Webster 1st-grader Leah Helgesen volunteers to become lunch during the lion dance.

EIS release signals start of Ayd Mill comment period

by Jane McClure

The St. Paul City Council on February 10 released the Ayd Mill Road Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for public comment and set a public hearing on the document for Wednesday, March 24.

The EIS, which examines six alternatives for the future of the 1.6-mile Ayd Mill Road corridor, will be available for reading at St. Paul public libraries beginning this week, according to Mike Klassen of the city's Department of Public Works.

The six alternatives include a two-

lane and four-lane roadway connected directly to I-35E and indirectly to I-94, a system of traffic and transit improvements on Ayd Mill Road and surrounding streets, a linear park and leaving the roadway as it is. Two indirect connections to I-94 are included, one using frontage roads and the other using bridged ramps.

Neighborhoods First!, a citizens group that favors the linear park option, asked the City Council for further research before releasing the EIS, a public hearing on releasing the EIS or changes in the EIS to address concerns raised by

the group.

"We still believe that the content of the EIS is a problem," said Vince Wharton of Snelling-Hamline, a member of Neighborhoods First! According to him, the group believes the EIS is biased in favor of the "build" alternatives.

Neighborhoods First!, in an 18-page document presented to the City Council, took issue with the EIS's figures on projected traffic volumes, air quality, noise, traffic safety and impacts on property values, among other things.

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St. Paul seeks added state funds for Gateway project

The St. Paul City Council has approved a resolution asking the Minnesota Legislature for increased funding for the \$1.15 million West 7th Gateway project. The project includes improved landscaping, traffic calming efforts and street lighting for the west end of West 7th Street in Highland Park. The project also includes installing a large "Welcome to St. Paul" sign and directional signs to point visitors to historical and cultural attractions.

The city and state have already committed some funds to the project, including \$100,000 from the city's capital improvement budget, \$200,000 from the city's half-percent sales tax and \$25,000 in a state grant. Project backers, led by the Highland District Council, have been contacting private foundations to seek additional money. State Representative Michael Paymar plans to bring legislation forward during this session seeking additional state funds.

Runway project will send more planes over S. Mpls.

Runway reconstruction at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport this spring and summer may provide some relief for noise-wracked neighborhoods in southwest Minneapolis, but South Minneapolis neighborhoods lying east of I-35W could have more planes flying overhead.

The \$21 million reconstruction project is scheduled for April to September. It will replace 40-year-old concrete on the east end of the south parallel. An open house on the project will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 4, in the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) offices at 6040 S. 28th Ave. in Minneapolis. Progress reports on the project also will be posted on MAC's Web site at www.mspairport.com.

Dakota County communities lying southeast of the south parallel runway may also get a break from airport noise during the construction period. However, South Minneapolis neighborhoods lying off the north end of the north parallel runway will likely see and hear more air traffic, according to MAC. These neighborhoods may accommodate as many as 380 landings and 300 takeoffs per day—or more planes than these neighborhoods handled during 1998 when the north end of the south parallel runway was rebuilt. These neighborhoods handled about 330 landings and 320 takeoffs per day in 1997, according to MAC.

The greatest increase in air traffic during the construction period will be borne by

Richfield, Bloomington, Eagan and Burnsville, which lie off the south end of the crosswind runway. However, St. Paul neighborhoods lying off the north end of the crosswind runway should not see a substantial change in air traffic over last summer when between 15 and 20 jets flew overhead each day, according to Nigel Finney, MAC's deputy director of operations.

City coughs up \$29,000 for repairs to tear-gassed home

A Highland Park family whose home was mistakenly filled with tear gas by St. Paul Police last year has settled a damage claim with the city. The St. Paul City Council approved the \$29,000 settlement without discussion on February 3. The settlement matched the family's and its insurance company's full claim.

Michelle and Daniel Lutz and American Family Insurance filed the claim on the heels of the October 8 incident. Police were looking for a suspect in a domestic disturbance. They mistakenly believed the man was hiding in the Lutz's home at 1140 St. Paul Ave. and fired tear gas into the dwelling. The suspect was later found hiding behind a home on Edgcombe Road.

The Lutz family had to stay in a hotel for about five weeks while the home was cleaned. The tear gas also caused damage to the home and some of its contents.

Railroad spur bridge being removed for bus bypass lane

Earth-moving and demolition crews are working along I-94 between Snelling and Hamline avenues, but the project is not what many people think.

Since work began late last fall, city officials have fielded numerous calls from people asking if the work is part of the reconstruction of Ayd Mill Road. The project is actually the construction of a bus bypass lane, according to Minnesota Department of Transportation district engineer Richard Stehr. When the lane is completed later this year, Metro Transit buses will be able to bypass the eastbound I-94 ramp meter at Snelling Avenue.

"We're trying to work with Metro Transit and put bus bypass lanes in areas where we have a lot of traffic," Stehr said. "It gives buses more predictable travel times."

Before the bypass lane can be built, the old

railroad bridge over the freeway must be removed. Part of the bridge is already gone. The rest will be removed in the coming weeks.

The railroad bridge was constructed more than 30 years ago, when the freeway was built. It served Montgomery Ward's until its catalog sales were discontinued in 1986. The warehouse and retail store were torn down in the mid-1990s.

The bridge would have to be removed anyway if the city chooses to connect Ayd Mill Road to I-94 via ramps or frontage roads, said Mike Klassen of the St. Paul Department of Public Works.

Council sets qualifications in search for new parks director

The St. Paul City Council has decided what it will be looking for in a new parks and recreation director, but not without protests from parks advocates and wrangling among council members.

The job qualifications approved by the council on February 10 call for someone with a bachelor's degree and five years of leadership or management experience with a large, service-oriented organization. The council agreed to allow additional experience to compensate for the educational requirement.

Council member Jay Benanav said he was uncomfortable with allowing experience to substitute for education. He also pointed out that other parks and recreation directors in the Twin Cities must meet more stringent qualifications. For example, Ramsey County requires that its parks and recreation director have a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation, public administration or a related field and 10 years of experience.

Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County had asked that the new director have at least a bachelor's degree in parks administration, business or public administration, landscape architecture or related field. They also asked that a master's degree be preferred and that candidates have 10 to 15 years of experience. They lobbied unsuccessfully for the city to conduct a national search for a new director.

City Council members quarreled over the educational requirements and whether requiring additional education would rule out qualified candidates.

The qualifications will be used to look for a candidate to replace former superintendent Robert Piram, who retired in December after

38 years with the city. The council and Mayor Norm Coleman have agreed that the new director should be appointed by the mayor as other city department heads are.

St. Paul looks at first parking meter increase in 12 years

Motorists should plan to carry more change when they park at meters in downtown St. Paul. The City Council is expected to adopt an ordinance on February 17 raising the price of parking meter fees by 25 cents or more per hour. The increase would mean motorists would pay between 50 cents and \$1.25 an hour to park downtown.

Council members Jerry Blakey and Mike Harris said they will vote against raising the fees. However, the increase has already been included in the 1999 parking enforcement budget, according to City Council president Dan Bostrom.

The last time St. Paul increased its parking meter fees was in 1987. Public Works staff recommended the hike to keep city rates in line with those in parking ramps. The added fees are also intended to discourage downtown employees from parking on the street all day.

County adopts additions to its legislative wish list

More money for housing construction and rehabilitation is being sought by Ramsey County and city of St. Paul officials from the 1999 Minnesota Legislature. The County Board adopted additions to its legislative agenda on January 26. The City Council had adopted a similar strategy earlier.

The county and city are seeking \$180,000 to establish a pilot program that would offer educational, technical and dispute resolution services to landlords and tenants. The program would be coordinated through the St. Paul Housing Information Office. Renters would be able to get information on available housing, tenant rights and responsibilities. Landlords would get assistance in running their rental businesses more successfully, partly by learning how to prevent tenant-landlord problems before they occur.

The County Board also is joining the City Council in calling for a "1 percent solution" for housing. The state currently budgets \$78 million through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for housing development and rehabilitation, or roughly 0.4 percent of the state budget. County and city officials want to see that number bumped up to 1 percent of the budget, or about \$130 million.

News briefs compiled by Jane McClure.

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The Tradition Continues

Neighborhoods north and south divided over Ayd Mill Road

by Jane McClure

The tug-of-war between neighborhoods at the north and south ends of Ayd Mill Road—so evident 12 years ago when the first Ayd Mill Task force was formed—has returned as the debate over the roadway's reconstruction heads toward a March 24 public hearing before the City Council.

The conflicting interests at opposite ends of the 1.6-mile roadway were apparent at recent hearings before the Macalester-Groveland and Merriam Park community councils. What is seen as a solution for traffic congestion at the south end—connecting Ayd Mill Road to I-35E—is viewed as a probable cause for future traffic congestion at the north end.

According to the Ayd Mill Road environmental impact statement (EIS), Lexington Parkway just north of Randolph Avenue carries about 20,000 vehicles per day and 1,850 vehicles during the peak afternoon rush hour. Many of those vehicles are traveling the four blocks between I-35E and Ayd Mill Road, a connection that became possible when I-35E was extended to Randolph in 1987.

"We knew what we were getting into when we moved in, but we didn't expect traffic conditions to deteriorate as much as they have," said Bob Ochtrup, who has lived at Lexington and Jefferson for 28 years.

Living on South Lexington Parkway "is scary to my family and my children," said Pauline Hanson. "It's hard to raise a family

there."

Local residents cited numerous incidents of motorists running red lights and using neighborhood alleys and side streets as short cuts. The heavy traffic makes it impossible for neighborhood children to cross the street during the morning and afternoon rush hour, Hanson said. Even playing in the front yard is risky for children, she said.

"South Lexington Parkway is just getting hammered and we do have to address it," said Merriam Park Community Council member Greg Malush. However, he added, an Ayd Mill Road that is connected to I-35E could dump more traffic onto Marshall Avenue near its proposed intersection with Ayd Mill Road.

Lexington at Marshall Avenue carries about 31,000 vehicles per day and 2,550 vehicles during the peak afternoon rush hour, according to the EIS. About 45,000 vehicles per day pass through the Snelling and Marshall Avenue intersection, or about 3,600 vehicles during the peak afternoon rush hour.

According to the EIS, traffic on Snelling and Lexington already exceeds capacity while Ayd Mill Road is underused. Ayd Mill Road now carries about 10,000 vehicles a day, but the roadway is capable of carrying up to 30,000 vehicles per day, according to a

1996 Metropolitan Council Policy Plan.

Some people have suggested connecting Ayd Mill Road to I-35E as a means of relieving traffic on the south end. "But as far as the north end, I don't know what you're going to do," said Dan Reece of Merriam Park. "Maybe the north end should be left as it is. But then, Selby is already clogged."

"One of my concerns with this EIS is that we don't have more traffic counts for Marshall, Cretin and Cleveland avenues," Malush said.

In the early 1990s, Marshall Avenue between Lexington and the Lake Street bridge was narrowed from four to two through lanes. The restriping was meant to slow traffic, and it has with bumper-to-bumper traffic stretching for blocks

during rush hour.

Merriam Park Community Council member Michael McDonough spoke out against the no-build and linear park options for Ayd Mill Road. "Traffic on Cretin Avenue is almost at an intolerable level," McDonough said. "Traffic on Mississippi River Boulevard has gone up significantly. While I like the idea of a linear park (in the Ayd Mill Road corridor), I don't like the idea of putting even more traffic on our north-south streets."

"South Lexington Parkway is just getting hammered and we do have to address it," Greg Malush said, but an Ayd Mill Road that is connected to I-35E could dump more traffic onto Marshall Avenue.

Ayd Mill Road EIS's release opens public comment period

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With the release of the EIS, City Council member Jay Benanav raised a seventh alternative he would like to see studied: adding housing along Ayd Mill Road. Benanav is proposing the housing study in light of the city's goal of adding 6,000 new housing units over the next 20 years.

Housing had been considered by the Ayd Mill Road Task Force, but was dropped in 1995. St. Paul Planning and Economic Development (PED) staff ruled it out because of the

steep slopes, the proximity of the Canadian Pacific Railroad tracks and the difficulty of providing access to homes.

"The roadway would need to be retained as a two-lane street to provide access to any proposed parcels," the PED study stated. "With the retention of both the railroad and a two-lane city street, most parcels would not be suitable for construction."

PED did identify three parcels, all on the west side of Ayd Mill Road, that could be de-

veloped for housing, but rejected the idea because it would remove what little green space there is along Ayd Mill Road. These parcels are the areas bordered by Hamline and Portland avenues; Summit Avenue and Syndicate Street; and Pascal Street, Fairmount and Sargent avenues.

Comments on the EIS may be submitted to the City Council anytime between now and the public hearing. The process for making comments is outlined in the EIS and on the

city's Web site at www.stpaul.gov along with a summary of the EIS.

Following the public hearing, the Ayd Mill Road Task Force will make a recommendation, which will be forwarded to the Planning Commission, Mayor Norm Coleman and the City Council for their approval.

The City Council may also introduce alternatives that are not contained in the EIS. The alternative the council does approve will be studied in detail for several months.

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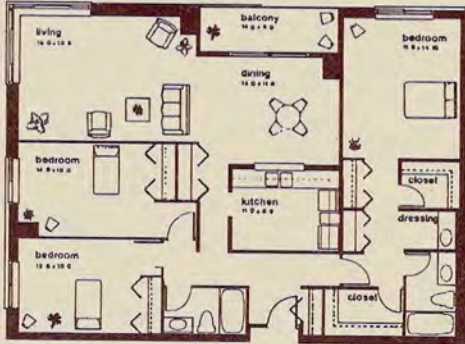
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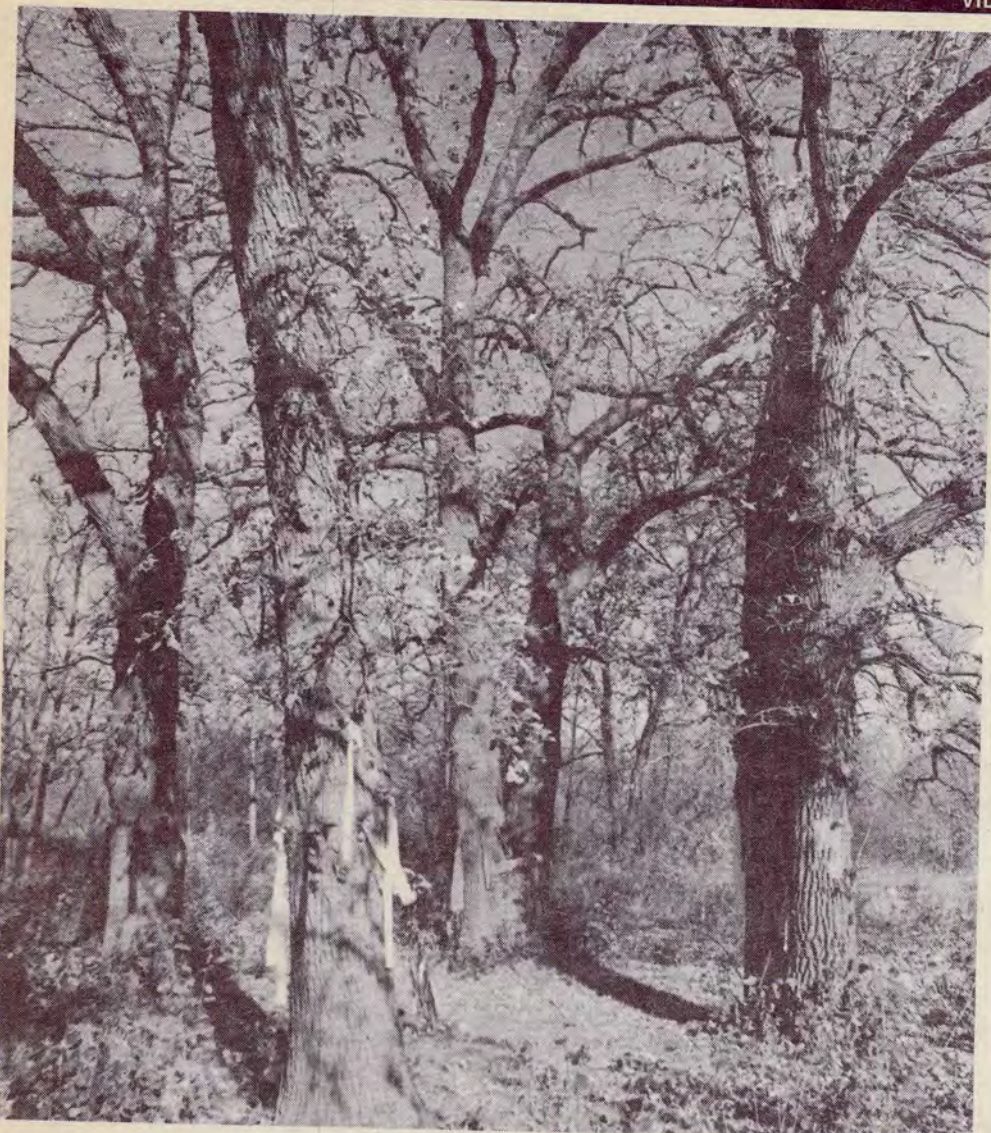
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In the way of the proposed Highway 55 reroute lies this diamond-shaped grove of oak trees and the Native Americans who believe it is sacred. Photo by Terry Faust.

Highway 55 reroute /from page 1

As of February 15, the two parties in the mediation had yet to schedule a second meeting. Reroute opponents are hoping to convince MnDOT of the need for an expanded archaeological survey of the reroute area south of 54th Street, according to Bob Greenberg, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

MnDOT reached an agreement early last year with the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council on conducting archaeological studies along the proposed route, according to Bob McFarlin, the state agency's public affairs director. That work was half done last August when protesters blocked archaeologists from BRW from doing any further digging. When BRW archaeologists returned to the site on February 8, reroute opponents once again chased them off.

BRW does not have the trust of highway protesters, according to Michael Haney, a member of the protesters' mediation team and executive director of the American Indian Arbitration Institute. BRW has a multi-million dollar contract with MnDOT to work on the light-rail portion of the Highway 55 project, and Haney called that a conflict of interest. McFarlin said that kind of arrangement is not uncommon.

The protesters also object to the method of study employed by BRW. Digging holes 18 inches deep every 10 meters does not make for an adequate study and is "doomed to failure," Haney said.

Last week Judge Albrecht ordered that BRW be allowed to complete its study.

McFarlin said he does not believe MnDOT's choice of an engineering firm should be negotiable. He also said that MnDOT does not intend to compromise on the rerouting of Highway 55. "The decision (to move the highway away from the current route of Hiawatha Avenue) has been upheld in court on several occasions," he said.

Albrecht himself ruled that the 1985 final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Highway 55 project fairly evaluated the various alternatives for the highway. However, U.S. District Judge Donald D. Alsop, while ruling on an earlier lawsuit against the project, said that the EIS did not consider the impact of the rerouted highway on the Camp

Coldwater and Fort Snelling historic sites.

