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Seen through the front window on Minnehaha Avenue, All Square server Chris Dolan cleans a table at the South Minneapolis restaurant. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

## Leaving behind their criminal past All Square gives ex-cons new outlook on life

BY ROGER BARR

At All Square restaurant, it isn't just the grilled cheese sandwiches that are square. The men and women preparing and serving them are also all square, having paid their debt to society. With All Square's help, they're working to put their criminal records behind them and start a new chapter in their lives.

The restaurant, which opened in September at 4047 Minnehaha Ave. S. in Minneapolis, is

the culmination of a two-year effort by founder Emily Hunt Turner to eliminate the social barriers felons confront and replace them with new opportunities.

A nonprofit organization, All Square is a training institute for people with a criminal record. For the general public, it's a fast-casual restaurant serving 10 different artisan sandwiches. Turner described the sandwiches as "cheese-forward."

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## Council to hear arguments over \$15 minimum wage mandate

BY JANE MCCLURE

It could be a full house on November 7 when the City Council holds a public hearing on a proposal to increase the minimum wage in St. Paul to \$15 per hour. The ordinance would raise the minimum wage in phases, reaching \$15 in four to eight years depending on the size of the business. That is a more gradual increase than originally proposed, which may be a relief to some employers but is drawing fire from social justice advocates, organized labor and the \$15 Now! coalition.

The City Council voted 5-2 on October 24 to include an amendment brought forward by council member Dai Thao to slow the increase for small businesses of from six to 100 employees and to slow it even further for "micro" businesses of from one to five employees. "Small businesses want to pay a good wage," Thao said, "but they need more time."

The state minimum wage is currently \$7.87 per hour for small businesses (defined as having gross revenues of under \$500,000) and \$9.65 per hour for large businesses. Under the proposed St. Paul ordinance, the minimum wage for businesses with over 100 employees would increase to \$11.50 in 2020, \$12.50 in 2021, \$13.50 in 2022 and \$15 in 2024.

With Thao's amendment, the hourly minimum wage for small businesses would increase

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## City staff question changes to Ford master plan

### Ryan Cos.' amendments to original master plan face some opposition

BY JANE MCCLURE

Ryan Companies, lead developer for Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant in Highland Park, has submitted dozens of amendments to the city of St. Paul's master plan for the 122-acre site. The changes address such issues as housing density, street layout and off-street parking. The full Planning Commission is

scheduled to release the proposed revisions for public review on November 16 in advance of a public hearing at 8:30 a.m. Friday, December 28.

City staff and the St. Paul Planning Commission's Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee have already reviewed the proposed changes. The amendments that drew the most opposition from city staff are in the areas of zoning, street layout, parking and civic and institutional space. "The bottom line is, we're trying to maintain the original mix of land uses here," said principal city planner Lucy Thompson.

City staff are opposed to Ryan's plan to build townhomes on the west side of the stormwater stream that would run north-south through the

site. Ryan officials said they have heard strong demand for that type of housing, and townhomes have been a popular component of its plans at recent neighborhood meetings on the future of the Ford site.

"We don't feel that (townhomes) are appropriate," said Menaka Mohan, city planner for the Ford project. "We feel it's appropriate to have higher density on both sides of the water feature."

City staff "feels it is important that multi-family buildings face both sides of the central stormwater feature, given its scale and centrality and the need to provide density to activate this

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# Council OKs Nelson's amended plan for Marshall rezoning

## Approved plan raises maximum height and density along avenue

By JANE MCCLURE

The long battle over the rezoning of west Marshall Avenue appears to be over. The St. Paul City Council on October 24 voted 6-1 to approve a rezoning plan that greatly increases the potential density of land uses west of Snelling Avenue and leaves the Merriam Park neighborhood deeply divided.

Advocates of increased density hailed the rezoning plan, which was brought forward at the 11th hour by newly elected City Council member Mitra Nelson of Ward 4. They called it a necessary change to promote the building of apartments on a major transit corridor in a desirable neighborhood.

Others were unhappy that an earlier plan shaped by city staff and citizen volunteers over the previous 14 months was greatly altered. They fear for the character of the neighborhood and the future of Marshall's many historic single-family homes, which could now be replaced by three-story apartment buildings.

A historical survey of the buildings on Marshall and in the adjacent neighborhood got underway earlier this fall, but it will not be completed until the end of the year and it will be several months more before the Heritage Preservation Commission, Planning Commission and City Council have reviewed and approved any historic preservation protec-

tions. Meanwhile, the year-long moratorium on development in that area expired in October.

Nelson said at a recent neighborhood meeting that she is committed to the historic designation study. However, local residents are concerned that redevelopment will happen before the historic homes can be protected.

Nelson said her plan for rezoning Marshall will help address a critical shortage of affordable housing in St. Paul. She spoke of the tight, 2 percent rental vacancy rate that has been driving up rents across the city. Citing Marshall's status as a transit route, she said it makes sense to build more affordable housing there.

Ward 7 City Council member Jane Prince cast the sole vote against the zoning changes. She had hoped that the two sides in the debate could reach a compromise. According to her, the zoning plan that was approved by the City Council allows for density far in excess of the comprehensive plans for the neighborhood and the city and even in excess of the city's draft 2040 comprehensive plan.

"This is an area that's under a lot of pressure to change and grow," said City Council president Amy Brendmoen.

"But it isn't wise nor healthy" to allow so much density in one area, Prince said.

Merriam Park neighbors who had worked on the earlier rezoning plan brought forward by the Union Park District Council were unhappy with the new plan. "It's disappointing. We had worked for months on a compromise plan only to have it thrown out the window," said Iglehart Avenue resident Charlotte Berres. Berres said she would like to see a greater effort made in fixing up and preserv-

ing the existing homes in the neighborhood. Carroll Avenue resident Douglas Allchin called the last-minute zoning amendments "appalling. The council member from Ward 4 wasn't interested in engaging voices in her ward, but only in defending her agenda, appealing to 'the mandate' she received (in the August 14 special election in Ward 4). She listened, but with deaf ears."

Merriam Park residents have sought zoning changes on Marshall Avenue for several years. In 2013 they unsuccessfully requested a study of Marshall zoning in tandem with a zoning study of Grand Avenue.

Much of the zoning on Marshall had allowed for buildings of up to five stories, even where there are currently single-family homes. That became a flash point last year when two century-old homes on the northeast corner of Marshall and Moore Street were slated for demolition to make way for a new five-story apartment building.

The rezoning plan hammered out by neighborhood residents and recommended by the Planning Commission called for increased density in some areas while downzoning areas now occupied by single-family homes and duplexes.

The neighbors and the Planning Commission had recommended Traditional Neighborhoods 2 (TN2) zoning on the southwest corner of Marshall and Cretin Avenue and the southeast corner of Marshall and Cleveland Avenue, which would allow buildings of up to three stories. With the adoption of Nelson's amendments, the zoning of those corners will now be TN3, which allows heights of up to five stories.

Marshall properties between the Mississipp-

pi River and Wilder Street had been zoned for various uses, including single-family, multi-family and commercial. The plan adopted by the City Council changes the zoning on the south side of Marshall between the river and Cretin to TN2 and much of the zoning between Cretin and Cleveland to townhouses. The northwest corner of Marshall and Cleveland is rezoned for a mix of TN1 and TN2 zoning.

The Planning Commission recommended downzoning many of the properties between Wilder and Wheeler streets from RM2 to various zones meant to preserve historic homes while adding density with TN1 zoning at the corners of Prior and Fairview avenues. The plan adopted by the City Council rezones much of the area between Wilder and Wheeler to RM1, which allows apartment buildings with heights of up to three stories. The Prior and Fairview corners remain TN1.

The current townhouse zoning between Wheeler and Fry streets was changed to RM1 by the City Council, raising the maximum height from two stories to three. The City Council agreed with the Planning Commission in rezoning residential properties between Fry and Snelling from RM2 to TN1 and the office building in the former Gordon School from TN1 to TN2. Commercial properties on the northwest and northeast corners of Snelling and Marshall were changed to industrial transitional use.

Between Asbury and Hamline, most of the historical mix of residential, commercial and industrial zoning remains in place. The plan adopted by the City Council rezones much of the north side of Marshall from Snelling to Pascal Street from industrial to TN3.

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by \$1 per year, from \$9 in 2020 to \$13 in 2024, and reach \$15 in 2025. The hourly minimum wage for micro businesses would increase by 75 cents per year, from \$8.75 in 2020 to \$13.25 in 2026, and reach \$15 in 2027.

City Council members Chris Tolbert and Mitra Nelson voted against Thao's amendment. "I agree with the spirit of this, but I'm seeing it for the first time today," said Tolbert, the lead author of the original \$15 minimum wage proposal, just prior to the vote.

City Council member Rebecca Noecker called Thao's amendment "a sensible compromise."

City Council member Jane Prince also expressed support, noting that the Citizens League, in its recent minimum wage study, reported that it had not received adequate comment from the immigrant owners of small businesses. "Those entrepreneurs represent the lifeblood of the East Side," Prince said.

About three dozen business owners attended the October 24 meeting to witness the introduction of Thao's amendments. According to Thao, immigrant and minority business owners already face challenges in building up their credit rating and finding financing to start and expand their businesses.

Referring to a sign held by someone in the audience that stated, "If you delay my raise, you delay my rent," Thao said, "Our focus should not be on fighting each other. Our focus should be on getting people out of poverty."

Thao visited Seattle recently to investigate that city's recent move to a \$15 per hour minimum wage. He said immigrant business owners

there did not think Seattle officials had made an adequate effort to consult them on the minimum wage increase, just as the immigrant entrepreneurs in St. Paul have felt left out.

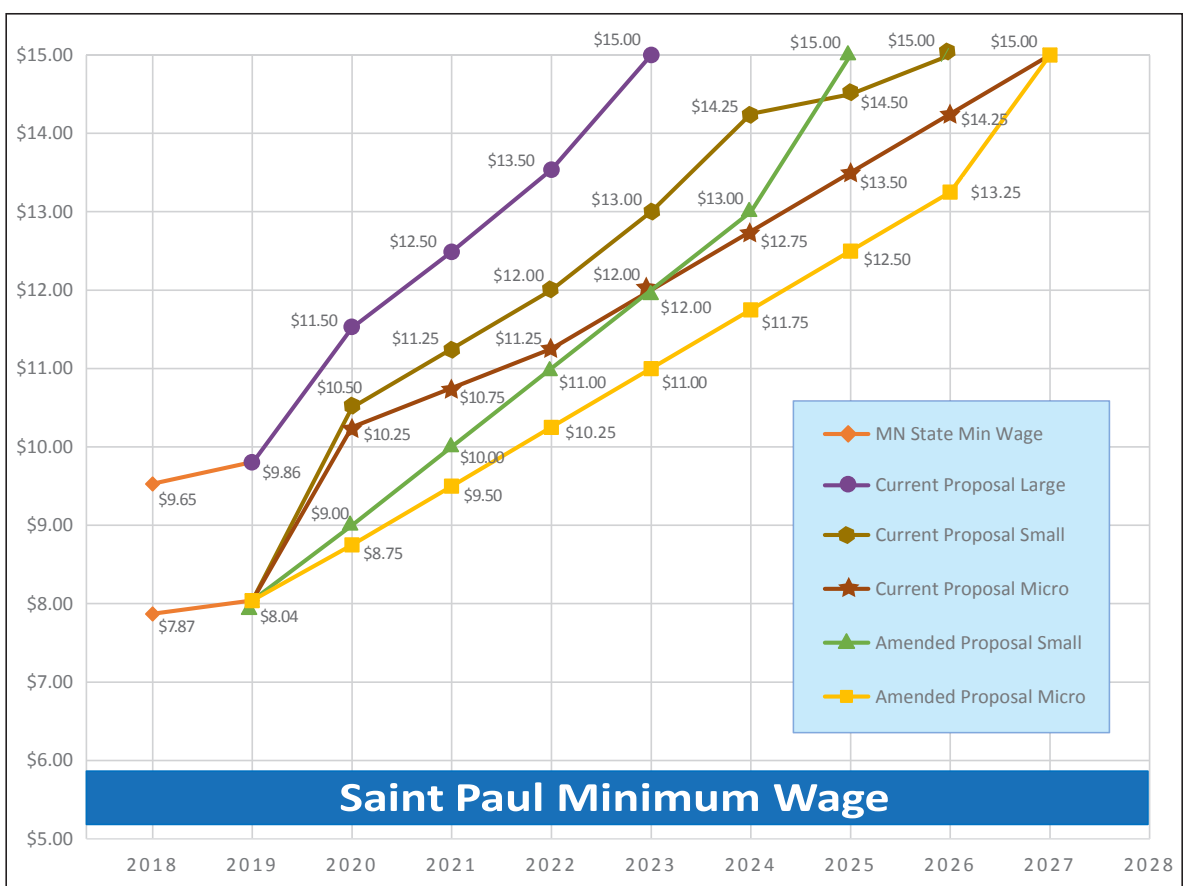
Eighteen groups involved in the wage fight have signed a letter in opposition to Thao's amendments, including \$15 Now, the faith-based group ISALAH, Hmong Americans for Justice and the Minnesota Nurses Association.

