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Thoughts on her 93rd winter. Tatiana Murin, who turns 92 on January 21, took a breather last week while shoveling snow from the sidewalk in front of her Selby Avenue home. Photo by Mike Long.

School parents, staff denounce plan to bus teens on Metro Transit

Potential savings fail to impress
folks more worried about safety

by Catherine Condon

Shuttling St. Paul and Minneapolis students to and from high school via Metro Transit buses rather than school buses could save the two school districts a combined \$885,000 annually, according to a state-mandated study. However, the potential savings did not seem to impress the students, parents and staff members who attended a public hearing before the St. Paul School Board last week.

The plan for using public buses to transport high-schoolers equipped with a student "flash pass" was outlined by staff from Metro Transit and the Metropolitan

Council. If there was a supporter among the 50 people in attendance, he or she remained silent.

The plan, mandated by the state Legislature under a law co-authored by Senator Sandy Pappas of St. Paul and Representative Len Biernat of Minneapolis, incorporates two sets of variables—a 7:30 a.m. or an 8:45 a.m. starting time for high school students, and transporting 75 or 100 percent of eligible riders.

The most cost-effective of the four scenarios would have St. Paul shifting its high school starting time from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. (Minneapolis high schools already start

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Hedman Plumbing pulls the plug after 70 years on Snelling

by Chris Smith

In any neighborhood there are businesses that hold a special place in people's hearts. When a long-time restaurant, movie house or pharmacy closes, the neighborhood feels a loss.

But a plumbing shop?

"People have been calling me up, asking 'Who am I going to call now?'" said Don Wittner, a 38-year employee of Hedman Plumbing & Heating, 404 S. Snelling Ave.

Don Becker, 79, who has worked close to 50 years at the shop and owned it for most of that

time, explained its popularity. "We had a lot of people who'd call us year in and year out," he said. "In fact, I've got a whole drawer full of house keys here from customers who'd just give them to us so we could come in anytime something needed to be done."

Becker recently decided to sell the business, which has operated out of the same small storefront since 1928, when it was

founded by Swedish immigrant John Hedman. Snelling Avenue was then near the edge of town and new construction was a large part of the Hedman's business.

When it was founded in 1928, Snelling Avenue was near the edge of town and new construction was a large part of the business.

Becker, after serving in the South Pacific during World War II, earned a business degree at the University of Minnesota.

Hedman was his father-in-law, and he proposed that Becker join the business. "You

could say I got talked into it," Becker said.

Becker learned the trade as he worked, then took over the business after Hedman died in the early 1950s.

"This area was still growing back then, so we did a lot of new construction work," he said. "Of course, there was a lot of lead work too. That was hard work, that lead piping. The lead work is gone now and there's no sadness in that."

Wittner joined the business in 1959 and was Becker's right-hand man until retiring on

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State lawmakers lay out agendas for 1998

by Celeste Riley

A few of the issues on the state Legislature's table this session make it look a lot like last year's spread. Property tax reform is back and tied to it is funding for public education. Those issues will be debated against a backdrop of the state's projected \$1.3 billion budget surplus.

However, a major focus of the 1998 session, which opens this week, will be a bonding bill for building construction and improving the state's infrastructure. The bonds will be earmarked for eco-

nomic development projects, improvements to state colleges and universities, new roads, bridge repairs, improvements to state parks and trails, as well as a new St. Paul hockey arena.

"This is going to be a very political year—not that they all aren't," said District 64B Representative Michael Paymar. "All the legislators will be coming with their own requests and will push for them as hard as they can. It's difficult to say where the battle lines will be drawn. Hopefully, we'll be able to achieve some regional balance."

As for the budget surplus, House Re-

publicans are calling for a \$500 million property tax rebate package and a permanent income tax reduction. "We have an ongoing budget surplus," said District 38A Representative Tim Commers, the only Republican legislator in the Villager area. "Let's stop returning it to the people and let them keep it in the first place." Democrats support a smaller rebate, investing the rest of the money in education and family programs.

Depending on which legislators one asks, the Twins stadium debate also

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St. Paul OKs park land lease for Circus of the Star facility

The St. Paul City Council approved a lease on January 7 to allow Circus of the Star to construct a \$1 million performance and training facility on park property in Highland Park.

The St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation will oversee the use of the 20,000-square-foot site, which is located off Montreal Avenue, between the Highland Park Pavilion and the Highland Park pool. The 10-year lease for the land calls for a \$725 monthly payment for the first five years and \$825 for the last five. Circus of the Star will be responsible for the upkeep of the pavilion parking lot and the grounds adjacent to the facility.

The youth circus, which now operates out of the Hillcrest Recreation Center, plans to erect a year-round tent-like structure that is 42 feet high and 128-by-190 feet in size. The structure will include performing and practice space, offices and restrooms. Hours of operation will be from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Because the lease agreement with Circus of the Star is not a land sale or donation, the city's "no net loss" park land policy does not apply, according to Parks and Recreation superintendent Robert Piram.

The youth circus was established in 1994 by former circus performers Dan and Betty Butler of Highland Park. The program has outgrown its current space at Hillcrest and reportedly has 300 children on its waiting list.

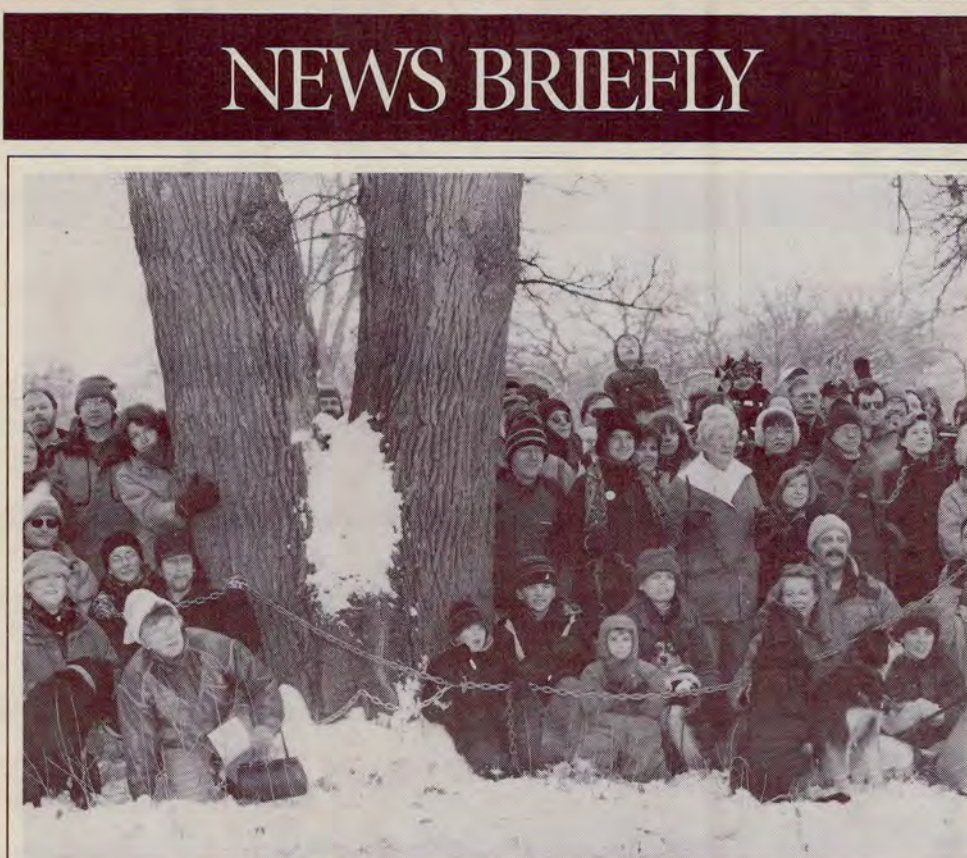
The Butlers obtained a \$200,000 St. Paul Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization grant last year and are now seeking to raise another \$800,000 to build and equip the facility. Construction is expected to begin this year.

Rental housing to be topic of city human rights study

The report of alleged rental housing discrimination in Highland Park has prompted a study of the issue by the St. Paul Human Rights Department. St. Paul City Council members Mike Harris, whose Ward 3 includes Highland Park, and Jerry Blakey of Ward 1 pushed for the study, which won unanimous support from the City Council on January 14.

The council members want the Human Rights Department to prepare a plan to address housing discrimination throughout St. Paul. The 1998 city budget includes a contract with Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services to provide assistance to people who believe they are victims of housing discrimination.

The Minnesota Fair Housing Center con-



United they stand. More than 100 people showed up in Minnehaha Park on January 18 to symbolically chain themselves to oak trees that are destined for removal to make way for the realignment of Highway 55. The International Oak Society arranged for a group photo of the protestors in hope of convincing state transportation officials that the trees are worth saving. Photo by Terry Faust.

ducted an audit of 26 rental properties in Highland Park over a five-month period last year to assess the extent of housing discrimination. Two trained testers—one white and the other black—posed as prospective tenants with similar incomes and backgrounds and inquired about renting the properties. In half of the cases, the black tester was treated less favorably, according to the audit.

Harris said he is hearing increasing complaints about discriminatory practices in the local rental housing market. One ongoing complaint is that of landlords charging costly non-refundable fees for processing tenant applications. Harris said one person who called him was charged a \$150 application fee.

City approval sought to split St. Thomas parking district

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council voted on January 15 to ask the St. Paul Department of Public Works to divide the University of St. Thomas residential permit parking district into three smaller areas.

The Merriam Park Community Council also will act on the change before it is consid-

ered by the St. Paul City Council. If the district is approved, residents of the area would continue to buy annual permits to park on the street. However, the permits would only be good for the smaller areas.

"The permit parking area is very large," said Macalester-Groveland board member Andrea Casselton. "If you live in the northern part of the district but have a college class on the south campus, you can just drive your car and park there."

The district is one of the city's largest and oldest residential permit parking districts. It extends from Dayton to Fairmount avenues on the north and south and for several blocks east and west of the campus. The district has gradually expanded over the past 12 years by petitions from residents.

If the recommended changes are made, the Merriam Park neighborhood north of Summit Avenue would be one district. The area south of Summit would be divided into the two other districts, with Cretin Avenue the dividing line.

The permit parking district around St. Thomas was created in 1986 after years of complaints about student and faculty parking

in the Macalester-Groveland and Merriam Park neighborhoods. Once a district is established, residents buy permits that allow only them to park vehicles on streets in the designated area.

Hair salon seeks permanent change at Grand Ave. site

After nearly an hour of debate, the Macalester-Groveland Community Council voted on January 15 to support changing a non-conforming use permit to allow Andre/Franca Studio to move to 1472 Grand Ave. The recommendation now goes on to the St. Paul Planning Commission.

The building is zoned for multi-family residential use, but was being used by an antique store when the city's zoning code was changed in 1976 and was designated as a "non-conforming use" at that time. That designation allows for continued retail use of the property despite its residential zoning.

Irmiter Construction moved into the building more than five years ago and obtained a change in non-conforming use so the building could be used as an office. As Irmiter grew, so did complaints about employee parking, noise and the storage of construction materials. Last year, Irmiter decided to sell the Grand Avenue building and move elsewhere.

Andre Gambino and Franca Lipari want to buy the building and move their hair salon there from their rented space at 722 N. Snelling Ave. Gambino said their plans include using the building's first floor for a hair salon and converting the second floor into two apartments.

Some area residents complained at the meeting that a nearby hair salon and day-care center at Grand Avenue and Pascal Street already was causing parking and traffic problems in the neighborhood. They said another hair salon would make matters worse. "The parking is already impossible," said neighbor Harriet Ahrend. "There's no more parking space on Grand."

The Macalester-Groveland board recommended approval of the permit change subject to the following conditions: The salon would be limited to seven chairs, parking at the rear of the building would only be used by employees and customers who need handicapped-accessible parking, ventilation equipment would be installed and the salon's operating hours would be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Hedman Plumbing closes/

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January 1. "I'd been a plumber for about a year when I started at Hedman," Wittner said. "There was one guy who'd been there 20 years, and I just couldn't imagine that. But there was always plenty of work, so I kept on."

At one time, the business employed five plumbers. It still had three plumbers until three years ago. "The type of work gradually started to change," Becker said. "It gravitated toward repair work as the new construction was finished. Then when gas came in, there was a lot of gas work and installing new boilers. The pipes turned from lead to copper to plastic. It got hard to find help."

The problem, Becker said, is that young plumbers are not as interested in repair work as they are in new construction or remodeling. "There's a lot of water pipe work to be done in this town, but I can't find guys to do it," he said. "With repair work, a lot of times you have the homeowner there, so maybe you have to take off your shoes or sometimes people are watching. They don't like that."

"I always had real good servicemen, though," Becker said. "I never had any problems with homeowners."

Wittner said he rarely minded working around homeowners. "They always understood that I was working," he said. "I liked talking to people and telling them what I was doing. I couldn't imagine working in an office or factory for 38 years. I'd get into older buildings and sometimes I'd find things I'd never seen before and have to figure it out. Every call was a little bit different."

In the past two years, both Becker and Wittner were involved in serious car accidents that limited their work. "Toward the end, we did enough to keep us going," Wittner said. "Don was still helping as much as he could. He helped carry hot water heaters right up to the end."

However, Becker said it was clearly time for him to stop working. "I maybe did two calls all of last year," he said. "Since the accident, I'm not worth sour apples as a plumber."

Though Becker sold the business name and customer list to Aqua City of Minneapolis, he will remain in the shop for at least a few months to liquidate his remaining stock.

"I'll have some good bargains on faucets and parts in here," he said. "At one time, selling



Don Becker in a back room of the shop he worked in for 49 years. Photo by Mike Long.

plumbing materials was a good part of our income. But things are different now that the discount houses are selling plumbing equipment. Of course, I make sure customers buy the right thing and I can tell a do-it-yourselfer

how to do it right."

Having been "talked into" joining the business 49 years ago, Becker said he has no regrets. "I've enjoyed the work, the customers and the guys who worked for me," he said.

School busing plan receives only lukewarm support in survey/

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at 8:40 a.m.) to avoid overcrowding on buses during peak periods. The two school districts would save an estimated \$5.2 million a year, and Metro Transit's costs would increase an estimated \$4.3 million annually. But that is if all eligible riders from the two school districts used Metro Transit.

According to the study, as many as 26 percent of high-schoolers would need to transfer buses in either downtown St. Paul or Minneapolis. Metro Transit could transport up to 75 percent of the students without a transfer but at an additional cost of \$2.7 million a year—in part to pay for more Metro Transit buses and drivers.

The Metropolitan Council polled about 200 parents of 7th- through 12th-graders attending public schools in St. Paul and Minneapolis. The parents were asked to rate the transportation plan on a scale of one to 10, 10 indicating the strongest support.

Results from the two districts were similar. All told, 30 percent of parents rated the new transportation system between 10 and 8, 29 percent between 7 and 4, and 38 percent between 3 and 1. Three percent were undecided.

"I'm thinking about this from the perspective of kids and parents," said St. Paul School Board vice chair Greg Filice. "How many of

our children are going to have to take longer to get to school? How many will have to start earlier in the morning? If they have to get up 15 minutes earlier, that's a concern. How many will have to transfer? How far will they have to walk to the bus from home and from the bus to school? And how many kids won't be able to attend the school of their choice? We have a system of choice in St. Paul that we want to maintain."

Parents who attended the meeting were concerned about student safety and discipline on public buses. One East Side father, whose daughter attends Como Park High School, said he did not want her having to transfer buses unsupervised downtown. He said he works downtown "and it's a zoo."

"I really think this is an awful plan," said a single mother who was upset at the prospect of having to reschedule her day so that she could be with her daughter at the bus stop.

A parent of two teen-age daughters told the School Board, "there's no way I'm going to let them ride (Metro Transit) with pedophiles and drug users."

Peter Adams, assistant principal of Cleveland Middle School, called the Metro Transit hub in downtown St. Paul unsafe. He also questioned whether Metro Transit drivers were capable of handling such problems as fighting, sexual contact and verbal abuse. School bus drivers are trained and authorized to handle such problems, he said.

Brian Lamb, Metro Transit's director of service development, explained that the issues raised by Filice and Adams have yet to be addressed.

The transportation plan was written by the Metropolitan Council with input from a 26-member advisory committee of school district staff, parents, students, police officers, school bus contractors and Metro Transit of-

ficials. According to Lamb, their mandate was not to recommend any action, but to do a feasibility study and impact analysis.

For the study, planners identified existing capacity on the bus routes serving each of the seven public high schools in St. Paul, the nine public high schools in Minneapolis, and De La Salle High School in downtown Minneapolis.

If projected student ridership exceeded existing seat capacity, they added more buses. To provide more direct service to schools, they plotted new bus routes from existing route segments.

"What we didn't have was the home addresses of all students," Lamb said. "We based our analysis on what existing (school bus) stops are within a quarter-mile of a Metro Transit route."

Pappas was traveling abroad and was unable to attend the public hearing in St. Paul or the one held in Minneapolis the following day. However, according to her staff, no additional legislative hearings have been scheduled on the study.

A Metropolitan Council committee is scheduled to review the study on January 22. It will be presented to the state Legislature by January 30.

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New hockey arena and transit garage top St. Paul's 1998 legislative agenda

by Jane McClure

Property tax reform, bonding for bridges and regional parks, dedicated dollars for transit, and expanded welfare-to-work programs are all priorities that St. Paul and Ramsey County will take to the 1998 Minnesota Legislature.

The largest request on the city's legislative agenda is \$65 million in bonds for a new \$130 million hockey arena at RiverCentre (formerly the St. Paul Civic Center). An attempt to secure a \$65 million state grant during last year's session was blocked in a Senate committee.

Without the state money, the city will have to cover all but \$35 million of the arena's construction costs. The remainder will be picked up by the owners of the Minnesota Wild, the new National Hockey League team that will begin play in 2000. The NHL team also will manage the arena.

Some of the city's other legislative priorities, which were adopted on January 7, include the following:

- Securing Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission funds for a St. Paul indoor tennis facility.
- The right to publish required city notices via the Internet.
- Changing the state law that requires animal impound facilities to sell unclaimed dogs and cats for medical research.
- Granting the St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority the ability to acquire nuisance properties.
- Various efforts to maintain low-income and affordable housing.

- Building a new Metro Transit bus garage at University Avenue and Mississippi Street and cleaning up the current site at Snelling and I-94.

- Securing funds to build a new resource center at Como Park and a place to house Cafesjian's Carousel.

- Reauthorizing the city's Capital Improvement Budget bonding authority for the years 1999-2003.

- Securing funds for a new performance space for Penumbra, the Twin Cities' only African-American theater company.

- Lessening the financial burden on St. Paul property taxpayers through property tax reform, property class rate changes and amendments to tax increment financing laws.

Ramsey County's legislative priorities include a request for \$2 million in state bonds for reconstruction of the Ford Bridge. The state funds would match \$8 million in federal dollars already allocated for the project.

The county plans to seek legislative approval to continue its Vote by Mail program, which operated for two years but expired at the end of 1997.