Alsop dismissed that lawsuit last May on the grounds that the six-year statute of limitations on the EIS barred any court action. An appeal of the lawsuit is now awaiting a court date in the U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, according to Tim Moore of the Park and River Alliance, the plaintiffs in the suit.

The Park and River Alliance is hoping to force the creation of a supplemental EIS on the effects of the rerouted highway on the area between 54th Street and Crosstown Highway 62. The alliance is calling for "an independent agency, not BRW," to perform a hydrological survey to determine if the spring at Camp Coldwater would be affected by the highway, Moore said.

Some reroute opponents have suggested that the citizen groups involved in planning the roadway almost 25 years ago made poor choices based on inadequate information. However, Jim Tennesen and others who served on the 1975 Mayor's Advisory Committee for the Hiawatha Corridor disagree.

"The Mayor's Committee's goal was to stop the building of an eight-lane freeway through our neighborhood," said Tennesen, a Kewaydin neighborhood resident.

He and Kathy Mackdanz, a member of the subsequent Hiawatha Avenue Citizens Task Force, called the proposed four-lane parkway with a 35 mph speed limit a good solution for accommodating cars while leaving room for light-rail transit.

Tennesen said the presence of Governor Rudy Perpich at Mayor's Committee hearings lent credibility to the proceedings. Though Camp Coldwater never entered any of the discussions in which he was involved, Tennesen still thought the committee came to the right decision.

Moore disagrees with Tennesen's conclusions, but he does believe that Minnesota's current governor could play a vital role in bringing together the various factions in the debate. "Jesse has been a colossal disappointment so far," Moore said, though he still thinks Governor Ventura could step in and bring an acceptable closure to the fracas.

"Somewhere in between all the rhetoric is a solution," he said.

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MICHAEL MISCHKE

The looming senior housing crunch

Nowhere in the Twin Cities is the looming housing crunch for an aging population more obvious than it is in the neighborhoods served by this newspaper. Though the issue is only now gaining the attention it deserves, the marketplace has long provided evidence of the gap between the demand for and the supply of housing geared to meet the needs of local seniors.

Those needs are obvious to anyone who has family and friends of that age: newer, less spacious quarters for empty-nesters who no longer want the hassle of maintaining a large, older home; one-level construction for those whose health precludes a vertical lifestyle; a secure environment for those who travel a lot; personal and health-care services for those in need of assisted living; and above all, a convenient location for those whose children and grandchildren live in the neighborhood.

The gap between the housing supply and demand is certain to grow dramatically in the next quarter century as the baby boom generation passes from middle age into retirement age. (By 2025 the youngest of the boomers will be 61 years old.) The Metropolitan Council predicts that there will be more than a 100 percent increase in the number of people age 65 and older in the metro area by then.

One need only look at the history of senior housing locally to gain an appreciation for the need. The 282 units in the Wilder Park condominiums and townhomes on Edgumbe Road in Macalester-Groveland were in great demand even before the senior housing complex was completed in the early 1980s. The popularity of that housing today is "greater than ever before," according to Betty Runyon, a Realtor who after 35 years in the business is now getting referrals for the grandchildren of her earliest clients. The condos and townhomes at Wilder Park "are very much sought-after," Runyon said. "They go very fast."

The situation is much the same at Becketwood, a senior condominium cooperative that opened in 1986 on West River Parkway in the Longfellow neighborhood of Minneapolis. The demand for those 215 units today is "very, very high," said Tom Johnson, the manager for the cooperative. According to him, there is currently a waiting list of 100 people whose names will remain on that list for anywhere from eight months to five years. Nearly all of Becketwood's residents either previously resided in the area or moved there because their children live nearby.

At The Wellington on Rockwood Place in Highland Park and Rosewood Estate on Mississippi River Boulevard in Highland Park, similar demand exists, though the needs are of a more critical nature. The health-care services available to renters at those assisted-living apartment buildings are being sought by an increasing number of local seniors.

There is a waiting list for units of all sizes at The Wellington, according to Vicki Berg, marketing manager for the 107-unit building constructed in 1985. "Demand has been high for quite some time," she said, "though we have noticed an increase in phone calls recently." About 75 percent of the residents of The Wellington—most of whom have some sort of mental or physical impairment—come from the immediate area. Reflecting nationwide statistics, nearly all residents have children living within a few miles.

At Rosewood Estate, a 106-unit building constructed in 1995, a few openings exist, though there was a waiting list as recently as October. "I'd say two-thirds of our residents come from the Highland area," said Nancy Brisson, Rosewood's executive director. According to her, as the weather has warmed, "the requests for tours have been picking up a lot."

The issue for St. Paul is a thorny one, since few large tracts of developable land exist, and buying and tearing buildings down makes constructing multi-family senior housing prohibitively expensive. Yet if St. Paul intends to capture a portion of the 650,000 new Twin Cities residents who are expected to be living here by 2025—while retaining its existing population—a solution must be found. Either that, or northern Dakota county will continue to siphon off the older, most esteemed residents of St. Paul in its current capacity as Highland Park South.

The Jesse Ventura Image Police Strike Again!



Child-support crackdown produces big payoff

by Susan Gaertner
Ramsey County Attorney

Life wasn't easy for Linda. For years, she struggled to provide the basic necessities for her young son, Andy, but she had to do it alone and she didn't make much money. For the most part, Linda depended on public assistance. She got practically no financial help from Andy's father, Bill. He did everything possible, in fact, to avoid his lawful child-support obligations.

Over several years, Bill repeatedly misrepresented his income to child-support workers in the Ramsey County Attorney's Office. Once he submitted a false, unsigned income tax return. He even "went underground" for a few years, paying absolutely no support for his son.

Bill, with an income exceeding \$200,000 in 1997, was living the good life, while Linda and Andy were living life on the edge. This story, however, has a happy ending. Working with Linda's attorney, the Child Support Enforcement Division of the Ramsey County Attorney's Office mediated a settlement with Andy's father.

Late last year, Bill paid a lump sum of \$132,400 to support Andy through his 18th birthday. In addition, he paid \$15,700 to the county for welfare money due to Linda. The total settlement of \$148,100 is among the largest ever reached by the Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

Today, Linda and Andy, now 11, are living in their own house with a minimal mortgage. For the first time, Linda is making ends meet without public assistance.

In this case, as in so many others, Ramsey County's investment in child-support enforcement produced a big payoff. A child no longer is living in poverty and is facing a brighter future. A family is financially self-sufficient and county taxpayers no longer are paying for Andy's support. That's what child-support enforcement is all about.

The benefits of effective child-support enforcement provide incredible motivation for the Ramsey County Attorney's Office to achieve good results. This is the only county attorney's office in Minnesota with full responsibility for child-support collection.

As a prosecutor, I view child-support collection as this office's premiere crime prevention program. Effective child-support collection helps parents like Linda provide adequate food, housing, clothing and medical care for their children. Those necessities play a significant role in keeping children out of poverty and out of trouble later in life.

We are beginning to learn that child support is beneficial in other respects as well. Researchers are finding that regular child support contributes to more years of school attendance, higher grade point averages and fewer behavioral problems. These results may be linked to the children's need to know that both parents love them and are involved in their lives.

In these and other ways, the county's child-support enforcement efforts are producing long-term payoffs in a cost-effective manner. For every dollar spent, we collect \$4.57 for the children of Ramsey County. We have some short-term hurdles to overcome, however.

Welfare reform—with its time limits on benefits and emphasis on replacing welfare checks with paychecks—presents immense challenges for child-support enforcement. Many single parents who leave welfare are employed in low-wage jobs. To achieve financial self-sufficiency, they need child-support income from the non-custodial parents.

The success of welfare reform depends to a great extent on effective child-support enforcement. For this reason, we are working closely with Ramsey County Human Services and other partners to

assist people in the transition from welfare.

Welfare reform also poses a funding dilemma. Federal funding of child-support enforcement is tied, in part, to the collection of support for welfare recipients. These revenues will drop as more people leave the welfare rolls. At the same time, there is growing pressure on the federal budget and congressional committees have attempted to reduce child-support funding.

Despite funding uncertainties, we must meet the needs of families who do not receive public assistance, but need child support to stay afloat financially. These families represent nearly 50 percent of the nearly 34,000 child-support cases in Ramsey County.

The Ramsey County Attorney's Office is ready to meet these challenges, but concerns remain over the effects of reduced funding and continuing high caseloads. The county's child-support caseworkers carried an average of 414 cases in 1997, compared with a statewide average of 293. They are stretched out in their efforts to serve families who depend on child support.

As we confront these difficulties, I like to remember Andy and the thousands of other children in Ramsey County whose lives are brighter and whose communities are stronger because of our child-support enforcement efforts.

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Open the lines to competition

To the editor:

The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling against US West and the other regional Baby Bells was a big victory for consumers who want local phone competition, but it doesn't guarantee that Minnesota will see competition anytime soon unless US West starts to cooperate. The main rival of US West for local service, Ovation, recently announced it had to back away from its commitment to provide extensive residential service because the prices US West charges emerging competitors to interconnect with its equipment are too high.

Lack of local phone competition leaves Minnesota consumers without quality service, competitive prices and new technology. They're stuck with the company in whose territory they reside or work. US West owns the network to every home and business in its service area. Before competition can develop, it must provide reasonable access to its network for the new companies that want to provide competitive local service. This is one of the key steps required by the Telecommunications Act.

Congress has offered US West a carrot: Open your local phone network to competition and we'll let you enter the long-distance business. In January, the Supreme Court rejected an appeal from US West and two other regional Bell operating companies to bypass the Telecommunications Act. Earlier, the Supreme Court rejected an attempt by US West and others to have parts of the act declared unconstitutional.

US West gives lip service to competition, but at the same time spends millions of dollars on lawyers and lobbyists to promote anti-competitive policies and laws. The battle is not at the federal level alone. Consumers need to pay attention to state and local legislation and regulations that are aimed at stifling competition. Without choice, we all lose.

Diane Lynch, Coordinator
Citizens for Local Phone Choice

Enough of impeachment

To the editor:

The impeachment trial of President Clinton appears to have been a terrific waste of Congress' time and taxpayers' money. Instead of attempting impeachment, Congress should have voted for censure and then devoted itself to more important matters, such as low-cost housing, job training and curtailing wasteful government spending. Congress now needs to get on with the nation's business.

Robert A. Havlik
Macalester-Groveland

Save the Coney Island

To the editor:

Save the Civil War munitions building, the Coney Island building, in downtown St. Paul (*Villager*, February 3). California has saved the mounds where its munitions were stored. This historic building is a focal point in our capital city.

Mary C. Ernst
Highland Park

VILLAGE POST



West End Quilters (this time listed in the correct order from left) Jean Curtis-Neitz, Sharon Sachwitz, Mary Lou Murray and Joan Fearing show off a friendship quilt that the group made together. Photo by Terry Faust.

A fine patchwork

Dear editor:

The West End Quilters would like to thank both you and writer Victoria McCurdy for the article on our quilt group in the February 3 *Villager*. Vicky did a great job of creating an article out of all the miscellaneous information we gave her. It was fun to see an outsider's perspective of our group.

Two corrections, however. On page 23 of that issue, the individuals shown in the photograph holding the quilt are misidentified, and the photo in the lower left corner depicts the hands of Murray, not mine.

Thanks for your interest in the West End Quilters!

Jean Curtis-Neitz
Macalester-Groveland

More on conservatorships

Dear editor:

Re the letter "Clarifying conservatorships" by Anita Raymond and Mary McGurran (*Village Post*, January 20 *Villager*): I would like to thank the editor for clarifying in his note following the letter that Mr. Bushmaker resigned as conservator of the O'Keefe estate as part of a negotiated settlement. The judge rejected Mr. Bushmaker's stipulation that the family not discuss the case in private or public. If a conservator were confident in all of his or her actions, it seems odd that he or she would make such a request.

Secondly, the authors of the letter state that preplanning for a funeral is an important duty of a conservator. However, we believe it is also an important duty for the conservator to notify the conservatee's family of such arrangements, which was not done in this case. We are family members appointed by the court as co-conservators of the person and believe that we have the right to participate in such a decision.

In Minnesota, professional conservators have no certification, licensing or training requirements. There is no regulatory agency to monitor standards of practice. Expensive litigation remains the only avenue for families to redress grievances with conservators.

Lynda Mathison
Highland Park

The gratitude of grapplers

Editor:

The parents and wrestlers of the St. Paul Wrestling Club wish to thank the O'Brien brothers, Jason and Joel, for their service as coaches of the club this winter. Jason and Joel were both wrestlers at the University of St. Thomas. Although neither of them has children in the club, they were willing to take one night a week to come to St. Paul to teach our kids wrestling. Both men have given up entire Saturdays to coach our kids in tournaments.

Dan Chandler, a former University of Minnesota wrestler and a three-time Olympic participant, serves as president of the club and has helped to run practices. Jim Paddock, coach of the Highland Park High School wrestling team, has been generous in support of the club. Mark Benedict, Pat Williams and Bruce Barringer, parents of children in the program, have helped in organizing practices and running the club.

This community is extremely lucky to have so many talented and generous men willing to help our kids learn a great sport. These men are great role models for our kids. Next winter we hope that many more will avail themselves of the opportunity to join our club. We welcome girls as well as boys.

Cliff Brittain
Macalester-Groveland

Salute to area businesses

Dear editor,

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council would like to extend its thanks to Macalester College, the Green Mill Restaurant, Highgrove Community Federal Credit Union, Great Harvest Bread Company, Wet Paint, Liberty State Bank, ArtScraps, Coffee News Cafe, the Science Museum of Minnesota and the Crazy Carrot Juice Bar for their generous support of our seventh annual Teen and Family Snow Sculpting Contest. The continued generous support of our neighborhood businesses helps strengthen our programming.

Lee Wallace, Youth Programs Coordinator
Macalester-Groveland Community Council

Marie's was quite a story

To the editor:

Thanks for the great article you did on my dear Aunt Marie Stapleton (*Villager*, February 3). All the family, near and far, was thrilled. Her life was quite a story and you told it well.

Tom King
West St. Paul

CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH CARE

Whiplash Injuries Require Careful Attention

"Whiplash" is the name given to injuries in which the person's neck is snapped in one direction and then rebounds or is whipped in the opposite direction. This occurs most commonly in automobile accidents but can also result from falls and other types of trauma.

Many structures about the neck may be injured. Muscles are nearly always strained because they are stretched beyond their normal length. Ligaments are often injured in the same manner. Some degree of muscle spasm results along with an inability to turn the neck completely. Important blood vessels which pass upward through spinal vertebrae to reach the brain may also be injured, and this can cause dizziness.

In the long run, the condition of the spinal discs and the integrity of ligaments are most important. Injured discs may degenerate later leading to cervical spine arthritis, and torn ligaments which are allowed to heal long will never hold vertebrae in alignment. Preventing these complications is an important goal of early treatment.

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Precinct caucuses kick off a new political season March 2

by Dale Mischke

The precinct caucuses that will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, will mark both the beginning of a new political season and the end of an era in St. Paul. This year voters in the capital city will be electing four School Board members and, for the first time, seven City Council members to four-year terms.

Two of the three incumbent City Council members in the Villager area have announced their intention to run for another term. DFLers Chris Coleman in Ward 2 and Jay Benanav in Ward 4, both of them first elected in 1997, will be seeking a second term. Mike Harris, who has represented Ward 3 since 1994, has not yet decided whether he will seek a fourth term.

"It's not something I've thought about a whole lot yet," Harris said. "As a political independent, I don't have to decide already in mid-February. I've got plenty of time; the filing deadline is in July."

Should Harris decide to run, he will have at least one opponent, Mitch Gordon of Highland Park, who will be seeking the DFL Party's endorsement. Gordon, 26, an attorney in private practice, is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School and the Hubert

H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. He stepped down last month from the Highland District Council where he had served as a board member since last year. Gordon is a member of the Temple of Aaron Congregation and the Jewish Community Center. His campaign is being co-chaired by Senator Richard Cohen of District 64 and Representative Matt Entenza of District 64A.

John Krenik of Highland Park is also considering a run for City Council from Ward 3. The former chair of the Republican Party in St. Paul, Krenik said he has formed a campaign committee and has raised some money. He expects to make a decision by the end of March.

The St. Paul School Board seats of Republican Tom Conlon and DFLers Greg Filice, Al Oertwig and Neal Thao are all up for election this year. All four incumbents are expected to run for re-election. The lone candidate challenging them so far is Anne Carroll, who will be seeking the DFL endorsement.

Carroll, 44, lives in Highland Park with her husband Bruno Franck; daughter Andrea, a 7th-grader at Highland Park Junior High School; and son Peter, a 5th-grader at Jackson Preparatory Magnet School. Raised in the Macalester-Groveland area, Carroll earned a



Anne Carroll

B.A. from the University of Minnesota and a masters degree from the U of M's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. She is self-employed as a strategic planner and communications consultant serving primarily public and nonprofit groups. A former member of the Jackson School site-based management council, she has served that school in many voluntary capacities.

Area residents who attend the precinct cau-

ses will select delegates to the ward conventions that will be held this spring to endorse candidates for City Council. Ward convention delegates also will choose delegates to the city conventions where candidates for School Board will be endorsed.

For information on precinct caucus locations, St. Paul voters may call St. Paul DFL Party chair Mary Hannahan at 651-698-8002, St. Paul Republican Party chair Ken Schaefer at 651-698-6045 or 4th Congressional District Reform Party chair Philip Fuehrer at 651-730-7030.

Precinct caucuses will not be held this year in Minneapolis. This fall voters in the Mill City will be filling the School Board seats now occupied by Ann Berget, Judy Farmer, Ann Kaari and Louis King. Those seats are for four-year terms.

Mendota Heights will also forgo precinct caucuses this year. This fall voters there will be filling the District 197 School Board seats now occupied by Steven J. Anderson, Gary M. Hagstrom, Linda Kjerland and Thomas L. Weisbecker. School Board elections in District 197 have been moved this year from May to November as a result of action by the Minnesota Legislature, and the terms have been increased to four years.

Support builds for light-rail 'transit triangle' in Twin Cities

by Jane McClure

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners agreed on February 9 that not one, but two mass transit corridors ought to be looked at for transporting commuters through St. Paul.

The board, acting as the Regional Rail Authority Board, unanimously approved recommendations by the St. Paul Transit Vision Task Force that a "transit triangle" be developed to link the proposed Riverview and Central corridors in St. Paul with the Hiawatha Corridor light rail transit (LRT) line in South Minneapolis.

The recommendations were discussed later that day with state legislators from St. Paul who are expected to request transit funding from the 1999 Minnesota Legislature. The recommendations have yet to be reviewed by the St. Paul City Council.

At their final meeting on January 28, task force members could not reach agreement on a single transit corridor in St. Paul and instead opted to support the transit triangle concept. The task force, created last fall by the City Council and County Board, included representatives of affected district councils, business associations and transit advocacy groups.