SEIU Healthcare Minnesota political director Rick Varco, who co-chaired the Citizens League's minimum wage study, objected to the Thao amendments for technical reasons. If the minimum wage in St. Paul is indexed to inflation as proposed, Varco said, the minimum wage for large employers could be closer to \$16 by the time the minimum wage for small businesses reaches \$15.

The City Council's approval of a new minimum wage for St. Paul could come as early as November 14. However, concerns raised by the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and other business groups could delay the vote.

The St. Paul Chamber pushed for several changes to the ordinance in a letter to the City Council, including redefining large, small and micro businesses, increasing from 90 to 365 days the period for lower youth training wages, and providing a lower minimum wage for workers who receive tips as part of their compensation.

"Raising the minimum wage is a complicated issue," the St. Paul Chamber stated. "(We) share the desire to reduce poverty in our city. We also want to get this ordinance...as right as possible with consideration for sectors most vulnerable to imposed cost increases."



The diagram above illustrates two plans for phasing in the \$15 minimum wage in St. Paul. Both plans would implement the \$15 minimum over four years for large businesses and over six to eight years for small and "micro" businesses. However, the increase for small and micro businesses would be more gradual under a proposed amendment (green and yellow lines) recently approved by the City Council.

The ordinance now before the City Council has no tip adjustment. This issue has deeply divided the city's hospitality industry. The St. Paul chamber is asking the council to consider three options, including a tip credit for restaurants, bars and nightclubs with more than 25 employees, a tip credit for full service bars and restaurants, and a 10-year phase-in of the minimum wage for workers who receive tips. The Minnesota Restaurant Association, Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association and a group of St. Paul

restaurant owners support the first option.

"Any public policy that makes it harder to do business puts good jobs—all jobs—in jeopardy," the chamber stated. "Implementation of a minimum wage ordinance brings costs to the employer that need to be considered. If payroll becomes so expensive that businesses cannot afford to pay their workers, the impact will be fewer hours, less income, reduced benefits or having to go out of business."

The St. Paul Chamber would

also like to see large businesses defined as having 250 or more workers, small businesses defined at 25-249 workers and micro businesses defined at fewer than 25 workers. Those numbers are based on the Seattle minimum wage ordinance.

Another concern for the chamber is the potential impact of a minimum wage mandate on the city budget. Based on Seattle's experience, the St. Paul Chamber estimates that the city would need to budget \$800,000 per year to enforce its minimum wage.



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For example, there's the Jalapeño Popper, a cheddar and cream cheese sandwich with candied bacon, jalapeño and a sweet chili sauce dip; and the Four-Cheese, a vegetarian sandwich made with sharp cheddar, cracked pepper, asiago and parmesan cheeses. The sandwiches come with greens. Side dishes of French fries and soup are also available, as are beer and wine.

Born in St. Paul, Turner, 35, was raised in Wahpeton, North Dakota. She earned degrees in architecture and public policy as well as a law degree and worked for many years in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development focusing on prisoner reentry, fair housing and segregation. After stints with HUD in Washington, D.C., and New Orleans, she settled in Minneapolis.

In each of those cities, Turner found that people with criminal records had trouble re-entering society. They struggled to secure a job, get housing and gain the trust of people around them. According to her, those barriers prevented them from moving forward and turning away from behavior that could return them to prison.

"I didn't see any legal remedies," Turner said. "It was frustrating."

Two years to the day before she opened All Square, Turner started a Kickstarter campaign to launch the restaurant. She has been aided in that effort by a board of directors whose nine members also have experience with the criminal justice system—some on both sides of the law. In fact, four of the board members reference criminal pasts in their biographies on the All Square website.

"Being the voice of the felon in the room, these board members have been instrumental in organizing and implementing All Square's programming," said board chair Roslynn Pedracine, an attorney and investigator in HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. "They know the territory and feel



All Square founder Emily Hunt Turner posed with patrons Ogden Carruthers, 7, and Hazel Carruthers, 4, as they lunched on some of the restaurant's guilt-free comfort food.

PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

the frustration the fellows feel."

The All Square Institute provides the training for the restaurant's employees. The program is a combination of restaurant work and study centered around law, entrepreneurship and professional development. The participants, who are all referred to as fellows, make a year-long commitment. The first cohort of 13 fellows is now two months into a program that concludes next August. A second cohort of 13 will begin the program in January. The staggered cohorts ensure that the restaurant is always staffed by experienced workers.

In their first six months, fellows spend about 30 hours a week working in the restaurant and 10 to 15 hours a week attending the institute. In the second six months, the ratio of restaurant time to institute time reverses.

Throughout the year, they receive a living wage for working in the restaurant and learn what Turner calls "Finances 101." The dual focus helps the fellows build both practical and professional skills, opening career paths in business or law and gaining social capital through networking.

The steady employment and classroom study have given fellow Chris Dolan, 35, a new outlook on life. "For the first time since college, I have a sense of direction in my life and the support to accomplish something," he said. "They've given me my confidence and swagger back."

Being an All Square fellow has also given Dolan a new goal. "I'm applying for law school," he said. "I don't know if I would've ever done that without their support." All

Square is now helping him prepare to take the law school admission test. He hopes to become a public defender.

Dolan admitted that he doesn't "always look forward to work, but I look forward to Mondays" when the institute meets. "So many things had been messed up," he said, "credit, banking, budgeting, goal setting, and executing those goals. The institute is hands-on with all that. Things are significantly better since I started here. I feel blessed to be here."

All Square also provided the motivation that Tony Williams Jr. said he needed "to do something better." Williams, 28, learned about All Square from his probation officer. "It's an outlet for people who've never had opportunities," he said. "I've never had anyone to look up to. This is a place I can get that. I can believe in this system."

Williams had been familiar with restaurant work, having helped his uncle cater events. However, attending the institute has opened the door to new skills, including payroll, purchasing and other facets of the restaurant business. "There are different windows of opportunity if you're willing to listen, learn and take notes rather than just being here," he said. "I don't mind being here every day."

Attending the institute has also allowed Williams to dream. His goal now is to run his own bar and restaurant. "This is a stepping stone," he said.

According to Turner, society must play a role in helping those who are trying to free themselves from their rocky past. It needs to give them a break, she said.

"I own some past and fairly common behavior that could've resulted in criminal charges," Turner said. "The fellows are not that different from anyone."

"No one's perfect," Pedracine added. "Everyone has made a mistake. Leave the judgments at the door. See people for who they are. Lead with giving someone the benefit of being a good person. We're beyond the sum of our mistakes."

## 1◀ FORD SITE MASTER PLAN

important public space," the city staff report stated.

City staff members do support Ryan's amendment to build 35 single-family homes along Mississippi River Boulevard. The city's master plan zones those parcels for multi-family housing in mansion-style buildings.

The city's plan recommends up to 4,000 new housing units on the Ford site. Ryan envisions a total of 3,745, and city staff found that acceptable.

However, city staff objected to Ryan's plan to zone a lot on Mississippi River Boulevard just south of Ford Parkway for single-family housing. The city had called for "transitional uses" on that lot, which lies between the "gateway" green space on Ford Parkway and housing to the south.

City staff also objected to the amount of civic and institutional spaces in Ryan's plan. The city's master plan calls for 50,000-150,000 square feet of civic and institutional spaces, which could include educational or religious institutions. Ryan has asked to substitute

*Ryan has proposed a public parking facility in the Ford site's retail district along Ford Parkway. That did not sit well with city staff.*

green space for those uses.

The amount of off-street parking is another bone of contention. The city's master plan specifies the amount and type of parking required for each kind of structure and land use. The city's plan is intended to meet the anticipated parking demand without large parking lots or parking ramps.

Ryan would like to have more parking in non-residential areas, contending that it will not be possible to attract retail tenants with fewer than one parking space for every 200 square feet of gross building floor area. The city's master plan calls for one parking space for every 400 square feet of gross building floor area.

Ryan has also proposed a public parking

facility in the Ford site's retail district along Ford Parkway. That did not sit well with city staff. "If Ryan is providing underground parking for office and retail tenants, why would a public parking facility that serves the same tenants be needed?" the staff report asked. "The city should not subsidize required parking, especially if the number of stalls required is less than in other parts of the city."

City staff supported Ryan's master plan amendment reducing the number of required bicycle parking spaces. The city's master plan for the Ford site requires more bicycle parking for various land uses than the city's zoning code. Ryan officials have said they are willing to provide ample bicycle parking, but they found some of the city's requirements to be excessive. For example, saving two of Highland Ball's three baseball diamonds on the Ford site would require the provision of 748 bicycle parking spaces under the city's master plan.

Ryan is asking the city to remove the car-sharing requirement in the Ford site plan, citing the lack of demand for such a service and the lack of a viable car-sharing program in the

Twin Cities. Ryan is also asking that the city remove the requirement for an electric-vehicle charging station in the Ford site's residential districts.

City staff objected to both of those requests, noting that over the 10 years it will take to fully redevelop the Ford site, new options will likely be found for car sharing and consumer demand will likely increase for electric-vehicle charging stations.

City staff also objected to some of the street adjustments being sought. Ryan would like to remove a proposed extension of Saunders Avenue to preserve the two Highland Ball fields. That change has met with the city's approval as long as it passes muster in upcoming environmental studies. However, Ryan would also like to add a third east-west street that connects to Mississippi River Boulevard between the connections at Bohland and Montreal avenues. City staff objected to that. Ryan is also asking for two-way vehicular traffic on the proposed Ranger Way, a north-south route between Finn Street and Cretin Avenue that in the city's master plan would be open only to bicycles and pedestrians.

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# Cafe and spa on tap for renovated Schmidt office building

By JANE MCCLURE

The renovation of the former Schmidt Brewery's office building and rathskeller at 882 W. Seventh St. is now underway. Developer Craig Cohen, who recently opened the Keg & Case West 7th Market in the brewery's former keg house, is leading the work on the office/rathskeller project.

"We're excited for the building to be completed soon. It's going to be great," said Cohen, who anticipates having it open by late this winter or early next spring.

One major focus is returning the rathskeller to the German-style beer hall it was when it first opened in 1935. That requires everything from restoring wagon wheel-style light fixtures to preserving wall stencils and sayings. An operator for the rathskeller has not been selected, though the developers hope to announce one soon.

The building will also house a new Rose Street Cafe, a spa concept from Worker B, and offices, including those of the West Seventh/Fort Road Federation and of longtime Schmidt brewmaster-turned-historian Phil Gagne. Cohen is buying the federation's longtime headquarters at 974 W. Seventh St.

Worker B's honey-centric business and Rose Street Patisserie are already operating in Keg & Case. The Rose Street Cafe will be



The facade of the old Schmidt office building with its historic rathskeller inside.

a breakfast and lunch diner, with a focus on soups, salads, sandwiches, breads, pastries and confections. Beverage options will include a full range of coffees and teas, as well as beer and wine.

The cafe will seat 34, with an additional 30 seats on the patio. Chef and owner John Kraus hopes to use the cafe as a teaching kitchen for aspiring pastry chefs. The Fort Road Federation recommended approval last month of his request for a wine and beer license, and outside service for the cafe.

"We've been looking for a place where we can expand our offerings with a larger European-style restaurant," Kraus said. "Having a larger space to run the cafe was a draw, as was

the team behind the project. The story of the area and the rathskeller makes it difficult to envision anything other than a magical place."

Elizabeth Rose, co-owner and partner in Rose Street, said the owners have had fun being at Keg & Case, "and this new cafe is going to be something really special. The space really sets the stage for that."

Worker B plans to open a wellness center that will offer a variety of treatments and modalities using its acclaimed line of skin care products featuring ingredients straight from the hive.

"We're over the moon about this space and the possibilities for growing this new component of our business," said Michael Sedlacek, co-owner of Worker B. "There will be much to share in the coming months. This will be a wellness center like no other around."