The county also plans to ask the state to allow local units of government to set speed limits at 10 mph on either side of state standards and to change road lane and shoulder width standards in order to address specific issues.

Several initiatives related to federal welfare reform and welfare-to-work programs also are included on the county's legislative agenda, including child care, transportation to and from work, and the development of work resource centers.

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could be back this session.

"We'll be voting on it, no doubt," said District 64A Representative Matt Entenza. "It's like a vampire. Without a wooden stake and garlic, it's not going away."

Commerz, who has said he will not seek reelection, agreed that the stadium issue will most likely rise up again this session. However, other legislators feel the vampire is dead for good. District 64 Senator Richard Cohen said that because this session will be shorter than last year's, the stadium debate would have to move quickly through the committee process before it could come up for a floor vote, which he said is highly unlikely. "It'll be impossible for it to dominate," Cohen said.

Paymar, who is serving his first term in the Legislature, said he regrets the way the stadium issue dominated last year's session. "Just think if we'd spent a fraction of that time and research thinking about how to make our community a better place for our children," he said. His priorities for this year's session include reducing school class sizes, improving Twin Cities roads and public transportation, and improving low-income housing.

District 62B Representative Wes Skoglund will spend much of the session dealing with crime bills as chair of the House Judiciary Committee. In addition to supporting a variety of anti-crime initiatives, Skoglund said he will work to prevent two measures from becoming law—the loosening of handgun restrictions and the legalization of capital punishment—both of which seem to resurface each year.

A bill is currently in the works that would reduce the background information required on someone who wants to carry a handgun. Skoglund said he supports the current law, which requires a demonstrated need to carry a weapon. He also remains resolutely opposed to capital punishment. "That's the difference between them (criminals) and us," he said. "It doesn't do any good."

Skoglund is working on legislation that

gives judges greater freedom to sentence offenders to consecutive prison terms and to impose longer supervised releases. He also would like to see increased penalties for possession of methamphetamines, a highly addictive drug that is growing in popularity in Minnesota. A third measure would increase the ranks of probation officers throughout the state.

Cohen said he is concerned that St. Paul's Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) program, which is earmarked for neighborhood improvements and downtown developments, has become a "political slush fund" for pet projects. "We may have to place some constraints on what the city can do with that money," he said.

All of the local lawmakers support having the state pick up a greater share of public education costs. Entenza said he would like to see the state's share increase from the roughly 65 percent at present to 80 percent. "Funding schools with property taxes creates tremendous inequalities, especially for cities like St. Paul," he said. "The increase would have a huge impact in the schools and on taxpayers."

Entenza said he is in agreement with Governor Arne Carlson on several initiatives to protect children. "We may be committing dollars in the tens of millions in an effort to reduce child abuse," he said. "We know who the families are who are having problems, and most don't receive any services."

The help would come in the form of parent education programs and chemical abuse counseling, he said. The initiative also would aim at speeding up the adoption process. "We can't continue to allow situations to hit a crisis and wait until there's been enormous damage," Entenza said, referring to children who languish in abusive homes or foster care.

Entenza said that activity around the Capitol was already heating up last week. "It's nuts," he said. "We're flooded with calls from lobbyists and interest groups. It's in part because it's a shorter session. We can't just ease into it."

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The benefits of banning billboards

So, what's the problem with billboards anyway? Nothing, according to the city of St. Paul's Business Review Council, whose members apparently believe that any governmental limitation imposed on the lucrative outdoor advertising industry is a far greater evil. In that belief the council has the full support of St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman, who appointed its members. On December 26 Coleman vetoed a moratorium on new billboards that the City Council had passed on December 22. Failing to muster the necessary five votes to override the mayor's veto on January 7, the City Council is scheduled to take up the matter once again on January 28.

But if Coleman and the Business Review Council believe billboards pose no problem, that's certainly not what five groups of neighborhood business owners and residents believed back in the mid-1980s. That's when the Grand Avenue and Highland business associations joined the community councils of Summit Hill, Macalester-Groveland and Highland Park to prevail over the strenuous objections and backroom arm-twisting of the powerful billboard lobby. With the support of the city's Department of Planning and Economic Development, those neighborhood groups convinced the City Council and then-Mayor George Latimer of the benefits to be derived from creating special sign districts that banned billboards in both business districts. In both instances, the neighborhood groups believed, banning billboards would only serve to strengthen local commerce.

The purpose of the Highland Village and Grand Avenue special sign districts was expressed in such similar language that to quote one document is, for all practical purposes, to quote the other: "The Grand Avenue (or Highland Village) Special District Sign Plan... is intended to provide sign controls that build upon the unique character of the area. It is intended to reduce sign clutter and provide for the strong, clear identification of businesses. The sign plan is intended to provide design standards for business signs to increase their legibility and impact and insure that they fit in with the architecture of buildings, to create a more desirable and memorable image of the area, to protect local property values and to reflect the pride that people take in the area."

If memory serves, the Highland Village and Grand Avenue special sign districts were the first ones created in the city that banned billboards outright. (Three other areas of St. Paul have since adopted similar sign districts.) Billboards that lawfully existed before the approval of the special sign districts were allowed to remain only because the cost to compensate the outdoor advertising companies for their removal would have been prohibitive.

In banning new billboards citywide, St. Paul is attempting to join a veritable Who's Who of American cities that have already curtailed the proliferation of this unique form of legally protected visual blight. When those bans have been imposed elsewhere, their supporters have cited research studies, public opinion polls, legislative determinations and court tests to successfully argue that:

1. Billboards are impossible to ignore because of their placement, size and intense nighttime lighting. And because they are systematically located to capture the attention of the maximum number of motorists, the efficiency and safety of traffic control measures are impaired and the probability of accidents is heightened.

2. Though revenue typically accrues to the owners of the property on which billboards are located, neighboring people and premises typically pay the price in glare, distraction and repeated bombardment with messages for which they have no use.

3. Because billboards contribute substantially to an urban landscape characterized by visual overload, essential public and private information—including traffic signs and individual business signs—is obscured. Living in the city becomes less convenient, less intelligible and less pleasurable.

Additional limitations on one particular industry be damned. The countervailing benefits that a citywide ordinance would bring over time to so many makes it clear: The City Council ought to override Mayor Coleman's veto and then vote to ban billboards—permanently.



All of St. Paul should hire new superintendent

by Roger Barr

With the resignation of superintendent Curman Gaines, the St. Paul School Board faces its most critical decision in years. The School Board must find the right person for an increasingly difficult and often thankless job, someone with the vision and leadership to move the district into the 21st century. The decision on who the new superintendent will be will test the board's own capacity for vision and leadership.

It goes without saying that the new superintendent must be a good fit ideologically with the School Board. Instead of moving forward, the school district will go backward if the superintendent and board members are unable to work together. The superintendent also must be a good fit with school district personnel. He or she must foster an environment that encourages new ideas and brings out the best efforts in each employee. And the superintendent must be a good fit with the community.

Though it is the School Board's responsibility to hire the new superintendent, it is critical that the board reach out to the community on this decision and others.

The school district's lack of success in raising the level of achievement of poor and minority students has been identified as its biggest failure. However, many of the factors that influence student achievement are beyond the school district's control. Increasingly, students are coming to kindergarten unprepared to learn. The number of students from homes where English is the second language has risen sharply in recent years. And more and more students are growing up in impoverished households where education takes a back seat to the daily struggle for survival.

The school district alone cannot successfully address these issues. The community too must assume responsibility for the education of its children. Unfortunately, a combination of government mandates and social trends over the past 25 years has disconnected public schools from the community.

The relationship has devolved into us versus them. While the community—us—looks on, the board and the district—them—run the schools. One parent described it this way: "It's like they work in a building with black-tinted windows. They can see out, but we can't see in."

No doubt many school district officials often feel like "us," struggling day after day with conflicting agendas, unfair criticism and outright hostility from "them," the public. However, student achievement will not and cannot improve unless and until "us and them" come together as "we."

The new superintendent must play a key role in reconnecting the schools and the community. He or she needs to be one of the most visible members of the

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community, constantly reaching out, not only to parents of school children, but to the business community and to the 80 percent of St. Paul households that do not have children in the public schools. The new superintendent must be able to articulate the school district's vision and goals to each of these groups and help shape them into a single

community that recognizes the value of public education and backs up that recognition with more volunteer and financial support.

The high profile of the new superintendent should begin with the selection process itself. Open forums should be held to determine what the community expects of its new superintendent. A task force of community members should be assembled to meet potential candidates and offer the board their impressions.

Giving the community a role in that process could give us all a renewed sense of ownership in the public schools. And that sense of ownership would be a powerful force in moving the school district—and ultimately our children—toward a brighter future.

Editor's note: Roger Barr, a Merriam Park resident, is the co-founder of Support Our Schools, an organization that supports public education in St. Paul.

Preserve historic Camp Coldwater for future generations

by Dave Fudally

The proposed rerouting of Highway 55 in South Minneapolis will cut through Minnehaha Park and butt up against the west side of a historic site known as Camp Coldwater. The highway construction will disrupt the flow of water through the area and endanger the natural spring nearby. Officials from the Minnesota Historical Society and Fort Snelling State Park have asked state officials for updated information so they can assess the ecological impact of highway construction on this area.

The very future of Camp Coldwater is now uncertain. I and other Minnesotans are asking that the historic site be protected forever by designating it as a park.

Camp Coldwater, which lies just south of the Federal Bureau of Mines' fence line between Highway 55 and the Mississippi River, is the site of a former pioneer village. At the center of the site is a crystal-clear natural spring to which the settlement owed its existence.

The first settlement there was actually that of Native Americans. Bones and Indian trails still surround the spring. The hill just west of the spring was called *Ta-ku wa-kan ti-pi* (the dwelling place of the gods) by the Dakota Indians.

On May 5, 1820, soldiers of the 5th U.S. Infantry moved to the site to escape unhealthy conditions they had endured at an earlier stockade on the site of the present village of

Mendota. The clear, cold spring water helped restore the health of the men and their families, who lived in tents, elm bark huts and small barracks. The families remained at Camp Coldwater for four years while nearby Fort Snelling (then Fort St. Anthony) was built and they continued to rely on the spring's fresh water through the 1800s. At first the horse-drawn wagons were used to transport the water to the fort. The soldiers later built a stone water tower and laid underground pipes.

Yet another chapter in the history of Camp Coldwater began in 1821 when five Swiss families who had left the Selkirk Colony in Manitoba were allowed by Colonel Josiah Snelling to settle around the spring. Thirteen more families joined them the following year. Over the next decade, about 500 people made the 400-mile journey down the Red River to Camp Coldwater. Some continued on to other settlements. Those who remained built houses, farms, trading posts, steamboat landings, blacksmith shops, stables and even a hotel. Many settlers sold provisions to the Army. Others were employed at the fort as mail carriers, guides, interpreters, servants and missionaries.

The settlers were allowed to remain at Camp Coldwater until 1840, when they were forcibly ejected because they were selling whiskey and using up the fuel and food supplies near the fort. Some of the settlers moved down the Mississippi and founded what became the city of St. Paul. Others became the first settlers of what is now Minneapolis.

The U.S. Army transferred Camp Coldwater to the Veterans Administration in 1946 at about the same time that Fort Snelling was decommissioned as a military post. Through the 1950s there was talk of preserving Camp Coldwater and completing archeological excavations at the site. However, nothing much became of it after the site became part of the Bureau of Mines' property and was locked behind gates from 1960 to 1997. The Minnesota Historical Society placed a marker at the spring in 1991 at the urging of citizens. Descendants of Minnesota's pioneers were able to stand on the homesites of their forefathers.

Throughout the years the land around the spring has remained pretty much untouched. The spring still flows from the dwelling place of the gods, winds its way past where B.F. Baker's Trading Post once stood, and descends in a hidden waterfall to become part of the Mississippi.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission will soon receive title to Camp Coldwater. The Minnesota Department of Transportation, meanwhile, is planning to build a new highway nearby.

And yet the past remains alive at Camp Coldwater, which is why it should be preserved for all Minnesotans. It is time we honored that past.

Editor's note: The writer is a former South Minneapolis resident who has been working to preserve Camp Coldwater for the last decade.

It's public vs. private control in battle over Ft. Snelling's upper bluff

by Cheryl Lewis Fields

Once again, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hearing proposals for reusing Fort Snelling's upper bluff area, including the historic Officers Row and the adjoining Fort Snelling Golf Course. The 141-acre parcel was operated as a private enterprise until a few years ago when a handful of citizens and a veterans group forced the state to return it to the public domain. Now Officers Row and the golf course are again up for grabs and the public interest is again pitted against the powers that be, including the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC).

Fort Snelling's upper bluff, a national and state historic site, is a decommissioned military base. A ghost town now, the once elegant homes of Officers Row and the nearby barracks and other buildings have been vacant and boarded up since the military pulled out a quarter-century ago. A half-century ago, this site was the staging center for World War II soldiers en route overseas. More than a century ago, when most of the buildings were constructed, Fort Snelling was a resupply post for the U.S. Army in its war with the American Indians.

Stipulations that deeded the abandoned federal base to Minnesota required the historic buildings to be maintained. So the state called for a costly study similar to the one the DNR is conducting now and a lease was awarded to the only party to make a proposal, entrepreneur Curtis Walker.

Walker had a convention center in mind, but deed restrictions made it difficult to find investors. Noise from the adjacent airport runway was a further deterrent. The historic buildings were not maintained and remained boarded up. The publicly owned Fort Snelling Golf Course was managed by Walker as a private enterprise.

When the lease came up for renewal in 1991, opposition to the privatization of public land resulted in the property being restored to the public domain under the management of the DNR. The golf course remained open, but the DNR had no plan for the buildings, which have fallen into even greater disrepair. On the other hand, leaving the buildings to rot might actually have been the plan.

At the time the DNR was given control of the land, a veterans group proposed restoring the homes through a job mentorship program, thereby maintaining the historic integrity of the site while providing employment and housing as well. For veterans, who make up a disproportionate number of the homeless, the Fort Snelling property was viewed as ideal. It had been used to house veterans before, and who but a veteran could find comfort in living near an airport?

More than half of the historic buildings of Officers Row already had been bulldozed at that time to make room for the present airport runway. MAC has since recommended against redevelopment of the upper bluff to pave the way for the currently proposed runway expansion. That will likely

mean the bulldozing of the remainder of historic Officer's Row, a task that would be more difficult if the historic buildings had been maintained and previously homeless veterans and their families were living there.

The McKinney Act and other legislation of a decade ago was supposed to make Fort Snelling and other surplus government property available to our country's homeless. While 28 homes and numerous other buildings that once housed more than 1,000 troops sat boarded up, the only unused property at Fort Snelling that the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development deemed suitable for housing and would release for such use was a World War I mule stable with no heat and no floor.

Bureaucratic hurdles prevented the conversion of the upper bluff into a supportive housing community then. But this time around there may be other people who can see the possibilities. The upper bluff could be a nonprofit's paradise.

Though the upper bluff was wrested from private control just five years ago, Thomas Zahn, who is heading up the DNR's current study, has stated that private development is again a possibility. It will be interesting to see who profits from the next deal.

Editor's note: Cheryl Fields, a free-lance writer from Highland Park, was coordinator of the Veterans Incentive Project, which was formed to convert the abandoned Fort Snelling military base to housing for homeless veterans and their families.

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News article inadequately recounted the good works of Clare House

Dear editor:

The headline of the *Villager's* recent article about Clare House ("Clare House's first year as AIDS care facility closes in controversy," January 7) has apparently created the mistaken idea that Clare House is closing. Clare House is not closing. The board of directors assures this community that Clare House is a strong and important resource for those affected by HIV/AIDS. Unless a cure for the virus is found, the board and staff of Clare Housing will continue their efforts to maintain the high and professional standards, including confidentiality, that have always been required of those who work at Clare House.

In addition, I believe the article inadequately represented the immense good work of Clare House and its sponsor, Clare Housing. This is unfair to the dedicated volunteers, staff and board members who created Clare House. Clare House's volunteers, the majority of whom live in the Highland and Macalester-Groveland areas, provide up to 300 hours a month in household help, resident care and clerical assistance. The article discredited the countless individuals, churches, foundations, corporations and governmental agencies who have so generously sponsored Clare House. Lastly, it ignored the residents, their families and the health care providers who have been very satisfied with the care given at Clare House.

Clare House is an adult foster care facility, not a medical facility or a hospice. It is our policy to provide high-quality housing and supportive services for our residents as long as we can safely meet their needs. Needs change and can be assessed only by those who have access to complete information. To suggest that Clare House continue beyond its limits is irresponsible and certainly would not be proposed by any reasonable person.

On behalf of a respected and very knowledgeable board of directors, I thank those in our community who have made a constructive and positive difference in AIDS.

Kathy Hanousek, President
Clare Housing Board of Directors

Less than exhaustive logic

To the editor:

The letter to the editor from Paul Paulos (*Villager*, January 7) is one of the most ridiculous pieces I have ever read. It has become a familiar tactic of the political left to demonize sport utility vehicles. The argument that they use more gasoline and produce more carbon and sulfur dioxides falls short. The emissions that a vehicle produces depend on the amount of miles it is driven and on how well the engine is

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functioning. If my sport utility vehicle is only driven 5,000 miles per year versus a Sentra driven 12,000 miles per year, the Sentra is producing more emissions.

If Mr. Paulos is concerned about vehicle emissions, why does he only mention sport utility vehicles and not mid-size and full-size cars? These cars are not always fuel-efficient and, if not maintained, pollute and use far more fuel than a new sport utility vehicle.

The sport utility vehicle continues to be used by the political left to promote class envy. If Mr. Paulos had a true concern for the environment, he would not own a car.

Jay Hughes
Highland Park

Keep teens on school buses

To the editor:

I think it is a bad idea to put teen-age students on public buses. I ride the bus to work, and contrary to Sandy Pappas' opinion, there are incidents on buses. They just don't reach the newspapers.

Ridership on Metro Transit buses has been declining. It is likely that putting teen-agers on public buses will hasten that decline as the city feels less and less safe to its law-abiding citizens, and that includes the law-abiding teen-agers.

E. Vara
Highland Park

A welcome regard for ecology

To the editor:

There was increased ecological awareness exhibited in the December 17 *Villager* in an article on the expansion of the I-35E bridge over the Mississippi River. Studies have proven that bigger roads make it easier for more single-occupancy vehicles to crowd in, leading to more congestion and urban sprawl. We need to continue to push for high-quality mass transit, simultaneously pushing our legislators to act with conscience and stop subsidizing single-occupancy travel by building more roads.

Our urban environment is also marred by billboards. Three cheers for Bobbi Megard for opposing new billboards in St. Paul. Each step away from a frantic, over-consuming

urban environment increases our enjoyment of our neighborhoods and encourages us to work for their continued improvement.