Task force members supported different corridors for different reasons, said co-chair John Labosky, executive director of the Capital City Partnership. Riverview Corridor supporters claimed that improved transit would encourage economic development in neighborhoods along that route, which would extend from the East Side through downtown and the West 7th and Highland Park neighborhoods before crossing the Mississippi River. According to Labosky, Central Corridor supporters saw that route as attracting

more potential riders. The Central Corridor would connect the two downtowns via either I-94 or University Avenue.

Task force members also looked at the commuter rail corridors being proposed in St. Paul, but they did not indicate a preference. Commuter rail would carry high-speed passenger trains along existing tracks. Among the five commuter rail routes being studied are a connection between the two downtowns through the Midway area and a "Red Rock" connection between St. Paul and Hastings. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has dropped an earlier proposal to use the existing tracks along Ayd Mill Road because that route did not have the ridership potential of others.

A MnDOT study released on February 9 indicates that developing the five commuter rail routes would carry a total cost of \$1.4 billion. The commuter trains would travel dur-

ing rush hours and fares would vary by miles traveled. One-way trips up to 15 miles are expected to cost \$2.00, while one-way trips of 35-40 miles would run around \$5.75. The study indicated that commuter rail would reduce peak-hour motor vehicle traffic in the Twin Cities by up to 7 percent.

Ramsey County Commissioner Susan Haigh questioned how the region would be able to afford the construction of both commuter rail and LRT systems. The cost of the Hiawatha LRT line alone is estimated at more than \$400 million. Estimates for developing the Riverview and Central corridors are not yet available.

"My concern is, does one preclude the other?" Haigh said. "If we get commuter rail, will it mean we don't get light rail?" The task force did not make a recommendation as to which mode of mass transit would best serve St. Paul.

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Parks and Rec task force to answer dog owners' call for off-leash sites

Committee to suggest parks where dogs can run free

by Niles Randolph

The St. Paul Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously on February 10 to create a task force that will look into designating recreational areas in St. Paul where dogs would be allowed to run without a leash.

Nearly 50 dog owners gathered at the Hillcrest Recreation Center that day to show their support for a resolution calling for the creation of five to eight such "off-leash sites" by the end of 2000. The resolution was submitted by West 7th Street neighborhood resident Jean Koonce, a member of the 3-year-old coalition known as ROMP (Responsible Owners of Mannerly Pets).

"Off-leash areas provide a valuable and legitimate recreational activity that can benefit the entire community," Koonce said. She pointed to the success of off-leash sites at Battle Creek and Rice Creek parks, which she said draw as many as 600 weekly visitors.

ROMP, which Koonce said has about 500 dog owners on its mailing list, helped establish those county-owned sites as part of a pilot project between July 1997 and December 1998. On January 12, the Ramsey County Parks Board proclaimed the project a success and voted to continue the off-leash sites. The start-up cost of nearly \$3,000 was paid for with private donations.

ROMP members are now hoping that St. Paul will welcome them and their unleashed dogs to some parks. Those who use the off-leash sites would be required to have voice control of their dogs, to clean up after their pets and to have their dogs licensed and vac-

inated.

Dog owners dismissed any concerns that the sites would be dirty and dangerous. "Many times we leave the park cleaner than when we came," said Highland Park resident Matt Anfang. "At no time in the two years that I've owned my new dog has there been an instance of a child in danger. If a dog does act up, he's put on a leash and brought in the house."

Mark Peterson of Macalester-Groveland spoke against the resolution. He raised concerns for the safety of park users, including his 3-year-old daughter who was knocked down at a local park by a dog. "As a parent, I struggle with this," he said.

Some commissioners also expressed concerns about the enforcement of rules inside the recreational sites, but Kristin Wertz of Macalester-Groveland said the policing of dogs is immediate. "The love of the dog owner is the driving force in regulating behavior," she said.

Parks and Recreation Commission chair Jill Danner set a two-month deadline to have the new task force up and running. The group will have to approach the St. Paul City Council in order to change the current city ordinance requiring dogs to be on leashes "not longer than 6 feet" when they are on public property. It is estimated that 40,000 St. Paul households own dogs.

Bloomington plans to open two off-leash sites this summer, and Hennepin County has had three such sites operating since the 1980s. Minneapolis is now considering opening six to 10 sites as well.

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ages in addition to passing basic standards tests in reading, writing and math in order to earn a high school diploma in 2002. The Profile was intended to assess whether students could apply their knowledge across 10 areas of study, ranging from math, science and the arts to resource management, career investigation and a second language. With the House decision, exactly what they will be accountable for now is unclear.

The House vote has launched the Profile on what promises to be a protracted journey through the Legislature. The Senate will adopt its own resolution, which will likely call for revisions to the standards rather than their repeal. It could be May before the two houses reach a compromise.

"My hope is that we can work out the Profile of Learning so it can be more user-friendly for the schools and the students, but still maintain the basics," said Senator Richard Cohen, DFL-District 64.

Comments on the Profile of Learning constitute the majority of mail Representative Tim Wilkin, IR-District 38A, has been receiving this session. "The Profile was designed with good intentions to increase standards, but actually I think they were lowering standards," he said. "They're requiring teachers to become more bureaucrat than educator. I think we need to rely on more proven teaching methods."

Representative Matt Entenza, DFL-District 64A, said that the Profile may need some work, but he doesn't believe it should be scrapped. "I don't think after 10 years and \$190 million worth of work that we need to eliminate everything we've done and start over again," he said. "I think we need to refine what we have."

Entenza said any revisions should address the concerns that the Profile is overly bureaucratic, created a mountain of paperwork for teachers and was being implemented too quickly. "We need to cut back the record-keeping requirements," he said. "We need to

slash the paperwork that teachers need to deal with and provide more flexibility."

Many teachers agree. Jim Paddock, a teacher at Highland Park High School, said the additional documentation associated with the Profile is an enormous burden to teachers. Each quarter he has been compiling as many as 18 pages of checklists for each of his 125 students.

"The amount of paperwork you have to keep on each student is just huge," he said. "We have to keep examples of all the work they produce. It's a blizzard of paperwork."

Susan Armstrong, a teacher at Central High School, said several teachers were frustrated by how the Profile was implemented. "We kind of had the feeling that they weren't acting as quickly as they needed to and then suddenly we had this 9th-grade class (required to pass the Profile in order to graduate) and we didn't know exactly what we were supposed to do," she said. "The school district keeps changing how we're supposed to implement these standards. As one of my colleagues said, 'It's very hard to hit a moving target.'"

Highland Park teacher Mary Haug has also been frustrated by the complexity of the Profile. "The really discouraging thing is that you go to one meeting and then go to a meeting two weeks later and the rules have changed," she said. "I think that's why a lot of teachers are just kind of sitting back. It's like, figure out what you want to do and then let us know."

Despite the cries for change, the move to scrap the Profile has met with mixed reactions. "I think there's a sense of relief among a lot of teachers," Armstrong said. "The amount of paperwork and record keeping is going to ease off. But I'd be disappointed if they completely throw it all out, because all of us who have time into it would feel like our work was for nothing. The general idea was sound. Unfortunately, not enough time was given or the right people weren't involved in figuring out how to implement it."

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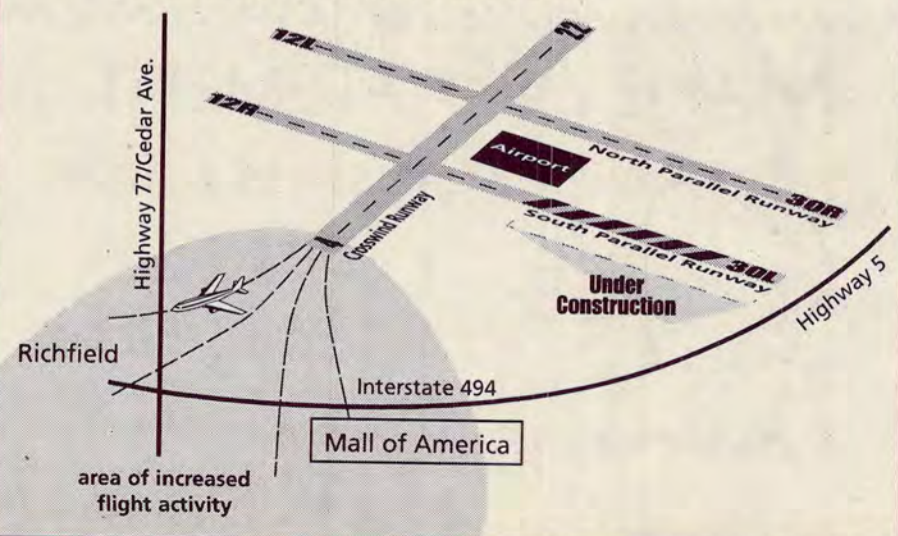
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Two times an athlete

Great balance, a steady hand and tireless training earn teen-ager Steve Scott a place in international biathlon

by Tom Cody

Steve Scott's parents put him on skis when he was just 3 years old. Now 15, Scott is one of five members of the St. Paul Academy Nordic skiing team to qualify for last weekend's state meet, and next week he will be heading to Sweden with the United States Youth Development Team for an international biathlon competition.

"Steve liked skiing right from the start," said his mother, Mickey Scott, a teacher at SPA. "We took him to a competitive race out at Baker Park when he was 10. They didn't want to let him compete, but he talked them into it. While we stuck around waiting for the results, we started asking about what we could do to get him some real ski lessons."

Steve took care of that. Racing against a field of mostly adults, he finished in the middle of the pack, good enough to please his parents and impress Piotr Bednarski, the St. Louis Park cross country skiing guru who has been Scott's personal coach since 1995.

"I don't usually work with younger skiers," Bednarski said, "but what I noticed about Steve was that he was very advanced for his age and that he loved to ski. I saw something in him that made me think he'd be a perfect fit with the biathlon."

The biathlon is a two-sport event involving cross country, or Nordic, skiing and marksmanship. Skiers race along a 7.5- to 15-kilometer course with a rifle strapped to their back, stopping along the way to fire at targets. Penalty minutes are tacked onto their skiing time de-

pending on the number of targets missed.

"The most difficult part of the biathlon is shooting the rifle when you're exhausted," said Scott, a Macalester-Groveland resident. "Your heart rate is high and you're dead tired from racing. Your whole body is shaking. You try to fire the gun between breaths—even between heartbeats."

Most biathlon courses feature four targets, two that are fired at from a standing position and two from a prone position. "You'd think that standing would be tougher," said Scott, "but the targets are so small (about the size of a silver dollar) on the prone course that it's actually tougher than standing (where the targets are about the size of a compact disc)."

"Biathletes are skiers first, shooters second," Bednarski said. "Steve had to learn rifle shooting from scratch. We gave him a small .22-caliber and he picked up on the skills quickly. It's actually a lot easier to improve on the shooting than it is on the skiing."

"Steve's tall (6-foot-1) for his age, he's lanky (about 140 pounds) and he's got that great balance that all great skiers have," Bednarski said. "This kid could be very good on the international level. As he grows and fills out, he's only going to get stronger and faster."

Scott will be one of three boys competing on Bednarski's 17-and-under team in Torsby, Sweden. "He's trained hard for this event," Bednarski said. "We've done workouts at Camp Ripley and at the new biathlon course in Elk River. And he trained hard in the offseason."

Bednarski has warned Scott of the difficulty of competing on the international level without specializing in the sport. "I run track and I play soccer too," Scott said. "They're just too much fun for me to give up. But I don't think it's going to cost me, not at this age. If I did, I'd quit the other sports and concentrate exclusively on skiing. I think I get good cross training in soccer and track. The (SPA) Nordic skiing team is great, too. It's obviously at a different level than the biathlon, but I enjoy competing with my teammates."

Joining Scott at the state meet in Biwabik were fellow Spartans Evan Ray, a freshman; senior David Lipsky; sophomore Jenny Abrahamson; and senior Kyra Hamilton.

"A big senior from Central High School (Nate Christopherson) beat Steve in the section meet," said SPA assistant coach Dave Dahl. "Sometimes we forget that Steve is just a freshman. He trains so hard that we have to try to slow him down and rest him some days. Steve doesn't like to take a day off. It's just go, go, go for him. Sometimes we even put slower skiers ahead of him on the course just to slow down his workouts."

"Three-fourths of all prep skiers don't train outside the winter season. This kid works at it year-round."

"The (biathlon) workouts have been demanding, but they've also been exciting," Scott said. "I've been to the mountains in Oregon and to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. And I qualified for the Sweden trip last month in Lake Placid, New York (where he



International biathlete Steve Scott demonstrates the two facets of his sport—cross country skiing with a rifle on his back (above) and marksmanship (top), here from a prone position. Photos by Mike Long.

placed sixth overall).

"The training with Piotr has been great," he said. "He works you hard, but he always tells you why. He has

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Panel seeks balance between business, community interests

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The annual fund-raiser will feature a panel discussion on the tensions and partnerships that exist between the businesses and citizens of St. Paul. Moderated by Gail MarksJarvis, business columnist for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, the panel will include Karen Himle, senior vice president of the St. Paul Companies; Bob MacGregor, president of the Minnesota Center for Corporate Responsibility; and Judith Martin, urban studies professor at the University of Minnesota.

The program will run from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Minnesota Club, 317 Washington St. Tickets to the lunch are \$75 each or \$500 for a table of eight. For information, call 651-222-1215.

Jeremy Rath, owner of The Roastery, 769 S. Cleveland Ave., got the red carpet treatment in La-la Land from February 2-4. Rath was lured to Los Angeles with an all-expense-paid trip to appear on the "Howie Mandel Show." The show aired on February 10. Mandel's producers had somehow heard of the Roastery's \$200-a-pound Kopi Luwak, an exotic Sumatran coffee whose beans are "organically processed" before roasting by first passing through the digestive tract of a luwak, a member of the weasel family.

Nick Coughlin, a 1993 graduate of St. Paul Academy, has been named sales coordinator for the Minnesota Thunder professional soccer team. Coughlin, 23, a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stout, is the brother of Thunder defender John Coughlin.

George Emslie of Mendota Heights has been named second vice chair of the St. Paul Service Corps of Retired Executives, which offers free counseling to start-up and existing businesses. Emslie is a former executive vice president of Viking Tool & Die.

Mark Agranoff of Highland Park has joined the accounting firm of Boeckermann, Heinen & Mayer as a manager. Agranoff received a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1977 from the University of Minnesota and has been working in public accounting ever since.

John Ullmann has been named executive director of the World Press Institute at Macalester College, succeeding John Hodowanic, who retired on January 15 after serving in that position for the past 12 years. Ullmann, 53, has taught journalism at the universities of Florida, Minnesota, Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Missouri and Alaska. He has also worked at several magazines and newspa-

pers, including the *Star Tribune* from 1984 to 1990.

Cherokee State Bank has named Ceil Gesell to the post of director emeritus. Gesell has served on Cherokee's board of directors since 1962.

An all-day seminar on financing a business will be presented by the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) on Tuesday, February 23, at Century College in White Bear Lake. A \$29 fee includes materials. For reservations, call 651-223-5010.

Brian Meloy of Merriam Park has joined the St. Paul law firm of O'Neill Grills & O'Neill. Meloy, who received his law degree from the University of Iowa, specializes in energy law, governmental relations and general civil litigation.

Bill Wilson, former St. Paul City Council member from Ward 1 and former commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights, has been elected chairman of the board of the Minnesota Fair Housing Center. Founded in 1991, the center is devoted to overcoming housing discrimination based on race, disability or familial status.

Heather Karls, a doctor of chiropractic who works out of the Langford Clinic at 730 S. Cleveland Ave., has been named a certified chiropractic sports physician by the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians.

Dan Haag of Macalester-Groveland, a freelance copywriter and an adjunct professor of copywriting at the University of St. Thomas, has published *Advertising Practitioners: One-on-One*. The 212-page book features 36 in-depth interviews with leading advertising professionals and highlights some of the most popular campaigns of the day.

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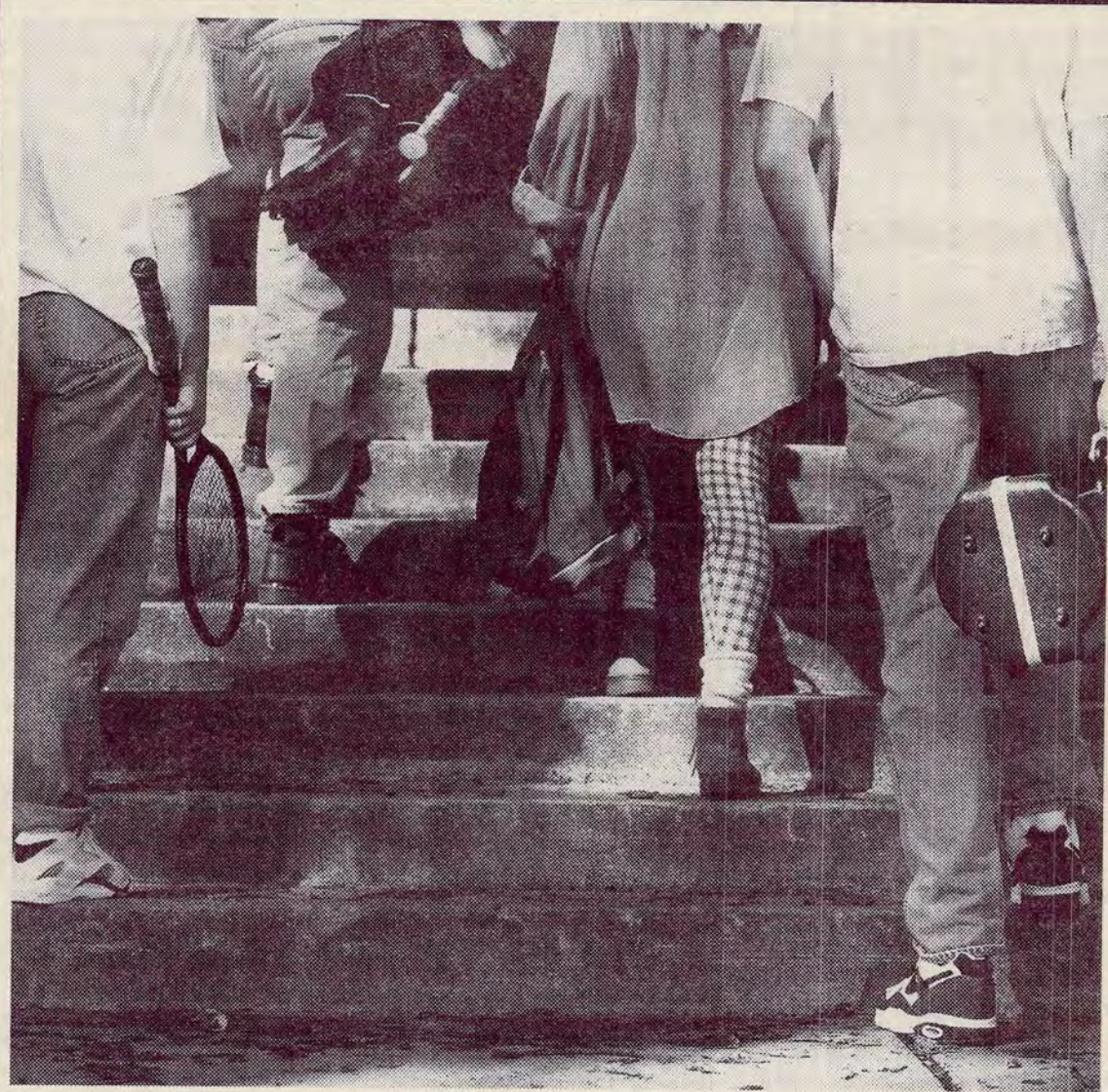
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A new program at the JCC of St. Paul for families to explore Jewish values while working for the community at large.