Though he is excited about renovating the office building and rathskeller, Cohen noted that it is a complex project. The U-shaped masonry structure is faced in brick and trimmed in Bedford stone. Its main entry is on West Seventh and the building features elaborate carvings, including the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company logo.

The West Seventh/Fort Road Federation began redeveloping the building in 2011, and quickly encountered a series of problems. The first was a badly deteriorated roof. Much

work had to be done to stabilize the building and make sure it did not deteriorate further. Cohen bought the property in 2017.

Plans approved six years ago for restoring the building won St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) approval again earlier this year, with some modifications. One need is to protect the exterior wall facing West Seventh from slush and salt during the winter. A protective coating had to be found that will not damage or discolor the building's surface.

The office building/rathskeller is the final property at the former brewery to be repurposed. Along with Keg & Case Market, whose restaurants and local vendors operate in the old keg house, the former bottling building and castle-like brewhouse are now the Schmidt Artists' Lofts, and a newer warehouse is home to Urban Organics, which raises fish and grows produce for restaurants.

Efforts to preserve and restore the entire complex were rewarded last month when the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company Historic District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The district received local designation several years ago from the HPC.

National designation is a huge honor for a property that was threatened with demolition at one point. The designation allows property owners to have access to federal and state historic tax credits.

## Carter wants new office to help city's poor find financial success

By JANE MCCLURE

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter is proposing to create a new Office of Financial Empowerment as part of the city's 2019 budget to help the many people who pay much of their income for rent and struggle to make ends meet.

City Council members discussed the new office on October 24 and were generally positive, though there were several unknowns about procedure and how the office would work with the city's nonprofit organizations. Todd Hurley, who directs the city's Office of Financial Services, called the proposal a "work in progress."

The office would be part of Financial Services and would require an annual investment of around \$330,000. It would have a director and a college savings account coordinator as its two full-time positions. One of Carter's pet projects is to start a college savings account for every child in the city.

Adding any additional costs to the 2019 budget will not be easy, as the council searches for ways to lower a projected 11.5 percent property tax levy increase for next year. However, council members were intrigued with the idea of helping the city's poorest residents.

"We know we need to work with our residents to connect them with the services that exist both outside City Hall and within City Hall," Hurley said.

The new office would tap into outside partners to assist people who do not use banks for checking and savings accounts. It would help residents secure financial counseling, build assets and maximize incomes, learn about various state and federal tax rebates, and protect against predatory lenders. Though several government programs already offer similar help, the city office is expected to tie those resources together.

Council member Mitra Nelson said people "needlessly" lose money and may not be

aware of the many programs that can help them be more financially successful.

Council member Rebecca Noecker said more tangible goals and outcomes are needed to make the case for such an office, given the large city property tax increase that is looming for 2019.

"It's a different approach to what we've been doing, to keep our residents' money in their own pockets," Hurley said. "It's not about building a large office, but building relationships." According to him, several other cities around the country have similar offices and offer comparable programs.

Financial Services staff members say they are excited about the concept and have already started to work on it. The mayor has also proposed hiring a fair housing coordinator and adding positions in other departments as part of his anti-poverty initiative, which would bring spending for that purpose to more than \$400,000.

Hurley reeled off several statistics to justify the need for the office. According to him, the St. Paul poverty rate is 16.9 percent, compared to 9.8 percent statewide. Almost 9 percent of city residents do not have a bank account, compared to 3.4 percent statewide. That means those people must rely on check cashing services, which can charge fees from 5-10 percent.

Hurley said about 49 percent of St. Paul residents own homes, compared to 71 percent statewide; 27 percent of St. Paul tenants spend more than 50 percent of their income on rent; and the city's per-capita income is 10 percent lower than the national average, which is one of the factors financial agencies use to determine St. Paul's credit rating.

"When you look at these statistics, you have to ask, 'How can we not try to address these disparities in St. Paul?'" Hurley said.

Council members said they appreciated the data, but want to see St. Paul compared with other nearby cities, including Minneapolis and Bloomington.

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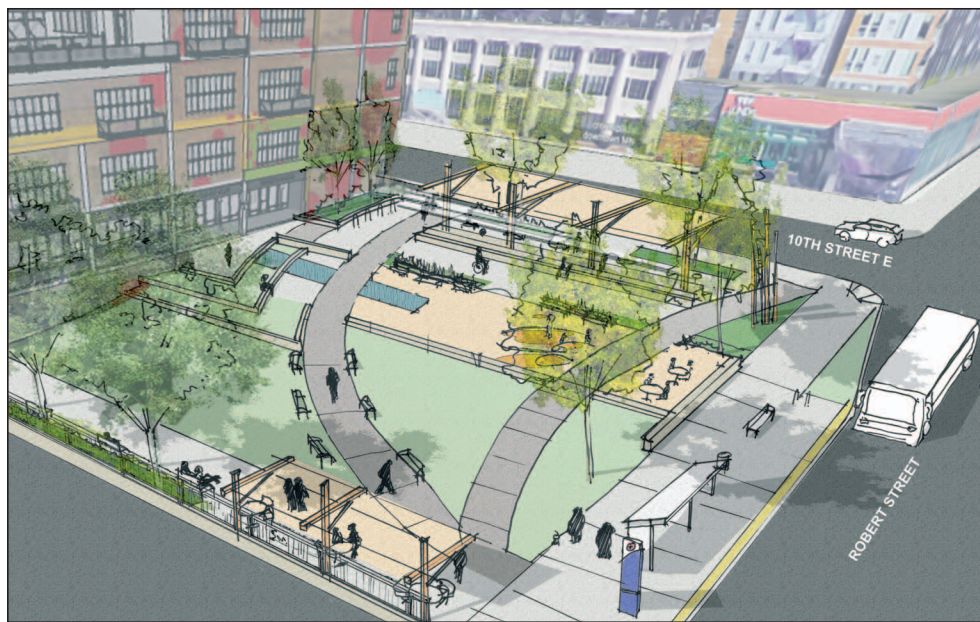
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An aerial perspective of a redesigned Pedro Park next to the former Public Safety Annex at 10th and Robert streets in downtown St. Paul.

## St. Paul approves annex sale, plans for smaller Pedro Park

By JANE MCCLURE

The pleas of neighbors and the last Pedro family member were not enough to ensure the vision of a larger Pedro Park in downtown St. Paul. On two 5-2 votes on October 24, the St. Paul City Council approved the sale of the former Public Safety Annex at 100 E. 10th St. to Minneapolis-based Ackerberg Group. Downtown residents must now settle for a much smaller park than they had hoped for.

"I'm a proponent of infill development, but we're being asked to make this false choice between jobs and parkland," said Rebecca Noecker, who was joined by fellow council member Jane Prince in opposing the sale.

Noecker, who represents downtown, failed to convince the council to have the annex torn down and the area preserved as open space until money could be raised for a larger park.

Council president Amy Brendmoen objected to that measure, which she called creating a "giant lawn." She also pushed back against those who called the current Pedro property a "postage stamp-sized lot."

Ackerberg is buying the 1925 annex from the city for \$1.4 million and plans to convert it into office space. It also has promised to work with the city to develop the .45-acre vacant land next to the building as Pedro Park and to contribute \$40,000 annually for park maintenance for 20 years.

Development of the smaller park is expected to cost \$3.8 million and will include play equipment, paths, seating, space for dogs and a water feature. Proceeds from the building's sale, parkland dedication funds and capital improvement funds will be tapped to pay for the improvements. City officials expect the park to be completed by late next year.

Council member Chris Tolbert said providing the "creative" office space St. Paul is lacking and getting money for park development is a "win-win." Noecker objected to that comment, saying the city was selling off land earlier earmarked for a larger park in order to help fund improvements for a much smaller one.

Dozens of downtown residents, former City Council members Dave Thune and Tom Dimond, and Marilyn Pitera, the last surviving Pedro sibling, testified against selling the annex. Many people held signs stating "Keep the Promise" and "Expand Pedro Park."

The Pedro family donated the site of its longtime luggage and briefcase store to the city in 2009 with the understanding that it would be combined with additional land for a park bearing the Pedro name. The Pedro building was razed in 2011.

"I can't hide my broken heart from you," said Pitera, whose father, Carl Pedro, and her two brothers have died since the family

*Marilyn Pitera said that the city breaking its word to her family will be a "disgrace and dishonor" that will "stand forever."*

donated the land to the city. "They cannot tell you how tragic this is for my family."

Pitera said that the city breaking its word to her family will be a "disgrace and dishonor" that will "stand forever." Audience members gave her a standing ovation.

Thune, who was on the City Council when the land donation was made, said the need for a larger park for that part of downtown was one piece of unfinished business when he left office.

Karl Karlsson was one of several downtown residents who said they bought condos near the Pedro property based on the promise of a larger park. "When we moved downtown 20 years ago we were told there'd be a park nearby," he said. "The park that's designed now is too small to do much of anything with."

A park for that block has appeared in city plans since 1997 when it was to be the centerpiece of the Fitzgerald Park neighborhood. That changed last year when redevelopment of the annex was championed by former Mayor Chris Coleman. The Ackerberg Group was granted tentative developer status by the city last November and the sale received the support of new Mayor Melvin Carter.

The park project competed in the city's Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) process for almost two decades, but could never get the funding needed to buy additional land and develop the block-sized park envisioned.

Ackerberg plans to extensively renovate the annex to provide first-floor retail and three floors of office space above. The wall adjacent to the Pedro site would be opened up with doors and windows looking out onto the park. The building is expected to house 150-170 workers and generate at least \$50,000 a year in property taxes.

Speakers who supported the sale included two members of the city's CIB Committee. Committee chair Amy Huerta said residents near Pedro Park are within a five-minute walk of other parks in downtown.

More than a dozen people spoke against the sale of the annex, including representatives of Friends of Pedro Park Expansion, Friends of Mears Park, and Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County. Neighbors and Pitera sued the city in August saying it reneged on its promise to create the larger park. The court case is still pending.

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# News Briefs

## St. Paul pedestrian plan to be released, discussed on Nov. 14

St. Paul's first-ever plan to promote safer walking throughout the city will be unveiled at an open house from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, November 14, at the Wellstone Center, 179 E. Robie St. A presentation on the draft plan will begin at 5:15 p.m. Attendees will be able to discuss the plan with city staff before it goes to the St. Paul Transportation Committee and City Council for their consideration.

The plan was requested by City Council members. Department of Public Works staff have taken comments on the plan for several months and have reviewed existing city policies. The plan covers a wide range of topics related to how pedestrians get around in the city. Issues that have been raised include improving street crossings, clearing snow and ice from sidewalks, providing more public education and law enforcement, and addressing gaps in the city's sidewalks.

The draft plan will be posted on the city's website prior to the open house. For information, visit [tinyurl.com/y9do85o8](http://tinyurl.com/y9do85o8).

## Summit-University dog park request runs into opposition

Petitions are currently being circulated in support of and opposition to creating a dog park at Webster Park just north of Obama Elementary School. The park, which is located south of Laurel Avenue between Grotto and St. Albans streets, is already used illegally as an off-leash dog area.

One petition suggests developing a dog park there that would be available after school hours and on weekends. Webster Park includes field space and playground equipment.

The petition was prompted by a complaint about unleashed dogs illegally running loose there.

That prompted Summit Hill resident Sonja Mason to start a petition opposing a dog park at Webster. Mason, who uses the park with her two small children, said unleashed dogs have chased children and adults at the park. Dog waste is also frequently found on the fields.

"I understand the need for dog parks, but this isn't the appropriate location," she said.

The Summit-University Planning Council discussed both petitions in October, but did not take any action. The district council expects to weigh in on the petitions in the future.

St. Paul has a process for establishing off-leash dog parks, including receiving comments from neighbors, the local district council and the city's Parks and Recreation Commission.

Dog parks are in high demand across the city. Union Park District Council members and Snelling-Hamline residents have worked for several months to create a dog run on city-owned land near Ayd Mill Road and Hamline Avenue. That project is still in the works.

More information on the two petitions for Webster Park can be found on the website [www.change.org](http://www.change.org).

## Merriam Park house used by Catholic order sold for \$2.4M

A St. Paul riverfront mansion used for years by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate has been sold to a developer who plans to tear it down and subdivide the 2-acre property for new housing.

The property at 104 N. Mississippi River

Blvd. was sold on October 12 for \$2.4 million to a development affiliate of Streeter and Associates of Wayzata. Ramsey County had listed its value at \$3.2 million. It had been owned most recently by a Washington, D.C.-based trust.

The 15,500-square-foot brick home has 18 bedrooms and 19 bathrooms. Built in 1919, it housed Catholic priests and brothers for many years. The Oblates used the dwelling as their Midwest provincial house until 1999. Declining membership was cited as the reason for the sale.