John Garcia
Highland Park

A taste of their own medicine

Dear editor,

How soon before car drivers and bicyclists form a coalition? The growing popularity of sport utility vehicles is putting cars at a disadvantage. I can imagine the *Villager* letters from sport utility vehicle drivers now:

"Editor, I'm concerned for the safety of car drivers. The two-to-one weight difference with sport utility vehicles puts them at risk, and because they're so small they're hard to see. Unfortunately, some car drivers try to use their small size to gain an advantage. That's not only annoying, but dangerous for the rest of us. Why can't we get these cars off our streets or at least onto special lanes? Let's keep the roads safe for sport utility vehicles."

Far-fetched? Maybe, maybe not. Ask a bicyclist.

John Kaplan
Highland Park

Support global warming treaty

Dear editor,

The Kyoto Conference on global warming is over, but the work for citizens who are concerned about the future of our planet is only beginning.

The Kyoto treaty, approved by 159 countries, already faces opposition from America's big polluters. The opinion pages of newspapers, Sunday talk shows and talk radio have been inundated with fossil-fuel industry representatives screaming that even modest steps to curb global warming will mean economic catastrophe for America.

The real catastrophe is doing business as usual. This is not the time to remain silent about the future of our planet. We can be involved by calling our representatives and making our voices heard in Washington. Strong lobbying efforts by the gas and oil industries are positioned to thwart the ratification of the treaty, and President Clinton is concerned that he could lose political clout by taking a strong environmental position that fails. He is unwilling to take a hard stand without the support of citizens. Get involved.

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Signs point to continued debate over proposal to ban billboards

by Jane McClure

The Battle of the Billboards will resume when the St. Paul City Council meets at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 28.

Council members heard from both sides of the issue on January 14. They also heard from outgoing Deputy Mayor Tim Marx, who indicated that Mayor Norm Coleman will veto any city ordinance that would place a moratorium on new billboards in the city.

"A moratorium is a rather blunt instrument of public policy," Marx said. "Banning billboards sends the wrong message to the business community."

Last month the mayor vetoed an ordinance that would have banned all new billboards in St. Paul beginning January 1. The ordinance also called for a study of the city's existing sign ordinance. In his veto letter, the mayor said the moratorium was anti-business and an "overreaction" to concerns expressed about billboards.

The City Council has until the end of the month to find five votes to override the veto. Though the billboard ordinance was passed unanimously last month, four new City Council members have since taken office. Marx said the administration would be willing to work on a study of the city's existing sign ordinance as long as a billboard moratorium was not part of the deal.

The city's sign ordinance, which was last revised 10 years ago, regulates the height, setback and location of the nearly 1,200 billboards in St. Paul. The ordinance requires the removal of non-conforming billboards, but allows companies that lose billboards to accumulate credits that can be used to erect new signs elsewhere within the city limits. In the past 10 years, 39 billboards have been removed and 18 new signs have been erected, according to St. Paul licensing director Robert Kessler.

Newly elected council member Chris Coleman, whose Ward 2 includes several neighborhoods along the Mississippi riverfront, questioned why the city was spending money to improve the riverfront while at the same time allowing billboards to be erected there.

Fellow council newcomers Jay Benanav and Kathy Lantry noted that several areas of the city have established special sign districts,

including Highland Village and Grand Avenue. Those districts prohibit the erection of any new billboards.

"Why has Ford Parkway gotten special privileges?" asked Benanav. "What's good enough for Ward 3 should be good enough for any other ward."

Benanav said that areas along freeways and major thoroughfares in Ward 4 have been "bombarded" with large billboards over the past decade. "That's not a very good visual introduction to St. Paul," he said.

"I didn't know until I was sitting here that there are special sign districts," Lantry said. "Well, isn't that nice. None of them are in Ward 7."

Highland Village business owner Mark Moeller, who helped draft the language that created the Village's special sign district in the mid-1980s, said Highland's sign regulations represented a compromise between the neighborhood and the billboard industry.

However, Highland Area Community Council president Shawn Bartsh noted that Highland's sign plan had not met its stated goal of removing all billboards in the Village within 10 years. "We don't have any new signs, but we still have all the same old ones," she said.

Moeller spoke on behalf of the St. Paul Business Review Council, which opposed the billboard moratorium. He said three months was not enough time to do a thorough study of the city's sign ordinance. Representatives from Universal and Midwest Outdoor Advertising echoed those sentiments, as did union workers who make billboards.

Peter Remmisch of Midwest Outdoor Advertising said his billboard company often donates sign space to community groups that could not otherwise get their message out. He also said restricting billboards hurts businesses that rely on such advertising and workers who make the signs.

Representatives of district councils, the Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County, and the Scenic America/Scenic Minnesota anti-billboard group all spoke in favor of the moratorium.

"Billboards are not like any other form of advertising," said Brian Bates of Scenic Minnesota. "They're in your face day in and day out. You can't turn them off."

Use of sirens for snow emergencies catches some St. Paulites off guard

by Jane McClure

The city of St. Paul's use of civil defense sirens to announce a snow emergency has received mixed reviews from area residents.

The new warning system is being tested this year in the southwestern quarter of the city—the area west of downtown and south of I-94. It was used for the first time at 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. January 12 and again January 14.

After a relatively snowless November and December, St. Paul received a total of 9 inches of snow last week. The city now declares snow emergencies when 3 or more inches of snow accumulates on the ground, down from 4 or more inches last winter.

When the sirens were sounded on January 12, the public safety communications center in St. Paul received about 40 calls to 291-1111 and three or four calls to 911. Both lines are generally reserved for police and fire emergencies.

"Callers were asking, 'Why are the sirens going off? What's going on?'" said Tim Butler, communications chief for the St. Paul Fire Department.

Only about a dozen people called the communications center when the sirens sounded on January 14, suggesting to Butler that area

residents are getting the message. "We really need people to make the connection between hearing the sirens and moving their cars off of the street," he said.

Comments about the sirens received by the Citizen Service complaint line and City Council offices also were mixed. "We've had some people say, 'This is silly,'" Butler said. Others have called to say they appreciate the reminder to move their cars.

For the January 12-13 snow emergency, 2,413 vehicles were tagged and 406 were towed to the city's impound lot. There were 3,007 tickets issued and 570 cars towed during the January 14-15 snow emergency.

That is a drop in tickets from last year when as many as 4,400 and 5,600 tickets were issued during a single snow emergency. However, the number of towed vehicles is about the same as last year when 420 cars were towed during the first snow emergency of the winter.

The city apparently needs to do a better job of communicating snow emergency rules to college students and faculty members, Butler said. The neighborhoods around St. Paul college campuses are a common source of complaints about vehicles parked in violation of snow emergency rules, he said.

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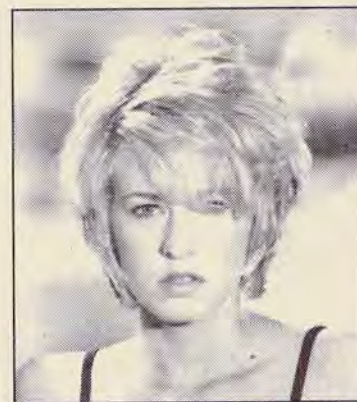
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St. Paul seeks slower pace for Riverview Corridor transit study

by Jane McClure

Citing high costs and a lack of community involvement, the St. Paul City Council wants to put the brakes on a Ramsey County study of transit options through the Highland Park and West 7th neighborhoods.

However, District 5 Ramsey County commissioner Rafael Ortega fears the city's action could derail the ongoing Riverview Corridor study and hamper the entire region's chances for receiving state and federal transit dollars.

Ramsey, Hennepin and five other metropolitan area counties are now seeking \$106 million from the state Legislature to match the \$200 million in federal funds that are available for transit construction in the Twin Cities. Most of the money would go toward construction of the Hiawatha Corridor, a transit route along Hiawatha Avenue between downtown Minneapolis and Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and the Mall of America.

Of the \$106 million, \$3 million would be used for a study of the Riverview Corridor, a proposed transit route between St. Paul's East Side through downtown and the West 7th and Highland Park areas to the Hiawatha Corridor.

Transit options that are being discussed include everything from an improved bus system to dedicated bus lanes to light-rail transit. The total cost of the study has been estimated at \$12 million, with federal funds covering most of it.

Ramsey County officials had sought St. Paul's support for the transit study, but City Council members Chris Coleman of Ward 2 and Mike Harris of Ward 3 argued that the transit study should be removed from the city's legislative agenda during the 1998 session.

"We should not go on record as supporting this (Riverview Corridor) until there can be more community discussion," Coleman said.

Harris said he is especially critical of two route options that would require the construction of a new bridge over the Mississippi River. Both options would necessitate building bridge piers in Hidden Falls Park. One of them calls for the construction of an underground tunnel through the bluff between Cleveland Avenue and the river.

In light of plans to replace and possibly widen the I-35E Bridge over the Mississippi, John Grzybek, a member of the Highland Area Community Council, said, "I'll fight to the death any plans to build another bridge

over the Mississippi."

Coleman said the city needs to look at long-range development plans before selecting the route for a transit corridor. "I don't see how it helps the city to spend money on a transit route to the Mall of America," he said.

Ortega said he intends to meet with Harris and Coleman to seek their support for the Riverview Corridor study. He said that any judgment on the transit corridor should be suspended until the study is completed.

The Riverview Corridor task force is scheduled to wrap up its preliminary study in February. According to Ortega, the public will have ample opportunity to comment on it in the months to come.

Ortega conceded that parts of the study, especially the river crossings, could be controversial, not to mention costly. The option incorporating a new bridge and tunnel could cost as much as \$18 million.

"But this is an engineering study," Ortega said, "and when you do this kind of study you put all of the options on the table. We have to look at all of the options, even if they seem ridiculous."

Transit corridors along Shepard Road, West 7th Street, I-35E and existing railroad lines are all being studied, but Coleman ques-

tioned whether any of them are viable. "Right now, I can't imagine any option that would work," he said. "I'm certainly not at the point where I'd support spending \$3 million to study this."

Coleman lived in the Frogtown neighborhood of St. Paul in the 1980s when a light-rail transit corridor from downtown St. Paul to downtown Minneapolis was being studied. "Years of planning and a lot of money were just thrown down the drain chasing state and federal funding that never materialized," he said.

Harris and Coleman also are concerned about the environmental impact of a new transit corridor, especially along the bluff line. They said they would prefer to see a greater effort made to improve the existing bus system before new transit routes are discussed. "Until we look at improving the transit system we have, I think we're just spinning our wheels," Coleman said.

However, Ortega warned that if the region does not get state and federal transit funds this time around, it could be many years before that money is available again.

"We can't afford to see the federal money go to other parts of the country," he said. "Our transit needs can't wait that long."

Feasibility report outlines transit options through Highland Park

by Jane McClure

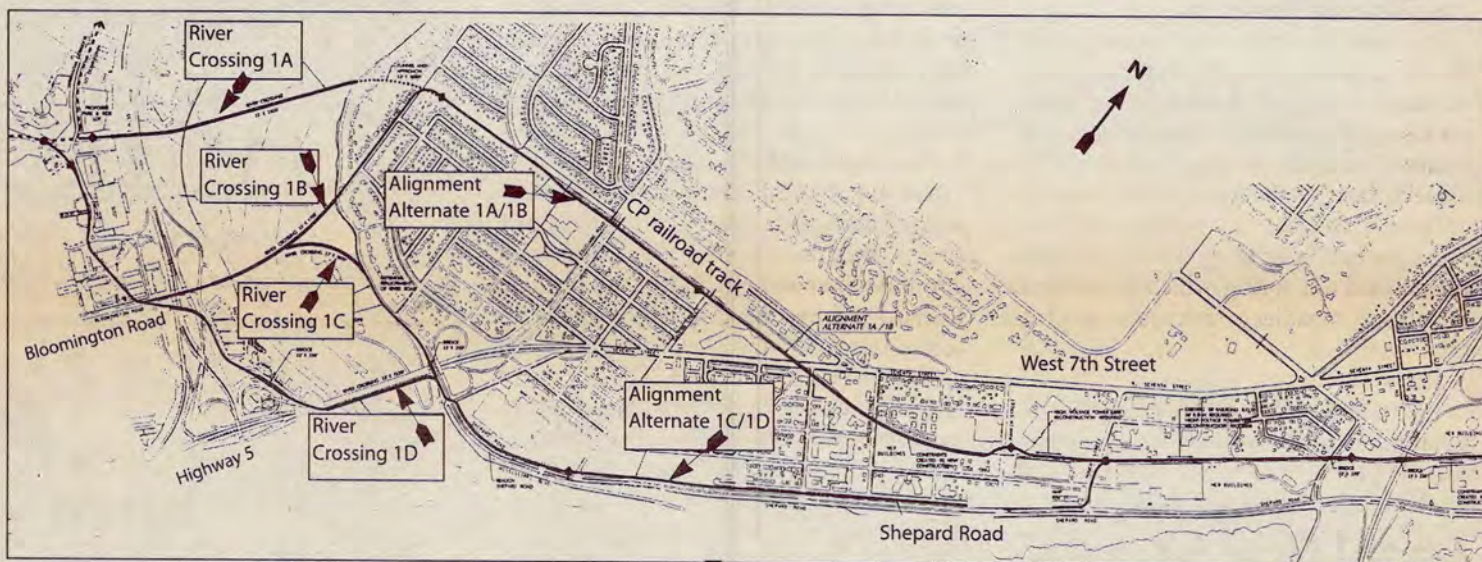
A task force that is studying the Riverview Corridor will consider several new transit options through Highland Park when it meets at 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 16, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave.

Busways, bus lanes and light-rail transit lines are currently the subject of a feasibility study being done by the staff of the Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority and consultants from Strgar-Roscoe-Fausch. Available space, the potential impact on existing land uses and obstacles to construction are all being examined.

The study divides the Riverview Corridor into five segments—from Hiawatha Avenue in Minneapolis to Homer Street in Highland Park; from Homer to Otto Avenue; from Otto to Randolph Avenue; from Randolph to the former Union Depot downtown; and from the Union Depot to Arcade Street.

Four options for bridging the Mississippi River are being considered. All three would affect federally owned property on the Minneapolis side of the river and residential neighborhoods on the St. Paul side.

The first option involves building a 2,800-foot bridge from the Government Services Administration Building in Minneapolis to St. Paul. The route would require tunnelling



The above map shows four different options (alternatives 1A-1D) for bridging the Mississippi River with a new busway or light-rail transit line. It also shows the alignment alternatives for the routes as they would travel through Highland via the Canadian-Pacific railroad tracks (Alternative 1A/1B) and Shepard Road (Alternative 1C/1D).

into the bluff overlooking Hidden Falls Park and resurfacing 1,600 feet later where Cleveland Avenue meets the Canadian-Pacific railroad tracks.

The second and third options link Bloomington Road in Minneapolis with either Cleveland Avenue or Mississippi River Boulevard in St. Paul via a bridge that would be either 1,700 or 1,800 feet long. The Cleveland

route would proceed to the CP railroad tracks. The River Boulevard route would connect to Shepard Road.

A fourth option would adjoin the Highway 5 bridge from Fort Snelling to Shepard Road, possibly affecting the historic fort.

Shepard Road near the U.S. Bancorp (formerly Unisys) building in Highland Park would have to be realigned if a transitway is

added there. Railroad right-of-way would probably have to be acquired between Homer and Otto Avenue. Up to 10 homes may need to be removed to widen the route between Otto and Randolph avenues. And five different routes are possible between Randolph Avenue and the Union Depot—four of them along city streets and a fifth along the base of the bluff next to Shepard Road.

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Hertz agrees to move two driveways to lessen traffic on Norfolk, Graham

by Jane McClure

Hertz's plan to relocate most of its rental car operation from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport to Highland Park has hit another bump in the road.

Following a January 9 public hearing, the St. Paul Planning Commission asked Hertz to modify its site plan for a parking and maintenance facility at 1370 Davern St. The changes—the third set of revisions to be made in four months—call for two driveways to be moved to avoid a possible traffic hazard in the nearby residential neighborhood.

Local residents who pushed for the changes say they will reduce the possibility of Hertz's employees driving through their neighborhood. However, changes that help the residents of Graham and Norfolk avenues and Wheeler Street are expected to hurt the residents of a one-block section of Munster Avenue, according to some members of the Highland Area Community Council (HACC). They are now looking for a way to close Munster at West 7th Street.

Meanwhile, Hertz officials are hurrying to get the 10.5-acre property ready by the end of March. "We're operating under an enormous time crunch," said Win Borden, a Highland Park attorney who represents Hertz. "We just don't have much time left to make additional changes."

Borden said Hertz would abide by the Planning Commission's recommendation, though he pointed out that regardless of how the site is developed, there will be an impact on the neighborhood. "There is no perfect solution," he said.

Hertz and five other car rental companies are losing the space they currently occupy in an airport parking ramp. The ramp will be demolished this spring, which is forcing the rental car companies to seek space away from the airport.

Hertz purchased the Shepard-Davern property last fall from MSP Park Air Express, a parking lot for air travelers. Hertz intends to use the property for vehicle storage, light

maintenance and used car sales. Two buildings—a car wash and an office and maintenance facility—will be constructed on the site.

Hertz officials estimate that 670 cars will be parked at the site, and about 1,600 cars will be brought to the site each month for maintenance. About 40 vehicles per month will be sold there.

Hertz has been working with HACC and city staff on the site plan since last fall. The original plan called for three driveways—two on Davern and one on Stewart. The office-maintenance building and car wash were to be located near the Davern driveways.

After reviewing the site plan with HACC last November, Hertz agreed to move the buildings closer to the Davern-Stewart intersection and to move two of the three driveways. However, Cliff Nash, who filed the appeal with the Planning Commission, said he and his neighbors should have been told about the changes. "We'd get a vast increase in noise and traffic if the driveways are relocated," he said. Nash said the change would have affected about three dozen houses and three apartment complexes. Leaving the driveways where they were would affect about half a dozen households, he said.

Nash was unable to get HACC to support his site plan appeal at its January 8 meeting. Several HACC members said they did not want to change the site plan without hearing from affected residents, and with the appeal on the Planning Commission's agenda the next day, there was not time to meet with them.

Planning Commission members said on January 9 that the changes Nash and his neighbors sought made sense. "Mr. Nash's appeal is absolutely right on," said planning commissioner and Highland Park resident Richard Nowlin. "We should be trying to direct traffic by as few houses as possible."

The commissioners suggested that ways be found to limit traffic on Munster, either by closing the street at West 7th or by making Munster a one-way street.

Local Boy Scouts rise to the occasion

Helpfulness, resourcefulness and other virtues of the Boy Scouts of America were put to the test last month when the elevators shut down during a special holiday meal at the Montreal Hi-Rise.

Peter Gruetzmacher, 17, and fellow Scouts, leaders and parents from troops 186 and 419 had just started serving ham dinners to the hi-rise residents as part of an Eagle Scout service project when two elevators shut down, trapping eight residents for more than an hour.

Up to that point, Gruetzmacher was pleased. "So far everything's going pretty smoothly," he said.

When the elevators shut down, Gruetzmacher and his friends took to the stairwells in the 18-story hi-rise, carrying hot meals in individual containers to residents who could not get to the ground-floor dining room.