Orientation will be Sunday, February 21, at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Paul JCC.

For more information about this exciting new program please contact Penny Schumacher at the St. Paul JCC at 651-698-0751.

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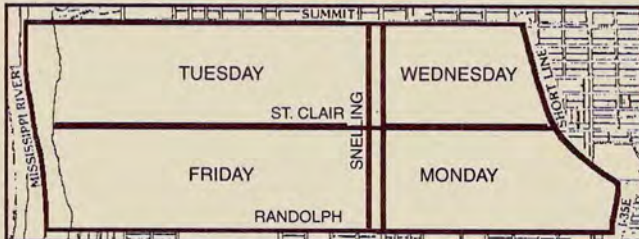
Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

AYD MILL ROAD HEARING SET

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 18, on the six alternatives contained in the Ayd Mill Road Environmental Impact Statement. The hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the atrium of Macalester College's Olin Hall. Following the hearing, the community council's board of directors will rank the proposals by preference.

ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR HIRED

Patrick Shannon has been hired as environmental programs coordinator for the Macalester-Groveland Community Council. Shannon will manage the recycling program, the lead water service line replacement program and other council projects related to the environment.



Macalester-Groveland recycling days

AIRPORT NOISE COMMITTEE MEETS

The Macalester-Groveland Airport Noise Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, at the Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. Jeff Hamiel of the Metropolitan Airports Commission, District 64 Senator Richard Cohen and District 64B Representative Michael Paymar have been invited to attend.

CIB REPRESENTATIVES SOUGHT

The deadline for submitting projects for the next round of the city of St. Paul's biennial Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) was February 12. Projects proposed for Macalester-Groveland include planted medians on Fairview Avenue between Summit and Randolph avenues and new tot lots at Mattocks Park and the Edgcombe Recreation Center. Area residents who are willing to represent Macalester-Groveland on one of three CIB task forces are invited to call the community council at 651-698-7973.

The task forces, which are made up of representatives from each of the city's 19 district planning councils, review and rank projects in three categories: community facilities, residential and economic development, and streets and utilities. Their recommendations are forwarded to the citywide CIB committee. Following a public hearing, the CIB budget is adopted in late fall.

The Highland District COUNCIL CAPSULE

FIELD HOUSE PLANS

The Highland District Council will hold its next meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 18, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Representatives of the St. Paul Public Schools will present plans for a new field house that will be built on the south end of Highland Park Senior High School this spring. The board will also review St. Paul capital improvement budget proposals that have been submitted. For information, call the council office at 651-298-5138.

PURSE SNATCHING ALERT

At least three purse snatchings were reported in the Highland area on February 2, the date that Social Security checks came in the mail to senior citizens. All of the victims were older women who were walking alone and carrying purses with money in their billfolds. None of the women were seriously injured.

Those who need to go to the bank to make a deposit, especially at the first of the month, are being encouraged to go with a friend and be aware of their surroundings. Individuals also can have their Social Security checks directly deposited to their accounts. For information, call your local bank or the district council office at 651-298-5138.

SHEPARD-DAVERN PLAN

A public hearing will be held on the final draft of the Shepard-Davern small area plan at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. A task



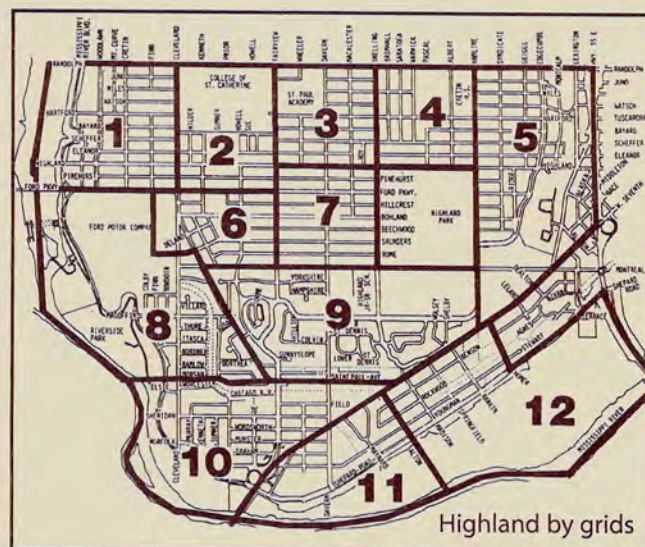
Having a blast(off). Mary and Laura McCreary, Joey Robinson and Elwood McCreary make a flight check on the spaceship they created during the Macalester-Groveland Teen and Family Snow Sculpting Contest on February 6 on the Summit Avenue median. The ship was festooned with colored ice cubes and popsicles, and won the team the title of Best All-Around Sculpture in the family division. Photo by Mike Long.

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY FORMS

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council has applications available for area residents who are interested in attending the St. Paul Police Department's seventh Citizen Police Academy. The academy offers citizens a glimpse at the policies and procedures of the Police Department and a chance to become more involved in law enforcement. It will meet weekly from March 10 to May 19. For information or an application form, call 651-698-7973.

SNOW SHOVELERS SOUGHT

Students and adults who are interested in shoveling sidewalks for area seniors through the community council's Job Connection are being sought. The jobs pay between \$7.00 and \$10.00 per hour. Call Jessica Bakkene at 651-698-7973.



Highland by grids

force composed of area residents, district council members and business owners has spent the last year studying the vicinity of Shepard Road and Davern Street and has come up with a series of suggestions about how the area could change over the next few years.

Large panels have been set up in the district council office at Hillcrest for those who are interested in what the area would look like if the plan comes to fruition. Copies of the plan also are available. The document will eventually be sent on to the St. Paul Planning Commission and City Council for their approval. For details, call the council office at 651-298-5138.

RECYCLING KUDOS

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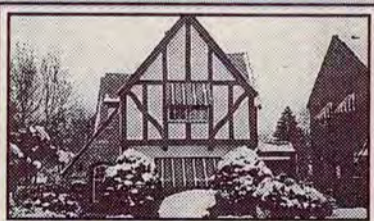
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Highland will unveil plans for new senior high field house on Feb. 18

by Michael Werner

By this time next year, Highland Park High School students will likely be stretching their legs in a new \$2 million field house. Area residents will get a chance to review plans for the 15,000-square-foot facility when the Highland District Council meets at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 18, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

The field house will be erected on the south side of the school campus, just east of the auditorium. According to Steve Erickson, project manager for BWBR Architects, the layout will be identical to the field houses at Como, Johnson and Harding high schools. The building will house a full-length basketball court as well as three smaller courts that can be separated by curtains to accommodate multiple sports.

About one-third of the space is expected to be dedicated to gymnastics. Athletic director John Heller said the auxiliary gym space at Highland that is currently used for gymnastics will be turned into a fitness center, with

weight-lifting equipment, treadmills and stationary bicycles for use by students, staff and area residents.

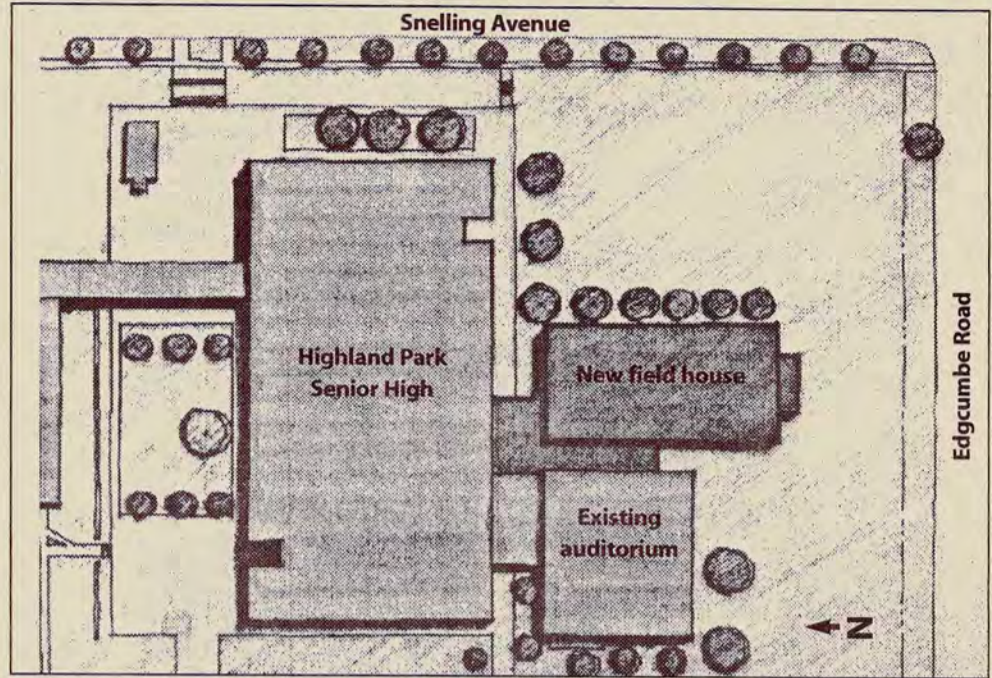
The existing women's varsity locker room will be remodeled to accommodate an expanded corridor and a new study area.

School officials say they are thrilled with the proposal, but they may request a few minor changes, such as the addition of a concession area.

"We think it'll be a beautiful new addition to the building," said principal Joann Knuth. "It'll have a very good looking exterior that we're going to match as closely as we can to the existing exterior."

According to Heller, the field house will be used primarily as a practice facility and will provide the athletic program with much-needed flexibility. Nine teams currently vie for space in Highland's single gymnasium, forcing coaches to schedule practices late into the evening.

"Safety is going to be a lot better," said Jim Paddock, a physical education teacher and coach at the school. "A lot of our kids are from



The field house would be connected to the senior high and auditorium with a corridor.

all over the city, so when they get done with practice at 9:00 at night and it's dark, kids are out at the bus stops taking two or three transfers home."

Linda Haugen, whose children have played on Highland's basketball teams for the past

eight years, is all in favor of eliminating late-night practices. "My kids have had to give up other activities in the evening because they're still at basketball practice," she said.

Field house/see next page

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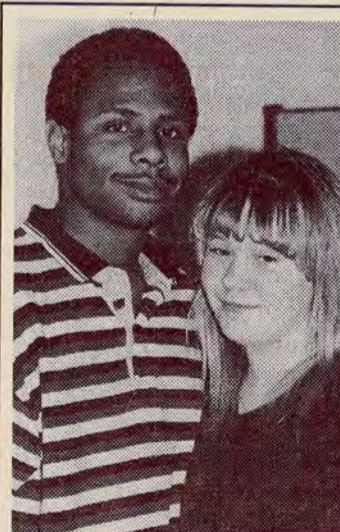
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St. Paul mandates summer reading camp to improve 3rd-grade scores

St. Paul Public Schools announced last week that 3rd-graders who are having trouble with the first of the three R's will have to attend an intensive reading camp this summer. "We know that if kids aren't reading at grade level by the 3rd grade, they tend to fall further behind academically as they get older," said interim superintendent Bill Larson. "If we can get students reading on target by 3rd grade, they are far more likely to succeed."

The decision comes on the heels of the recently released Metropolitan Achievement Test, 7th Edition (MAT7) scores, which indicate that St. Paul students overall are not performing up to previous levels. Earlier this year, the St. Paul School Board adopted a policy requiring summer session for students who did not pass the basic standards tests or who risk not graduating on time. The board was expected to approve the mandatory summer reading camp for 3rd-graders at its February 16 meeting.

District officials had considered requiring summer session for 3rd-graders last year after receiving results of last spring's Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments, but they opted against it due to a lack of adequate planning time.

"We knew we needed more information about our 3rd-graders before making summer camp mandatory," said Cy Yusten, assistant superintendent of teaching and learning. "We now have that information from our MAT7 results."

Any 3rd-grader who scored below average on the 1998 MAT7 reading test will be required to attend the summer reading camp. Four-hour morning sessions will be held Monday through Thursday from June 21 to July 29.

Nearly 1,400 of the district's 3,400 3rd-graders (41 percent) are expected to go to camp this summer. That includes 159 students from Villager area schools who are having trouble with their reading. The percentage of 3rd-graders scoring below average from local schools is as follows:

- Expo—40.4 percent
- Groveland Park—28.2 percent
- Highland Park—20 percent
- Homecroft—35 percent
- Linwood—48.4 percent
- Longfellow—36.5 percent
- Mann—25 percent
- Randolph Heights—34.8 percent

School officials also are considering additional actions to help students read at grade level. They include holding back some kindergartners or 1st-graders for another year, targeting grades K-3 for intensive reading instruction and designing specific reading programs for students in grades 4 and up, and for 3rd-graders who do not get up to grade level following the summer reading camp.

"We're following the governor's lead," Larson said. "He has said plainly that schools must target the primary grades to ensure long-term success for students. We agree and are serious about getting to students at the earliest opportunity."

Parents of 3rd-graders will be notified by mail in the next three weeks if their child is required to attend summer reading camp. Schools also will be providing more information about the camp in the coming weeks. For information, call the Elementary Area Learning Center at 651-293-5370.

SCHOOL NOTES

Michelle Kracht of Highland Park, a senior at St. Agnes High School, has been nominated to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point by U.S. Representative Bruce Vento.

Emily Parker, 13, of Macalester-Groveland won the St. Paul Public Schools' spelling bee on February 1. An 8th-grader at Murray Junior High School, Parker came out on top in the 19th round by spelling "monotonous." The final nine rounds of the contest were a three-way battle between Parker, runner-up Jessica Taylor of Adams School, and third-place Laney Ohmans of Capitol Hill School. The top 16 contestants advance to the Metro Region semifinals scheduled for February 25 and 27. Parker's brother Dan, now a sophomore at Central High School, won the district spelling bee in 1996 and '97. He finished third in the state both years.

Minnesota Vikings past and present will play basketball against School District 197 staff members at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 28, at Sibley High School in Mendota Heights. The game is part of the school's GOFA (Give Once For All) fund-raising week, February 21-28. Other events will include a talent contest and dance. Tickets for the basketball game are

priced at \$5.00. Vikings players will be available in the cafeteria afterward to sign autographs for ticket holders. For information, call Benjie Kaplan at 651-454-9144.

School District 197's Early Childhood Family Education program is now accepting registration for the spring session, which begins the week of March 1. A variety of day and evening classes are being offered for parents of children ages birth to kindergarten. For a "Way to Grow" catalogue, call 651-405-2480.

Highland Park Elementary and its French immersion program will hold an open house from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, February 18, at the school, 1700 Saunders Ave. For information, call 651-293-8770.

Computer classes for adults will be offered in March at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The lineup includes "Meet the Mouse" on Mondays, March 1-22; "Word Processing" on Thursdays, March 4-25; "Welcome to the World Wide Web" on Tuesdays, March 9-23; "Internet Search Skills" on Wednesdays, March 10-31; and "I've Met the Mouse, Now What?" on Thursdays, March 11-25. Costs range from \$12 to \$55. For information, call 651-698-0751.

Field house

Haugen and other parents had raised safety concerns regarding the inadequacy of the athletic facilities at Highland, which was built in 1964 before the growth in girls athletics brought about by the federal Title IX program. They lobbied the St. Paul School Board to approve funding for the facility in November.

The new field house will also solve prob-

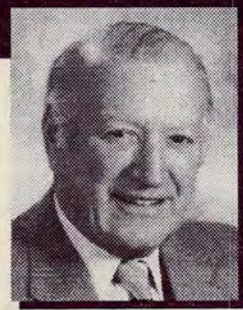
lems caused by several physical education classes using the gym simultaneously during the day. "We had a 10-pound package in an 8-pound hole," Paddock said. "Everybody was banging off everybody. This is going to free everything up."

The groundbreaking for the field house will likely be held in April. Construction is expected to be complete by next February.

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Participants will receive meeting and event notices and general information from the Merriam Park Community Council and other community organizations via e-mail. They can unsubscribe at any time. For information, call the community council office at 651-645-6887.

SAFE APARTMENTS INITIATIVE

Merriam Park is beginning the third year of its Safe Apartments Initiative. The program provides information for renters and landlords. Half of Merriam Park residents rent their homes. To get on the council's database and have access to resources of interest to renters and landlords, call Christine Yanchar at 651-645-6887.

RECYCLING NEWS

Approximately 1,630 tons of recyclables were collected in Merriam Park, Snelling-Hamline and Lexington-Hamline last year, which represents a 2.7 percent increase over the previous year. The next recycling days in Merriam Park are on Thursdays, February 18 and March 4. Items should be sorted, bagged and on the curb by 7:00 a.m. For recycling bins, lawn signs and general information, call the council office at 651-645-6887. For information regarding brush, hazardous waste or electronics recycling, call 651-633-EASY.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

A discussion on pedestrian safety and Minnesota's cross-walk law will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, at Macalester Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave. Lieutenant Mike Moorhead of the St. Paul Police Department, Mike Langer of the Minnesota Safety Council and Al Shetka of St. Paul Public Works will lead the discussion and answer questions. To register, call 651-644-5436.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

A Community Safety Roundtable will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 22, and a Transportation and Economic Development Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 25. For information on meeting location, call the community council office at 651-645-6887.

The newly formed Capitol Region Watershed District will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 25, at the Como Lakeside Pavilion, 1360 Lexington Pkwy. For details, call 651-488-1476, extension 14.

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Wine importer Robert Rudolph samples a vintage from his personal collection in the dining room of his Highland Park home. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

Distributor of fine wines has built career around his discerning palate

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

A really good wine, according to Robert Rudolph, is one that "just screams out about where it's from. It has individuality and character and a taste that isn't to be found in any other wine," he said. "My job is to find interesting wines and then go out and sell them."

A Highland Park resident, Rudolph owns the New France Wine Company. He works with small to medium-size wineries in California, Oregon and Washington as well as estate growers and bottlers in France and Italy. He orders sample cases from vineyards and two or three times a year puts on trade shows to let restaurateurs and retailers sample the new vintages.

"This isn't a business where sales are made with a lot of flash and high pressure," Rudolph said. "Part of the adventure is selling something that is a changing product."

Rudolph, who switched his major in college from engineering to botany and chemistry so that he could get into the wine business, is a font of knowledge about wine—everything from when to pick the grapes to which wine to choose for, say, a picnic.