Streeter officials have not announced details of their plans, so it is not clear if the property would need any variances or zoning changes.

## Mount Curve residents finally have water service restored

Residents on Mount Curve Boulevard between Jefferson and Randolph avenues finally have their permanent water connections in, ending months of temporary service. St. Paul Regional Water Services announced on October 26 that the Mount Curve water main finally passed its water quality tests. Service connections wrapped up last month, though at least one resident reported mud in the water line that had to be checked and cleaned.

The water main needed 11 tests before the water quality was deemed safe. The main had to be repeatedly flushed with water and chemicals and cleaned with a device known as a "pig." Neighbors feared having temporary water lines on their lawns when winter set in.

Curbs were to be installed last week, followed by street paving. That work was originally to be done by October 31, but is extending into November. Street contractor Forest Lake Construction was delayed by rain as well

as water-quality issues.

Mount Curve between Jefferson and Randolph avenues is part of a larger Woodlawn-Jefferson residential street reconstruction project that began this year and will continue in 2019.

## Electric-powered street bench approved for Ford-Cleveland

A public art bench with lighting will be installed near Ford Parkway and Cleveland Avenue following the St. Paul City Council's approval of operation and maintenance costs on October 17.

The bench is part of a project in Highland Village that began four years ago to replace streetscape improvements that were made in the mid-1980s. Large brick planters, lighting and trees were removed and replaced, and sidewalks were redone to replace brick pavers that had popped up, creating tripping hazards. The improvements stretched on Ford from Mississippi River Boulevard to east of Kenneth Street, and on Cleveland from Hillcrest to Bayard avenues.

All city capital improvement projects require that 1 percent of their budgets be dedicated to public art. While the Highland Village improvements were approved in 2014, it took the Highland District Council, Highland Business Association, Friends of Highland Arts and city officials many months to work out the details for the bench.

The Village has been an above-standard street lighting district for more than 25 years, so the bench lighting will be added to the cost of operating that district. It is unknown how much the additional annual cost will be.

News Briefs were compiled by Jane McClure.

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# Little Grocery becomes a tobacco shop

By Jane McClure

A shuttered Merriam Park convenience store will be allowed to reopen as a tobacco shop following a 5-2 vote by the St. Paul City Council on October 24 to reject an appeal by the Association for Non-Smokers Minnesota that had sought to deny Little Grocery the variance it needed.

Little Grocery proprietor Mussie Embaye was granted the variance by the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) in September. His store at 1724 University Ave. is 2,600 feet from Vape Pros, an e-cigarette shop at 681 N. Snelling Ave., or just short of the minimum half-mile distance requirement between tobacco shops in St. Paul.

The BZA has acted on three similar tobacco shop variance requests in the past several weeks, and at least three other requests are pending.

As of November 1, menthol tobacco products may not be sold in St. Paul convenience stores, grocery stores, gas stations and other businesses that are not dedicated tobacco shops. The ban includes menthol-flavored cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, chewing tobacco and liquids used in electronic cigarettes.

Anti-tobacco advocates contend that menthol tobacco products are more popular among young people and people of color, and that restricting the sale of menthol tobacco discourages people from getting started using tobacco and risking its health hazards.

In the months leading up to the menthol ban, several grocery and convenience stores in St. Paul renovated their spaces to separate tobacco sales from the sale of other products. For Embaye,

*About 75 percent of Embaye's sales at Little Grocery came from menthol-flavored tobacco products, he said, so he had little choice but to close the grocery store and reopen as a tobacco shop.*

it made more sense to remove the milk, bread and eggs from his shelves and just sell tobacco.

About 75 percent of Embaye's sales at Little Grocery came from menthol-flavored tobacco products, he said, so he had little choice but to close the grocery store and reopen as a tobacco shop. "Everything I'm asking for is in reaction to what the city has done," he said. According to him, Little Grocery would not be profitable if he could not sell menthol-flavored tobacco products.

The BZA voted 4-2 to approve Embaye's distance variance, with members Robert Clarksen, Luis Rangel Morales, Danielle Swift and Diane Trout-Oertel in favor and Gloria Bogen and Thomas Sailor against.

Embaye's variance request did not meet all of the findings required for approval, Bogen argued. Not meeting the distance requirement is not a hardship, she added, and Embaye could still sell tobacco in his grocery store, just not menthol-flavored tobacco.

Trout-Oertel disagreed. "The applicant is at a disadvantage because menthol cigarettes are what sell," she said.

BZA staff recommended approving

the variance, citing Little Grocery's location in a commercial district, its long history of selling tobacco and the short distance variance required. The Union Park District Council made no recommendation on the variance request.

The Association for Nonsmokers-Minnesota and representatives of the Aurora-St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation's youth program opposed the variance, citing the harm of tobacco use on public health. According to Jeanne Weigum of the Association for Nonsmokers, the neighborhood is already "heavily blanketed" with tobacco licenses, and the distance variance "flies in the face of the City Council's intent" in limiting access to menthol-flavored tobacco products.

City Council member Mitra Nelson, whose Ward 4 includes Embaye's shop, said she did not find that the BZA had erred in granting the variance, and the only way the City Council can overturn a variance is if an error was made. Council members Dan Bostrom, Amy Brendmoen, Dai Thao and Chris Tolbert agreed with Nelson. Rebecca Noecker and Jane Prince sided with the Association for Non-Smokers.

Brendmoen noted that before the city's ban on menthol tobacco sales, there were no tobacco shops in her Ward 5. Now there are several.

Some City Council members said they hope the new cap of 242 tobacco sale licenses citywide will limit future tobacco sales. Embaye told the council in October that he has such a license and could find another place to open a tobacco shop if he was denied the variance, but that reopening at his current site allowed him to retain his lease.



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# Viewpoint

## A better idea for the Ford site

BY CHARLES HATHAWAY AND KATHY MCGUIRE

Neighbors for a Livable St. Paul continues to closely follow developments related to plans for the future of the Ford site. Here's what we know so far:

Ryan Companies plans to purchase the Ford property by the end of the year and is proceeding with plans for its build-out. Hundreds of community residents and members of Neighbors for a Livable St. Paul have attended the four public meetings that Ryan has already conducted.

At these meetings, Ryan received feedback that the community has consistently provided to the city of St. Paul during the decade-long planning process. We believe the city's plan calls for putting too many people on the site, too little park and open recreational space, and too tall buildings that are incompatible with the neighborhood. The result will be intolerable congestion and traffic, and the deterioration of the quality of life for the Highland community.

To its credit, Ryan Companies seems to be listening to the community, and it's approaching the city to make these improvements to the city's plan:

- Add single-family homes to the site.
- Increase the amount of green/open space.
- Maintain two of the three Highland Ball fields.
- Reduce maximum building heights to six stories.
- Reduce the amount of commercial space.

We applaud Ryan Companies' work. These are definitely steps in the right direction and speak well for Ryan's concern for the community. However, more changes to Ryan's plan are needed.

The central difficulty with the city's plan is the extremely high population density it calls for, and so far the Ryan plan calls for only a slight reduction in that density. The city's plan calls for 4,000 housing units; Ryan's plan calls for nearly 3,800. This could result in the addition of 7,000-9,000 new residents and a density nearly eight times greater than existing residential areas in Highland. We're urging Ryan to push back much further on the city's plan. These unreasonably high density levels create negative impacts to our existing community, including:

- Greatly increased traffic congestion, adding to the already difficult traffic problems in the neighborhood.
- Apartment buildings too tall (the neighborhood standard is three stories) and out of character with the neighborhood.
- No room left for open recreational fields. Highland already has a desperate shortage of recreational fields and green space and this shortage will be magnified with the addition of thousands of new residents.
- General congestion and stress on local infrastructure and services including fire, police, schools, garbage collection, deliveries, maintenance, etc.

In addition to the above concerns, contamination and pollution issues remain unresolved. Because the development proposed by Ryan is adjacent to contaminated properties (the CP Rail yard and Ford's Area C waste site), it's important that the community holds Ford, CP Rail and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency accountable for complete cleanup of these areas. Approval of any development plans at the Ford site should depend on there being a realistic plan and a timetable for the cleanup of contamination.

Here's what you can do:

- Attend upcoming meetings and voice your concerns. The next meeting on the Ford site will be held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, November 14, in the auditorium of Highland Park Middle School, 975 S. Snelling Ave.
- Stay tuned for upcoming efforts of Neighbors for a Livable St. Paul. For more information, visit our website at [livablefordvillage.com](http://livablefordvillage.com).
- Go to Ryan Companies' website at [ryancompanies.com](http://ryancompanies.com) and sign up for project updates.
- Visit the Highland District Council's website at [highlanddistrictcouncil.org](http://highlanddistrictcouncil.org) to review Ryan documents.

Thank you for your continued interest in this very important community issue.

*Neighbors for a Livable St. Paul is a grassroots organization of St. Paul residents who are working toward a reasonable plan for development at the Ford site.*



## Inbox

### A fair wage and the free market

I had a small business in the 1980s and '90s. All new employees with no experience began at the same hourly wage, which represented a loss to me of about \$2 to \$4 for every hour they worked. But if they showed up on time and put in a full day learning the trade, most of them were justifiably earning their starting wage within two or three weeks. In another month, as their skills increased, they began to add to the business' profits. The increased revenue gave me the money to give the older and more productive employees much-needed raises, to hire additional workers and to reward my wife and me for the long hours we worked and the risks we took to run a small business.

An arbitrary wage that is set by a government that does not have to make a profit is unfair to all of the above. The free market will determine a fair wage, and competition will very quickly put an unfair employer out of business.

Tom Nordeen  
Summit-University

### Other options for youth sports

Regarding the potential redevelopment of the Highland 9-Hole Golf Course (*Villager*, October 10): Every community should have access to an executive golf course that is in excellent condition, has mature trees and a great staff and, more important, plays in two to three hours.

St. Paul's \$30,000 study for redeveloping the Highland 9-Hole is being driven by City Council member Chris Tolbert's office and an abundance of calls requesting more recreational space for kids. Kids are the reason we moved here 20 years ago. They were all over the neighborhood but, for some reason or another, they've disappeared from my walks around the area.

If I wasn't playing at the Highland 9 or Highland 18, I would go there once a week or more to practice on the chipping and putting greens, not to mention driving down Montreal Avenue past it almost every day. If there's one thing I know, it's that there's little to no activity on the nearby Highland Park High School football, soccer and baseball fields. Yes, maybe a stray kid or two or someone walking the dog, but no groups of kids like we used to see with a spontaneous baseball or soccer game. So it seems to me that working with the St. Paul school district to organize summer activities on these fields would be a priority. Or perhaps Harriet Island Park, which sits empty for most of the year.

If it's soccer you want to accommodate, wouldn't it be great if there was a professional soccer team with which the Blackhawks Soccer program could partner to use its facility? Much like the Vikings have done with TCO/Performance Center in Eagan, wouldn't it be great if Minnesota United wanted to reach out to the community and dedicate open stadium time to local groups?

Keith Valentine  
Highland Park

### City of (cheap) lights

Stand on the corner of Woodlawn and Randolph avenues at night. To the south is the warm glow of a historic St. Paul street. Friendly and inviting. To the north is the city's idea of how St. Paul should look at night.

For another example, cross the Ford Bridge from Minneapolis to St. Paul and be greeted by the harsh lights of Highland Park. It looks like a Walmart parking lot. The operating (not acquisition) costs of LED lighting may be 20 percent cheaper—the LEDs certainly give off a cheaper looking light—but the aesthetic cost is very high.

Let's spend our mandated public art money on an art fundamental—beautiful lighting.

Karl Larson  
Highland Park

### Getting behind the menthol ban

Almost a year ago, the St. Paul City Council voted to restrict the sale of menthol tobacco products. This decision will prevent youths from starting to use tobacco, help current smokers quit and ultimately save lives. My congregation worked to raise awareness about the unique dangers of menthol tobacco in the African-American community via No Menthol Sunday last May.

The tobacco industry knows menthol cigarettes are easier to start using and harder to quit using, and they target their marketing of these deadly products to the African-American community as well as to youth and women. This has resulted in disproportionate health disparities in these targeted communities.

It's important for the faith community to be involved in helping people make choices for healthier lives. It's important that people wanting to snuff out their last menthol cigarette know their faith leaders and fellow worshippers are there to support them.



## 8 ◀ INBOX

This ordinance went into effect on November 1, and it'll be a big win for our community's health. As a pastor who looks out for his congregation's well-being, I'm proud to live in a city that focuses on the health of its residents.