Even with the transportation problem, about 100 of the building's 185 residents, most of whom are senior citizens, managed to make it down for the meal and the holiday music supplied by pianist Paul Sands, one of



Eagle Scout candidate Peter Gruetzmacher and Montreal Hi-Rise housing services manager Sheila Kahlert.

Gruetzmacher's friends.

Gruetzmacher worked for several months with the hi-rise staff in arranging the event as a gift to the residents, especially those who "had nobody to be with during the holidays," he said.

Hi-rise housing services manager Sheila Kahlert said the dinner was a wonderful experience for the residents. "The Scouts made it very festive with all of their energy, with the food and the decorations and the door prizes," she said. "I knew the residents enjoyed it because so many of

them sat around after the meal to mingle."

And the residents' reaction?

"A real treat," said Stephanie Schwartz as she wheeled out of the dining room in her motorized cart after the meal.

"It was wonderful," said Annie Villelli, a 12-year resident of the hi-rise.

Leva Wilson, the grandfather of Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles-Belton, perhaps summed it up best. "Good food, good service," he said.

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El Niño abates, Boreas reigns: the legend lives on in St. Paul

Boreas Rex LXII will have his hands full this year battling Vulcanus Rex and his Krewe and El Niño too, but from all indications old King Cold will reign for most of the 10-day St. Paul Winter Carnival, January 30 through February 8.

Boreas, the Queen of the Snows, and the princes and princesses of the four winds will be crowned at 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 30, in Roy Wilkins Auditorium. They will be dethroned in a flurry of fireworks on Saturday, February 7. In between, hundreds of events will celebrate winter at sites all across St. Paul and its suburbs.

Throughout the 10-day carnival, an 85-by-200-foot skating rink will be maintained on the State Capitol Mall for free public skating, contests, and figure skating and hockey exhibitions. Memorabilia from the 112-year history of the St. Paul Winter Carnival will be displayed every day at Landmark Center. Entries in the ice and snow carving competitions will remain on view as long as the weather permits in Rice Park and at the Roseville Oval.

The Winter Carnival Community Theater's production of *Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* will be presented in eight performances from January 29 to February 7 at Como Park High School. Admission is \$5.00. The carnival schedule also includes:

Pre-carnival

Mixed bonspiel, a curling competition featuring 50 teams from throughout the Midwest, Friday-Sunday, January 23-25, St. Paul Curling Club, 470 Selby Ave.

State broomball tournament, Saturday and Sunday, January 24-25, McMurray Field.

A 15-K cross country ski race, 10:00 a.m. Sunday, January 25, Lake Phalen.

Ice carving competition, Wednesday-Friday, January 28-30, Rice Park.



Amateur artists will again turn common blocks of ice into translucent sculptures in the St. Paul Winter Carnival's ice carving competition. The ice will be carved January 28-February 1 in Rice Park, but the sculptures will remain on view throughout the carnival, El Niño permitting.

Kids hockey tournament, Thursday-Sunday, January 29-February 1, Phalen Recreation Center.

Friday, January 30

Bridge tournament, today through February 1, St. Paul Bridge Center, 1285 Cope Ave.

Teen dance with DJ and band, 7:00-10:00 p.m., Town Square. Admission is \$4.00.

Snow-sculpting contest, today through February 1, Roseville Oval.

Saturday, January 31

Ice carving competition, 9:00 a.m. to noon, Rice Park.

Softball tournament on ice, today and February 1, Lake Phalen.

A celebration of St. Paul's cultures

with dancing, music, food and crafts, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. today and February 1, Landmark Center.

The Vulcans make their first appearance, 10:00 a.m., downtown St. Paul airport.

Winter Carnival festivities as enjoyed by Hill District residents at the turn of the century, 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., today and February 7, James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors, \$2.00 for children.

Grande Day celebration, 11:00 a.m., Rice Park.

Grande Day parade, 1:00 p.m., downtown.

Hay rides with live music and sto-

rytelling, 1:00-6:00 p.m., Metro State University.

Polar Bear Plunge, a fund-raiser for Special Olympics, 3:00 p.m., Como Lake.

Celebration of St. Paul's Asian culture, 5:00-9:00 p.m., Landmark Center.

Klondike Kate Cabaret, 8:00 p.m.-12:30 a.m. today, February 6 and 7, Prom Expo Center. Admission is \$5.00 with button.

Sunday, February 1

Disc golf tournament, 10:00 a.m. registration, noon start, Highland Park. The entry fee is \$5.00 for amateurs, \$10 for pros.

Vulcan fire truck rides, noon to 3:00 p.m., downtown.

Jigsaw puzzle contest, 1:00-4:00 p.m., location to be announced. The entry fee is \$20.

Tuesday, February 3

Senior Royalty Coronation, 1:00 p.m., the O'Shaughnessy, College of St. Catherine.

Talent contest finals, 6:30-11:00 p.m., Radisson Hotel. Admission is \$5.00 or \$4.00 with button.

Junior Royalty Coronation, 7:00 p.m., the O'Shaughnessy, College of St. Catherine.

Wednesday, February 4

Hockey game for the benefit of Second Harvest Food Bank pitting the Carnival All-Stars against Team Media, 7:00 p.m., Roseville Ice Arena.

Bouncing Team tryouts, 7:15 p.m., Club Cancun.

Thursday, February 5

Seniors Day, featuring dancing and entertainment by the North Suburban Chorus, the Klondike Kates and others, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Landmark Center.

Friday, February 6

Celebration of St. Paul's Hispanic culture, 6:00 p.m., Landmark Center.

Celebration of St. Paul's Asian culture, 7:00-10:00 p.m., Concordia University.

Saturday, February 7

Frozen 5K and Half Marathon, starting at 10:30 a.m., Minnesota Mutual, downtown.

Basketball tournament, 3-on-3 for adults and 5-on-5 for kids, today and February 8, Concordia University's Gangelhoff Center.

Car racing on ice, today and February 8, Lake Phalen.

Children's speedskating competition, 9:30 a.m., Roseville Oval.

Children's fair, featuring live entertainment, museum displays and a kids parade, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. today and February 8, Landmark Center and Rice Park.

Native American women's history with storytellers Joe Campbell and Tina Jefferson, 3:00 p.m., Metro State University.

Children's dog-sled race, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Como Park.

Teen and Family Snow Sculpting Contest, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Summit Avenue median at Pascal Street.

Torchlight Parade, 6:30 p.m., downtown.

Family Night celebration, featuring live music, games and food, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Landmark Center.

King Boreas' dethroning, with fireworks show, 8:00 p.m., Kellogg Park.

Vulcan Victory Dance with music by G.B. Leighton, 8:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel. Admission is \$10, \$8.00 in advance.

Sunday, February 8

Golf in the Snow tournament, 8:00 a.m., Lost Spur Country Club.

Dog-sled rides, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and a demonstration of winter camping, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Como Park.

Kite flying, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Como Lake.

Antique sleigh and cutter rally, noon-3:00 p.m., Phalen Park.

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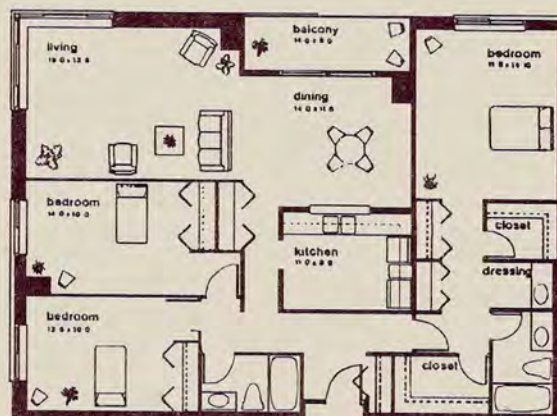


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The Highland Business Association has appointed its board of directors for the coming year. Pictured from left are: (back row) Steve Johnson, David Burley, Chris Weber, Terry Cullen; (middle row) Linda Alter, Mary Hvidhyld, Tom Schramer, Nancy Dykeman, Nancy Moeller, Deborah Kreitz; (front row) Wendy Madsen, Chris Matteson and Katie Krause. Not pictured are Liz Flynn, Jim Urban, Barb Farstad and Beth Berg. Photo by Mike Long.

THE HBA TODAY

BY BARBARA DUCHARME, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HIGHLAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

NEW BOARD, NEW OFFICERS

The Highland Business Association's board of directors for 1998 was introduced at the HBA's annual meeting on January 15.

Highland Grill owner David Burley was elected president for 1998. Other officers include past president Tom Schramer of Sevenich Butler Gerlach and Brazil; vice president of Highland Fest Liz Flynn of RE/MAX Crossroads; vice president of business and social activities Steve Johnson of Liberty State Bank; vice president of membership Jim Urban of Sevenich Butler Gerlach and Brazil; vice president of community development Nancy Dykeman of Rosewood Estates; vice presidents of promotion Nancy Moeller of R.F. Moeller Jeweler and Mary Hvidhyld of Blimpie Subs and Salads; secretary Beth Berg of United Properties; and treasurer Chris Weber of HighlandBank.

Newly elected to the board were Linda Alter of Edina Realty, Katie Krause of Firststar Bank, Chris Matteson of CEMA Sargent Corp., Barb Farstad of Pearle Vision, Deborah Kreitz of HighlandBank and Terry Cullen of Felhaber Larson Fenlon and Vogt.

Past president Schramer presented an award to Wendy Madsen of Ryan Companies for chairing the 1997 Highland Fest committee. Schramer also presented the HBA's an-

nual Award of Excellence to Berg for her ongoing dedication to the organization.

HIGHLAND PARK DIRECTORY

The Highland Business Association will publish a new Highland Park directory this spring. The directory will include almost everything any area resident needs to know about Highland Park: schools, places of worship, businesses, parks and other recreational opportunities, local and city government, refuse and recycling.

A letter will be sent to all businesses by the end of January explaining the directory. HBA members will receive a free listing of their business, including a short description, and will be offered reduced advertising rates. Non-members will be invited to advertise as well. The books will be distributed to area colleges, residents and real estate agencies by May.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Buca di Beppo, 2728 Gannon Road, will be allowed to expand its liquor service as a result of St. Paul City Council action on January 14. Buca needed city approval to serve liquor in a planned 22-by-50-foot dining area addition, which will increase the restaurant's seating capacity from 240 to 314. The City Council is requiring that Buca work out a shared parking agreement with the neighboring Better Business Bureau.

The Dakota Financial Center has opened its doors at the southeast corner of Lexington Avenue and Highway 110 in Mendota Heights. The two-story, 18,500-square-foot building is now the new main office for Dakota Bank, replacing the previously rented

space just down the road at 750 S. Plaza Drive. The bank occupies the main floor of the \$2 million center, while the second floor houses offices for mortgage, title, insurance and trust companies. Bank president John Seidel said the move has already paid off. "We've picked up about 2,500 square feet and have been getting new customers due to the increased exposure," he said. The name of the frontage road running alongside the center has been changed to Dakota Drive.

Michael Olsen, a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Jambor, 604 S. Snelling Ave., has been named president of the 2,000-member St. Paul Area Association of Realtors. Olsen has been with Coldwell for 17 years.

Barbara Brown of Summit Hill has moved her four-year-old copywriting business to the Savoie Building at 126 N. 3rd St., Minneapolis. Brown writes direct response, marketing communications and advertising materials for local and national ad agencies and companies.

Earl R. Madison of Highland Park, vice president and senior estimator for McGough Construction, has received the Distinguished Member Award for 1997 from the Builders Exchange of St. Paul. A past president of the exchange, Madison was honored for his years of service to the organization, the building industry and the community at large, including his many years of work on behalf of disadvantaged children.

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Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

MEETING MINUTES

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council voted unanimously at its January 15 board meeting to support an application for a non-conforming use to allow a hair salon to take over the first floor of the building at 1472 Grand Ave., which was formerly used as the office of Irmiter Construction. The second floor will have two apartments.

The property is zoned residential, but has a non-conforming use permit that permitted an office to operate in the entire building. The matter will be reviewed by the Zoning Committee of the St. Paul Planning Commission on February 5.

The Macalester-Groveland board supported the proposal with several conditions: that the number of stations be limited to seven for hairstylists and one for a manicurist, that business hours would be limited to 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, that parking in the rear of the property would only be used by employees and handicapped customers, and that any exhaust fans installed would not disturb the neighborhood.

In other business, the board voted to support splitting the University of St. Thomas residential permit parking district into at least three subdistricts. The council is asking for one district north of Summit Avenue and the other two south of Summit and divided at Cretin Avenue.

AYD MILL ROAD UPDATE

The time line for making recommendations on the fate of Ayd Mill Road has been extended. The task force is now scheduled to complete an Environmental Impact Statement in February or March. The community council will hold a

Mac-Grove hosts annual snow-sculpting contest

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council's sixth annual Teen and Family Snow Sculpting Contest, an official St. Paul Winter Carnival event, will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, February 7, on the Summit Avenue median between Albert and Pascal streets.

Prizes for teens include \$100 cash for first place, a \$50 savings account at Liberty State Bank for second place and \$25 cash for third place. Prizes for families include a \$75 gift certificate to the Green Mill and a \$40 gift certificate to Wet Paint for first place, family passes to the Science Museum and a \$35 gift certificate to Wet Paint for second place, and a \$25 gift certificate to Wet Paint and a free art class for one adult and one child for third place. All participants will receive a certificate for a small pizza at the Green Mill.

There is a non-refundable fee of \$7.50 to enter the contest,

community meeting on the matter and take its position in March or April.

HOUSING AND LAND USE

The community council's Housing and Land Use Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 4, to discuss the application for a special condition use permit to install cellular phone towers on the apartment building at 1305 Grand Ave. A permit is required because the building is less than 60 feet high.

In spite of neighborhood opposition, the Zoning Committee of the city's Planning Commission voted on January 15 to support the permit. The full Planning Commission will act on the committee's recommendation at its January 30 meeting.

At its February 4 meeting, the Housing and Land Use Committee will decide whether to appeal the Planning Commission's decision to the City Council.



Snow castle architects Frank Varro and Matt Derichs took first place in the teen division of last year's Snow Sculpting Contest. Photo by Mike Long.

which includes lunch and hot cocoa or coffee. For information, call Lee Wallace at 698-7973.

JOB CONNECTION

The community council's Job Connection is seeking area teen-agers and college students who are interested in making money by helping senior citizens with snow shoveling, housecleaning and other minor chores around the home. The minimum pay is \$5.15 an hour, with the rate depending on the difficulty of the job and the age of the worker. For information, call the community council office at 698-7973.

KIDSPARK FEE DROPS

KidsPark, the community council's drop-in child-care program that operates in the playground building at the Groveland Recreation Center, has reduced its membership fee for the remainder of the school year to \$25. Families also are required to pay \$10 per morning for infant care and \$2.75 an hour for children 16 months and older. Reservations may be made up to one week in advance by calling 698-7841.

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UST continues efforts to stifle fan noise

Sound levels still only touch below state max

by Kate Havelin

University of St. Thomas officials plan to install metal panels around the exhaust fans atop its new Frey Science and Engineering Center as part of their ongoing attempt to muffle noise emanating from the fans.

The decision was made after readings taken last month showed evening noise levels around the center at 49 decibels, which is one decibel below the state-imposed legal maximum, but still too loud for university officials and surrounding neighbors.

St. Thomas has already spent \$17,000 to try and solve the noise problem. It has installed metal shrouds around the fans and has rotated the units so the discharged air is directed away from homes on Goodrich Avenue. The university now plans to spend another \$19,000 to install 5-foot-high metal panels around the fans to absorb and break up the noise.

"The acoustic people think this is the answer," said Doug Hennes, vice president for university and government relations. "Our goal is to have them in place by April 1."

Residents living on the two-block stretch of Goodrich from Cretin Avenue to Mississippi River Boulevard have been complaining about the noise ever since five industrial-strength fans were turned on last summer on top of the \$37 million science center. Many of the residents say they are grateful that St. Thomas officials are continuing to look for solutions, but some people wish they would move a little faster.

"My concern is that they're continuing to take small steps," said Richard Kyle, 2194 Goodrich Ave. "This was a multimillion-dollar project, half of it paid for by taxpayers. Twenty-thousand dollars is a lot of money, but it's just a fraction of what they spent on the building."

Kyle said that it appeared St. Thomas was using "a Band-Aid approach" to solve the problem. He and other neighbors fear that the fans, which were designed to vent potentially hazardous air

from science labs within the 210,000-square-foot center, are simply too powerful to operate in a residential area. "If you've got an engine that's too big for the car, all the Band-Aids in the world won't help," Kyle said.

Hennes said St. Thomas is continuing to rely on the advice of noise experts. If the new effort to quiet the fans does not work, he said, the university will try something else.

Acoustic tests conducted on December 10 found that sound levels near the science center ranged from 43 to 49 decibels when three of the exhaust fans were running, Hennes said. When all five exhaust fans were turned off, the noise level ranged from 39 to 42 decibels. State and federal guidelines suggest that noise levels should be below 50 decibels in residential areas between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

St. Thomas uses all five fans during peak classroom hours, but switches off two of the fans each evening. Nearby residents say the fan noise is particularly bothersome in the evening and early morning, when there is little traffic or other noise to mask it.

SCHOOL NOTES

St. Thomas Academy has promoted senior Michael Reif to cadet colonel, the leader of the school's cadet corps. Reif, a Portland Avenue resident, is a National Merit Scholar semifinalist. He serves as president of the STA Student Council and editor-in-chief of the student newspaper. Fellow seniors Michael Makens, Jeffrey York, Kyle Moen and Joseph Franciskovich were promoted to the rank of cadet lieutenant colonels and will serve as Reif's deputy commanding officers.



Leah Boyd poses by the Tower Bridge in London.

Leah Boyd, a Highland Park resident and senior at Cretin-Derham Hall, spent New Year's Day performing in a parade in London, England, before 1 million spectators as an All-Star member of the Universal Cheerleaders Association. Boyd was one of more than 1,500 high school students from across the United States to be selected for the All-Star squad. She has been a cheerleader for the Raiders wrestling team for three years.

The College of St. Catherine is offering the following free events in the next two weeks: sessions on "How to Finance a College Education" at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 24, and at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 3 (690-6047); an informational session about Weekend College from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, February 7 (690-8828); and an informational session on master's degree programs from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 10 (690-6933).

Preparatory workshops for those who are interested in taking the Graduate Record Exam or Graduate Management Admission Test will be offered in the coming months at the College of St. Catherine. The GRE workshops will be offered on five Mondays starting February 16, and the GMAT workshops will be offered on five Tuesdays beginning February 3. For more information, call 690-6933.

Superintendent Curman Gaines has announced that he will leave the St. Paul Public Schools on June 30 to accept a position with an undisclosed national company. He joined the school district in 1970 as a science teacher and served in a variety of teaching and administrative positions before being named superintendent in 1991. Mary Thornton Phillips, chair of the School Board, said the board will launch a nationwide search to find a successor.

A Scholastic Book Fair featuring more than 700 titles in paperback, hardcover and computer software will be held Monday through Thursday, January 26-29, at Randolph Heights Elementary School, 348 S. Hamline Ave. The show and sale is open to the public between 8:45 a.m. and 3:20 p.m. daily and between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 29.