The first criterion for a good wine, Rudolph said, is that it truly represent the grape variety from which it is made, such as a chardonnay, merlot or Riesling. The second is that it have the individual character of a great vineyard. The Schoenenbourg Vineyard in Alsace, France, is one such vineyard, according to him. "The Riesling grown in Schoenenbourg really does taste different from the Riesling grown in a dozen other places," he said.

"Great wine is good when it's young and better when it's old," Rudolph said. "It will have elements in its youth that suggest it's going to have a long life and that everything will be there when it finally reaches maturity."

After graduating from the University of Tulsa, Rudolph worked for a California vineyard for a year doing everything including planting and grafting grapevines. His next job was in wine sales. "After spending a few years learning how to sell wine for an importer and distributor, I felt I could do it myself," he said.

Nine years ago his wife, Sarah Lutman, was recruited for a job in St. Paul and he decided

he could easily transplant his company here. "I did it, but I was wrong about the easy part," he said. "Each market is completely different."

Since he arrived in the Twin Cities, Rudolph said, restaurateurs have become more sophisticated in their wine offerings and eager to make their wine lists a draw for business. "When I first came here there weren't a dozen restaurants in town that were really trying to do something ambitious with their wine lists," he said. "A dozen such restaurants have opened in the past year alone. A lot of people—me included—select a restaurant based on its wine list. People are demanding

something that is better and more interesting in wine."

Rudolph singled out one of his clients, Ristorante Luci on Cleveland Avenue, as having a wonderful wine list. "They're very interested in wine—no trendiness or chasing after whatever got the highest scores in some publication," he said.

In spite of its increasing popularity, wine still has what Rudolph refers to as an "intimidation factor" that he would like to dispel. "I think the intimidation factor is the sole reason for

this merlot phenomenon that we have now," he said. "Merlot has taken on this idiotic life of its own. There is no reason to be intimidated by the idea of seeking out something more interesting."

Wine does not have to be expensive to be good, Rudolph said. In fact, it is possible to purchase a very good bottle of wine for \$7.00 or \$8.00. "What mystifies me is how many people settle for something mediocre when for the same amount of money they could have gotten something interesting," he said.

Rudolph advises wine customers not to be afraid to ask questions. According to him, wine retailers and restaurant stewards should be able and willing to suggest wines within their customers' budget that will complement particular foods and occasions. "You have to tell them what you want," he said. "And if you don't see a sparkle in the person's eye that shows a passionate interest in it, get somebody else."

Some people have the absurd notion that a fine wine really shouldn't taste good, Rudolph said. "That's nonsense. It's supposed to taste good," he said. "If you really like it, it's good, like art. You're really the only critic who counts."

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Hostess with the mostest

The Village may have changed over the last 50 years, but Burrow's friendly countenance has remained a constant

by Catherine Condon

From behind the hostess stand at Faricy's in the Village, Barbara Burrow has seen it all.

The 81-year-old Highland Park resident remembers when a movie ticket at the Highland Theatre was a nickel and Ford Parkway between Kenneth Street and Snelling Avenue was "just bare land." She was around when a 1951 fire leveled most of the Highland Shopping Center and she has witnessed every succeeding step in the evolution of the Village's business landscape.

"It's changed a lot," said Burrow, who recently marked her 50th year of employment in Highland Village. "All we have now are bookstores, bagel shops, video stores and coffee shops. I remember when we had a nice grocery store, Red Owl, in the center. There was a bowling alley right below us and we had a wonderful Ben Franklin. They had two floors of everything, including curtains and curtain rods.

"At one time, we had Hoigaard's and we had Shapiro's Drug on the corner," she said. "That was the gathering place for everybody. They had a soda fountain there. Mr. Shapiro was so good to the kids. They sat on the floor and read the comics. People miss that around here and they miss the department stores. Where do you go and buy socks and stuff if you don't drive? A lot of these people don't."

Burrow is in good health and still driving herself. When she started working as a hostess at the restaurant—then called Lee's Kitchen—in January 1949, she and her husband had a 2-year-old son and Lee's was just in its infancy.

"Mrs. Lee had broken a hip and they needed somebody," said Burrow, a Sioux Falls native who had moved to Highland in 1942. "My mother came to live with me for a while. She was my babysitter."

Burrow still puts in 30-hour work weeks at Faricy's. "I enjoy it," she said. "I bake a lot and cook a lot. That's my hobby and this is my social life."

Besides greeting and seating diners, Burrow opens the restaurant in the morning, answers the phone, cleans tables and runs the register. "Barb is the best on the register," said Amy Trenter, a Highland Park native who has been a waitress there for 10 years. "She never makes a mistake."

Burrow also assists Faricy's co-owner Sue Shepard with time cards and scheduling the restaurant's 54 employees, many of whom have worked there for decades.

"We love to have her in front because she knows everybody," said Shepard, who with her husband, Jim, has owned Faricy's for the last eight years. "She's very personable. She has so many friends here. They send her pictures and postcards. People who've worked

here ages ago bring in their babies for her to meet. She doesn't know just the older people, she knows everybody."

"A lot of people eat here two or three times a day," Burrow said. "They get to know you and what you're doing, and we know what they're doing. They're like family."

And she treats them like family, even though 7½-hour shifts four days a week can wear on her. "I do get tired," she said, "but I honestly don't remember ever taking it out on any customers."

Burrow does remember a Sunday morning 10 years ago when staff members almost got the best of her. They tried to pull off a surprise birthday party for the woman famed for knowing everyone.

"I never told them when my birthday was, but they found it out," she said. "They had a big party for me. They had the place plastered all over with everything and they invited a lot of the people who come in all the time. Somebody made a huge cake."

But the staff was not stealthy enough. "I kind of knew about it," she said.

In 1967, Burrow took a break from Lee's Kitchen to work as a cashier at Hove's supermarket in Highland Village (now Snyder's drug store). She made the switch, in part, because Hove's scheduling allowed her to better care for her ailing mother. Hours after Hove's went out of business in 1978, she stopped by

Lee's and was rehired.

"I got a little bit of an unemployment check," Burrow said with a smile. "I was off work from Sunday to Friday."

Over the years, Burrow saw the restaurant change hands a half dozen times, most recently in 1995 when the Shepards bought out the interest of Ray Faricy Jr. He and the Shepards had purchased Lee's Kitchen from St. Clair Broiler proprietor Jimmy Theros in 1991, but not the rights to its name. (At the time, Theros also owned Lee's Village Inn—now Perkins—at the opposite end of the block.)

Burrow said she still fondly remembers former owner John Miler, who died of cancer in the early 1980s at age 41. "He was a beautiful, beautiful man," she said. "He'd been there a long time, but I don't know how long he owned it. Ed Berg had owned it and John was Ed Berg's manager."

Burrow, who still lives in the house in which she has spent most of her adult life, said she much prefers working to traveling. "I never vacation," she said. "My son thinks I'm nuts."

And Faricy's, she said, is where she loves to work. "The Shepards have been so wonderful to me," she said. "When I had pneumonia, I had a direct service of food—anything I wanted. They're so nice to all of us. It's just like a family."



Faricy's hostess Barbara Burrow enjoys a laugh with regulars Norm Allard and Tom Birmingham. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

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Kinderski instructor Tony van de Weghe gives student Sara Harrington, 4, a helping hand on the way up the rope tow at the Como Park Ski Center. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

For love or money, Highland senior discovers second career in teaching

by Leslie Walters

In his 40-plus years of skiing, Anthony van de Weghe has never seen anything like it: balloons and traffic cones dotting the slopes, carpet remnants laid at the top of the hill, the traditional snowplow and traverse-the-hill positions redubbed "the pizza" and "french fries."

It's all about making it as easy as possible for 4- to 6-year-old kids to learn Alpine, or downhill, skiing, said van de Weghe, 69, an instructor in the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation's Kinderski program at the Como Park Ski Center.

"We use lots of things to keep the kids interested and unafraid," said van de Weghe, a Highland Park resident who has patrolled the Como slopes from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every Saturday this winter. The carpeting ensures a solid toehold at the top of the hill, he explained, and naming the basic skiing positions after popular food products makes it easier for the kids to visualize.

An award-winning cross country skier, van de Weghe had knee-replacement surgery performed last summer but he was back on the slopes in December doing the downhill skiing he learned after immigrating to the United States from his native Heerlen in the Netherlands.

"There wasn't much use for downhill in the Dutch Alps," he laughed.

Van de Weghe has taught skiing for many years to children, adults and the visually and hearing impaired. "I've always loved to teach," he said. "I should have been a pediatrician. I like kids—their honesty."

Last year van de Weghe spent four weeks teaching as a Global Volunteer in Siedlce, Poland, about an hour and a half east of War-

saw. He has long felt an affinity for Poland and the people there who have suffered the oppression of foreign occupation. "I felt right at home in Poland as soon as I got off the plane," he said. "I know exactly what those people have gone through."

A former member of the Dutch Armed Forces, van de Weghe was stationed near Auschwitz in the years following World War II. He vividly recalls May 10, 1940, the day that German paratroopers invaded the Netherlands. "It was the only time in my life when I was really scared," he said. Van de Weghe's father fled to the Schaesbergerbon woods to escape the Nazis. His brother's godfather was hunted down and killed by the Germans.

As a Global Volunteer, van de Weghe taught Polish children at a private school and adults at a local tax office and police station. Although not trained as a teacher, he drew on his 22 years of experience as the manager of the Minnesota

Club and the Hamm Building in downtown St. Paul.

Van de Weghe said he found the Polish people to be genuine. He was particularly impressed with the closeness of Polish families. "The husband-and-wife team in Poland is inseparable," he said. "The people there make no changes at all. They still are in the fields with an old-time horse and plow. I like that. The U.S. changes every day. In America you can't make any plans, long-range or short."

A licensed commercial pilot and a deputy for the Ramsey County Sheriff's Air Patrol, van de Weghe has recently been busy establishing connections between governmental agencies such as the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Internal Revenue

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Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota will once again recognize the health, vitality and accomplishments of senior citizens this year with its Ageless Heroes Award Program.

The second annual program will honor individuals age 65 and older who serve as role models in the following six categories:

- Vigor and vitality—demonstration of extraordinary physical or mental abilities.
- Community involvement—commitment to a community and its members.

- Love of learning—pursuit of knowledge by study or experience.
- Creative expression—unique expressions of talent.
- Against the Odds—overcoming the challenges of a disability.
- Bridging the generations—a grandchild's expression of admiration for a grandparent.

Last year more than 200 Minnesota seniors were nominated for Ageless Heroes awards. The winners included Audrey Longbehn, 72, of Mendota Heights, who demonstrates her youthful energy each winter when she gets

behind her 300-pound snowblower to clear the driveways of neighbors and others with physical limitations.

This year's nomination deadline is February 26. All nominees will receive a certificate. Six Ageless Heroes will be recognized for their accomplishments during a ceremony at the Mall of America.

Nominators must complete a short form and explain what makes the senior an Ageless Hero. Forms are available by calling toll free 1-800-463-0055. Forms also may be submitted via the Internet at www.bluecares.com.

Injuries from a fall can be prevented with planning

One of every three Americans over the age of 65 takes a fall each year that could severely limit their ability to lead an active and independent life, according to physical therapist Barb Young of Fairview Health Services.

Why so many falls? Aging diminishes one's sense of balance and reaction time. Also, medications may affect a person's equilibrium and perception. Vision problems, such as cataracts and glaucoma, can cause balance problems. So can many medical conditions, such as a stroke, Parkinson's disease and

hypothyroidism.

The following are some ways seniors can help to "fall-proof" their homes:

- Keep electrical and telephone cords out of the way.
- Eliminate throw rugs or make sure they have a no-skid backing.
- Nail carpeting securely to the floor.
- Locate light switches conveniently and keep all rooms and walkways well lit.
- Install grab bars in the bathroom and rubber mats in the tub. Avoid using

bath oils that can make surfaces slippery.

- Keep kitchen and other household products within easy reach and don't wax floors.
- Make sure all stairways have sturdy handrails. Keep stairs and entryways free of clutter.

Young said seniors who follow these steps and visit a physical therapist when necessary will do a lot to help them take the physical challenges of aging in stride.

Senior finds a new career in teaching

Service and those that he worked with in Siedlce. He has put his Polish friends in touch with the U.S. international tax education team in Poland, and he is now trying to convince the government of Poland to set up a consulate and em-

bassy in the Twin Cities.

This spring van de Weghe will take a brief vacation in Quebec where he hopes to make use of the four languages that he speaks fluently—English, French, Dutch and German. "I'd like to

learn Latin next," said van de Weghe, who sings in the choir every Sunday during the Latin High Mass at St. Agnes Church.

"I consider myself an international citizen," he said. "I love culture."

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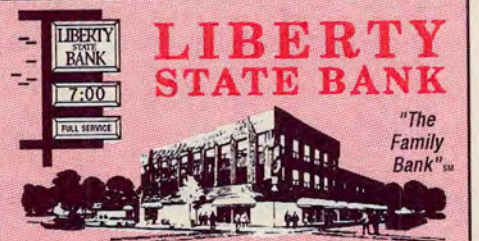


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Just one big happy family

Rosewood Estate's senior residents are keeping in touch with each other and their own kin by publishing their monthly musings

by Leslie Walters

Each month, residents of Rosewood Estate-Highland gather in the cheery sun-room of the senior apartment complex to exchange literary banter.

Martha Gerritz, 88, Ida Loveland, 90, and Jennie Peippo, 82, love to write and love to talk about writing. Together, they steer the creative writing group's literary salon and edit "One Big Family," the Rosewood's eclectic monthly publication.

"It's not really a newspaper," Gerritz said. "It's more of a creative paper put together by a group of creative writers."

There are no hard and fast rules to the literary group and the three editors find no shortage of monthly material from resident poets, novelists, essayists and journalists to fill the pages of their publication. A typical edition of "One Big Family" includes memoirs, poetry, short stories, poems and essays. One resident is even serializing her novel, Gerritz said.

Although Rosewood publishes a monthly calendar of events, the women felt it was not personal enough. "It didn't have the little tidbits that make small-town reading so good," Gerritz said. "That comes with creative writing."

Past issues have carried short stories on everything from painted pansy faces to what it was like teaching school early in the century. November's edition included a recipe for cranberry baked beans and an updated version of the lyrics to the folk-song "Over the River and Through the Woods."

Gerritz, who supervised student teachers and taught 6th grade in Minneapolis, writes "The Town Crier," a folksy, monthly column. It harkens back to the days when she worked on her high school yearbook and other publications.

"I wrote so much back then that I hated to have my name on things," she said. "I used to ask my best friend to put my name at the top of my papers. Journalism is in my blood."

The group invites all residents to submit

their writing. Gerritz invited Loveland, a soft-spoken poet, to join the group two years ago. "I didn't have much previous writing experience," Loveland said.

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In her piece "Early Marriage Memories," Loveland writes poignantly of being a young mother who recently arrived from California and was lonely in her new Minnesota surroundings.

Peippo, a former rural school teacher in Central Minnesota, is the group's resident researcher. She excels in question-and-answer interviews with other residents. She said it gives her a chance to

meet all of the interesting seniors at the residence.

Peippo joined Rosewood's writing group about two years ago. She said she first started writing essays during a period of prolonged

depression. It proved so therapeutic that she has continued to write ever since.

"We'd really like to get more people involved in the writing group," Gerritz said.

"People come and go," Loveland said. "One lady can't write anymore, but her daughter will submit things that she's done in the past."

"We'll take just about any essay topic—birthdays, holidays, months of the year, what you did for a living," Loveland said.

Recreational therapist Lara Homa said Rosewood's residents have a wealth of experience. "We're so fortunate to have all these people with such colorful life experiences to draw from," she said.

Peggy Bloom, a former Rosewood employee, oversees the group and handles the graphics and layout for the publication.

Plans are now under way to start a writers group for those residents with memory impairments, Homa said. Their work also will be submitted to the publication.

With many of their grown children living around the United States, Loveland said that "One Big Family" not only offers Rosewood residents a way to stay connected with their neighbors, but with their own families as well. "I send it to my daughter every month," she said.



Jennie Peippo, left, Martha Gerritz and Ida Loveland enjoy a chuckle over some of the creative writing submitted for the "One Big Family" publication at Rosewood Estate-Highland. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

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St. Thomas set to offer spring classes, consulting for seniors

The University of St. Thomas Center for Senior Citizens' Education will once again offer a full slate of spring courses designed specifically for those ages 55 and older. The courses cost \$35 each and are taught on the university's St. Paul campus unless otherwise noted below.

The spring course schedule includes the following:

- "Transformations of Love: The Medieval Roots of Romance," a look at the different stages of love, from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays, March 16 to May 11.

- "The Pressure of Reality: What Poetry Contains," a lecture series designed to help participants reduce their anxiety about poetry, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 17 to May 12, on St. Thomas' downtown Minneapolis campus.

- "Royal Courts, Concert Halls and Dance Halls: Three Centuries of Art Music," an exploration of Western European and American music since 1750, from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 18 to May 20.

- "Buildings of the Twin Cities and Architectural History," a look at the artistic origins of local landmarks, from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. on Tuesdays, April 6 to May 18.

- "Colonies to Republics: Korea, the Philippines, Indonesia," an examination of these three countries' tumultuous transitions to independence, from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays, April 7 to May 19, on St. Thomas' downtown Minneapolis campus.

- "Breaking the Code: How to Read the Biblical Book of Revelation" from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Thursdays, April 15 to May 27.

St. Thomas also offers senior students free one-to-one consultations with attorneys, financial planners and other professionals, as well as a chance for seniors to attend college courses for free on a space-available basis.

More information about all the educational opportunities that St. Thomas makes available to seniors is available by calling 651-962-5188.

Osteoporosis may be prevented by taking simple steps early in life

Vertebrae and hip fractures are not a common concern among the under-50 set, but what women do in their teens and after can do a great deal in preventing those injuries later in life.

"Physical activity during the prepubescent years is crucial for maximizing bone mass," said Dr. Pekka Kannus of the UKK Institute in Tampere, Finland. Her research into physical activity among Finnish women revealed that the earlier young women begin exercising, the stronger their bones will be as they age.

Osteoporosis is a bone-thinning disease that typically strikes the elderly—more often women than men—and often results in painful fractures of the spine, hip, wrist and ankle. Although awareness of the disease has grown, it is not clear yet whether Americans, especially young women, are taking the appropriate measures to prevent it.

Following are some steps a woman can take to strengthen her bones and reduce her risk:

- Consume enough calcium. Bones are two-thirds calcium. The recommended daily allowance for calcium is 800 mg for those ages 18-50 and 1,000 to 1,500 mg for those over 50. Calcium-rich foods include eggs, lowfat yogurt and dairy products, and green, leafy vegetables. Vitamin D, supplied by the sun, helps metabolize calcium.