*The Reverend James Thomas, Pastor  
Mount Olivet Baptist Church  
Summit-University*

## Sympathy for the caravan

The caravan of Central Americans fleeing on foot toward the U.S. border includes a few thousand families with children. They are motivated to walk 1,500 miles by the abuses in their homeland and a dismal future there for their children. President Trump insists that Mexican authorities halt the caravan. He calls it an "attack on the sovereignty of the United States."

This whole incident brings to mind the poem that greets visitors to the United Nations building in New York City. Authored by the great Persian poet Saadi Shirazi, the poem takes as its theme that we humans are a single body, descended from Adam, and that pain to one part of the body is felt by all. The final stanza reminds humanity:

*If you fail to feel the pain of others,  
You do not deserve the name of man.*

*Rolf Westgard  
Merriam Park*

## Take the trash out of take-out

Did you know in the last year in Ramsey and Washington counties we created approximately 400,000 tons of trash? In the time it took you to read this, approximately 125 pounds of trash were thrown away. Many may say, "Take-out containers maybe make up only 1 to 2 percent of the waste stream." But that's 8 to 16 million pounds of waste annually.

All trash in St. Paul is burned. Reusables, recyclables and compostables are a step toward reducing our municipal solid waste. Please contact your St. Paul City Council member to let him or her know you support sustainable packaging that can be reused, recycled or composted. Every bit adds up.

*Kristina Mattson  
Highland Park*

## Fear of Highland motorists

Highland Park residents seem to fear many things—organized garbage, Ford site impacts, home rebuilds. Those issues don't bother me, but every time I cross Ford Parkway at Cleveland Avenue I fear a driver will clip me or my kids on our way to Target, especially from those drivers who are turning and seem to be in a great hurry. I fear that when I cross Ford near Lunds I will be hit by a driver making a right turn on red at Finn Street, because almost no one looks to see if anyone could possibly be walking on the sidewalk. I fear that a parent dropping off his or her child at Highland Catholic School will hit me as I walk to the bus stop because the intersection of Bohland and St. Paul avenues is poorly designed. I fear that you think you're a better driver than you really are and that none of this applies to you.

*Michaela Ahern  
Highland Park*

## Still waiting at Sibley Plaza

I'm patiently waiting for an update regarding the fate of Sibley Plaza. Too long have we waited for an answer to our grocery prayers. This area has long been forgotten. The closest frugal option for groceries is a mini-Target. Meanwhile, the vacant lot down the street grows more and more desolate. Something needs to happen with Sibley Plaza. Do we really want a tobacco store and liquor store to embody our closest shopping center?

*Rob DiPietro  
Highland Park*

## A sacrifice to the gods of density

Whether well-intentioned or motivated by political alliances and ambitions, the October 24 City Council vote on the rezoning of Marshall Avenue, which trashed a compromise carefully crafted by local residents and others, plays into the hands of those seeking to exploit neighborhood amenities for private gain. The City Council chose to sacrifice historic heritage and community consensus to the greedy gods of density and development. This is no way to exercise power or to build public trust.

*Winston Kaehler  
Macalester-Groveland*

## Marshall rezoning violates policy

I've owned a home on Marshall Avenue for 20 years, loving my historic neighborhood and the vibrant community encompassing homeowners, students and local businesses. I've enjoyed the growth of independent small businesses like Kopplin's, Izzy's and Tillie's Farmhouse that foster further community in revitalized structures.

I had an opportunity to sell in 2010 and stayed because I love the neighborhood and its lively atmosphere. I urge the St. Paul City Council to preserve this by endorsing the consensus Marshall Avenue rezoning plan approved by the Planning Commission on August 10. My friends and neighbors fiercely oppose the October 3 amendment to rezone all of our single-family homes to what could eventually become a sterile row of three-story apartment buildings. The neighborhood is not opposed to development—we welcome it—but it must consider the voices of those who are impacted.

We care about supporting housing through increased density, yet this must be done in a manner that preserves the historic scale and character. A dramatic three- to four-fold increase in density doesn't just violate this balance, it violates the city of St. Paul's own policy guidelines for a residential corridor.

We care about our beautiful, historic neighborhoods, including rehabilitating existing housing stock and developing multi-unit options that don't jeopardize the long-term health and sustainability of our neighborhood. Why should single voices be allowed to overthrow a year-long study commissioned by the City Council and disregard extensive community involvement by those who own property and live in the neighborhood? Why should a landlord who has snatched up single-family homes that now stand tattered and rented exclusively to students have a bigger voice than the host of owner-occupants of single-family homes that surround his forlorn properties? Why should City Council member Mitra Jalali Nelson have an opinion that is worth more than the vast population of owners and renters around her?

Marshall Avenue neighbors and property owners also oppose

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the October 3 Traditional Neighborhoods 3 rezoning plan because while it promotes density, it doesn't promote affordability. It emphasizes growth without respect for historic preservation and appears callous about razing well-maintained historic homes such as the one on the southwest corner of Marshall and Finn Street. It profits developers and not renters, and prioritizes profits over people. It disregards community by allowing individuals who have not been involved in the community consensus process to intervene, circumventing collaboration. Most damaging, it favors excessive, sudden and vast changes in density over the gradual evolution that would maintain the scale and character of neighborhoods—a principle specified in the city's Zoning Code.

Sheila M. Stewart  
Merriam Park

Bulldozed by the extreme left

Reading the letters to the editor (*Villager* Inbox, October 24), I saw lots of valid complaints about new Ward 4 City Council member Mitra Nelson. My reaction is total agreement. However, what did all of you expect from such an extreme left/liberal candidate? They just ride right over the wishes of the neighborhood or the city, as in the case of our mayor, who has already done this. If we keep voting in people who take a bulldozer to get their extreme progressive plans through, we will be living in totally different neighborhoods and be taxed to the max.

Deborah O'Neill  
West End

Sizing up city council member

Letter writer Chillon Leach poses the question, Who is Ward 4 City Council member Mitra Jalali Nelson representing? (*Villager* Inbox, October 24). I rent a duplex in Ward 4, I have spoken with council member Nelson, and I can easily answer this question as my 73 years of age and experience dictate. Council member Nelson represents the developers in St. Paul. I assure Ms. Leach that at my age I can tell the difference between chicken salad and chicken droppings. Council member Nelson is not chicken salad.

Ron Lietz  
Merriam Park

A Dome shame at marathon

Last month before the Twin Cities Marathon, I sat outside and looked at U.S. Bank Stadium. It was cold and I wanted a warm place to sit and wait for our start. Why couldn't I go inside the stadium before the marathon like I had so many times before when the Metrodome existed? For almost 25 years the Metrodome was open to Twin Cities Marathon runners. We were able to coexist with just a tiny bit of planning.

Almost 30,000 runners participate in the marathon's races, and almost 300,000 spectators line the streets on race day. They are lined up along 26 miles, but that is still almost

12,000 people per mile and five to six times the attendance at a Vikings game.

If my math is correct, the Vikings funded \$477 million of the new stadium and Minnesota taxpayers funded \$498 million (\$348 million from the state and \$150 million from the hospitality tax). Therefore, the taxpayers have the majority ownership of the stadium. The Twin Cities Marathon is a major community event, and it should be a priority for a publicly funded facility. I move that the Metropolitan Sports Commission take majority ownership of the stadium and that it establish the calendar of the so-called "people's stadium."

Mike Luke  
Hiawatha, Minneapolis

Shot heard 'round the world

This Veterans Day marks the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day celebrating the end of World War I, the "war to end all wars." Sad to say that the millions killed in that war did not preclude our going on to battles in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada and the Gulf States. It seems that humankind has a propensity to keep killing millions and continue making and selling armaments to whomever our allies are at the moment.

This autumn and winter also mark the centenary of the Spanish flu that sickened and killed tens of millions of people around the world in mere months, though it scarcely has as much as a paragraph in the history books. Fortunately, in 1991 a single body in Brevis, Alaska, preserved in the permafrost, provided scientists with a look at the virus that had slain so many. From that discovery they went on to learn more about the flu.

Over the years, medical experts have studied many strains of flu. Every year researchers attempt to predict what mutation of flu will appear during the coming flu season. It's a best guess of what's circulating and possibly could become an epidemic. So don't take lightly the matter of getting a flu inoculation. We didn't learn anything from the history of all of our wars, but we've learned much from the history of flu pandemics, and it's pretty scary stuff.

Kathleen Deming  
Macalester-Groveland

Lighten the load on IB students

At the 20 high schools providing the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme in Minnesota, many students are troubled by excessive work loads. These students spend their entire day attending classes, completing homework and participating in extracurricular activities and services. International Baccalaureate schools should reduce the homework given to students seeking the full IB diploma. This would allow students time to work, socialize and pursue their interests outside of class.

The full IB diploma serves as a college precursor. It requires students to write extended essays, participate in community service and extracurricular activities, and take four higher-level classes with their corresponding assessments. Although this already generates a large work load, each of the seven classes also requires several hours of homework weekly. A Stanford study showed that nightly homework exceeding

1½ to 2½ hours led to increased stress, reduced health and less time outside of school to meet developmental needs or cultivate other critical life skills.

IB administrators should show greater consideration for students who must work, help their family, support their interests and develop their social skills. Reducing students' homework would encourage instructors to assign crucial, concise assignments, and would allow for improved health, work and social situations.

Jaden Rodriguez  
Como Park

Editor's note: The writer is a junior at Highland Park High School.

The end result of term limits

So now people are screaming for term limits again because they didn't get their way at the Supreme Court. But with term limits, the turnover will generate too many younger lawmakers and judges with fewer experiences in their careers and lives. So here's the tradeoff. You want one-and-done? Then the minimum age for public office should be 60, people who age have seen enough of life to make reasonable judgments and will be glad to serve one term.

Jim Buscher  
Ramsey Hill

A boor and the balance we need

President Trump is often an ass. He's crude. He's arrogant, He's boorish. He's combative to the point of pettiness. He's routinely an embarrassment to himself and us.

At the same time, Trump is a patriot. He understands that high taxes and big government are ruinous to liberty and a quality standard of living. He knows socialism is the road to serfdom. He knows, too, that it's crazy that those in black robes (Kagan, Sotomayor, Breyer) should make the laws and invent rights out of nothing more than ether. He gets it that having no borders is beyond stupid; it's national suicide.

It's said that when Lincoln was told that General Ulysses Grant was a drunk, he wanted to order a barrel of Grant's preferred booze for all of his generals. Trump is a man without grace. He's an uncouth brat. But is it possible he's also what's required to counterbalance the lunatic left? A fair number of those who voted in the Russian-plagued election apparently thought so.

T.J. Sexton  
Macalester-Groveland

Do write, won't you?

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# Seven-story apartment building eyed for site of Kelly's Depot Bar

By JANE MCCLURE

The St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) continued its review in October of a proposed seven-story, 90-unit apartment building on the site of Kelly's Depot Bar & Grill at 241 E. Kellogg Blvd. The commission reviewed the latest set of building designs and made comments for the architect and developer to consider. The plans will then be brought back for further review and a vote.

Commissioners generally liked what they saw. "I'm really blown away by this new version," said commissioner Richard Dana, a downtown resident.

"It looks like you're going in the right direction," said HPC chairman Michael Justin.

The property has been occupied since 1924 by a small brick building that is the site of the last of what were once several small watering holes close to the river in downtown. It was built by the Hamm Realty Company for \$2,000 and was originally affiliated with Hamm's Brewery. The building was renovated in 1945 and became known as the Depot Bar.

The proposed building, which would have a total of 35 parking spaces on the first and second levels, would feature studio, one- and two-bedroom units. The design is meant to reflect a storefront look at Kellogg and Wacouta Street, though the building would be wholly residential.

Some of the lower-floor spaces would be common areas. Exterior materials have not



A rendering of a 90-unit apartment building planned at 241 E. Kellogg Blvd., near the St. Paul Union Depot.

been finalized, though a light, cast-stone base and brick veneer are being considered.

The site slopes up from Kellogg, which presents one challenge for the developers. Another will be building on a site of only about 14,000 square feet.

The development team is being led by Jim LaValle of TJL Development and Reuter Walton Development, working with Scott Nelson of DJR Architects. LaValle recently developed the Finn mixed-used building on Cleveland Avenue and Highland Parkway. He also is leading the construction of a six-story, mixed-use building at Snelling and St. Clair avenues.

LaValle said the building proposed for Kelly's location does not have a name yet.

"But it's a very exciting site," Nelson said. The developers intend to repurpose some of the features from the bar as part of the building's interior.