Tiger Woods wannabees?

Pat Auran shows 8th-grader Dashaun Suggs proper putting form on Highland Park Junior High's new 9-hole miniature golf course. Auran built the portable course in his basement and plans to expand it to 18 holes. Photos by Terry Faust.



A new session of theater classes for elementary students will be offered on Tuesdays, January 27 through March 10, at the Rondo Education Center, 560 Concordia Ave. The classes will be conducted by the Homeward Bound Theatre Company. Among the offerings is Broadway Kids, a class in simple mime and basic theater for grades 1-3, and Introducing Theatre to Children, a class in improvisation, role playing and body movement for grades 3-6. For more information or to register, call 293-5321.

The University of St. Thomas has appointed Richard J. Weiland as executive director of development. Weiland has worked as a professor, dean, vice president and development officer at private colleges in Minnesota since 1975. He joined St. Thomas in 1994 as the director of major gifts.

Mike Ingebritsen, a senior at the University of St. Thomas, and the rest of the four-piece rock band Domo will be performing on the Conan O'Brien show the evening of Friday, January 30. The group was named a winner of the show's College Band Search.

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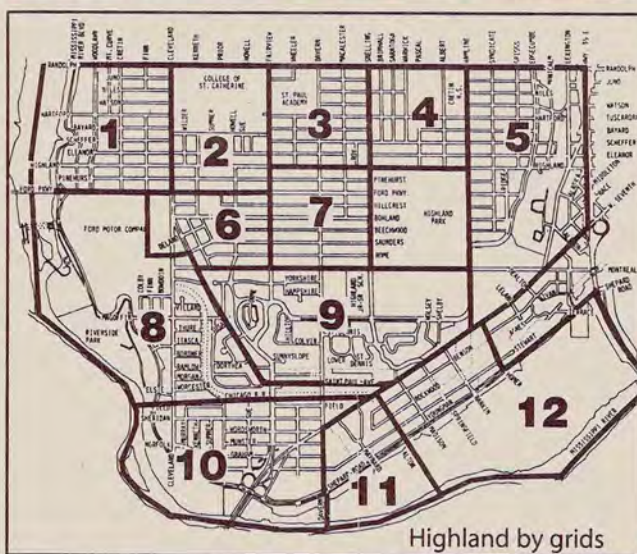


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Highland Area Community COUNCIL CAPSULE



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BOARD NOTES

The Highland Area Community Council announced at its January 8 meeting that it will be joining with the Macalester-Groveland Community Council in sponsoring neighborhood cleanups this year. The Highland cleanup will be held in May and the Macalester-Groveland cleanup in September. Residents of the two neighborhoods will be able to take part in both cleanups.

The community council's next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 5, in the community room at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. At that time, the Hertz Corporation will present a landscaping plan for its proposed car rental facility in the Shepard-Davern neighborhood. For information, call the HACC office at 298-5138.

HERTZ SITE PLAN APPEAL

A Highland Park resident who lives across the street from the new Hertz rental car facility on Davern Street has successfully filed an appeal against the company's site plan. The St. Paul Planning Commission agreed with resident Cliff Nash and revised the site plan on January 9. The changes involve

Merriam Park COUNCIL CAPSULE

HOMEOWNERS, RENTERS TAKE PRIDE

The Pride in Neighborhood Housing Program will kick off in February. The program will allow Merriam Park and Snelling Hamline residents to apply for low-interest loans and grants for exterior home improvement projects, such as new roofing, storm windows or tuckpointing.

A few good renters, meanwhile, are being sought to join neighborhood committees, participate in community building activities and have their voices heard by becoming part of the Safe Apartments Initiative.

For information on either program, call the community council office at 645-6887.

AYD MILL ROAD COALITION MEETS

The Ayd Mill Road Coalition will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 22, to review the most recent information about the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is being conducted to help determine the future of Ayd Mill Road. The meeting will be held in Gangelhoff Center at Concordia University, located on Marshall and Hamline avenues.

The EIS is being conducted by the city and will result in recommendations to the Planning Commission and, in turn, the City Council for choosing a preferred alternative for connecting Ayd Mill Road to the interstate system.

The Ayd Mill Road Coalition is composed of representatives from community councils, business associations, institutions and organizations that will be affected by the location and design alternatives under consideration in the EIS. The

Foundation offers free trees

Ten river birch trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during January. The 6- to 12-inch trees will be shipped post-paid before June 1 and are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to: Ten Free River Birch Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410 by January 31.

moving the company's southernmost driveway off Davern Street and onto Stewart Avenue, and moving the driveway that had been aligned with Graham Avenue so it will be closer to Munster Avenue.

SCHOOL CROSSING

A lock will soon be placed on the signal lights at Ford Parkway and Kenneth Street so that when students from Horace Mann and Highland Catholic schools are crossing that intersection, members of the school patrol can turn all of the lights to red. When the children have crossed the intersection, the lights will be returned to their regular operation.

The school patrols will be trained in the operation of the lock by the St. Paul Police Department.

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

Applications are now being accepted from neighborhood residents to attend the St. Paul Police Department's sixth annual Citizen Police Academy. The academy, which meets once a week for approximately three months, gives residents a more complete understanding of the work of the police department. To receive an application, call the HACC office at 298-5138. The application deadline is February 20.

STEVENS HOUSE MUSEUM

The John H. Stevens House Museum in Minnehaha Park is seeking a St. Paul resident to sit on its board of directors. For information, call Mike Bosanko at 881-0258.

RECYCLING UPDATE

The Highland Area Community Council is temporarily out of recycling containers. A new supply is expected on January 30. At that time, the council also will have recycling signs available for those who would like to help their neighbors remember to put their recycling out for collection.

The next recycling date in the Highland area is Monday, February 2. Items should be sorted, bagged and on the curb by 7:00 a.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 31: "Neighborhoods, Some Assembly Required III," 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Arlington High School.

February 3: Shepard-Davern Task Force meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave.

February 5: HACC board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

coalition has participated in the Ayd Mill Road planning process since 1994 and has developed ideas that have been accepted by the city and its citizen task force. With the EIS nearing completion, the coalition feels it is imperative for all those concerned to hear the facts and begin to develop a unified position on the future of the roadway.

UNIVERSITY AVENUE DEVELOPMENT

A series of meetings will be held in February and March to involve citizens in the redevelopment of University Avenue. The next meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 3, at the Ronald Hubbs Center for Lifelong Learning on University Avenue and Oxford Street.

Information will be presented on current markets and opportunities on University Avenue, new urbanism, zoning, financial incentives and existing design and development principles. Upcoming meetings will include discussion of a pilot project to enhance the University Avenue streetscape. For information, call the council office 645-6887.

BUILDING AND LAND USE

The community council's Building and Land Use Committee is designing a process to involve residents in updating the District 13 community plan. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 4 at the Merriam Park Community Center, 2001 St. Anthony Ave.

Area residents are being asked to offer their opinions on developing a plan that will become a part of the St. Paul Comprehensive Plan and will guide development, land use and transit into the 21st century. To get involved, call committee chair Roger Meyer at 647-5347 or the council office at 645-6887.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 22: Ayd Mill Road Coalition, 7:00 p.m., Gangelhoff Center, Concordia University.

January 29: Transportation and Economic Development Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Liberty State Bank.

February 3: University Avenue development meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ronald Hubbs Center.

February 4: Building and Land Use Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Merriam Park Community Center.

February 11: Merriam Park board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Merriam Park Community Center.

For more information on any of the above meetings, call the Merriam Park council office at 645-6887.

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Area neighborhoods to honor their top citizens on January 31

"Neighborhoods: Some Assembly Required III," an annual training day for neighborhood activists in St. Paul, will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, January 31, at Arlington High School, 1494 Rice St. The event will include addresses and workshops dealing with subjects ranging from housing to domestic violence and economic development to the future of the city's Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) program.

During lunch, Mayor Norm Coleman will recognize some of the most active residents from each of the city's 19 community councils. Their names will be added to the Neighborhood Honor Roll that hangs in the mayor's office. Most of the community councils have also selected a project for special recognition.

The honorees and projects from the Villager area include the following:

District 14—The Macalester-Groveland Community Council has nominated Eileen Hott, Jane Jenkins and John Margot for the Neighborhood Honor Roll. Hott is a block club leader and office volunteer. Jenkins has been the council's treasurer for the past two years, is a member of several community council committees and has been one of the council's representatives on the Ayd Mill Road Task Force. Margot, a long-time activist in youth recreational programs, serves as the council's representative on the city's Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) Committee and STAR Board. For its project award, the community council nominated its Middle Income Home Improvement Program, an effort to improve the aging housing stock in the neighborhood.

District 15—The Highland Area Community Council has nominated Linn Ward

for the Neighborhood Honor Roll for her many years of work on the garden project adjacent to Fire Station No. 11 at the corner of Edgumbe Road and St. Paul Avenue, and Donna Genck for her work on the gardens at the Highland Library and Hillcrest Recreation Center. For its project, the council nominated the new playground at Horace Mann School, which was built by volunteers.

District 13—Three community councils make up District 13. The Merriam Park Community Council nominated Ferdinand Peters for his efforts in developing the Pride in Neighborhood Housing Program and for promoting improvements to Iris and Aldine parks as a member of the city's CIB Committee. The Snelling-Hamline Community Council nominated John Van Hecke for his work on the Pride in Neighborhood Housing Program and his commitment to the Ayd Mill Road planning process. The Lexington-Hamline Community Council nominated Stuart Alger for his volunteer efforts as board president. For its project, the three community councils nominated their joint Safe Apartments Program.

District 16—The Summit Hill Association nominated Chris Trost, who recently stepped down after 10 years as the association's executive director, and Bill Skally and John Seikmeier for their service to the association and particularly their work on parking issues. For its project, the association nominated the Summit Hill Living at Home/Block Nurse Program.

The cost for "Neighborhoods: Some Assembly Required III" is \$15, which includes lunch. To register, call Deb Krause at the Wilder Foundation at 659-6030. The registration deadline is January 23.

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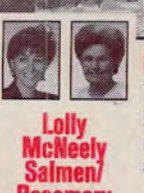
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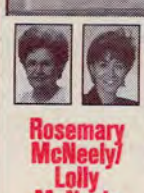
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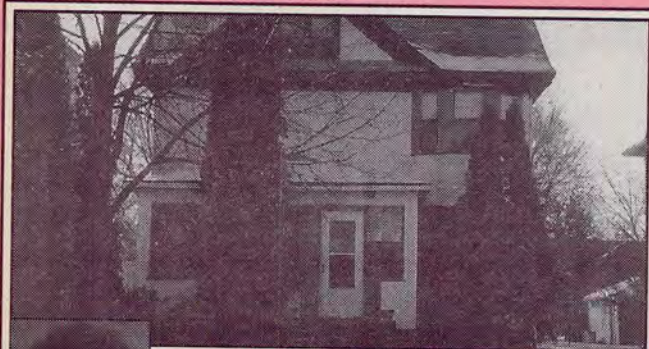
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Thursday/January 22

COMMUNITY LAND-USE PLANNING will be discussed by the members of an advisory council appointed by Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today in the Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Landmark Center. Admission is free.

THIRD WORLD PRESS FOUNDER Haki R. Madhubuti will discuss the meaning and importance of community to African Americans at 7:00 p.m. today at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and seniors. For information, call 296-6126.

HELP IN FINDING A JOB and keeping it is being offered by Jewish Family Service from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. today and every Thursday at the Family Center, 2390 W. 7th St. To make an appointment, call 690-1645.

Saturday/January 24

AN ICE FISHING CLINIC will be offered for children from noon to 3:00 p.m. today at Fort Snelling State Park. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is free, but a state park vehicle permit is required (\$4.00 daily, \$20 annual). For information, call 725-2724.

AN INFORMAL DROP-IN SESSION to discuss neighborhood issues and concerns with newly elected Ward 4 City Council member Jay Benanav will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave.

"SPIRITUAL FITNESS and Relaxation," a program for parents and their children ages 6 weeks to two years, will take place from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Baby massage, relaxation, visualization, breathing and other techniques will be covered. The cost is \$7.00 per family for non-members. To register, call 698-0751.

A FAMILY WINTER WONDERLAND and Children's Dog Sled Day will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today at the Dodge Nature Center, 365 W. Marie Ave., West St. Paul. Dog sled rides, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, a bonfire, hot beverages and snacks will be offered. The cost is \$3.00 plus \$6.50 for dog sled rides. Gear is provided. For reservations, call 455-4531.

ORIENTATION for a 12-week Weigh Down Workshop will be held at 9:00 this morning at Messiah Episcopal Church, 1631 Ford Pkwy. Child care will be available. The workshop will begin February 7. To register, or for more information, call 722-0596.

Sunday/January 25

A WINTER ADVENTURE FAMILY Festival will be held from noon to 5:00 p.m. today at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Families may snowshoe on the History Center lawn (equipment will be provided), build their own miniature cross country skis, go sledding, watch a demonstration of curling or bake "hockey slider" cookies. Admission to the festival is free. For information, call 296-6126.



Frosty the snow girl. Nakia Herold, 4, shows her delight following a day of sledding with her family at the Highland Golf Course. Photo by Mike Long.

Tuesday/January 27

GASLIGHT TOURS will be offered at 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. today and tomorrow at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. The 80-minute tours will include refreshments. The cost is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors and \$2.00 for children ages 6-15. For reservations, call 297-2555.

MASTER GARDENER Joe Keleher will teach a free class on starting seeds indoors from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening at Central High School, 275 N. Lexington Pkwy. To register, call 872-3291.

"PEACE AND SECURITY, Pluralism and Solidarity: An Update and Analysis from Israel" will be discussed by Tzipora Rimon, Israel's new consul general to the Midwest, in a free program at 7:30 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For information, call 698-0751.

A TOPS MEETING for anyone interested in losing weight will be offered from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening at Calvary Lutheran Church, 341 S. Hamline Ave.

Wednesday/January 28

A LUNCHEON to benefit Our Lady of Good Counsel Free Cancer Home will be served at noon today in Rowan Hall at St. Helena's Church, 43rd St. and 32nd Ave. S., Minneapolis. The cost is \$5.00.

"PATHWAYS FOR YOUR GARDEN," a class taught by landscape architect Diane Klausner, will be offered at 7:30 this evening

at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For information, call Shelly at 690-8786.

LIGHT-RAIL TRANSIT on the Hiawatha Corridor will be discussed by Transit for Livable Communities from 6:00 to 8:00 this evening at Metro Transit's Snelling Garage, Snelling Avenue and I-94.

"WRITING THROUGH GRIEF," an eight-week program for women who are interested in exploring loss or grief through poetry, fiction memoir or journal, will hold its first meeting from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. today at the Hamline Park Plaza, 570 Asbury St. The program is sponsored by the Center for Grief, Loss & Transition. The cost is \$25 per session or \$175 in advance for the series. To register, call 641-0177.

Thursday/January 29

FREE TAX ADVICE will be offered by Susan Peters of American Express Tax and Business Services at 7:00 this evening at Barnes & Noble, 2080 Ford Pkwy. For information, call 690-9443.

SNOWSHOEING BY CANDLELIGHT for people age 12 and older will be available from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening at the Dodge Nature Center, 365 W. Marie St., West St. Paul. Snowshoes will be provided. The cost is \$5.00 for non-members. For information, call 455-4531.

Saturday/January 31

A USED BOOK SALE for the benefit of

Second Chance Animal Rescue will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. For information, call 771-5662.

THE SAINTLY CITY CAT CLUB will hold its 22nd annual Championship and Household Pet Cat Show from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. tomorrow in the Roy Wilkins Auditorium of the St. Paul RiverCentre (formerly the Civic Center). Admission is \$3.00, \$2.00 for children under 10 and seniors.

AN ART TREASURES HUNT will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today at the State Capitol. The cost is \$1.00. For information, call 296-2881.

Monday/February 2

INTRODUCTORY COMPUTER classes will be offered on Monday and Tuesday mornings beginning today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. To register, call 698-0751.

Friday/February 6

A SILENT AUCTION to benefit breast cancer research will take place from 7:00 to 9:30 this evening at the Art Resources Gallery, 9th and Jackson Streets. For information, call 222-4431.

PROFESSOR STEPHANIE COONTZ, author of *The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap*, will deliver the keynote address for a three-day conference on work and family issues at 8:00 this evening in Macalester College's Weyerhaeuser Chapel on Grand Avenue. Admission is free.

THE FIRST FRIDAY CLUB of the Twin Cities will meet for lunch from noon to 1:15 p.m. today at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. John H. Dasburg, president and CEO of Northwest Airlines, will discuss Northwest's operations and its role in Minnesota. The cost is \$17. To register, call 962-6430.

Saturday/February 7

A QUILTING BEE will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The West End Quilters will demonstrate the art of hand quilting in the setting of an old-fashioned quilting bee. Admission is free. For information, call 296-6126.

A CONSTITUENT FORUM will be held by Representative Michael Paymar from 10:00 to 11:30 this morning in the Village View Room at the Hillcrest Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. For information, call 296-4199.

Monday/February 9

A LECTURE on "The Byzantine World" will be given by Professor Robert Clark Nelson at 7:00 this evening in the lecture hall of the Visual Arts Building at the College of St. Catherine. Admission is free. For information, call 781-6363.

SPOTLIGHT on Education

Your guide to local school programs, personnel and educational services.

Using your head

Brain Gym teaches people how to flex their mental muscle

by Molly McBeath

In a small classroom overlooking West 7th Street, Linda Perry moves her arms and legs in a deliberate, controlled manner. The movements, she explains, are not part of a physical fitness regimen but a series of exercises designed to stimulate the brain.

Perry and her business partner, Catherine Warrick, use the exercises to teach children and adults everything from how to read to how to improve their golf game. Their business is the Whole Brain Shop and their practice is educational kinesiology, or Edu-K, the study of how movement can improve neural connections and make learning easier.

Perry and Warrick call the exercises the Brain Gym and employ them as a primary strategy for creating new, more efficient neural pathways.

"In our country, we've sort of separated out mental activity and physical activity, and physical activity has gotten short shrift," Perry says. "We're starting to learn that that's a mistake, that there's

a great deal of power in physical movement."

Children with attention deficit disorder have been especially helped by this method, according to Perry. These children tend to be fidgety, she says. The fidgeting helps them activate their brain.

"The way they activate their brain is by moving their head, and when you use these (exercises) you give them movements they can do that will help them develop those parts of their brain that weren't developed," Perry says.

According to Perry, the Brain Gym helps people build and solidify neural patterns through a process called myelination. Myelin, a fatty protein, insulates neural paths and increases the speed of neural impulses. The more use a pathway gets, the more myelin it gets and the faster the impulses are conducted.

Another common condition that has been successfully treated by the Brain Gym is "cross dominance," where information from the eyes enters one hemisphere of the brain, information from the ears enters the other hemisphere, and the neural network is missing to ex-

change the information.

People who are cross-dominant frequently have trouble learning to read and get extremely frustrated when they try, Perry says. "When that happens time and time again, the stress raises their adrenaline level," she says. "Adrenaline causes your brain not to function as well, so you've got this terrible cycle where no matter what you do, nothing helps."