- Avoid high-sodium foods. Scientists have determined that increased amounts of sodium result in increased amounts of calcium lost in urine, which leaves bones with a decreased supply.

- Participate regularly in weight-bearing exercise activities. Bones respond to increased stress by becoming stronger and denser. Exercise also prevents fractures indirectly by strengthening the muscles that protect the bones from injury and by increasing balance, agility and coordination, which can reduce the occurrence of dangerous falls.

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The games seniors play are held weekly at two recreation centers in the Villager area. Edgcombe, 320 S. Griggs St., plays host to bridge, 500 and cribbage from 8:30 a.m. to noon every Thursday. Linwood, 860 St. Clair Ave., offers 500 and cribbage from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. on Mondays and table games from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. For information, call 651-266-6370.

A Senior Mixed Doubles Tournament for St. Paul bowlers age 55 and older will be held February 20-21 and 27-28 at Falcon Bowling Lanes, 1550 W. Larpenteur Ave. The entry fee is \$9.00. An optional singles event is also being offered for \$3.00 per bowler. For details, call Lorraine Hansen at 651-636-4638.

A driving improvement course for elderly motorists will be offered from noon to 4:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 1-2, at House of Hope Presbyterian Church, 797 Summit Ave. Motorists who have taken the course in the past three years can keep their auto insurance discount current by attending the March 1 session. The cost is \$16.50 for the full course. To register, call toll-free 1-888-234-1294.

The Merriam Park Senior Program will offer the following programs in the coming month: a welcome back to Bud Kraehling at 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 8; a 55 Alive refresher

course on Monday, March 15 (\$8.00); a St. Patrick's Day party at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 16; an Irish slide presentation by Wayne Johnson at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17; and a trip to see the *Mystery Cafe* at the Venetian Inn at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 23 (\$45). Call 651-645-7424.

A 55 Alive refresher course for senior drivers will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 18, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$8.00. For information, call 651-698-0751.

The West St. Paul Area Senior Center will offer the following activities in the next few weeks: a meeting at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 18, to discuss the progress on a new senior center and other issues; a tour of the Titanic exhibit at the St. Paul Union Depot at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, February 20 (\$18); a trip to the Great American History Theater to see *To Kill a Mockingbird* at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, February 25 (\$32); and a brown bag seminar on Ireland at noon Wednesday, March 10. For information, call 651-451-3239.

Concordia University will host its 18th annual summer Elderhostel from July 25-31 for adults age 55 and older. The program will offer classes on American musical theater, Mark Twain and ethics in everyday living. The cost is \$275. For information, call Carroll Peter at 651-484-4472.

Lyngblomsten Senior Housing Services is accepting applications for Superior Street Cottages, a 23-unit senior citizen housing project being built at the former Holm and Olson Florists site near St. Clair Avenue and I-35E. The project is a cooperative effort of the city of St. Paul, the West 7th/Fort Road Federation and Lyngblomsten. The units are intended for those age 62 and older. Nine of the cottages will be restricted to those who meet low-income guidelines. For information, call Debbie Stacey at 651-647-4663.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

The Reverend William O'Neill will offer two different six-week lecture series in the coming months. "The Mystery of Scrupulosity" will be presented on Mondays beginning February 22, and "Walking with God in his Love" will be presented on Wednesdays beginning February 24. Lecture in the series will run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Brady Educational Center on the campus of the St. Paul Seminary. For details, call 612-827-2336.

"Storytelling and Soul-Making," a spirituality series for men, will address aging and retirement at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 24, at Wisdom Ways, 1890 Randolph Ave. The session will be led by Wayne Hergott, a former trial lawyer who went back to college to receive a master's degree in theology at the College of St. Catherine. The series will continue on "The Making of a Gentleman" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10. Dick Rice, co-founder of the Loyola Renewal Center in St. Paul, will lead the program. The cost is \$25, or \$20 for seniors. For information, call 651-690-8830.

Mazal Mondays will continue with "Talmud—The Earliest Hasids: Stories that Awaken the Soul" at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 22, at Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Ave. For information, call 651-698-3881.

The Temple of Aaron Synagogue, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd., will offer the following activities in the next few weeks: a Sabbath dinner for parents and young children at 5:45 p.m. Friday, February 19; a Learner's Minyan at 9:00 a.m. Saturdays, February 20 and 27; a joint Men's and Women's Torah Break at noon Wednesday, February 24 (\$5.00 for lunch); a

Sabbath dinner for Jewish single parents and their families at 6:30 p.m. Friday, February 26, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. (\$9.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children); a Neshama service featuring lively music at 8:00 p.m. Friday, February 26; a Purim meal and reading of the Megillah at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 1; Hebrew classes beginning Wednesday, March 3 (\$10 for members, \$25 for others); and a Purim carnival from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7. For information, call 651-698-8874.

"Does God Go to the Movies?" will be offered at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning February 24, at the Homecroft Recreation Center, 1845 Sheridan Ave. Participants will discuss spiritual themes and faith issues in current popular movies. First up will be a look at *Star Wars*. The study is organized by members of Edgcombe Presbyterian Church and is open to all adults. For information, call 651-698-8220.

A lunch to benefit the Father Duffy Missionaries will be served at noon on Wednesday, February 24, by the Council of Catholic Women of St. Helena Church, 3201 E. 43rd St., Minneapolis. The cost is \$5.00.

The Church of St. Helena, 3204 E. 43rd St., Minneapolis, will offer a six-part series on "Saints of the Catholic Church" at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays. The series will include presentations on St. Therese of Lisieux on February 19, St. Patrick on February 26, St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross on March 5, St. Margaret of Scotland on March 12, St. Joseph on March 19 and André Bessette on March 26. Admission is \$3.00 per talk. Complimentary tickets are available by calling 612-729-7321.

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Wednesday/February 17

A **TRAVELOGUE** and slide presentation will be given at 7:00 this evening at Books for Travel, Etc., 857 Grand Ave. The speaker will be Bill Simpson who leads trips for the American Lung Association. He will talk about hiking and camping in Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand. For information, call 651-225-8006.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will hold a blood drive from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. today at Nativity Catholic School, 1900 Stanford Ave. For information, call 651-291-4607.

Thursday/February 18

LA LECHE LEAGUE will meet at 7:00 this evening. The discussion will focus on nutrition and weaning. For meeting location information, call Gail at 651-227-3887.

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS, former senior adviser to President Clinton for policy and strategy, will give a talk at 7:30 this evening in the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center auditorium at the University of St. Thomas. Admission is free.

THE MOMS CLUB will meet from 10:15 to 11:30 this morning. The guest speaker will be Dr. Deborah Lehnus, who will discuss the needs and concerns of children's dentistry. For information, call 651-917-3823.

A **DISCUSSION** on massage therapy will be offered at 7:00 this evening at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy. Liz DeAguirre from the Wellness Center will discuss the different types of bodywork available and various self-help techniques. For information, call 651-690-9443.

Sunday/February 21

PURIM FAMILY WORKSHOPS will take place from 2:00 to 4:00 this afternoon at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Grogger-making will be held from 2:00 to 2:30; mask-making from 2:30 to 3:00; and storytelling and a craft project from 3:00 to 4:00. The cost is \$6.00 per family or \$4.00 for JCC families. To register, call 651-698-0751.

A **CHILDREN'S FLEA MARKET** will take place from 12:30 to 3:30 this afternoon at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. There will be games, books, toys, dolls, sports items and more. For information, call 651-698-0751.

THE GREEN PARTY is holding discussion forums from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. "Future Focus: Green Party Presidential Campaign 2000" will be today's topic and "Community-Based Economics: Affordable Housing" will be the topic on March 7. For information, call 651-698-5266.

Monday/February 22

A **MATH AND SCIENCE CARNIVAL** for children ages 5-11 will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 this evening at the YWCA, 198 N. Western Ave. There will be games, prizes and hands-on learning for children to explore math, science and technology. Admission is free.



Through the sands of time.

Horace Mann students unearthed a little history on February 4 during a simulated archaeological dig in the school's lobby. Above, Laura Hahn Carlson sifts dirt in search of artifacts and came up with a couple of small bones. Below, fellow 4th-graders search for clues to the past through layers of sediment representing modern times, Fort Snelling and an early Indian campsite. The students also created displays of famous archaeological discoveries as part of the year-long course. Photos by Mike Long.

A **WORKSHOP** on handling anger in the family will be held from 5:45 to 8:00 this evening at the Hiawatha Community School, 4201 S. 42nd Ave., Minneapolis. Dinner will be followed by the workshop and children's activities. The cost is \$5.00 per family. To register, call 612-627-3134.

A **GARDEN SALON** on annuals will be held at 7:00 this evening at the Squire House Gardens, 1129 Grand Ave. There also will be a program on deer and other garden pests on March 1. The cost is \$5.00. To register, call 651-665-0142.

Tuesday/February 23

"OUR FEET ON THE GROUND: Changing through Cancer," a locally produced video about cancer, nature and healing, will be shown at 7:00 this evening in Weyerhaeuser Hall at Macalester College. The 30-minute video will be followed by a panel discussion featuring the women in the video and the producers. A \$5.00 donation is requested.

Wednesday/February 24

"THINK ST. PAUL," a free lecture series focusing on the arts and sciences, will continue at noon on Wednesdays in downtown St. Paul with "Mysteries of Memory" today

at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. The guest speaker will be Holly van Gulden, the director of the Adoptive Family Counseling Center and author of *Real Children, Real Parents*. The cost is \$7.00. To register, call 651-297-7979.

A **SILENT AUCTION** and a Third World Hunger Meal will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 this evening at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 104 S. Snelling Ave. Cash donations and canned goods will be collected. Proceeds will benefit the Immanuel Senior High service trip to Mexico. For information, call 651-227-3892.

A **TOWN MEETING** focusing on education and other legislative issues will be held at 9:00 this morning at Hillcrest Community Center, 1961 N. Bohland Ave. Senator Dick Cohen and Representatives Matt Entenza and Michael Paymar, along with special guests Christine Jax, Minnesota's education commissioner, and Joe Nathan from the U of M Humphrey Institute will be on hand to discuss the issues. Call 651-296-4199 or 651-296-8799.

Sunday/February 28

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet at 2:30 this afternoon at 1727 Pinehurst Ave. for a walk around the neighborhood. For information, call Chuck at 651-644-7502.

A **FAMILY PURIM BASH** will take place from 5:30 to 7:00 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. There will be a dairy dinner, music by Mark Stillman and Company and creative mask-making. Admission is \$6.00, \$5.00 for JCC members and \$3.00 for children under 12. For reservations, call 651-698-0751.

Monday/March 1

CLASSES on Hatha yoga and meditation will take place from 4:00 to 5:15 beginning this afternoon at Deva House, 260 Summit Ave. The cost is on a donation basis. To register, call 651-602-0252.

Thursday/March 4

A **SEMINAR** on children's literature will be given at 7:00 this evening at the Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., by Martha Davis Beck of the *Riverbank Review*, a children's magazine published at the University of St. Thomas. Call 651-224-8320.

Sunday/March 7

THE HENRY SIBLEY BAND BOOSTERS will hold their annual pancake breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today in the school cafeteria, 1897 Delaware Ave., Mendota Heights. There will be a silent auction, bake sale and performance by the jazz band and small group ensembles. The cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children.

Tuesday/March 9

A **NEW PARENTS AND BABIES GROUP** will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 this morning at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The meeting will focus on child CPR. To register, call 651-698-0751.

Saturday/February 27

"A FEAST OF WORDS: Introducing Children to Poetry" is the theme of the 7th annual Hubbs Children's Literature Conference that will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today at the University of St. Thomas. The conference is open to parents, teachers, storytellers, students and others interested in children's literature. The keynote speaker will be children's book author Karla Kuskin. The cost is \$45, which includes lunch. Call 651-962-5431.

A **WORKSHOP** for adoptive families will be held from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. today

Pushing the right buttons

Summit pair find national audience for sculptures inspired by old tin toys

by Jeff Mores

It's a safe bet, judging by their backgrounds, that no one would have picked Summit Avenue residents Dean Lucker and Ann Wood to end up together. Lucker grew up in the Twin Cities and studied printmaking. He was talented, dedicated and very quiet. He preferred to keep to himself and go about his own business.

Wood was raised on a farm in Iowa and came to Minneapolis to pursue her interest in sculpture. She was the talkative, outgoing type.

The two artists knew of each other while they were attending the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, but that was the extent of their relationship. They grew closer following graduation and, before long, discovered they had a lot more in common than they expected.

Individually, they had thought about trying to show their work in galleries, but for them that was not enough. They were both looking for a way to convey their feelings to an audience on a more personal level. They decided to combine their talents and, before long, they had found their niche.

"We were just out of school and had no idea how we were going to make a living," Wood said. "Then, it just happened."

Combining Lucker's love for nature and mechanical know-how with Wood's interest in gardening and detail work, the two stumbled upon the way they could express themselves together. They began chiseling and hammering away at anything they could get their hands on. The result was a unique line of interactive mechanical sculptures with characteristics similar to those of jack-in-the-boxes and old-fashioned tin toys. The simple turn of a crank or push of a button sets their sculptures and, more important, the feelings they are trying to convey into motion.

"Just because you're an artist doesn't mean you have to draw your inspiration from art history," Lucker said. "There are so many forms of art out there and we feel really good about what we're doing. For us, it's always been about connecting with people—giving them something they can relate to."

"We're really inspired by old tin toys because there are a lot of memories associated with them," Wood said. "The people who dig our stuff remember a toy or a stuffed animal they had when they were younger. We're taking experiences from our own world and placing them out there where other people can react to them."

The reaction was so positive that the two artists decided to start their own small business, Lucker-Wood, out of a University



The simple turn of a crank sets Ann Wood's and Dean Lucker's sculptures, and the feelings they are trying to convey, into motion. Photo by Mike Long.

Avenue studio. For the past eight years, they have continued to come up with new interactive sculptures and have marketed them at arts and crafts shows around the country. In late-February, they will be traveling to Baltimore to display their 15 newest creations at a show run by the American Art Council.

Pieces included in their latest line are as unusual as ever. One that stands out is a wooden sculpture of a large seed sitting beside a tree. At the push of a button, the casing of the seed lifts up to reveal a turning water wheel. Other pieces include flowers that bloom before the viewer's eyes.

Over the years, the work of Lucker-Wood has generated a great deal of interest. The company's creations are now sold in more than 100 shops, galleries and museums across the nation, especially along the East and West coasts. The couple's ideas have earned them a variety of awards, including

Minnesota State Arts Board and Bush Artist fellowships and Craftsman Choice Awards.

"It was tough at first, trying to figure out how to make a go of it," said Wood, "but we've been very fortunate."

As the sole employees, Lucker and Wood are responsible for producing their own promotional materials, making sales calls, writing invoices and packaging their finished products. It can be overwhelming at times, but they say it's all worth it.

"We've heard so many stories from people about their reactions to our work and the memories they have," Wood said. "There are times when I'll start crying while listening to them. This is our way to reach people."

"To know someone is going out and paying their hard-earned money for something you've created and then putting it in their home is awesome," Lucker said. "We want to form that connection with people. That's the greatest reward."

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ON THE TOWN

The world beat goes on

Cafe Accordion Orchestra's music may be considered retro here, but in Paris bistros it's as common as baguettes and berets

by Catherine Condon

The Cafe Accordion Orchestra was about to perform at the Lake Harriet bandshell a few years back. Guitarist-vocalist Brian Barnes had procured 100 baguettes from Napoleon's Bakery to serve to concert-goers. After he announced to the crowd that the bread would be distributed, the audience rushed the stage, nearly trampling the baguettes and the musicians. Despite the chaos, the bread was broken and there was a little something for everyone, said Barnes, a Lexington-Hamline resident. The same can be said about Cafe Accordion, which specializes in re-creating the music popular in Parisian dance halls and bistros from the 1920s to the early 1960s. With its mix of waltzes, tangos, fox trots, vintage swing, Latin and European dance music, the orchestra offers plenty to whet its listeners' appetites.

"We cover, loosely, the repertoire of the French dance bands that called themselves musette orchestras," said accordionist and vocalist Dan Newton, who founded the quintet in 1993. "We have a wide and eclectic repertoire, but it fills a niche and embodies a lot of music that people recognize."

"It's happy music," said Barnes about the repertoire, which includes everything from the easy-listening "What a Difference a Day

Makes" to such swing numbers as "Knock Me a Kiss."

From note one, the quintet's sound has drawn raves. "The Cafe Accordion Orchestra plays the kind of gentle, enticing, low-volume world music that Americans knew about in the Kennedy era," wrote a *Star Tribune* reviewer in 1993.

"With a somewhat unconventional approach to the craft, and the honest talent to make it all work, the Cafe Accordion Orchestra proves that bringing back the past doesn't have to be done in an overexposed, commercial way," the *Minnesota Daily* wrote recently. "Forget all those hip new swing bands with their zoot suits and martinis; Cafe Accordion is the real deal. And you won't be seeing them in any Gap ads, either."

The group performs about six times a month, including gigs at the Half-Time Rec in St. Paul and the Loring Cafe in Minneapolis. It also plays regularly at private parties as well as for special events like the Guthrie Theatre's silent auction, the Capital City New Year and the St. Paul Winter Carnival.

Next up will be performances at the second annual Minneapolis Human Rhythm Project, where three group members will provide accompaniment for the tap group Keane Sense of Rhythm, internationally renowned tap master Lane Alexander and Appalachian clogger Sandy



The Cafe Accordion Orchestra, from left, includes Eric Mohring on mandolin, Joe Steinger on percussion, Dan Newton on accordion, Erik Lillestol on bass and Brian Barnes on guitar.

Silva. Performances will be given from Thursday through Sunday, March 4-7, at the Hennepin Center for the Arts. (For tickets, priced at \$12 and \$15, call 612-550-1173.)

Last month, Cafe Accordion released its second CD, "On Holiday: A Musical Cruise," a collection of French, Brazilian, Mexican and Argentinean songs. Its first CD, "Dancing on the Moon," came out in 1996.

"Things are really picking up," said Barnes, who also helps maintain the group's Web site (www.cafeaccordion.com). "This year has taken off with a bang."

Barnes, Newton and percussionist Joe Steinger are the most veteran Cafe Accordion members. Barnes moved from Louisville, Kentucky, to the Twin Cities in 1980 to join a bluegrass band. A full-time musician and instructor, he teaches out of his home and at Homestead Pickin' Parlor, where he met Newton several years ago.

Originally from Lincoln, Nebraska, Newton is a professional accordionist who presents 300 performances annually. He provides background music at the Loring Cafe, plays a lot of nursing homes and picks up occasional gigs at private parties and coffee houses, such as Dunn Brothers on Grand.

Newton hooked up with vocalist, mandolin player and fiddler Eric Mohring through another band, and bass violinist Erik Lillestol joined the group last month

after Cafe Accordion responded to his "work wanted" ad in *City Pages*.