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Shoppers take a break with food and drink on the mezzanine level of the new Keg and Case Market on West Seventh Street. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

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## Collaborative spirit permeates the many shops at Keg & Case

BY ANNE MURPHY

If there's one word to describe the new Keg and Case West 7th Market it's "synergy," according to Kimberly Christianson. She and the other vendors whose offerings fill the new marketplace share a spirit of collaboration, cooperation and joy, she said.

That spirit permeates the former Schmidt Brewery warehouse at 928 W. Seventh St. and is visible in the faces of its vendors. Everywhere you look, you get the sense that, in the words of Aristotle, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

"There's this great sense of community among us," said Christianson, an artist and painter who with her husband, potter Michael Coon, operates Evla Pottery at the Keg and Case Market. "For years we had a shop on Grand Avenue, at both Victoria and Dale streets, and that was wonderful, but this is even better. It's so nice to have the company and interaction every day. There's a great camaraderie among us."

As merchants who have had previous brick-and-mortar locations, Christenson and her husband may have a different reference point than Keg and Case vendors for whom this is their first permanent location. However, all 26 vendors appreciate how brisk business has been since the market opened on September 14. "The market has been just bustling on weekends," Christianson said, "and there have been many international shoppers."

Keg and Case has seven large vendors on the perimeter of the building, one on the mezzanine level and 18 in the central marketplace. The new venue reminds vendor Tony Kolars of Boston's Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Seattle's Pike Place Market. Kolars works for Croix Valley Foods, which is owned by Lu and Damon Holter. Their shop specializes in barbecue sauces and seasonings, products they also sell by mail order and in retail outlets across Minnesota.

"I kept an eye on the market as it was being developed," said Kolars, who has lived in the area for 25 years, "and when it was time I applied to help here. (Keg and Case) is so great for the area and it's such a phenomenal space that I wanted to be involved. There's such a communal feel—that we're all in this together."

Two stalls over from Croix Valley Foods is K'nack, a craft sausage and sandwich shop. Its general manager, Joe Reams, echoed Christenson's and Kolars' view of the collaborative spirit of Keg and Case. "We're good friends with the Holters, and they told us about the market," said Reams, whose father, brother and mother are all part of the business they pronounce with a hard "k."

K'nack takes its name from knackwurst



Vendor Nicholas Gorski displays the fine cheeses offered at Gazta and Enhancements in the new Keg and Case Market.

(nök' würost), a kind of sausage that pops or cracks when its skin is broken. Knack is the German word for "crack," and in German it too is pronounced with a hard "k."

"When we heard about Keg and Case, my brother and I said, 'Let's do it,'" Reams said. "And here we are. It's great. The space is great. Each space has its own look. And all of us have become good friends."

Across the aisle from K'nack is Spinning Wylde, where Tevi Phann-Smith makes and sells her gourmet cotton candy. It was after successful stints at several pop-up markets in the Twin Cities that Phann-Smith and her husband Ben decided to pursue a space at Keg and Case.

"I grew up in this area and I'm happy to have my business here," said Phann-Smith, who now lives in South Minneapolis with Ben and their son Wylde. "It's an honor to be here and be part of a brand-new, high-caliber market. I'm also happy to bring an old tradition to a modern space," she added, referring to the cotton candy whose flavors are inspired by the confections in Cambodia where her family originated.

Phann-Smith's stall at Keg and Case "has done really well," she said. She especially appreciates the companionship of the other vendors, the variety of shops and the many customers they attract from throughout the region.

Looking to the long winter ahead, Kolars thinks those months will be the true test for Keg and Case Market. But he believes the market will do well even as the snow flies and the temperature drops, becoming a place that shoppers will happily frequent during a season when they especially feel the need to get out and about.



# District Council News

## Highland Park

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**Board meeting set**—The next meeting of the Highland District Council's board of directors will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 15, at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The agenda will include a presentation by the Highland Heritage Committee as well as plans for replacing the Treasure Island playground at Expo School.

**Community development**—The HDC's Community Development Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, at the Highland Park Community Center. The following topics will be addressed: renovation of the Highland Disc Golf Course, the proposed installation of solar panels on top of Highland's north water reservoir, and an application for a wine and beer license for Ichiddo Ramen, 2073 Ford Pkwy.

**Transportation update**—The HDC's Transportation Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, at the Highland Park Community Center. The meeting will include a presentation on pedestrian safety research by the University of Minnesota, comments by the university on the city's pedestrian plan and a discussion of Trader Joe's traffic plan.

**Ford site presentation**—Ryan Companies will hold its fifth meeting regarding its plans for redeveloping the 122-acre site of Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, November 14, in the auditorium of Highland Park Middle School, 975 S. Snelling Ave.

**Highland 9-Hole**—The second public meeting on possible repurposing of the Highland 9-Hole Golf Course will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 19, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave.

## Macalester-Groveland

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**Give to the Max Day**—The public is being encouraged to donate to the Macalester-Groveland Community Council as part of Give to the Max Day on Thursday, November 15. The council is a nonprofit organization that has worked since 1975 to make the neighborhood a great place to live, work, learn

and play. Visit [macgrove.org/donate](http://macgrove.org/donate).

**Share your thoughts**—A Voices of Our Community comment session on Smart Government, including how the city of St. Paul can do better in meeting the needs of residents, will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 8, at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy. Visit [stpaul.gov/voices](http://stpaul.gov/voices).

**Calling all creative types**—The community council is looking for people to submit T-shirt designs that represent the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood. The winning design will be printed on shirts that will be sold to the public. The submission deadline is December 31. For full contest details, visit [macgrove.org/2019tshirt](http://macgrove.org/2019tshirt).

**A holiday gift for the home**—The owners of homes and businesses in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood that will be 100 years old or older by 2022 are still eligible to purchase plaques for their buildings. Those who order by November 30 will receive the plaques in time for the holidays. Learn more by visiting [macgrove.org/100years](http://macgrove.org/100years).

**Science of saving**—Families can save on visits to the Science Museum of Minnesota by signing up at the community council's office in the Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. Office hours are 3-6 p.m. Mondays and noon-3 p.m. Thursdays.

**Join a committee**—The community council has four standing committees that meet once a month. Those who attend three consecutive meetings can become voting members.

**Upcoming meetings**—Community Building Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 12; Environment Committee, 7 p.m. Thursday, November 15; Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 26; and Housing and Land Use Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 28, Groveland Recreation Center. The meetings will be held at the Edgcombe Recreation Center unless otherwise noted.

## Summit Hill

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**Board election results**—At its annual meeting on October 11, six new members were voted onto the Summit Hill Association's board of directors. They include James Farnsworth, Kelly Haase, Allison Penner-Hurst, Bruceanne Phillips, Peggy

Reichert and Peter Stitzel. Officers for the upcoming year will be voted on by the full board at the regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 8, at the Linwood Recreation Center, 860 St. Clair Ave.

**Committee members sought**—There are numerous volunteer opportunities available to serve on a variety of SHA committees. Contact executive director Monica Haas at 651-222-1222 or [director@summithillassociation.com](mailto:director@summithillassociation.com) for details.

## Union Park

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**Give to the Max Day**—As a small, nonprofit organization, the Union Park District Council relies on grants and donations to help build a better neighborhood for all. The 10th annual Give to the Max Day on Thursday, November 15, is a day for people to give to the organizations that mean the most to them. Visit [unionparkdc.org/donate](http://unionparkdc.org/donate) for details.

**Neighborhood involvement**—The UPDC is looking for neighbors who are interested in helping restart the Neighborhood Involvement Committee. In the past, that committee has addressed neighborhood concerns including crime and other quality of life issues, promoted community building through meetings and events, and exchanged information to ensure a healthy and vibrant neighborhood. An open house to talk about new directions for the committee will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. Those unable to attend are invited to email [alexa@unionparkdc.org](mailto:alexa@unionparkdc.org) to be added to the mailing list.

**Upcoming meetings**—board of directors, 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 7, Otto Hall at Episcopal Homes, 1860 University Ave.; Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 12, 1821 University Ave., Suite 127; Committee on Land Use & Economic Development, 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 19, 1821 University Ave., Suite 330; and Environment and Parks Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 21, Merriam Park Recreation Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave.


**Stay in touch**—The public is invited to "like" the Union Park District Council on Facebook, follow it on Twitter @UnionParkDC and subscribe to its e-newsletter, "Neighborhood Matters," by emailing [alexa@unionparkdc.org](mailto:alexa@unionparkdc.org).

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Retired Colonel David Rabb shows a photo that was taken in Fallujah, Iraq, in the aftermath of conflicts there in 2004. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

## Mac-Grove's Rabb has spent his life helping veterans cope with combat

BY DAVE PAGE

Retired U.S. Army Colonel David Rabb of Macalester-Groveland calls himself "a soldier for life" and thinks that tapping into the military mindset is the first step in helping veterans overcome any psychological or physical injuries they may have suffered during their years of service.

Only recently retired after nearly four decades in the military, the 59-year-old Rabb volunteers to help veterans deal with stress, grief, loss, bereavement, moral injury and reintegration into civilian life as the CEO and director of Rabb and Consultants, ETC.

"All the men and women I've worked with have that one thing in common," Rabb said, holding his thumb and index finger close together. "They all have that small part within them that holds onto their training. If we can reach that..."

Rabb trailed off, but his meaning was clear: Finding the soldier within is critical to recovery from any kind of war trauma. And he should know. Rabb spent more than 30 years working in the Veterans Administration (VA) and almost 40 years serving in active duty and in the reserves in both the Marines and the Army. Twice he commanded combat stress control units in war zones. He also deals with the psychological and physical wounds he suffered during those tours of duty.

Born in the Chicago area in 1958, Rabb immediately enlisted in the Marines after graduating from high school. "I just wanted to get away," he said.

He spent four years on active duty, rising to the rank of sergeant. Returning home, he studied criminal justice at Illinois State University with thoughts of becoming a highway patrolman. Instead, he enrolled in graduate school at the University of Chicago, where a professor helped him secure a paid internship at a VA nursing home. Rabb said he was surprised to find so many Vietnam-era veterans among the soldiers there.

"Some were institutionalized for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)-like symptoms," he said, "because there weren't any other options."

After earning a master's degree in social work, Rabb moved to Minnesota and took a job at the Minneapolis VA. With a child on the way, he took a second job with the Army Reserves and was placed in the 785th Combat Stress Unit at Fort Snelling. He eventually was promoted to major and was given command of the unit.

"I had many great leaders who taught me," Rabb said. "Psychiatrists from Mayo, psychiatric nurses and so on."

In 2003, his unit was deployed to Iraq. Since

the war was theoretically over, all the other combat stress units had returned stateside, but there was still a lot of fighting going on. The 85 members of his unit were expected to cover the entire theater of operations.

"The mission always comes first and then the people," said Rabb, who proudly added that he did not lose a single member of his command as they treated soldiers dealing with stress, grief, loss and battle fatigue.

Rabb returned from Iraq stressed out himself. "Things disintegrated," he said, "mostly my fault. I was disoriented." He blames his divorce from his first wife on his post-combat struggles.

Promoted to colonel, he returned to active duty in 2009 and took over the 63rd Regional Support Command in Mountain View, California. There he oversaw the psychological health of 40,000 reservists in a seven-state region who were either being deployed or returning from war.

Two years later he took over the 113th Medical Detachment—Combat Stress Control Company. Upon his return in 2012 from the unit's year-long deployment in Afghanistan, Rabb said no one could be found to replace him as commander. In the next couple of years, the stress and fatigue he was dealing with resulted in a stroke that almost killed him. Rabb said he could not walk and could barely talk. He thought about ending his life.

One of the people assigned to his case said the best thing for him would be to relaunch his military career. "I knew he was right," Rabb said. "At that point, the healing began. I started fighting my way back."

Part of that fight included becoming director of the VA's Diversity and Inclusion Office in Washington, D.C. Another involved taking the Army to court to have the diagnosis of suffering from "moral injury" as an official part of his military record.

Rabb said moral injury and PTSD share symptoms such as anger, depression and insomnia. However, according to him, victims of PTSD suffer more from startle reflex, memory loss, fear and flashbacks, while those who suffer from moral injury have to deal with shame, grief and regret. Rabb won his case.

He retired last year from his position in Washington, D.C., and returned to Minnesota with his wife, Kim, and their two daughters. Along with their support and that of other family members, Rabb is assisted in coping with life's struggles by a yellow lab service dog called Gunny.

He also continues to find purpose in helping other veterans dealing with their own physical and emotional scars.