Launa Ellison, a 5th and 6th grade teacher at Barton Open School in South Minneapolis and author of *Seeing With Magic Glasses*, a book about how children learn, uses part of the Brain Gym program in her classroom. Before big tests, Ellison says, she has her students perform Brain Gym's "midline" movements, which are exercises designed to activate the two hemispheres of the brain.

Ellison says that with all the variables in learning, she cannot prove that the exercises make a difference, but doing them "creates an alertness and sharp-

Brain Gym/see page 24



Whole Brain Shop educator Linda Perry demonstrates the positive points technique of relaxation while her partner, Catherine Warrick, does a hook-up exercise. Both techniques are supposed to prepare the mind and body to learn by relieving stress. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

Open houses, fairs help parents make educated decision on area schools

by John Wadell

Parents will have an opportunity to identify the schools that best meet the needs of their children in the coming weeks. Local school districts are doing their part to make the process easier by hosting informational fairs and open houses.

The 1998-99 "School Choices and Services Catalog" was mailed out to St. Paul residents last week. The catalog describes each St. Paul

public school and includes an application for citywide magnet schools.

The district also will host a Parent Information Fair from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 24, at RiverCentre (formerly the St. Paul Civic Center). The fair will feature exhibits on school programs and services, and sessions on how to choose a school and prepare for college. Student entertainment and activities geared to elementary-aged children will be presented as well.

For the first time, the school district has invited private, parochial and charter schools to participate in the fair.

Admission to the fair is free. Reduced-rate parking of \$4.00 for the day will be available in the RiverCentre ramp. Free parking with shuttle bus service to the fair will be provided at the St. Paul Technical College, 235 Marshall Ave. For details, call 293-5162.

The application deadline for attending public schools in St. Paul next year is Febru-

ary 27 for secondary schools and March 20 for elementary schools. More information is available by calling the Student Placement Center at 293-5413.

In Minneapolis, families with children who will be entering school for the first time or changing elementary schools next fall are being asked to fill out a school request form, which is due by February 28.

Schools/see page 23



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'School Talk'

Cable show gives citizens a chance
to air views on public school issues

by Sandy Lucas

Many people have strong feelings about standardized testing, busing and other issues facing the public schools—especially those that affect their children, their neighborhood and their checkbook. Yet few have the time or inclination to attend school board meetings where those issues are decided.

The St. Paul Public Schools is now attempting to give residents more of a say in what is taking place in and out of the classroom by presenting "School Talk," a magazine-style cable television show that airs at 7:00 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month on cable Channel 32.

The pilot program is believed to be the first of its kind offered by a school district, according to Su Yeager, communications director for the St. Paul Public Schools and executive producer of "School Talk." The hour-long show features a collection of 3- to 4-minute segments about new school programs and profiles of interesting students, teachers and administrators in the district. It also offers "how-to" tips for parents who are interested in improving their children's education.

The centerpiece of "School Talk" is a 20-minute live, call-in segment. Members of the St. Paul School Board field questions and comments from the viewing audience on a different topic each month. For the February 3 program, the discussion will center on school choice. Viewers can offer their own

perspective on that hot topic during the show by calling 293-5100.

The upcoming program also will include segments on board members Gilbert Delao and Al Oertwig, Washington Middle School and Julian Stafford, principal of the Area Learning Center and Minnesota's secondary principal of the year. Students from Central High School will perform a rap song about testing. Sheryl Riley, a 7th-grade English teacher at Ramsey Junior High School with a background in theater and commercial voiceovers, will serve as moderator. The program will be cablecast again later in the week for those who miss it.

School Board member Becky Montgomery said she had her doubts about "School Talk" when the first program aired last spring. However, the number of people calling in to the program continues to increase.

"I was skeptical at first," Montgomery said. "I wondered whether we'd get phone calls at all, but I've been amazed. There are pretty much always callers on the line waiting to get through."

The St. Paul School Board was instrumental in getting the ball rolling for "School Talk," Yeager said. Though monthly School Board meetings already were being cablecast, she said board members wanted to find a more effective way to reach out to the public.

"The board members really took the initiative," Yeager said. "They wanted to



Jill Cacy, top right, coordinator of the Student Placement Center for the St. Paul Public Schools, talks with communications specialist Christine Wroblewski about issues parents face regarding their choice of elementary schools as part of a segment for "School Talk." Running the camera is Jerry Skelly. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

find a way to talk with constituents and showcase some of the really great things that are going on in the schools."

"It's another way to reach the public, to get input from the people we serve," Montgomery said. "Constituent comments are always important—the more we have, the more informed our decisions are. We also were looking for a format that was more educational and interesting for the public (than regular School Board meetings)."

The program has generated attention outside the Twin Cities as well. Yeager

said a workshop on "School Talk" was received enthusiastically at a national gathering of the 50 largest urban school districts in the nation last fall. Since then, she said, calls continue to come in about the logistics of putting such a program together.

Funding for "School Talk" has mostly been based on a "song and a prayer," Yeager said. "We rely a lot on the technical expertise and equipment that's already in place for regular board meetings and staff from the district's Educational Television Department. They've done an outstanding job."



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Schools set open houses/

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The forms are available at elementary and middle schools. They also will be available at information fairs that will be held in the next two weeks. Fairs for north and northeast schools will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, January 24, and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 29, at Broadway School, 1250 W. Broadway Ave. Fairs for southwest, south and east area schools will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, January 31, and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 5, at Green Central, 3416 S. 4th Ave.

More information about Minneapolis Public Schools is available in "The 1998 School Guide," which will be distributed at the information fairs and will be available in early January at all elementary and middle schools, and "Moving on to High School," which will be distributed at high school open houses. For information, call the district's Welcome Center at 627-2918.

In School District 197, an informational meeting for students planning to attend Sibley High School will be held on Monday, February 2. Many kindergarten roundups are still being planned for March and April. For information, call 681-2398.

A few local private schools have already held their open houses, including Cretin-Derham Hall, St. Thomas Academy and the Upper School at Convent of the Visitation. The following is a list of the local secondary school showcases, elementary school open houses and kindergarten roundups scheduled for the weeks ahead:

ST. PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Secondary)

Capitol Hill Magnet, 560 Concordia Ave. Showcase (grades 7-8) from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 17. Call 293-5918.

Central Senior, 275 N. Lexington Pkwy. Showcase from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday, February 9. Call 293-8700.

Highland Park Junior, 975 S. Snelling Ave. Showcase from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 18. Call 293-8950.

Highland Park Senior, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. Showcase from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 11. Call 293-8940.

Ramsey Junior, 1700 Summit Ave. Showcase from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, February 12. Call 293-8860.

(Elementary)

Adams Spanish Immersion, 615 S. Chatsworth Ave. Open house from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 5. Kindergarten roundup at 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 11. Call

298-1595.

Benjamin E. Mays, 560 Concordia Ave. Open house at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 26. Kindergarten roundup at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 5. Call 293-8730.

Expo, 540 S. Warwick St. Open house from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 10. Kindergarten roundup at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, February 26. Call 290-8384.

Groveland Park, 2045 St. Clair Ave. Kindergarten roundup from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 26. Call 293-8760.

Highland Park, 1700 Saunders Ave. French immersion program open house from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 10. Kindergarten roundup from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Monday, May 4. Call 293-8770.

Homecroft, 1845 Sheridan Ave. Kindergarten roundup from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 2. Call 293-8955.

Horace Mann, 2001 Eleanor Ave. Kindergarten roundup at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16. Call 293-8965.

J.J. Hill, 998 Selby Ave. Open house from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 19. Kindergarten roundup from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15. Call 293-8720.

Linwood A+, 1023 Osceola Ave. Open house at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 19. Kindergarten roundup at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19. Call 293-6606.

Longfellow, 318 Moore St. Open house from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4. Kindergarten roundup from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 6. Call 293-8725.

Monroe, 810 Palace Ave. Kindergarten roundup from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 16. Call 293-8690.

Museum Magnet, 560 Concordia Ave. Open houses at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 10. Kindergarten roundup at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 11. Call 293-5926.

Randolph Heights, 348 S. Hamline Ave. Kindergarten roundup at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11. Call 293-8780.

Webster, 707 Holly Ave. Open house at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 9. Kindergarten roundup at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12. Call 293-8625.

(K-12 schools)

St. Paul Open, 90 S. Western Ave. Upper School showcase from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, February 19. Lower School open house from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 5. Kindergarten roundup from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, May 28. Call 293-8670.

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That first experience fascinated Perry, and she decided to continue her studies in Edu-K. Eventually, she gave up her job teaching computer skills and became a certified educational kinesiology instructor.

While working toward her certification, Perry met Warrick, an educator who had already begun to incorporate educational kinesiology with other tutoring strategies at her

Whole Brain Shop. A year ago, the two formed a partnership and began branching out from tutoring.

Warrick and Perry have since set up Brain Gym as a graduate-level class in education at Hamline University. This year, Perry will train nursing home staff in Brain Gym. The partners have also begun offering services in applied and health kinesiology at the Whole Brain Shop.

"What I like about this work is that it helps people balance and integrate their brain so they don't have such a struggle," Perry says. "You're not trying to accommodate the world to their difficulty; you're helping them overcome that difficulty so they can accommodate the world."

Open houses scheduled/

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Children's Country Day, 1588 S. Victoria Road, Mendota Heights. Preschool and kindergarten open house from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 5. Call 454-7499.

Convent of the Visitation, 2455 Visitation Drive, Mendota Heights. Open house for lower (Montessori preschool through grade 5) and middle (grades 6-8) schools at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 7. Call 683-1700.

Friends School, 1365 Englewood Ave. Informational sessions for grades K-7 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 29, and Thursday, February 26. Call 917-0636.

Highland Catholic, 2017 Bohland Ave. Roundup for kindergartners and new students at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 27. Call 690-2477.

Holy Spirit, 1406 Randolph Ave. Kindergarten roundups at 1:00 and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 28. Call 698-7233.

IHM-St. Luke's, 1065 Summit Ave. Open house for kindergarten through 8th grade from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 29. Call 224-4836.

Minnehaha Academy, 3107 S. 47th Ave., Minneapolis. Upper school open house at 6:45 p.m. Monday, February 23. Open houses for grades 1-8 at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, February 26, at the Lower School, 4200 W. River Pkwy. Kindergarten and preschool informational program at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, February 7. Call 729-8326.

Minnesota Waldorf School, 2129 N. Fairview Ave. Open house at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 22. Informational evening at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 3. Kindergarten

roundup from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 12. Call 636-6577.

Mounds Park Academy, 2051 E. Larpenteur Ave. Open house from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, February 5. Call 777-6788.

Nativity, 1900 Stanford Ave. Open house from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 29. Call 699-1311.

St. Francis-St. James United, 426 S. Osceola. Parent information night at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 5. Call 228-1167.

St. Paul Academy and Summit School. Open houses from 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 1, for grades K-6 at the lower school, 1150 Goodrich Ave., and for grades 7-12 at the upper school, 1712 Randolph Ave. Call 698-2451 (upper) or 228-1110 (lower).

Sunny Hollow Montessori, 636 S. Mississippi River Blvd. Preschool and kindergarten open house at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 21. Call 690-2307.

Talmud Torah of St. Paul, 768 S. Hamline Ave. Preschool open house at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 26. Call 698-8807.

MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Roosevelt Senior, 4029 S. 28th Ave. Open house from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 22. Call 627-2658.

Sanford Middle, 3524 S. 42nd Ave. Open house from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 10. Call 627-2720.

DISTRICT 197 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Henry Sibley High, 1897 Delaware Ave., Mendota Heights. Meeting for parents of incoming 9th-grade students at 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 2. Call 681-2350.

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Russian and Afghan emigres' art sheds light on the darkness in their past

by Leslie Walters

The dark side of life has inspired some of the most compelling works of visual artists Emel Sherzad and Vladimir Kharitonsky. Natives of Afghanistan and Russia, respectively, Sherzad and Kharitonsky know first-hand the anguish and horror of civil strife and political repression. Yet their love of art allows them to honor the dark side while keeping in touch with the light.

It's all about balance, according to Sherzad, a former political prisoner. "I'm aware of all the injustices," he said, "but on the other hand I cannot keep up with how much good music and painting there is."

His attitude is echoed by Kharitonsky, a Russian dissident who is now awaiting political asylum in this country. With his art, he said, he hopes to "offer encouragement to others who have become weary from the struggle for self-understanding through the retrieval of their own personal monsters."

Nearly 50 paintings and drawings by the two Merriam Park artists are on display through February 14 at the Nomad Gallery, 1375 St. Clair Ave. The gallery takes its name from the kind of displacement experienced by Sherzad and Kharitonsky.

Sherzad was born into a family of Afghani artists. He grew up in Paris and Rome but returned to Afghanistan as a teen-ager only to be imprisoned in 1978 along with other members of his family who had fallen into disfavor with the political regime.

During his seven months in prison, the 16-year-old Sherzad witnessed torture and executions that continue to haunt his art. A year after he was released, his family was exiled to Switzerland and in 1984 he arrived in St. Paul to attend Macalester College. A

St. Paul resident ever since, he now runs the Khyber Pass Cafe next door to the gallery.

As a child, Kharitonsky shared a one-room apartment with three relatives, including his mother, a singer in a children's theater who committed suicide when his father's political activities began to threaten the Soviet regime. A pacifist, Kharitonsky avoided the draft and the Soviet Union's war in Afghanistan by feigning mental illness. His work in the theater grew along with his political activism. While on tour with the Arlekin Theater of Moscow in 1990, he defected to the United States.

Kharitonsky had trouble finding a job in U.S. theaters because of his limited English skills, so he turned to the visual arts as a means of expression. He works primarily in oils but also in pencil, ink and watercolor. And he is always experimenting with something new. "I see myself as a meat grinder," he said. "Life comes at me as meat and whatever comes out goes on the canvas."

Kharitonsky's paintings have a bit of the whimsical and monstrous about them. The figures and masks that he employs represent emotions, drives and dreams—the conscious and subconscious hopes and fears that influence people, he said.

"Every painting is like a chemical reaction on the wall," Kharitonsky said, every element, every little mark, is important.

For Sherzad, painting is a way to be childlike. He works mostly in acrylic, addressing such subjects as exile and how events that are out of one's control can irreversibly alter the course of one's life. "There are things that go on around the world that are really discomfiting—I've seen them first-hand," he said. "Living in a country where the idea of self-determination and freedom of choice are taken for granted, I seek to explore that



The Nomad Gallery has opened an exhibit of 50 paintings and drawings by Vladimir Kharitonsky (left) and Emel Sherzad, whose works reflect the years of oppression they suffered in their native countries of Russia and Afghanistan. Photos by Kristine Heykants.

contradiction in my art."

Sherzad attempts to lighten the darkness that influences his art. "There are certain tendencies I'm trying to fight, like drawing faces," he said. "I want my paintings to be not so representational, but no matter how hard I try I see faces—always powerful, never gay."

"Being from a country going through total destruction to living in a place where no matter how much you'd like to call it home, you walk onto the sidewalk and instantly understand you're not at home—I'm sure if you were in my skin you would feel it every day," he said.

Habib Amini, the owner and director of the Nomad Gallery, sees it as a refuge from repression and a sanctuary for artists, art lovers and those who are interested in global unity.

"I don't believe in nationalism," Amini said. "To bring a Russian and Afghan together under one roof pretty much tells the story that art and humanity really do not recognize any boundaries."

The Nomad Gallery is open for viewing from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and by appointment (690-5195).



Russian emigre Vladimir Kharitonsky's oil on canvas painting "Le Coq" is one of nearly 50 works by Kharitonsky and Afghan emigre Emel Sherzad that will be displayed now through February 14 at the Nomad Gallery and Annex, located at St. Clair Avenue and Albert Street.

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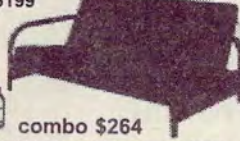
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Pianist Emanuel Ax will perform with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 22, in the Ted Mann Concert Hall on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota, and at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, January 23-24, at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced from \$15 to \$47.50, call 291-1144.

Peter Ostroshko, in celebration of his new release *Pilgrims on the Heart Road*, will perform at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, January 23-24, at the Cedar Cultural Centre, 416 S. Cedar Ave., Minneapolis. For ticket information, call 338-2674.

One Voice Mixed Chorus, a community gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender and friends chorus, will perform "Hear Me Roar: A Celebration of Women Composers" at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, January 24, and at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January 25, in the Janet Wallace Auditorium at Macalester College. For information, call 344-9663.

Joe Carter will perform his original work "Song in the Night," a powerful personal evocation of Carter's family's story and of African American spirituals, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, January 24, in the Buetow Music Center at Concordia University. Admission is \$5.00 or free for children and students. For information, call 625-4421.

The University of Minnesota Brass Choir will perform at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, January 25, at Hamline United Methodist Church, 1514 Englewood Ave. Admission is free. For information, call 645-0667.

Hill House Parlor concerts will take place at 7:30 p.m. Mondays, January 26 and February 2, at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. The

Hill House Chamber Players will perform the music of Vi- valdi, Bloch, Villa-Lobos and Turina, and Mahler. For tickets, priced at \$12, call 296-8205.

Bobby Vinton will perform with the Minnesota Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 29, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced from \$19.50 to \$32.50, call 371-5656.

Dionne Warwick will perform with the Minnesota Orchestra at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, January 30-31, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced from \$22.75 to \$42.75, call 371-5656.

The King's Noyse will perform "Stravaganza" at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, January 31, in Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University. For tickets, priced at \$15 and \$20, call 523-2459.

The Singer's Voice, an autobiographical music series hosted by Dan Chouinard, will continue at 8:00 p.m. Sundays at the Dakota Bar & Grille in Bandana Square with the following singers: Going to the Mountain on February 1; and Mary Jane Alm and Pat Frederick on February 8. For information, call 642-1442.

Kathleen Battle will perform with the Minnesota Orchestra at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, February 4 and 6, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced from \$17.25 to \$58.50, call 371-5656.

The Minnesota Orchestra will perform symphonic masterworks at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 5, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced from \$16.75 to \$39.50, call 371-5656.

"**Memories of Nat**," a tribute to Nat King Cole, will be performed by the Jazz Ensemble I and Jazz Singers from the University of Minnesota School of Music at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 5, in the Ted Mann Concert Hall on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota. For tickets, priced at \$11.50 for adults and \$6.50 for students and seniors, call 624-2345.

The Star of the North Chamber Choir Festival, featuring chamber choirs from 12 Minnesota high schools and Concordia University's Christus Chorus, will be held Saturday, February 7, at Concordia University. Critiques and rehearsals will be held from 9:00 a.m. to

ON THE TOWN briefly



Macalester-Groveland singer-guitarist Pat Donohue will perform songs from his latest CD, "Backroads," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, January 31, at the St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave. For ticket information, call 293-9021.

2:00 p.m. in the Buetow Music Auditorium. There also will be a performance at 4:00 p.m. in the Graebner Memorial Chapel. Admission is free. For information, call 641-8201.