The orchestra has been getting plenty of air time on radio stations KSNJ-FM, KLBB-AM, and KEAI-FM. "A lot of public radio stations around the country have used our stuff," Barnes said. "We've gotten some overseas air play, too."

Though its music is being played in France, Australia and Finland, the farthest the group has ever traveled is Milwaukee. It hopes to return there for Bastille Days in July. Later that month the group will perform at the Augusta Heritage Institute's Swing Week in Elkins, West Virginia.

"We're trying to expand our area," said Newton. "We'd love to do a lot more traveling."

Barnes said he knows of only one or two groups on the West Coast that perform music with as broad a range as Cafe Accordion's. In Paris, where he vacationed last October, the music is, not surprisingly, much more common.

"I went to a restaurant and there was an accordionist and guitarist there," he said. "They were both younger gypsy guys. Half the tunes they played were stuff that we do. It was French musette, but they were also doing tunes like 'Autumn Leaves' and swing numbers in a style that we do. In Paris it's not considered a retro thing. It's still very current."

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Music

"Music Under Glass," a series of noontime performances on Thursdays in the Como Park Conservatory's Sunken Garden, will conclude with the following: Glen Helgeson and Axis Marimba on February 18. Visitors may bring a bag lunch or order one from Black Bear Coffeehouse (\$6.25) for pickup at the conservatory 30 minutes before the performance. Call 651-488-2327 for lunch reservations by noon the day before the performance. Admission is \$1.00, or 50 cents for seniors and children. Call 651-487-8200.

"A Bernstein Extravaganza" will be performed by the Minnesota Orchestra at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, February 20, at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced from \$20.50 to \$63.50, call 612-371-5656.

Michala Petri will perform on recorder with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, February 20, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. For tickets, priced from \$15 to \$41, call 651-291-1144.

The Minnesota Guitar Society will present Adam del Monte on flamenco guitar at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, February 20, in Sundin Hall at Hamline University. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8.00 for students and seniors.

The Singer's Voice, an autobiographical music series hosted by Dan Chouinard, will continue at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Dakota Bar & Grille in Bandana Square with the following: Kathryn Gagnon on February 21; Jonathan Rayson on February 28; and David Fischer on March 7. Call 651-642-1442.

A free jazz recital by University of St. Thomas faculty will be held at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, February 21, in UST's Brady Educational Center auditorium. The concert will feature

Bill Duna and his trio, Ruben Haugen and guest Marv Dahlgren in a salute to Benny Goodman, and 15-year-old Swiss vibraphonist John Dickenson.

The Heartwood Marimba Series will present Nancy Zeltsman in a concert of solo marimba works at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 23, in Sundin Hall at Hamline University. Admission is \$10, or \$5.00 for seniors and students. Call 651-645-7328.

"Melodious Lunches" take place from noon to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Terrace Cafe in the St. Paul Student Center at the University of Minnesota. The schedule includes Nicholas Carter on February 24; Barbara Alter on February 25; Katy Tessman on March 3; and Tim Gadban and Vick Johnson on March 4.

Burt Hara, principal clarinet with the Minnesota Orchestra, will perform Mozart's "Concerto for Clarinet" with the JCC Symphony Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Admission is free. Call 651-698-0751.

The St. Paul Early Music Series will present Oleg Timofeyev, Richard Hensold and Dirk Freymuth at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, February 27, at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 901 Portland Ave. For tickets, priced at \$10 and \$15, call 651-699-1808.

The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra will perform an ensemble concert at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 28, in Sundin Hall at Hamline University. For tickets, priced at \$20 and \$25, call 651-291-1144.

Dare to Breathe, an a cappella quintet, will present a concert of vocal music from around the world at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 28, at St. Paul's Church on the Hill, 1524 Summit Ave. For tickets, priced at \$6.00 and \$10, call 651-698-0371.

ON THE TOWN briefly



Legendary pianist Oscar Peterson, one of jazz's most enduring stars, will perform at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 17, at Northrop Auditorium. For tickets, priced at \$31.50 and \$41.50, call 612-624-2345.

The Cretin-Derham Hall Band will perform at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 28, in the Activity Center at CDH, 550 S. Albert St. Admission is free. For information, call 651-696-3363.

A free chamber music recital by University of St. Thomas faculty will be presented at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, February 28, in UST's Brady Educational Center auditorium. Featured will be Marianne Fleming Bryan on piano; Alan Bryan, baritone; Hanley Daws, violin; Robert Jamieson, cello; Adele Lorraine, flute; and Tamas Strasser, viola.

Ulali, three Native American women singers, will perform a cappella at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 1, at the Children's Theatre in Minneapolis. A dinner and silent auction will precede the concert at 5:30 p.m. For tickets, priced from \$7.50 to

\$25, call 612-673-9230.

Pinchas Zukerman will perform with the Minnesota Orchestra at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 4, and at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced from \$17.75 to \$63.50, call 612-371-5656.

"Evenings Under Glass," a series of jazz concerts from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the Como Park Conservatory, will kick off with the Reuben Ristrom Quartet on March 4. Admission is \$5.00. For information, call 651-487-8200.

Helios will perform a jazz concert at 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 5, in the Janet Wallace Concert Hall at Macalester College. For tickets, priced at \$10, or \$6.00 for students and seniors, call 651-642-1893.

A festival of concerts honoring Finnish composer Einojuhani Rautavaara will take place from Friday, March 5, to Sunday, March 13, at various Twin Cities locations. The festival will kick off with *Aleksis Kivi*, the U.S. premiere of Rautavaara's monumental opera, at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 5-6, in the Ted Mann Concert Hall at the University of Minnesota (\$7.50-\$15); "Vespers from Vigilia" at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the Cathedral of St. Paul (\$5.00-\$12); and Rautavaara's chamber music performed by student musicians in the Ted Mann Concert Hall (free). For tickets, call 612-624-2345.

"How Can I Keep From Singing," a concert of inspirational old-time favorites and spirituals, will be performed by the Chancel Choir at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. For information, call 651-699-1378.

Music in the Park Series will continue with the Weilerstein Trio at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 7, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. For tickets, priced at \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door, call 651-645-5699.

The Hill House Chamber Players will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Music will include Jeffrey Van's new works for flute and guitar. For tickets, priced at \$12, call 651-297-2555.

Books

Anna Pavord will discuss her book *The Tulip* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 18, at the Como Conservatory. Admission is free. Call 651-699-0587.

A reading will be given by Tina Brackins, Holly Day, Kelly Green, Michael Hall and Jeff Skemp at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 18, at Sixth Chamber

Used Books, 1332 Grand Ave. Call 651-690-9463.

The Hungry Mind Bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted): Patricia Weaver Francisco will discuss her book *Telling* on Friday, February 19; Jim Knipfel will read from his memoir *Slackjaw* on Tuesday, February 23; Philip Martin will discuss his book *The Zen Path through Depression* on Thursday, February 25; and Bob Hicok will read from his book of poems *Plus Shipping* at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 27. Call 651-699-0587.

A discussion of the novel and film *Beloved* will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 21, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is free. Call 651-296-6126.

The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library will kick off its Fireside Literary Series, held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays through March 23 at the Hamline Library, 1558 W. Minnehaha Ave. The series will continue with Allison McGhee reading from her first novel *Rainlight* on February 23; Alvin Greenburg will read from his new short story collection *How the Dead Live* on March 2; and Valerie Miner will read from her new novel *Range of Light* on March 9. Call 651-222-3242.

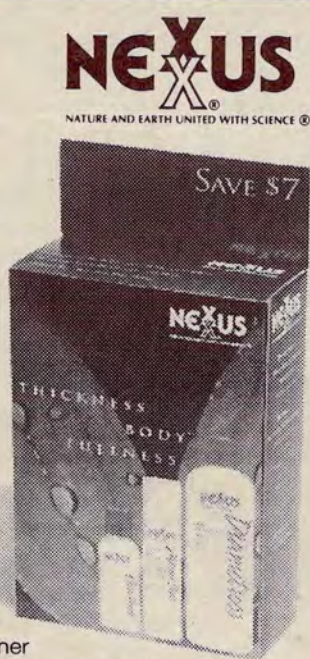
Margaret Bullitt-Jonas will discuss her book *Holy Hunger: A Memoir of Desire* at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, February 27, at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 901 Portland Ave. For information, call 651-699-0587.

"Race and the Literary Imagination," a six-part discussion series of books representing cultural diversity, will be led by five Minnesota authors at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Mary Moore Easter will lead the first discussion on Jamaica Kincaid's *Annie John* at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 6. Admission is free. For information, call 651-296-6126.

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SteppingStone Theatre For Youth Development has opened *And a Child Shall Lead Them: Young Martin Luther King, Jr.* in the F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Landmark Center. Performances will continue on Tuesdays through Fridays and Sundays until March 7. Mixed Blood Theatre Company's *Dr. King's Dream* will be performed along with *Young MLK* on February 19 and 26. For tickets, priced at \$6.00, or \$10 for both shows, call 651-225-9265.

"**Electric Powwow**," a performance weaving together storytelling, music and dance of the Native American people, will be performed Wednesdays through Sundays, February 17-28, in the E.M. Pearson Theater at Concordia University. Showtime will be at 7:30 p.m. with 2:00 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. Admission is \$17 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students and \$9.00 for children. Call 612-706-0414.

The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., will offer the following activities for children at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays: the Melpomene Institute will present a female athlete to tell stories about girls in sports on February 20; the Cat in the Hat will visit the store on February 27 (also at 2:00 p.m.); and The Silly Sisters will do some improvisational storytelling on March 6. Call 651-224-8320.

"**Sundays at Landmark**," a family-oriented event series, will continue at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays at Landmark Center: Allegro Sinfonia with guest soprano Maria Jette on February 21; and "Professor Freshwater's Punch and Judy Show" on March 7. Call 651-292-3225.

History Hijinx programs for children ages 3-11 will be offered from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The line-up includes the



Young Bill (Mark Beattie) and Raven (Joe Wilson Jr.) celebrate their efforts to free three whales trapped in Alaskan ice in the Children's Theatre Company production of *Whale*, opening Friday, February 19. Performances will run through April 3. For tickets, priced from \$10 to \$25, call 612-874-0400.

following: learn how to double-Dutch jump rope on February 21; make a diary from colored paper on February 28; and learn about the history of Ojibwe canoes and make your own miniature birch-bark canoe on March 7. Admission is free. Call 651-296-6126.

A **music appreciation concert** for families will be performed by pianist Shulamit Maneev at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, February 21, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Admission is free. For tickets, call 651-698-0751.

Little Shop of Horrors, a musical that played on Broadway and was featured in two movies, will be performed by a cast of 50 students in grades 7 through 12 at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 25, and Saturday, February 27, and at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, February 28, at the Temple of Aaron Synagogue, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. Admission is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children and seniors. Call 651-698-8874.

The Three Bowls, the story of an Asian parable of three royal daughters seeking meaning in

questioning world, will be performed by 5th- and 6th-graders at Unity Church-Unitarian, 732 Holly Ave. Performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 25-27. Admission is \$4.00. Call 651-228-1456.

"**The Creation of the World**," a special concert for families, will be performed by the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, February 27, at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced at \$15.50 for adults and \$9.50 for children, call 651-291-1144.

Storytimes for children ages 2-3 will be offered at 10:30 a.m. on Fridays beginning February 26 and continuing through March 19 at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. To register, call 651-642-0385.

Minnesota Youth Symphonies will perform at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 28, at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1807 S. Field Ave. Special guest artists will be concertmaster Jorja Fleezanis and Tom Turner, principal viola of the Minnesota Orchestra. For information, call 651-699-5811.

Dance

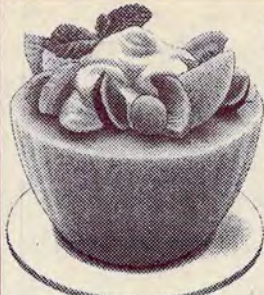


"**There's No Time For Cold Feet**," a dance featuring the waltz, foxtrot, tango hustle, Latin and swing dancing, will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Sundays, February 21 and 28, in the Twin City Ballroom, 265 W. 7th St. Dance lessons will be given at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00. Call 651-771-4718.

"**First I Dream**," a new work by Susana di Palma, will be performed by Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, February 26 and 27, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 28, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced from \$10 to \$21, call 651-690-6700.

Ballet Nacional de Cuba will perform *Giselle* at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, February 26 and 27, at Northrop Auditorium. For tickets, priced at \$20.50, \$28.50 and \$33.50, call 612-624-2345.

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10,000 Dances will perform "Third Time 'Round the Block-A Tribute to Sam Costa" at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 5-6, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 7, in the E.M. Pearson Theater at Concordia University. For tickets, priced from \$4.00 to \$15, call 612-870-1099.

A special "Swing Night" will be held from 8:00 p.m. until midnight on Friday, March 5, at the Wabasha Street Caves, 215 S. Wabasha St. Beasley's Big Band will provide the music for the dance. Dance lessons will be given at 7:15 p.m. Admission is \$8.00. Call 651-224-1191.

"O'Shaughnessy Dance!" will present Lester Bowie and Dianna McIntyre in an evening of brass-based jazz and African-American contemporary dance at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at the O'Shaughnessy on the campus of the College of St. Catherine. For information, call 651-690-6700.

"Stepping Through the Ages: A Live History of Irish Dance," a performance of hard and soft shoe dance by five Minnesota dance companies, will be performed at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, March 7, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. Admission is free. For information, call 651-690-6416.

Film

"Ghetto Fighters and Partisans," a series of films documenting the armed Jewish resistance to the Nazis in Poland during World War II, will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 8 and 15, at the University of St. Thomas. A discussion will follow. The cost is \$32. To register, call 612-822-1440 by March 1.

IHM-St. Luke's to present No Way Noah on March 5-7

No Way Noah '99, an original musical by Gerald Stanton, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 5-7, at IHM-St. Luke's School, 1065 Summit Ave.

The play tells the story of St. Bertha's parish, where it has been raining for a month, the roofs are leaking, the choir has no place to rehearse and everyone is depressed. St. Bertha's flood of problems compound until a little boy decides that a show will save the day.

The cast is composed of adults and children from IHM-St. Luke's and is being directed by the playwright's son, Anthony Stanton. Admission is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for students and seniors, and \$2.00 for children.

Etc.



Traditions Classic Home Furnishings will pay tribute to the Titanic exhibit in downtown St. Paul with a gala reception on the evening of Saturday, February 20, at the US Trust Center, 5th and Jackson streets. The Grand Avenue store has invited dress in period costumes and stroll among its replicas of the furniture that graced the luxury liner when it sank in the North Atlantic in 1912. At 4:00 p.m. that day, the Titanic's three massive bronze whistles will be blown for the first time in 87 years in a public ceremony outside Union Depot at 4th and Jackson streets. The Titanic exhibit will remain on view in the depot's concourse through April 30.

A poetry workshop will be led by Cindra Halm at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 21, at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy. This month's workshop will focus on love poems from classic as well as contemporary poets. For information, call 651-690-9443.

Exhibits



Paul Damon, a Merriam Park resident, will display his landscape oil paintings beginning Saturday, February 20, at the Table of Contents Restaurant and Cafe, 1648 Grand Ave. The exhibit will remain on display until April 2.

"Step Into My World," an exhibit of 25 young women photographers and writers ages 8-18, will open Thursday, March 4, in Landmark Center. The exhibit is the product of two community-based photography projects—the Portage for Youth in St. Paul and New Voices in Minneapolis. There will be an opening night performance from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The exhibit will run through April 15. Call 651-222-0701.

Theater

Park Square Theatre will open *The Miracle Worker*, the story of Helen Keller and her teacher Annie Sullivan, on Saturday, February 20, in the Historic Hamm Building, 20 W. 7th Place. Performances will continue Thursdays through Sundays until March 14. For tickets, priced from \$9.00 to \$24, call 651-291-7005.

Theatre de la Jeune Lune will open Moliere's comedy *Tartuffe* at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, in its performance space at 105 N. First St., Minneapolis. Performances will continue at 8:00 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 7:00 p.m. Sundays until April 25. For tickets, priced from \$9.00 to \$24, call 612-332-3968.

The Minnesota Opera will open Puccini's *Madame Butterfly* on Saturday, March 6, at the Ordway Music Theatre. Performances will run through March 14. For tickets, priced from \$23 to \$75, call 651-224-4222.

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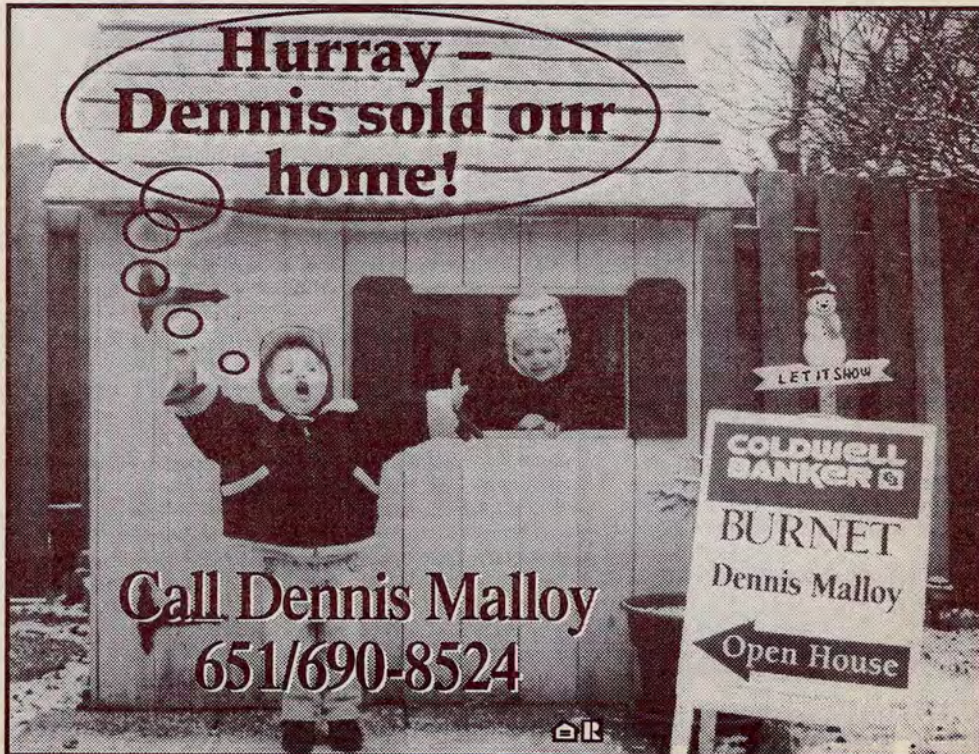
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A check list for grieving Vikings fans



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Those who are wondering whether they're a candidate for counseling might want to take a close look at the following check list. If you answer "yes" to more than two items, it's time to get up off your sofa and lie down on the doctor's couch.