"I'm not out of the game yet," Rabb said. "Oorah!"



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# Crime Report

The following crime incidents were compiled from St. Paul and Mendota Heights police department reports and other sources.

## Highland Park

**Robbery**—A female victim had her money stolen and was punched in the face during a strong-arm robbery at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, October 20, on the 2100 block of West Seventh Street.

**Burglary**—Agra Culture, 721 S. Cleveland Ave., was broken into during the evening of October 17-18.

**Theft**—A suspect entered the school and stole a cellphone at 11:18 a.m. Monday, October 15, at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. Wallets and car keys also were stolen from a vehicle at the school that evening.

—Money was stolen from the till at Life Time Fitness Cafe, 2145 Ford Pkwy., around noon on Wednesday, October 17.

—Several items were stolen from a vehicle on the 2200 block of Ford Pkwy. between 8:30-10:15 p.m. Friday, October 19.

—Vehicles were stolen on the 1300 block of West Maynard Drive on October 20 and on the 700 block of South Cleveland Avenue on October 22.

—A purse was stolen from a vehicle at Crosby Farm Regional Park between 4:45-8:24 p.m. Monday, October 22.

—A woman said her wallet was pickpocketed at Panera, 2056 Ford Pkwy., between noon-12:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 27. Within 10 minutes her stolen credit cards had been used at the nearby Target store.

—Suspects stole a 16-passenger van, drove it through the business fence and then stole two vehicles from the Hertz lot at 1420 Davern St. at 4:43 a.m. Sunday, October 28. The van was left at the scene.

—A felony shoplifting incident involving the loss of more than \$1,000 in merchandise was reported at Target, 2080 Ford Pkwy., at 4:05 p.m. Monday, October 29.

## Lexington-Hamline

**Theft**—A wallet was stolen from a purse while the victim was shopping at Aldi's, 1134 University Ave., around 11 a.m. Saturday, October 27.

**Assault**—An assault occurred on the light-rail platform at Lexington Parkway and University Avenue at 10:40 a.m. Thursday, October 25.

## Macalester-Groveland

**Theft**—A backpack, textbooks and a laptop computer were stolen from a vehicle on the 400 block of South Fairview Avenue between 7-11 p.m. Friday, October 12.

—A laptop computer and prescription medicine were stolen from a vehicle on Davern Street and Stanford Avenue between 3-4 a.m. Sunday, October 14.

—A Fat Back Rhino FLT bicycle valued at more than \$1,000 was stolen from Grand Performance, 1938 Grand Ave., around 3 p.m. Monday, October 15.

—A messenger bag was stolen from a vehicle on the 400 block of South Snelling Avenue between 9-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 17. The loss was estimated at more than \$1,000.

—A computer bag containing a laptop, iPad and phone charger was stolen from a vehicle on the 400 block of South Snelling Avenue between 8:45-11 p.m. Thursday, October 18.

—Several items were stolen from two vehicles on Mississippi River Boulevard and Summit Avenue on the evening of October 22, and from another vehicle there on the morning of October 23.

—A MacBook Pro computer and a Michael Kors bag were stolen from a vehicle at Plums Neighborhood Grill & Bar 480 S. Snelling Ave., around 5:50 p.m. Friday, October 26.

—A woman stole a \$890 mink coat at Encore Boutique, 242 S. Hamline Ave., around 4 p.m. Friday, October 26.

—Two backpacks, a wallet, gift cards, cash, a MacBook, headphones and clothing were stolen from a vehicle in the Green Mill parking lot on Grand and Hamline avenues between 4-5:51 p.m. Saturday, October 27.

**Sex crime**—An attempted rape was reported on the 1500 block of Randolph Avenue at 2 a.m. Wednesday, October 24.

**Weapons**—Gunfire was heard and two 9mm shell casings were discovered in the parking lot of Scott's Liquor Store, 1464 St. Clair Ave., at 6:23 p.m. Saturday, October 20. A black SUV was seen speeding past the store around that same time.

**Miscellaneous**—A man said someone entered his home through the front door while he was in the basement around 8 p.m. Monday, October 22, on the 1200 block of Stanford Ave. The suspect fled after being shouted at.

## Mendota Heights

**Burglary**—A television was stolen from

a residence on the 2400 block of Lexington Avenue at 1:33 p.m. Sunday, October 21.

—Several items were reported stolen from a residence and vehicle on the 800 block of Bluff Circle at 8:17 a.m. Monday, October 22.

**Theft**—Several items were stolen from a vehicle on the 700 block of Pontiac Lane during the evening of October 12-13.

—A juvenile was suspected of stealing several items from a vehicle on the 1900 block of Warrior Drive on Monday, October 15.

—A backpack was reported stolen from an apartment on the 700 block of South Plaza Way at 11:57 a.m. Wednesday, October 17. Police said the suspect was a driver for a courier service.

—A vehicle was stolen on the 500 block of Watersedge Terrace at 8:34 a.m. Friday, October 19.

—Several items were reported stolen from two vehicles on the 1400 block of Highway 13 at 7:30 p.m. Monday, October 22.

—Catalytic converters were reported stolen from business vehicles on the 900 block of Highway 13 at 10:22 a.m. Tuesday, October 23.

**Miscellaneous**—Officers discovered a driver asleep at the wheel in the northbound lane of Dodd Road near Mendota Heights Road at 4:15 a.m. Saturday, October 13. The driver was arrested for DWI.

—A motorist driving without the vehicle's headlights on was arrested for DWI, giving false information to police and possession of a gun by a felon at 4 a.m. Sunday, October 14, on I-35E and I-494.

—Police responded to two reports of juveniles in possession of vaping devices at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, October 23, on the 1000 block of Delaware Avenue. The suspects were cited and the devices were seized and destroyed.

## Merriam Park

**Robbery**—A man was robbed at gunpoint on University and Fairview avenues at 5:29 a.m. Friday, October 26.

**Theft**—A truck was stolen on the 1900 block of University Avenue between 2-3 a.m. Thursday, October 18. The owner said his employee got drunk and let an unknown person drive the truck.

—A vehicle was stolen at ATI Auto Sales, 461 N. Wilder St., between October 24-25.

## Snelling-Hamline

**Theft**—A bag containing personal groom-

ing items and clothing was stolen from a vehicle on Ashland and Snelling avenues between 5:45-7:15 p.m. Monday, October 15.

—A laptop computer and wallet were stolen from a vehicle at Sea Foam Stadium, 281 N. Hamline Ave., between 7:45-9:10 p.m. Tuesday, October 16.

—Catalytic converters were stolen from vehicles at Crosstown Auto, 1440 Marshall Ave. on October 17-18. Vehicles also were stolen there on October 17 and 22.

—A vest, cellphone, keys and Fitbit were reported stolen at LA Fitness, 1370 University Ave., at 1:07 p.m. Thursday, October 25.

—A vehicle was stolen on the 1400 block of Portland Avenue during the evening of October 28-29.

## Summit Hill

**Robbery**—A male victim said he was assaulted and had his phone and laptop computer stolen at 11:47 p.m. Monday, October 22, on the 100 block of South Dunlap Street.

**Theft**—Two DeWalt cordless drills, a safety harness and a credit card were stolen from a vehicle on the 400 block of Grand Avenue during the evening of October 7-8.

—A purse and cellphone were stolen from a vehicle on the 1000 block of Fairmount Avenue during the evening of October 12-13.

—Vehicles were stolen on Crocus Hill during the evening of October 17-18 and on the 800 block of Linwood Avenue on October 23.

—Two boxes of sterling silver were reported stolen on the 500 block of Summit Avenue at 12:50 p.m. Thursday, October 18.

—A pair of women stole two Jimmy Choo eyeglass frames valued at \$300 each at St. Paul Opticians, 1093 Grand Ave., at 9:35 a.m. Thursday, October 18. They fled in a vehicle northbound on Lexington Parkway.

—A package valued at more than \$500 was stolen at the Bibelot Shop, 1114 Grand Ave., around 2:30 p.m. Monday, October 22.

—A laptop computer and charger were stolen from a vehicle at the Red Rabbit, 788 Grand Ave., between 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 24.

## Summit-University

**Robbery**—A robbery, during which pistols were implied but not seen, was reported at 7:26 p.m. Tuesday, October 30, on Dayton Avenue and Milton Street.

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**Burglary**—An apartment on the 100 block of Summit Avenue was burglarized during the early morning of Monday, October 15.

—A burglary was reported at Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, 217 Mackubin St., at 10:43 a.m. Friday, October 19.

**Theft**—Bags containing personal and roadside emergency supplies were stolen on Ashland Avenue and Kent Street around 8 a.m. Monday, October 15.

—A laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle at the Happy Gnome, 498 Selby Ave., between 5:05-7:15 p.m. Tuesday, October 16. Purses also were stolen from a vehicle there between 7:30-11:12 p.m. Monday, October 22. A backpack with a laptop computer also was stolen from a vehicle there between 6-8:50 p.m. Monday, October 29.

—Vehicles were stolen on the 300 block of Summit Avenue on October 18-19, on Oxford Street and Ashland Avenue on October 18-19, on the 1000 block of Portland Avenue on October 25 and on the 400 block of Laurel Avenue on October 27-28.

—Keys, a uniform, Glock gun magazines and other items were reported stolen from a vehicle on the 500 block of Selby Avenue at 9:15 p.m. Friday, October 19.

—Several items were stolen from a vehicle at the Red Cow, 393 Selby Ave., between 6:15-9:30 p.m. Friday, October 19.

—A wallet was stolen at Claddagh Coffee, 612 Selby Ave., between 11:30 a.m.-1:23 p.m. Saturday, October 20.

—A backpack and laptop computer were stolen from a vehicle parked behind the St. Paul Curling Club, 470 Selby Ave., between 6:15-11:15 p.m. Friday, October 26.

—A GPS unit, Bluetooth device and clothing were reported stolen from a vehicle on Portland Avenue and St. Albans Street at 12:19 p.m. Sunday, October 28.

—A briefcase with a laptop computer was reported stolen from a vehicle at Fitzgerald's, 173 N. Western Ave., between 6-8:45 p.m. Monday, October 29.

—A backpack with a laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle on the 500 block of Selby Avenue between 6:45-8:30 p.m. Monday, October 29.

**Assault**—An 18-year-old man was arrested for assault and possession of a gun without a permit following a domestic disturbance at 9:03 p.m. Thursday, October 18, at Obama Elementary School, 707 Holly Ave.

**West End**

**Burglary**—A construction site was broken

into on Chestnut and Exchange streets between October 26-29.

**Theft**—Five Apple MacBook Pro laptop computers were stolen from Upper Mississippi Academy, 426 S. Osceola Ave., between October 12-18.

—A laptop computer was stolen at Bonfe Auto Body, 380 W. Seventh St., around 1:15 p.m. Thursday, October 25.

—A wheelbarrow, Multiquip Mikasa rammer and metal stakes were reported stolen from a construction site on the 800 block of Jefferson Avenue at 2 a.m. Friday, October 26.

—A backpack, laptop computer, iPad, chargers and headphones were reported stolen from a vehicle on West Seventh and Walnut streets at 10:06 p.m. Friday, October 26.

—Stereo equipment was stolen from a vehicle on the 1500 block of Middleton Avenue between 5:30-8:30 a.m. Sunday, October 28.

—A bow and arrows were stolen from a vehicle on the 900 block of Juno Avenue during the evening of October 29-30.

—Two vacuums were stolen from a vehicle on Cliff Street and Smith Avenue on October 29-30.

**Sex crime**—A rape was reported at 11:02 p.m. Sunday, October 7, on the 300 block of North Smith Avenue.

**Assault**—A student threatened to shoot

everyone at Journeys Secondary School, 90 S. Western Ave., when he left there upset at 9:30 a.m. Monday, October 22. Upon investigation, police determined that the student did not have the means to carry out the threat.

—A suspect took a Taser from an employee's purse and used it on the employee at McDonald's, 551 Jefferson Ave., at 10 p.m. Friday, October 26.

—A 35-year-old man was arrested for assault at the Speedway station, 1445 W. Seventh St., at 1:35 p.m. Friday, October 26. The suspect reportedly yelled racial epithets and threw a 12-inch spike at an employee's head when confronted about shoplifting.

**Fire Calls**

*The following local calls were gathered from recent reports by the St. Paul Fire Department and other sources.*

**Merriam Park**—Arson is suspected in a fire that was reported on the 1900 block of Marshall Avenue at 9:18 a.m. Thursday, October 25.

**Summit-University**—Juveniles were suspected of setting a rug on fire in the hallway of a building on the 900 block of Selby Avenue at 3:26 p.m. Saturday, October 13.