Books

The Hungry Mind Bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted): Wanda Brown & Phyllis Goldin will read from their new book *Waiting for the Dough: Writings, Drawings, and Non-Prize-Winning Recipes* at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 21; Laura Zigman will read from her new novel *Animal Husbandry* on Thursday, January 22; Dona Schwartz will read from her new book *Contesting the Super Bowl* on Friday, January 23; Jesse Lee Kercheval will read from her new book *Space* on Friday, January 30; John Jiler will read from his new book

Sleeping With the Mayor: A True Story on Tuesday, February 3; and Kathleen Stokker and Jack Zipes will read from their new books *Folklore Fights the Nazis: Humor in Occupied Norway 1940-1945* and *Fairy Tales and Fables from Weimar Days* at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, February 7. Admission is free. For details, call 699-0587.

Paul Clifford Larson will sign copies and discuss his book *Icy Pleasures: Minnesota Celebrates Winter* from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, January 24, at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy. Admission is free. For information, call 690-9443.

Books for Travel, Etc., 857 Grand Ave., will offer the following travel talks at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays: Kimberly Miller and Beatrix Skoglund will present a "Wine Tour of France" on January 27; and Andrea Lambrecht, one of the authors of the *Traveler's Guide to Wildlife in Minnesota*, will talk about some of the hotspots in the state for

viewing wildlife on February 10. A registration fee of \$5.00 is required in advance for the wine tour. To register or for information, call 225-8006.

Laura Shapiro Kramer, author of *Uncommon Voyage: Parenting of a Child with Special Needs in the World of Alternative Medicine*, will speak from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, February 1, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For information, call Chad at 698-0751.

Family

Macalester College's African Music Ensemble will perform concerts for children in grades K-12 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, January 21-22, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. There also will be a performance for the general public at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, January 31. Admission is free. For information, call 696-6382.

The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., will offer the following story time activities at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays: Jessica and Ashley Bell, along with three of their friends, will present stories, poems and dramatizations based on their African-American heritage on Saturday, January 24; Nancy Poydar's *Snip, Snip... Snow!* will be read and children can make their own snowflakes on Saturday, January 31; and St. Paul Winter Carnival's Royal Family will tell winter carnival stories on Saturday, February 7. Admission is free. For details, call 224-8320.

"**Busytown**," an interactive exhibit based on the children's books by Richard Scarry, will open on Saturday, January 24, at the Minnesota Children's Museum, 10 W. 7th St. The exhibit will run through May 7. For information, call 225-6000.

"**Think It, Shoot It, Show It**," a program of new video works by young artists aged 10-18, including Highland Park High School 11th-graders presenting vignettes about identity, will be shown at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, January 24, at Intermedia Arts, 2822 S. Lyndale Ave., Minneapolis. For information, call 871-4444.

"**Sundays at Landmark**," a family-oriented event series, will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays at Landmark Center. Quartet Folklorico and flamenco guitarist Michael Hauser will present the folklore, music and dance of Mexico and Spain on January 25. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children over 6. For information, call 292-3225.

"**Broadway Gems for the Family**," a concert of music by Bernstein, Rodgers, Gershwin and Bock, will be given by the St. Paul JCC Symphony Orchestra at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January 25, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Admission is free, but tickets are required by calling 698-0751.

Preschool storytimes for children ages 3-5 will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 27, and continue on Tuesdays through February 24 at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. To register, call 292-6624.

Jane Kurtz, author of *Only a Pigeon* and *Fire on the Mountain*, will talk about her writing at 1:30 p.m. Friday, January 30, at the Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave. For information, call 224-8320.

A "**pajamarama**" storytime will be held at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, January 31, at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy. Children should show up in their favorite pajamas and join Curious George for cocoa, cookies and stories about the curious monkey. Curious George also will make an appearance at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 1, at the bookstore. Children can wear a favorite hat or make a paper hat of their own. There also will be cookies and stories. Admission to either program is free. For details, call 690-9443.

History Hijinx programs for children ages 3-11 will be offered from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The line-up includes the following: families can look at copies of historic valentines and create their own cards on February 1; and children can design layouts and covers for a photojournal about acclaimed photographer Gordon Parks on February 8. Admission is free. For details, call 296-6126.

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"Strings and Stories," a Music In The Park concert series, will take place Friday, February 6, with a concert by Peter Ostroushko and Joan Griffith at the St. Anthony Park branch library, 2245 Como Ave. Performances will be given at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children at the door and \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children in advance. For tickets, call 646-5266.

The Youth Performance Company will open *A Woman Called Truth*, the story of Sojourner Truth, on Friday, February 6, in the Howard Conn Fine Arts Center, 1900 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis. Performances will continue through February 22. For tickets, priced at \$7.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 14 and under, call 623-9080.

The St. Paul Civic Symphony will host a free concert performed by young artists at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 8, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College.

SteppingStone Theatre for Youth Development will open a musical adaptation of the book *The Black Snowman* on Sunday, February 8, in the Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Landmark Center. Performances will be given at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. and at 12:45 p.m. through February 26. For tickets, priced at \$6.00, call 225-9265.

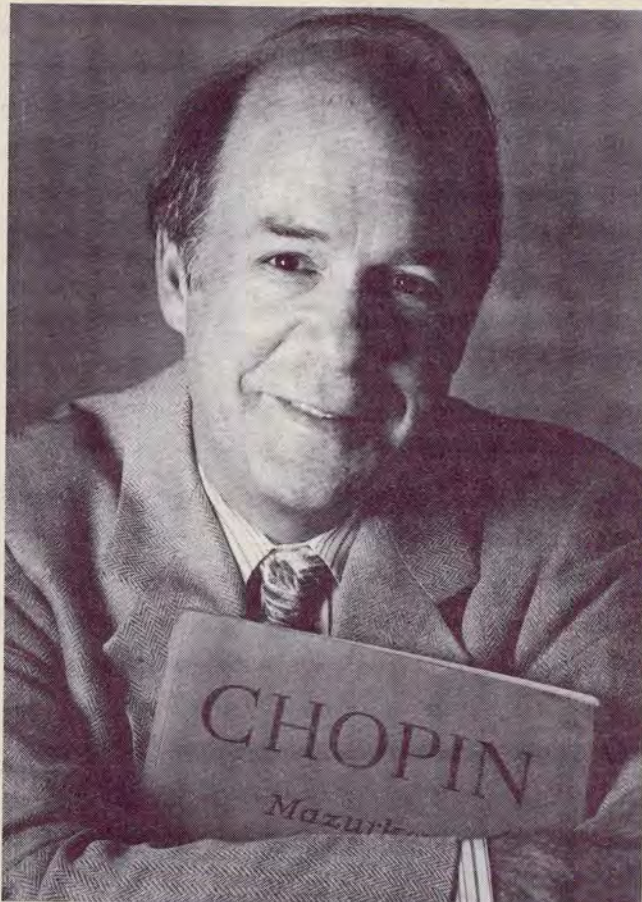
An opera workshop featuring "A Young People's Magic Flute" will be performed by the College of St. Catherine music department at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 10, and at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, in the Jeanne d'Arc Auditorium at the College of St. Catherine. Guest singers will include baritone Josh Miles, tenor Dale Hills and David Waite and bass Sean Nugent. Admission is free. For information, call 690-6690.

Dance



The TGIS Singles Social Club will hold the following smoke-free dances at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays (unless otherwise noted): Memphis and Solid Gold will provide the music for a dance at 8:00 p.m. January 24 in the Main Ballroom of the Thunderbird Hotel, 2201 E. 78th St., Bloomington; The Underbeats will provide the music for a dance on January 31 in the Hall of the Tribes also at the Thunderbird Hotel; and the Classics will provide the music for a dance on February 7 in the Grand Ballroom also at the Thunderbird Hotel. Admission is \$10 with a \$2.00 discount for those arriving before 9:00 p.m. For information, call 644-3443.

A mid-winter dance party will be held from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, February 7, at the Ethnic Dance Theatre Studio, 2337 NE Central Ave., Minneapolis. For tickets, priced at \$10 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 and under, call 782-3970.



The Frederic Chopin Society will present American pianist Victor Rosenbaum in a solo recital at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 1, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. For tickets, priced at \$13, call 822-0123.

Film



"Cinema with Passion" continues with weekend showings at the Riverview Theatre, 3800 S. 42nd Ave., Minneapolis, with the following films: *We're No Bad Guys* at midnight Saturday, January 24; *Duel of the Iron Fists* a.k.a. *The Duel* at midnight Friday, January 23, at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 24, and at midnight Saturday, January 31; *36th Chamber of Shaolin* at midnight Friday, January 30, at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 31, and at midnight on Saturday, February 7; and *Enter the Dragon* at midnight Friday, February 6, and at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 7. Admission is \$5.00. For information, call 349-2549.

The Learning Tree, a 1960s film by Gordon Parks exploring childhood dreams, family relationships, boyhood mischief, interracial friendships and the fears, frustrations and ambitions of black youth in a small town, will be shown at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 8, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is free. For information, call 296-6126.

Etc.



Auditions for all voice parts for the Macalester Festival Chorale's spring concert "Voices of the Americas," which will be performed April 18-19, will be held by appointment throughout January. To make an appointment, call Martha Davis at 696-6520.

A Victorian Poetry Slam will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, February 9-10, at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Costumed actors will present poems of love,

death, humor and other topics from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Tours of the house will follow and refreshments will be served. The cost is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors and \$2.00 for children ages 15 and under. For reservations, call 297-2555.

Exhibits



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

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

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

"Two Lines and a Circle," new paintings by Shane Hart, has opened at Beauxmages Fine Art, 684 Smith Ave. The exhibit will run until January 31. For information, call 221-9868.

A Jerome Artists Exhibition, featuring the works of five Minnesota ceramic artists, has opened at the Northern Clay Center, 2424 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. The exhibit will remain on view until February 21. For information,

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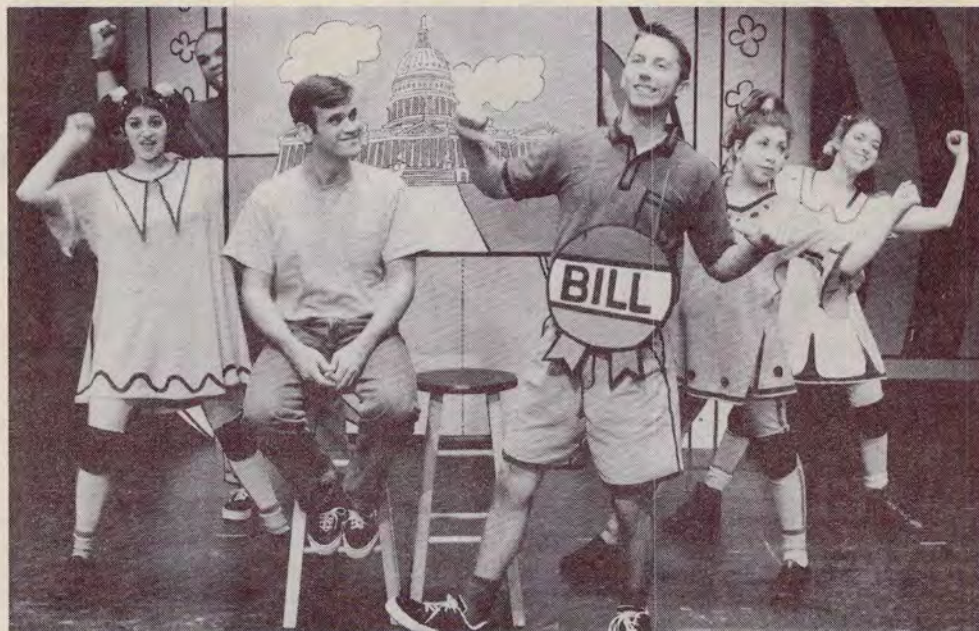
"Pen to Pixel: the Work of Paul Shaw and LetterPerfect" has opened at the College of Visual Arts, 173 Western Ave. The exhibit will remain on display through February 6.

"The Indian Sari: Draping Bodies, Revealing Lives," an exhibit of a diverse selection of saris in silk, hand-woven cotton and synthetic fabrics, will open with a reception from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, January 25, in the Goldstein Gallery on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota. The exhibit will remain on view through March 1. Admission is free.

"Travelogue of a Wanderer," an exhibit of current drawings by Sarah Singer, will open with a reception from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, January 26, in the Art Department Gallery at Concordia University. The exhibit will remain on view through February 20. For information, call 641-8201.

"Material Wealth: The Beautiful Textile," a national juried textile show presenting the works of 13 artists, will open Monday, February 2, in the Catherine G. Murphy Gallery at the College of St. Catherine. Admission is free. For information, call 690-6644.

An exhibit of recent works by Jim Denomie will open with a reception from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, February 7, at Beaumage Fine Art, 684 Smith Ave. The exhibit will remain on display until February 28. For information, call 221-9868.



Schoolhouse Rock Live! an original adaptation of the Emmy award-winning TV cartoon series, will open Friday, February 6, at the Music Box Theatre, 1407 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis. Performances will run through May 24. For ticket information, call 989-5151.

Theater

Love! Valour! Compassion!
Terrence McNally's humorous and controversial new play, has opened at Park Square Theatre, 408 St. Peter St. The play tells the story of eight gay men, friends and lovers, old, new and prospective, who spend three holiday weekends together at a lakeside cabin. Performances will continue until February 15. For tickets, priced from \$8.00 to \$20, call 291-7005.

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

The Playboy of the Western World, a comedy about a fugitive from the law who becomes the toast of a small Irish town, will open Wednesday, January

21, at the Guthrie Theater. Performances will continue through February 14. For tickets, priced from \$15 to \$36, call 377-2224.

A Life in the Theater, a play about the onstage and offstage relationship between a rising star and a declining old pro, will open Friday, January 23, at the Jungle Theater, 709 W. Lake St., Minneapolis. Performances will be given at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, at 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. on Sundays until March 28. For tickets, priced from \$12 to \$19, call 822-7063.

Illusion Theater will open Jeffrey Hatcher's new adaptation of *The Turn of the Screw* on Friday, January 23, in their performance space on the 8th floor of the Hennepin Center for the Arts, 528 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis. Performances will be given at 8:00 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 3:00 p.m. Sundays until February 13. For tickets, priced from \$12.50 to \$17.50, call 339-4944.

Shakespeare's romantic com-

edy Twelfth Night will open at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 28, at Theatre de la Jeune Lune, 105 N. First St., Minneapolis. Performances will continue through March 22. For tickets, priced from \$9.00 to \$21, call 333-6200.

The Minnesota Opera will open Verdi's *Aida*, performed by James Sewell Ballet, at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, January 31, at the Ordway Music Theatre. Performances will be given until February 8. For ticket information, call 224-4222.

Avenue X, a new a cappella musical set in 1963 celebrating the vibrant rhythms of doo-wop, gospel, blues and jazz, will open Wednesday, February 4, at the Great American History Theater, 30 E. 10th St. Performances will continue until March 7. For tickets, call 292-4323.

Ruthless, a musical about child stars, stage mothers and pushy agents, will open Tuesday, February 10, in the Ordway's McKnight Theatre. Performances will continue through May 10. For tickets, priced from \$20 to \$35, call 224-4222.

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But why limit the over-under to points scored? Here are a few other over-under wagers for you and your friends to consider on Super Bowl Sunday:

- Total minutes of pre-game shows: 500.
- Number of times Vince Lombardi is mentioned: 100.
- Number of freshly scrubbed, precocious children singing in the half-time show: 3,000.
- Number of times the Denver Broncos' Super Bowl frustrations are compared to the Minnesota Vikings': 2.
- Average number of calories Americans will consume during the course of the game: 3,000.
- Number of frogs in the new "Bud-weis-er" ad: 3.
- Number of Nike logos visible on players: 200.
- Number of times Michael Jordan appears with Bugs Bunny in commercials: 2.
- Number of times the announcers remind us how important turnovers are: 7.
- Number of different cheeses at the average Super Bowl party: 5.
- Number of people wearing No. 4 on their Packers jersey at the party you attend: 3.
- Number of times somebody mentions how cool it would be if Nebraska had played Michigan this year in a collegiate version of the Super Bowl: 11.
- Number of times Denver quarterback John Elway's comeback skills are mentioned by announcers: 8.
- The time your party's host gives up on the one-sided game and switches the television to "The X-Files": 8:04 p.m.
- Time remaining in the game when the winning coach is doused with Gatorade: 30 seconds.
- Number of times Cody reminds you that he picked Denver to beat Green Bay in the Super Bowl way back in September: 1.

THE NBA AT MID-SEASON

You've got to rate the Timberwolves as among the biggest disappointments as the NBA reaches the midseason mark. That's due, of course, to the raised expectations coming into 1997-98. The Wolves have posted some impressive victories (Chicago, Seattle, Phoenix), but they also have frittered away their once formidable home-court advantage. It's a pretty simple problem to diagnose, but not to solve—no center.

But how 'bout them Bulls? They're off and running again, winning at a .700 clip. Nobody expected that kind of success, not with all the feuding between Pippen, Rodman and Jackson. Seattle and Phoenix have also come out of the blocks flying, mostly due to the play of their point guards, Gary Payton and Jason Kidd, who lead the NBA in assists. Rookie coaches Larry Bird (Pacers) and Rick Pitino (Celtics) both have their teams playing above their heads.

One other team has not played according to form this year. Everyone thought the Denver Nuggets would be terrible. Turns out they're not nearly that good.

GOLDY GOPHER SEES HIS SHADOW

This year it'll be Goldy Gopher who sticks his head out of his hole on February 2. If he sees his shadow, there'll be only six more weeks left of the U of M men's basketball season.

Pity poor Clem Haskins. I predicted seven conference wins for the Maroon and Gold this year. What was I thinking of? This team just plain can't score. Say all you want about defense, the game is determined by who gets the most points.

Cody/see next page

Blazer burning bright

Aggressive Bernabei leads Vis' full-court attack

by Tom Cody

Visitation senior Katie Bernabei was a little nervous when her father Paul took over as head coach of the high school's girls basketball team this winter. "So we made a deal," she said. "I still get to drive to games and practices by myself. We thought a little separation would be good."

So far, so good. The Blazers won seven of their first nine games to take a one-game lead in the Tri-Valley Conference. Meanwhile, the 5-foot-9 Bernabei has developed into one of the best players in the Twin Cities. She is averaging 19 points, seven assists, eight rebounds and five steals a game. She equaled those numbers in a recent 69-44 upset victory over Tartan.

"She's very quick," Paul Bernabei said of his daughter. "She sees the court well and can create opportunities for herself and her teammates. She's pretty strong and can post up, and she plays aggressive defense. But I'd say Katie's strongest attribute is that she's focused. She's fundamentally sound and she works hard in practice. She understands what it takes to get the basics down."

Her unselfish style of play is also part of the package. "I prefer to get an assist when we've got the ball," Katie said. "I like scoring, but it's more fun to create a shot for somebody else. The key to getting assists is to draw the defender to the ball before you give it up."