- ___ Do you still have one of those insipid Vikings flags flying from your car?
 - ___ Are you still talking around the office fax machine about the 30-seconds-left-kneel-down play?
 - ___ Did you watch the NFL Pro Bowl from start to finish?
 - ___ If you answered "yes" to the question above, did the words "If only Cunningham had thrown the ball this well against the Falcons" escape your lips?
 - ___ Are you still calling your bookie every weekend to place your bets, settling for wagers on the PGA Tour or NASCAR races instead of the Vikings?
 - ___ Are you still calling the "Common Man" every afternoon to talk about a possible Brad Johnson trade?
 - ___ Is there any trace of purple paint still left on any part of your body?
 - ___ Have you rechristened any children or pets "Leroy" or "Randy" within the past month?
 - ___ Have you recently used the phrases "Just 6 inches to the left" or "How can a guy make 122 in a row and miss that one?"
 - ___ Do you still don your \$85 Randy Moss jersey on Sunday afternoons?
 - ___ Are you still on the Denny Green protein diet? Drop the hard-boiled eggs and stuff yourself with Oreos. Twins pitchers and catchers report to spring training next week.
- Ob la dee, ob la da, life goes on.

A POINTED ARGUMENT

The abbreviated NBA season has just begun, but there are already a few visible trends developing on the local front. The Timberwolves' fortunes will be determined on the offensive end where the team seems to be short on sharpshooters. Replacing Tom Gugliotta's scoring ability may be a bigger problem than anybody in the organization wanted to admit.

Cody's Corner/see page 33

City title is up for grabs in boys hoops

by Jeff Mores

Central boys basketball coach Steve Lasley stared disappointedly at the scoreboard seconds after the final horn had sounded on February 9. All of a sudden, the race for the St. Paul City Conference championship was up in the air.

Through the first full round of conference play, Lasley's squad had been in complete control. Led by 6-foot-7 senior center John Dungey, Central had powered its way to a 7-0 conference mark.

However, though the defending conference champs had positioned themselves ahead of Highland Park, the state's fifth-ranked team, by one game and CDH by a pair, they had yet to play the toughest part of their schedule. In the second half of the season, they would have to face those same seven teams again—five of them on the road. And what a different story it has been thus far.

The second round began on February 5 and highly touted Highland Park, paced by double-digit performances from sophomore guard Maurice Hargrow, senior guard Terrance Stokes and senior forward Mark Wingo, upset the conference leaders 74-56. CDH then delivered the second blow, knocking off the Minutemen 54-45 on February 9. Highland Park was the victor in a 79-41 drubbing of Harding that same evening, which has set the stage for a storybook run to the St. Paul City Conference title. Central (12-6, 8-2) and CDH (13-4, 8-2) are now tied for second place while Highland Park (17-2, 9-1) is in sole possession of



Central's John Dungey and Cretin-Derham's Jimmy Krieger reach for the jump ball to start their February 9 conference clash, which the Raiders won 54-45. Photo by Mike Long.

mistakes. Dungey is pumping in about 13 points an outing and senior forward Paul Schultz has been contributing solid all-around skills. However, the entire team is still learning to play together. Lasley said that how quickly they gel will determine their chances down the stretch.

"Until recently, our kids have played well," he said. "They put themselves in a good position by going undefeated through the first half, but the turnovers and mental mistakes have killed us. We stayed in the game with Highland Park the other day, but a handful of turnovers in the final three minutes allowed them to pull away."

"Highland has great size and Cretin is one of those teams that you always have to be ready for," he said. "We're shooting for a trip to William's Arena (for the state tournament March 16-20), but we're going to have to keep battling. It's not going to be easy."

Highland Park

With five players over 6-foot-5 and a cast of all-stars, Highland will be tough to beat. Its only conference loss of the year came at Central early in the year in a game in which neither team played to its potential. The Scots were the preseason favorite to win the city crown and are now in good shape to do just that.

Of late, Highland has been administering beatings to its foes. Hargrow paced Highland again with 14 points in the win over Harding, while Joshua Watson added 11 and Daniel Lee, Tom Miley and Wingo each turned in stellar

Boys hoops/see next page

of the regular season:

Central

Lasley said that his team must cut down on the turnovers if it has any hope of repeating as conference champs. Central lost a lot of players to graduation following the 1997-98 season and this year's squad is considerably younger.

Jerry Webb, who is averaging 16 points a game, and Rashem Sharpe have proven to be among the top guards in the conference, but they are only juniors and Lasley said they are going to make

the lead. "It doesn't surprise me at all," said Cretin junior guard Walter Bowser of the tight City Conference race. "All three teams are very competitive and, right now, it's anyone's championship to win. Each team brings something different to the table. It's all going to depend on who's at the top of their game on a given night."

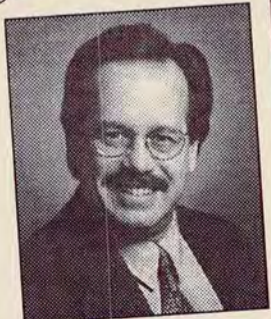
Lasley knows that fact all too well.

Following is a look at each of the three teams as they head into the last two weeks

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Good things happen when the Scots' Laura Haugen has the ball. Photo by Mike Long.

Haugen's shooting, defensive skills lead the way for Highland hoopsters

by Bill Wagner

Laura Haugen has quietly risen to become the top scorer among Villager area girls basketball players this season. The 5-foot-8 junior wing for Highland Park High School may not catch a viewer's eye at the start of a game, but by the time the final buzzer sounds she will have scored about 18 points, pulled down about six rebounds and collected about three steals, all the while making it extremely difficult for the opponent she was covering to sustain any offensive rhythm.

Highland coach Lynn Nelson knows just how valuable Haugen is to the team. "She works hard and always wants to improve," he said. "Laura has been especially tough in the second half of the season. She used to be pretty much just a shooter, but now she's becoming a complete player."

Haugen, who also stars in soccer and track for the Scots, has always been an offensive threat from the perimeter. This year during the off-season she spent a lot of extra time in the weight room and worked on her footwork and positioning in order to improve her rebounding and defensive skills. The hard work has paid off.

She is now the Scots' third leading rebounder and a recent joust against Cretin-Derham Hall's all-state point guard Kate Townley showed just how far she has come defensively. The Scots (11-9, 8-4) lost to the No. 1-ranked Raiders, but Haugen fought Townley to nearly a dead heat.

"It was fun," said Haugen, a Macalester-Groveland resident. "We were right with each other the whole game. It was good competition. Playing against Kate brings out the best in you."

At press time, Haugen had logged eight games of 20 or more points, including 27 points against Park Center and 28 against Como Park. She is expected to eclipse the 1,000-point career mark sometime during

next season.

"That would be quite an honor," she said. "I'd really like to get there."

Despite her scoring prowess, Haugen has been something of an unheralded player in the St. Paul City Conference, which boasts powerful Cretin-Derham (18-1, 12-0) and Central (16-4, 10-2) teams. All four of Highland's conference defeats have been at the hands of the Raiders and the Minutemaids.

The Scots have other talented players as well, including senior forward Shaun-te Johnson, who is averaging 13 points a game, senior forward Niambi Shakir and senior guard Jill Reinhardt. Rounding out the starting five is sophomore point guard Kendra Hinkle, while freshman forward Janet Klees and junior forward Laina Stensvold have come on strong off the bench. However, the team has been hurt by the loss of senior guard Devon Radosevich, who has missed the entire season with a bad knee.

"We're still giving it everything we've got," Haugen said.

Haugen had a distinguished stint as a basketball player at Ramsey Junior High School before ascending to the Highland varsity as a freshman. She went to the state track meet as an 8th-grader in the 400-meter dash and was discovered by Nelson, whose teaching job is at Ramsey. He was immediately impressed with her hoop skills and knew Haugen would be able to move up quickly on the varsity once she got the experience.

"If Laura continues to progress as she has, we'll have quite a player in her senior year," Nelson said.

Haugen credits Betty Richardson, who retired as Highland's head coach several years ago, with helping her to upgrade her game. "She'll spot you in the hallway and she'll always have some kind of tip or encouraging word for you," Haugen said. "She's so helpful."

By next season, Haugen might not need much help at all.

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performances. With the majority of Highland's remaining conference games to be played at home, Lasley and CDH coach Bill McKee feel it is going to be tough for anyone to upend the Scots.

Cretin-Derham Hall

By no means have McKee and the Raiders ruled themselves out of the picture. Though the Raiders are by far the shortest of the three teams vying for the conference championship, they are very deep.

"Everyone felt Highland Park and Central were going to be the top teams," McKee said, "but we thought we had a pretty good group

of kids, too. At the beginning of the year, I told the team that I thought we could play with anybody. We play eight or nine guys and that's different from most teams."

Cretin-Derham's depth will be tested when it squares off at Highland on February 23 in a game that could decide the conference championship. Bowser said the Raiders, despite their underdog status, have a chance if they can overcome the size disadvantage.

"We're going to have to stop their fast break and get position on the boards," said Bowser, a second-year varsity player. "We have to box out and rebound. Limiting them to just one shot per trip will be the key."

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oe Smith, Dean Garrett and Kevin Garnett give the Wolves a solid defensive front, but there'll be many nights ahead when the Wolves will have a hard time trying to run and gun against their opponents.

Smith startled everyone by going 10 for 11 from the field in Minnesota's season-opening win at Denver. However, the new Timberwolves forward is not an outside shooter. Garnett will continue to expand on his offensive role with the team, one he was forced to develop after Googs was injured last spring. Still, his strength is on defense. Point guard Stephon Marbury is the Wolves' primary scoring threat from the perimeter, but his "A" game is based mostly on passing.

Minnesota's fortunes may rest on the performance of Anthony Peeler, but whether the Wolves' shooting guard will show up as the guy who couldn't play for Vancouver a year ago or the guy who lit up the Supersonics last spring in the quarterfinals is anybody's guess. I don't see former Gopher Bobby Jackson hitting double digits on a regular basis, and Chris Carr isn't a viable option either. Defense will win championships, but this isn't a team with legitimate title aspirations—yet. It's going to take scoring for the Wolves to move up a notch from last year's eighth-place finish in the Western Conference, and I don't see where it's going to come from.

O'NEILL HONORED BY FORMER TEAMMATE

Jim O'Neill knew he had big shoes to fill when he was named head coach of the Cretin-Derham Hall baseball team four years ago. Local coaching legend Dennis Denning had put the Raiders on the baseball map before moving on to the University of St. Thomas.

Well, those shoes proved to be just O'Neill's size. In the last four years, his teams have posted a gaudy 118-7 record and have collected three straight Class AA state championships for the Raiders.

Last week, O'Neill was honored with the "Citizen of the Year" award at the Ball Park Tours winter baseball banquet. The presenter was Paul Molitor, O'Neill's former double-play partner at Cretin (class of '74). Molitor recalled his baseball days as a youth, citing his childhood dream of playing on the "old Dunning No. 4 field" on Marshall Avenue. He also shared a story from his first spring training as a professional ballplayer.

"The coach hit me 100 grounders," he said. "There were quite a few that bounced off my chest, off my shoulders... but I didn't let any get by me. Then he called me in and asked me if the scout had been drunk when he signed me."

O'Neill graciously accepted the award from Molitor, then admitted that he was nervous when he took the CDH job. "After we'd won a few, a fan told me that I'd better start taking credit whenever we won," he said, "because they were all going to blame me for sure whenever we lost."

TIME FOR A CHANGE

Doug Woog is done. The guy did great things with the University of Minnesota hockey program, effectively passing the team's rich history from his generation to the current one. However, the fact remains he isn't winning anymore.

A strong football team is the financial cornerstone of any Division I institution, but the University of Minnesota is a unique entity. Plain and simple, the Gophers have to have a winning hockey team. Minnesotans are frighteningly well-versed in penalty-killing strategies.

Hockey has progressed nationally to the point where Minnesota's dominance on the youth level is a thing of the past. The program needs to step forward and take a fresh approach with some new faces. One of those new faces has to be behind the bench.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

• Prep sports fans will have plenty of exciting matchups to choose from in the next couple of weeks. The first round of

the boys hockey playoffs begin this week, followed by the state gymnastics meet on February 19-20 in the Wilkins Auditorium at RiverCentre.

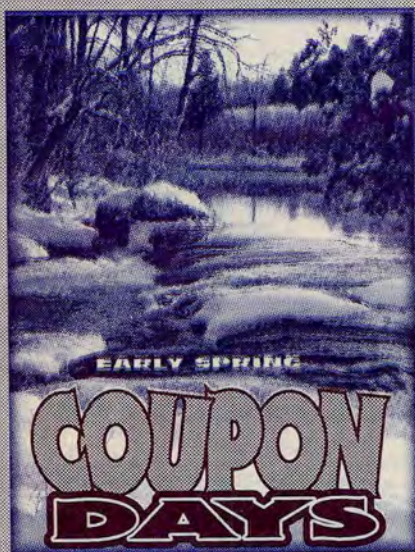
Individual wrestling sectionals also will take place this weekend. Local wrestlers with a solid chance to advance to the state meet at Target Center on February 25-27 include Desmond Radunz of Sibley (112 pounds, 30-0 record), Carey Vanier of Minneapolis Roosevelt (130, 25-1), Marcus LeVesseur of Roosevelt (135, 25-0) and Chris Abbott of St. Thomas Academy (152, 24-1).

The annual Twin Cities girls basketball game will be played at Minneapolis North at 2:45 p.m. Saturday, February 20. The Polars, who won the state Class AAA title last year, will host either Cretin-Derham Hall or Central. The boys Twin Cities game will be played at 2:45 p.m. Saturday, February 27, at Arlington High School. The contest between CDH and Highland Park on Tuesday, February 23, will go a long way in determining which team will represent St. Paul.

Section playoffs for girls basketball begin next week. Sibley and Highland Park could well be the top two seeds in the Section 3AAA finals on Thursday, March 4, while Central and CDH could tangle again in the Section 2AAAA championship game on Wednesday, March 3.

• Local scoring leaders at the end of the regular girls hockey season included Alexa Gollinger of St. Paul United (28 goals, 17 assists), Katie Otis of Sibley (12, 14), Lindsey Rhein of CDH (15, 11), Angie Neska of Sibley (18, 6), Kim Hayes of United (13, 10), Joann Seidl of Sibley (9, 9), Heather Maracle of Sibley (7, 11) and Katie Strassener of Sibley (7, 10). Leading area goaltenders included Kerry Rollwagen of United (1.55 goals against average) and Stephanie Seiler of Sibley (2.10).

• Joe Strike of CDH (100-meter backstroke) was ranked among the top boys swimmers heading into next week's sectionals. Two other CDH tankers—Mike McNamara, 100m butterfly, and Luke Schuster, 100m freestyle—were listed on the metro honor roll.



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The St. Paul City Conference, as part of its centennial celebration in 1998-99, has named the top 100 male, top 25 female and top seven adapted-sports athletes of its first century. Those athletes who are still living will be introduced at an honors banquet on April 19.

The honorees include the following graduates of area schools:

Central boys—Marty O'Neill (class of 1929), Bill Bevans (1931), Jack Campbell (1935), Howie Schultz (1940), Don Simensen (1944), Bob Blakeley (1955), Melvin Henderson (1962), Tommy Boldt (1964), LeRoy Gardner (1965), Clyde Thomas and Dave Winfield (1969), Robert Blakeley (1978), Stacey Robinson (1979), Von Sheppard (1983) and Jeff Loots (1988).

Central girls—Lisa Lissimore (1976), Linda Roberts (1977) and Dana Watts (1980).

Cretin-Derham Hall boys—Steve Walsh (1985), Layne Leitner and Dan Scanlan (1988), Jeff Rosga (1989), Chris Weinke (1990), Steve Rosga (1992) and Carl McCullough (1993).

CDH girls—Theresa Kelly (1985), Margaret Nowlin (1988), Julie Hamiel (1993) and Natalie Roedler (1998).

Highland Park boys—Tom Morris (1975).
Highland Park girls—Annette (1975), Christine Durand (1978), Katie Class (1981), and Tami and Toni Jameson (1986).

Also among the top 100 male athletes were Dick Furey, a 1943 graduate of Humboldt High School who went on to coach and teach at Highland Park Junior High School; Floyd Smaller, a 1955 Mechanic Arts grad now teaching and coaching at Central; and Ron Causton, a 1956 Wilson High graduate and former teacher and coach at Highland Park Senior High.

A ringette tournament, featuring girls teams from Minnesota and Canada, will be held from noon to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 6-7, in Drake Arena at St. Paul Academy, 1712 Randolph Ave. Admission is free. For details, call the Metro Ringette Association at 651-426-8789.

Minnesota Viking John Randle will conduct a youth football camp on June 11-15 at Concordia University. The camp is for boys ages 8-18 and will feature instruction from several members of the Vikings. For information, call 1-800-555-0801.

The Turners Gymnastics Center in Mendota Heights hosted more than 160 gymnasts from 10 clubs in Minnesota during

its Boys Invitational on January 24. Turners teams in Levels 1 and 4 took first place during the event. Regional championships will be hosted by Turners on April 16-18 at the University of Minnesota Sports Pavilion where more than 600 gymnasts from the Upper Midwest will attempt to qualify for the national meet in Houston in May.

College of St. Catherine junior Frannie Villafana of Highland Park placed first in the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard freestyle at a recent meet with three other Minnesota colleges. Villafana's time in the backstroke, 1:03.63, set a new school record. She also holds the school record in the 200-yard backstroke.

Eric Otto, a former All-Midwest soccer player from St. Paul Academy, has been selected by the Minnesota Thunder in the A-League draft. Otto spent last season with the Twin Cities Tornado, the Thunder's amateur development team. He helped SPA win the state soccer title in 1994 and had a four-year career as a midfielder for Duke University.

Nathaniel Kaar, 12, of Macalester-Groveland placed second in his division at the Harry Wheeler International Children's Sled Dog Race held February 6-7 in Monticello. A 6th-grader at Groveland Park Elementary School, Kaar and his three-dog team covered the 1.8 mile course in 5:21.13 in the second heat to finish a total of 37 seconds behind the top competitor.

Katelyn Meyers, 8, of Macalester-Groveland captured first-place honors in both the Beginners Ladies compulsory and free-skating events at the 1999 Northland Competition on January 21-24 in Duluth. A 3rd-grader at Nativity School, Meyers was competing against figure skaters from four states and Canada.

Highland Little League will hold baseball and softball registration from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, in the lower level meeting room at Nativity School, 1900 Stanford Ave. Two leagues are offered: baseball for boys and girls ages 8-12, and fast-pitch softball for girls ages 8-15. The registration cost is \$120 for baseball and \$90 for softball. Each family registering a baseball player for the first time also will be assessed \$25 for field maintenance. For information, call 651-699-3310.

The Hi-Tower Babe Ruth baseball league will hold registration from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, in the lower level meeting room at Nativity School, 1900 Stanford Ave. The program is open to boys and girls ages 13-18. The registration cost is \$130 for those ages 13-15 and \$150 for the older players. Each family registering a player for the first time also will be assessed \$25 for field maintenance. For information, call 651-699-3310.

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