Katie Bernabei takes a breather during a victory last week by her Visitation basketball team. Photo by Mike Long.

"We play a wide-open, full-court style that suits my game pretty well," Katie said. "We push the ball up the floor and we press. I hate the half-court game. I get lazy when we slow it down."

Coach Bernabei has tapped the athletic abilities of several other players in

fashioning his team's aggressive style of play. "Maureen Smith (5-foot-11 junior post) has scored about 15 points a game for us," he said, "and Alice LaFave (5-foot-9 senior forward) and Nicole LeDuc (5-foot-10 senior post) have both played outstanding defense." Also in-

strumental in Visitation's success have been 5-foot-9 freshman point guard Colleen Traeger and 5-foot-8 junior wing Elisa Ryan.

"The conference championship should come down to us, St. Croix Lutheran and SPA," coach Bernabei said. "Our subsection looks like us and Hill-Murray. But the section is very tough: Blake, Minnehaha, Holy Angels. We'll have our work cut out for us."

Katie Bernabei likes her team's chances. "If we play our best game, we can compete with anybody," she said.

Bernabei got her start in basketball at Nativity School and the Jewish Community Center. "My older sisters (Molly and Megan) and my cousins all played," she said. "Basketball is a great team sport. I liked it right away."

"I also like diving for the individual aspects of the competition, and I play soccer for fun."

The Macalester-Groveland resident had quite a bit of fun last fall. She qualified for the state meet in diving and made all-state as a midfielder in soccer. "I'd practice soccer from 3:00 till 5:00, then dive from 5:00 till 7:00," she said. "I'd hit the books (she carries a 3.9 GPA) till about 11:00. It did wear me out at times."

"What I enjoy most about coaching Katie is that I get a chance to be with her a lot," said Paul Bernabei. "She's a good player and a good person. She cares about other

Bernabei/see next page

Longtime Concordia coach Cross dismissed

by Bill Wagner

For the first time in more than a decade, someone other than Tom Cross will be coaching Concordia University's softball and football teams this year.

Cross, 40, a man known for his disarming personality and positive attitude, was told last month that his contract with the university was not being renewed, ending an 11-year tenure as Concordia's head football coach and a 15-year stint with the softball team.

The timing of Cross' departure may seem strange, given the fact that it comes on the heels of a football season in which the Comets came within one game of an Upper Midwest Athletic Conference championship. Under Cross, Concordia teams earned league titles in 1988 and 1991 in football, and nine league titles and a 1987 trip to the

NAIA national tournament in softball.

Cross declined to go into the details about his being let go. He has already taken a position as offensive coordinator for the Macalester College football team. "It obviously was an unexpected change," he said, "but I cannot say anything negative about the school. The student-athletes who I have gotten to work with have been just great. I respect Concordia for its decision."

Philip Tesch, vice president of student affairs for Concordia, would not elaborate on why he decided to let Cross go. Tesch only acknowledged that there was a disagreement on the future direction of the program.

Cross' long-time assistant, Tom Rubbelke, has been named the new head coach of the Concordia softball team. Dan O'Brien, former defensive coordinator and the university's athletic

director, has been named the new head football coach.

Barb Beise, the former athletic director at Cretin-Derham Hall and now an assistant at Wayzata High School, played softball for Cross from 1983 to 1987 and remembers him as a great coach.

"Tommy has been a very loyal person—very committed to Concordia's programs," Beise said. "When something like that happens, it's like having your heart ripped out. He needs to move on, though, and he's doing that."

While coaching the Comets, Cross would frequently schedule games against teams that were much more talented than his squads. Though he knew his teams would get clobbered, Cross said it toughened them up for other games.

"I always felt it was important to give them great challenges," he said.

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Cody: Lack of scoring dooms Gophers

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Kyle Sanden can't score. Kevin Clark can't score. Antoine Broxxie may be a scorer down the road, but he would've benefited more in '97-98 from a red-shirt season. Miles Tarver may score 20 points some night—if he's locked in a gym by himself for an hour. Neither Eric Harris nor Quincy Lewis are pure scorers, and despite expectations are not putting up the numbers.

The Gophers rely on senior guard Sam Jacobson far more than they care to admit. His recovery from a back injury will determine what the Gophers are able to salvage from this season. Put it this way: The team's dramatic drive for an NIT berth will hinge upon Sam's fragile physique.

CHECKING IN ON THE PREPS

St. Thomas Academy's basketball squad finds itself battling for first place in the St. Paul Suburban Conference this year. Coach Mike Sjoberg's club has already faced its top challengers once, but rematches loom in February. "It'll come down to Hastings, Simley and us," Sjoberg said. "And we get them both at home in the second round."

STA won six of its first eight games, including all three of its conference games, on the strength of its big front line. "Kevin Fitzgerald (6-foot-8 junior forward) has been very good for us," Sjoberg said. "He always guards the other team's best player. Ben Pearson (6-foot-7 senior forward) and Rob Worthington (6-foot-6 senior forward) have been our top scorers."

Pearson averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds in the three conference games. Worthington is averaging 16 points and eight rebounds for the season.

Dan Wilson's Sibley girls hockey team won 10 of its first 16 games and finds itself in second place in the St. Paul Suburban Conference. "We split with a tough South St. Paul team," Wilson said. "We have Eagan in our section along with South St. Paul and Park-Woodbury. We'll probably be the top four seeds in the section."

"We don't have any stars like (Eagan's Natalie) Darwitz, but we do have good balanced scoring," he said. "Angie Neska (junior wing) has a nose for the net. Katie Strassener (freshman wing) has natural scoring ability. Heidi Smith (senior wing) can put points on the board. And our goalie (junior Steph Seiler) has won a couple of big games for us this season. She's been very strong."

When CDH boys hockey coach Jim O'Neill suddenly resigned two days into the season, assistant Brandon Ferraro was thrust into the position. "It was surprising, but it was something I've wanted to do," said Ferraro, a University of Wisconsin-River Falls grad. "I worked with Jim for three years. Everybody's been very supportive and has allowed me to coach my way. But it's been tougher than I thought. It's

hard to put those losses behind you when you're in charge."

The Raiders went 7-4-1 in their first 12 starts, posting impressive non-conference victories over Coon Rapids, Stillwater, Totino-Grace, Blake and South St. Paul. "We don't have any guys who you can count on to go out and get one or two every game," Ferraro said. "But we do have some grinders who'll do the work." Two upcoming games against Johnson will probably determine the St. Paul City Conference championship.

CDH will face St. Thomas Academy in one of the first games played on the new rink in the Highland Ice Arena. The non-conference tilt begins at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 3.

Jim Paddock's Highland Park wrestlers are battling for second place in the City Conference after a recent loss to Johnson. "Johnson is the class of the league," Paddock said. "It'll be between us, Cretin and Como for second."

The Scots' 6-6 record after their first 12 matches is misleading; the team has at least five grapplers who could be factors in the 3AAA sectional meet.

"William Carlisle (senior, 171 pounds) went to state last year," Paddock said. "He's 12-0 so far and he's our standout. B.J. Rains (sophomore, 103 pounds, 15-2) is going to be a good one. Jeff Dorfsman (senior heavyweight, 15-1) could go to state as well. Mike Smith (senior, 119 pounds, 15-2) and Dan Schroeder (sophomore, 130 pounds, 14-3) also have great records." Highland's enrollment barely pushes it into the large-school classification in wrestling. "We'll be up against Simley, Hastings—all the big wrestling schools," Paddock said.

The Sibley girls basketball team went to the state tournament last year in Class AAA, and that explains its strong start this year, according to coach Doug Linton. "We saw teams there like Fridley, Alexandria and North," he said. "We saw what it takes to compete at that level."

Sibley won seven of its first 10 games in the tough St. Paul Suburban Conference this season. The Warriors lost conference games to Tartan and Hastings, but took first at the Farmington-Mahtomedi holiday tourney, beating Christ's Household of Faith, Harding and Mahtomedi. "We've got six (of last year's top eight) players back this year," Linton said. "We're playing disciplined, aggressive basketball—and we're still learning."

Several other local athletes rank among the best in the metropolitan area this winter, including swimmers Chris Rupp (Central, 500 meter freestyle), Luke Schuster (Sibley, 100-meter freestyle) and Jon Mahan (STA, 50-meter freestyle); diver Jay Markert (STA); Sibley wrestlers Desmond Radunz (sophomore, 112 pounds) and Brian Strain (senior, 140 pounds); and cross country skiers Jason Furtney (STA) and Sonja Bostrom (Central).

Bernabei leads Blazers' full-court attack

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people, she's honest and she challenges me constantly.

"I think (having her father as a coach) is harder on her than it is on me. I think she's embarrassed by my stories and my antics at times."

"I thought it would be a lot more difficult," Katie said about having her dad

as coach. "I'm surprised by how well it's gone so far. He missed practice one day and I really missed him."

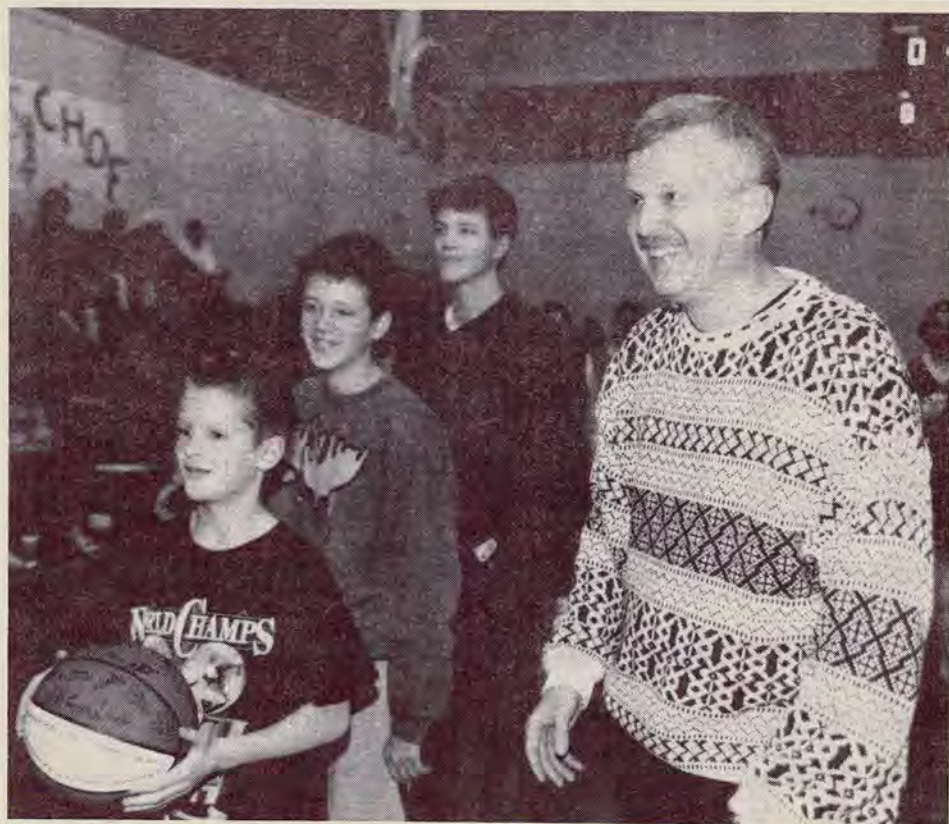
The arrangement has worked out well for Katie's mother, Paula Bernabei. "The whole thing has been just great," she said. "I pick up the two grandmothers and we all go to the games. I spend most

of the time watching Katie, but once in a while I keep an eye on the coach."

"Our daughters all got a chance to play with each other on Visitation teams. Now Katie's playing for Paul. It's been a special family thing that we've thoroughly enjoyed."

300 and counting.

Tom Cody, coach of the Cretin-Derham Hall girls basketball team for the past 18 years, was honored two weeks ago by the high school for reaching his 300th victory. As part of the festivities, the school presented the 46-year-old Cody with a basketball signed by current and former players and a cake. There to mark the occasion with their dad were Cody's three children, Dillon, 16, Shane 14, and Brendan, 10. As of last week, Cody's career record stood at 305-122. Photo by Mike Long.



'Physical chess'

Wrestling Club finds the age-old sport holds the interest of area youngsters

by Brian Johnson

At 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the sounds of two dozen wrestlers hitting the mats reverberate through the gymnasium at Highland Park Junior High.

There are not many heavyweights in this group of grapplers, however. In fact, many of the youngsters practicing their escapes and takedowns are a shade shy of being lightweights. They are members of the St. Paul Wrestling Club, a program designed to introduce the sport to children in grades 1-6.

"My philosophy is make sure the kids have fun, first and foremost," said Dan Chandler, president of Minnesota USA Wrestling, which sponsors the club.

Jason O'Brien, head coach of the club, agrees. "The first goal, especially at this age, is for the kids to have a good time," he said. "At this level you make sure they're having fun or they're not going to come back."

The first 20 minutes of each 1½-hour session is devoted to games that teach wrestling skills. The kids also learn fundamentals, such as positioning and how to gain leverage. "We provide a broad overview of wrestling,"

O'Brien said, "but we do teach specific moves to the kids who want to get more involved and go to tournaments."

Youngsters can wrestle in tournaments throughout the metro area on nearly any given weekend, O'Brien said. Minnesota USA Wrestling's state tournament will be held the first week of February in St. Cloud. It is strictly up to the youngster whether he or she wants to compete.



Shawn Maguire, 9, puts the squeeze on clubmate Peter Benedict, 10.

"Tournaments can be hard for some kids," O'Brien said. "If you've ever been to one, you know that there's a lot of tears and a lot of scared kids. Some of them are ready for it, some of them aren't."

Chandler said most youngsters who wrestle at the grade-school level can get all the competition they desire in practice. "The group I have this

year has some really good athletes who could do very well in competition," he said. "There are some who are ready for it, but I'm not going to push them."

O'Brien and Chandler bring a wealth of experience to the program. O'Brien started wrestling in 2nd grade and was a two-time All American at the University of St. Thomas and a Division III national champion as a college



The young members of the St. Paul Wrestling Club look on as coach Jason O'Brien demonstrates the cradle hold. Photos by Brad Stauffer.

senior. He has been coaching youth wrestlers since he was in high school and coached at St. Thomas for six years.

Chandler started wrestling when he was in 8th grade and went on to win 12 national championships in Greco Roman wrestling. Since retiring from active competition, he has coached at St. Thomas and the University of Minnesota.

Wrestling has always been popular among youngsters, O'Brien said. According to him, it is the third or fourth most popular high school sport in the nation.

"In our association alone, there are 5,000 wrestlers and as many as 120 clubs," he said. "A lot of kids think it's a neat sport because there's a wide variety of holds and moves they can use. It's very intricate. A lot of people call it physical chess. Kids find it fascinating."

Women also are discovering the sport. An annual women's wrestling championship is now held and there is talk of making women's wrestling an Olympic sport in 2004. Girls are welcome at the St. Paul Wrestling Club. Al-

though no girls signed up this year, a couple have come to practice.

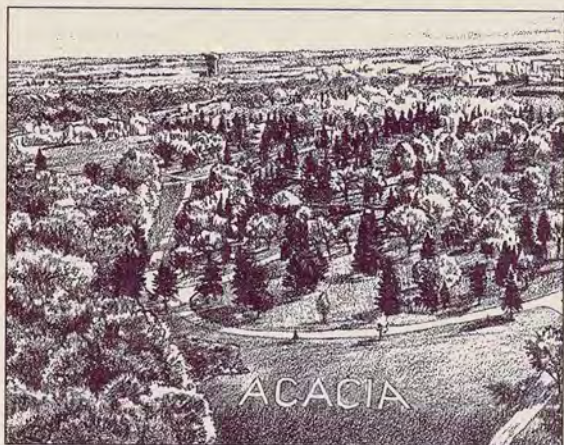
The St. Paul Wrestling Club is now in its third year. The club rented space at St. Thomas for its first two seasons and moved to Highland this year. Highland wrestling coach Jim Paddock, enthused about having a feeder program in his own building, offered the use of the junior high gym at no cost, Chandler said.

Though the St. Paul Wrestling Club is not at the level of some of the powerhouse youth programs, such as those at Simley and Hastings, it is maintaining about 30 participants each year.

"Some clubs have 60 to 80 kids," O'Brien said. "That's when it really gets fun. You can go to the tournaments and bring 20 to 25 kids who want to wrestle. That's the goal, to see if we can really get this thing rolling."

Registration is still being accepted for the St. Paul Wrestling Club. For information, contact Minnesota USA Wrestling at 374-9626 or O'Brien at 623-9251.

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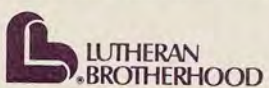
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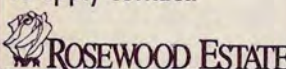
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Marc Swanson



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1641 Laurel. Classic Merriam Park home. Large open foyer, beautiful staircase, natural woodwork and hardwood floors, newer eat-in kitchen. Exceptional condition!

696-0855 \$159,900



Bob Reidel



Summit English Mansion

6 BRs, 5 bathrooms, 4 fireplaces, lots of wonderful woodwork, charm & grace! Third floor suite w/full bath. Private lot. Needs some work/price reflects that.

696-0874 \$269,000



John Otteson



Experience & Energy

I am pleased to announce my association with Re/Max Crossroads, Inc. Many thanks to all my clients, customers and friends for a great 1997!



Beth Johnson 696-0856



Excellent Eagan Location

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

Jim Swift 646-9060 or Gloria Smith 699-4269



Jim Swift



Great Duplex New List

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

696-0851 \$94,900



Bob Doffing



* Classic 1-1/2 Story *

Brick front, 3 BRs, 2 bathrooms, eat-in kitchen, lower level recreation room, upstairs BR is open with many built-ins and computer area. Call for details.

696-0867



John Stromme



Banning State Park

Just a short drive from this fabulous 5-acre hide-a-way! 250 feet on the Pine River! Munger Trail, good fishing and snowmobiling. Nearby — about 1-1/2 hours from metro.

490-1234 \$10,500



Sherry Schack



City Escape Pay Less

5-BR home overlooks lake & nature park. Close to everything, yet so much for your \$. New carpet, family room w/fireplace, walk out to fenced yard with pool! Get ready for spring!

696-0850 Under \$150,000



Mary Rogers



Spacious 5-BR Merriam Pk.

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

696-0851 \$199,900



Bob Doffing



Incredible Views!

1510 Mississippi River Blvd. Outstanding location! Meticulously maintained 3-BR rambler, spectacular main floor family room, and finished lower level. Move right in!

696-0855 \$237,500



Bob Reidel



Instant Equity!

Grandma's house just needs your paint inside. Leaded window, natural wdwk., formal dining/hardwood under carpet, open staircase, w/nice yard, 2 BRs, 1 bath. 1069 Lafond.

696-0858 \$49,900



Hendrie Grant



Historic Condo \$89,900

2-BR, 2-bath 1920's condo at The Commodore. French doors to DR, washer/dryer in unit, court yard view, underground heated parking. Near restaurants, stores, Summit.

696-0856



Beth Johnson