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**HISTORIC ST. PAUL** will celebrate 20 years of accomplishments and the people who helped make it happen from 6-8:30 p.m. at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave. The benefit will include a live auction. Tickets are \$50, which includes appetizers and beverages. Visit [historicsaintpaul.org](http://historicsaintpaul.org).

**ST. PAUL MAYOR** Melvin Carter will hold a neighborhood forum on smart government and the city's work toward equity from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy.

**THE PLOTS TO ASSASSINATE** Hitler will be discussed by author Danny Orbach in a World War II history roundtable from 7-9 p.m. in the Visitor Center at Historic Fort Snelling. Admission is \$5, free for students and veterans. Call 612-726-1171.

## Friday/November 9

**EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS**, a 12-step program for people who are seeking help in dealing with daily stress, is offered at 7 p.m. today and every Friday at the Twin Cities Friends Meetinghouse, 1725 Grand Ave. Everyone is welcome. There are no required fees. For information, call Paul at 651-402-6774 or visit [emotionsanonymous.org](http://emotionsanonymous.org).

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## Saturday/November 10

**WORLD WAR II VETERAN** Ken Axelson, 93, will tell of his experiences on Omaha Beach, the Battle of the Bulge and a German POW camp at a meeting of the Metro Republican Women at Mendakota Country Club in Mendota Heights. The meeting will open with a buffet breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9 a.m. The cost is \$25 for nonmembers, \$15 for students. For reservations, visit [metrogopwomen.org](http://metrogopwomen.org).

## Sunday/November 11

**CELEBRATE THE 100TH** anniversary of the armistice ending World War I with stories, music and art in the spirit of peace and global goodwill at Landmark Center. Veterans for Peace will present a poignant program of stories and songs from 10-11:30 a.m. in Weyerhaeuser Auditorium, including the ringing of the armistice bells at 11 a.m. A Peace Fair will follow from noon-2 p.m. in the Musser Cortile. Admission is free.

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## Spring in his step.

David Eggenberger samples the watercress he harvested from the spring-fed creek that borders his home in the Desnoyer Park area of Merriam Park. Eggenberger was out last week cleaning up his yard in advance of the coming winter.

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BRAD STAUFFER

Aebleskive Breakfast beginning at 10 a.m. at St. Peder's Lutheran Church, 4600 E. 42nd St. in Minneapolis. All are welcome. A freewill offering will be requested.

## Tuesday/November 13

**THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB** will gather for a three-mile hike along Shepard Road stepping out at 11:30 a.m. from in front of the condominiums at 1800 Graham Ave. New members are welcome. Call Sharon at 651-207-5926.

**THE ADVANTAGES** of breastfeeding for mother and child and overcoming any difficulties will be discussed from 7-8:45 p.m. by the Como-Midway group of La Leche League. Pregnant women, mothers and their children are invited to attend. For information, call Heidi at 651-659-9527.

**POVERTY** and the barriers to economic stability in St. Paul will be addressed from 6:30-8 p.m. at Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Ave. Presenters include Art Rolnick of the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, St. Paul Planning and Economic Development director Bruce Corrie, and representatives of Project Home, the Jeremiah Project, Head Start and the Community Action Partnership.

## Wednesday/November 14

**QUESTION, PERSUADE, REFER**, a three-step method for preventing suicide, will be taught in a free program from noon-1 p.m. at the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 1919 University Ave., Suite 400. For more information or to register, call 651-645-2948 ext. 198 or visit [namimn.org](http://namimn.org).

**THE HIGHLAND BUSINESS** Association will hold a social hour with complimentary snacks and a cash bar from 4-6 p.m. at Tiffany Sports Lounge, 2051 Ford Pkwy. To register, email [ktierney@highlandba.com](mailto:ktierney@highlandba.com).

**THE STORY** of Elizabeth Freeman (aka Mum Bett), a Massachusetts slave who in 1780 sued for her freedom with inspiration from the Declaration of Independence, will be told in a free program from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. Call 651-642-0385.

## Thursday/November 15

**"SUBSTANCE USE and Your Child"** will be addressed in a free parent training class sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, November 15, at the Dakota County Northern Service Center, 1 W. Mendota Road in West St. Paul. To register, visit [namimn.org](http://namimn.org) or call 651-645-2948.

## Friday/November 16

**A LUTEFISK DINNER** will be served this evening by the Men's Club at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 104 S. Snelling Ave. The 69th annual traditional Norwegian spread will feature lutefisk with melted butter and cream sauce, lefse, Swedish meatballs and gravy, boiled potatoes, early peas, cranberry sauce, fruit soup, milk and coffee. Seatings are available at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call Russ Edhlund at 651-698-1260. The cost is \$20, \$5 for children under age 12. A bake sale with lefse and other Scandinavian delicacies will be held from 3-7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 90 will also be selling jars of gourmet pickled herring.

**POTTER RICHARD BRESNAHAN** and his ceramics will be featured in a free program at 7:30 p.m. in the Weyerhaeuser Board Room at Macalester College. A free buffet dinner will precede the program at 6:30 p.m. For reservations or more information, call 651-430-0361 or email [alan@astonishme.org](mailto:alan@astonishme.org).

**SAMBA SONGS**, a co-ed class in samba percussion, will be offered from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Women's Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. The cost is \$20. Instruments are provided. Visit [womensdrumcenter.org](http://womensdrumcenter.org).

## Saturday/November 17

**A CRAFT SHOW** with over 30 vendors will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Edgumbe Community Center, 320 S. Griggs St. Admission is free. Refreshments will be available. Call 651-695-3711.

**GREEK PASTRIES** and other homemade sweets and breads will be featured in a bake sale from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. today and

11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, November 18, at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 1111 Summit Ave.

**A CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE** and Ham Dinner will be held from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. today and Sunday, November 18, at Little Sisters of the Poor, 330 S. Exchange St. The boutique will feature children's clothing, dolls, scarves, gift baskets, crafts, glassware, handbags, a bake sale and tea room. Meal tickets are \$11, \$6 for children age 12 and under. Call 651-227-0336.

**A HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR** as told by the battle flags, art and memorials at the Minnesota Capitol will be featured during 90-minute tours of the state house beginning at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The cost is \$10, \$9 for seniors and college students, \$8 for children ages 5-17. Call 651-296-2881 or visit [cart.mnhs.org](http://cart.mnhs.org).

**"EXAMINING INJUSTICE: Resilience During Tough Times,"** a multigenerational conversation, will be prompted by historical artifacts, photographs and a video from 12:30-3 p.m. at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, 270 N. Kent St. Admission is free.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO** if someone you love has an addiction will be discussed by Dr. Judith James, a licensed alcohol and drug counselor, in a free program from 2-2:30 p.m. at St. Peder's Lutheran Church, 4600 E. 42nd St. in Minneapolis.

## Sunday/November 18

**THE ARCHITECT'S** Small House Service Bureau, which brought architect-designed houses to the masses in the early decades of the 20th century, will be revisited by historian Brian McMahon from 1:30-3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1895 Laurel Ave. Admission is \$5. Call 612-724-5816.

## Monday/November 19

**SUSAN B. ANTHONY** died before women won the right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920. She tried to vote in 1872. However, her vote was judged illegal. Her subsequent trial for that offense will be discussed in a free lecture from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. Call 651-642-0385.

**FLORAL DESIGNER** Tiffany Hammon of Always Evenful will speak about holiday trends for the home at a meeting of the Ramsey County Garden Club from 7:25-8:25 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1807 Field Ave. Admission is free and open to all. Visit [ramseygardeners.org](http://ramseygardeners.org).

## Tuesday/November 20

**CLIMATE ACTIVISTS** Susu Jeffrey and Jean Ross will appear at today's Pax Conversational Salon to report on the "necessity defense" of Annette Klapstein and Emily Johnston in their trial for shutting down a Canadian tar sands oil pipeline. The program will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Mississippi Market, 1500 W. Seventh St. Admission is free. Call 651-227-3228.

**THE ST. PAUL CAMERA CLUB** will hear John Gregor speak on fine art printing when it meets at 6:30 p.m. in Otto Hall of the Gardens building at Episcopal Homes, 1860 University Ave. New members are welcome.





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The Reverend Adam Blons and Barbara Schue of Macalester Plymouth United Church received the Hmong story cloth from Leng Wong (right) and his son, Colby Wong.

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## Stitch in time: Hmong history preserved

BY ROGER BARR

A little piece of Hmong history has found a new home in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood. Members of Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church presented a Hmong story cloth to Macalester Plymouth United Church during Sunday worship services on October 28.

The two congregations sponsored the immigration of Leng Wong and his extended family from a refugee camp in Thailand 42 years ago. The Wong family later gave the story cloth to the Dayton Avenue Church congregation. The congregation recently sold its church building in Ramsey Hill and is now finding new homes for many of the church's artifacts.

"In 1975 we'd never heard of the Hmong people," said Dayton Avenue Church member Kathleen Vellenga. "When Leng and his family arrived, we could never have imagined the thriving community the Hmong would become."

Wong, his voice choking with emotion, thanked the Macalester Plymouth congregation for its role in making his journey to St. Paul possible. "Forty-two years ago, this congregation, along with Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, opened their hearts to sponsor me and my family and offer me a home and a new life," he said. "I'm very proud and very happy. I thank you for all of the love you have given us."

The temperature was 90 degrees when Wong left Thailand. It was below zero when he arrived in Minnesota in February 1976 with his wife, their two toddlers, his brother and mother-in-law and four of his wife's siblings. "I saw no green, only brown," he said. "No leaves." Alarmed, he was assured by his sponsors that the green would return in the spring.

Longtime Macalester Plymouth Church member Barbara Schue accepted the story cloth on behalf of the congregation. "I feel privileged to have been able to help with this project," she said. "I want to thank the Wongs for inspiring us to trust that love would sustain their daring to venture into this unknown."

The Hmong did not have a universal written language until the 1950s, and the traditional story cloths were a way to preserve their culture's stories and record history. Exactly what stories the cloth now hanging in Macalester Plymouth's social hall tells has been forgotten over the years, but it includes images that appear on many Hmong story cloths.

"We're grateful to receive this special Hmong story cloth," said Macalester Plymouth senior minister Adam Blons. "It stands as a reminder that our congregation has taken seriously the Biblical mandate to love our neighbors and welcome the stranger."

The effort that brought Wong and his family to Minnesota is a story in itself. It began in the spring of 1975. Vellenga was in the hospital recovering from surgery. Watching the American evacuation of Saigon on television and seeing people fleeing for their lives, she resolved to help resettle the Southeast Asian people who had supported the U.S. effort during the Vietnam War and now faced persecution for that support. "It was just a case of love your neighbor as yourself," she said.

At Vellenga's urging, Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church applied for and received a federal grant administered by the International Institute to fund the effort. The church reached out to Macalester Plymouth Church's congregation for assistance and a joint committee was formed.

Wong was among the Hmong who faced persecution following communist North Vietnam's takeover of South Vietnam. He had worked with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency during the war.

Wong and his family are believed to be the first Hmong to resettle in Minnesota with the help of a sponsoring agency. According to Schue, members of the two churches worked for the 18 months after their arrival to help them adjust to life in America.

Wong recalled how church members taught him and his family "how to use refrigerators, stoves and other fancy equipment."

Macalester Plymouth Church member Paula Nessa introduced the Wongs to American food and helped them find food that was more familiar to them. She had to contact a supplier as far away as California to provide the Wong family with lemon grass.

Wong worked for many years in various positions to help fellow immigrants get resettled in the United States. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, 66,000 of the 245,807 Hmong living in the U.S. call Minnesota home, and the 29,662 Hmong living in St. Paul represent the largest Hmong population in any U.S. city.

"I continue to be amazed at how readily the Hmong people have found their way into American culture," Schue said. "It didn't take very long at all. Coming from a culture with no electricity and no running water, and a couple of months later you're making a deal for a car."

## Religious Notes

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**, 900 Summit Ave., will offer "Short Stories by Jesus," a video series featuring New Testament scholar Amy-Jill Levine, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, November 7 and 14. Call 651-224-5809 or visit [spuconsummit.org](http://spuconsummit.org).

**Russell Hittinger of the University of Tulsa** will speak of Archbishop John Ireland on the 100th anniversary of his death in a free lecture from 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, November 8, in the University of St. Thomas' OEC auditorium. Call 651-962-5050 or visit [saintpaulseminary.org](http://saintpaulseminary.org).

**Parenting classes** for families with children from infants to 5 years old are meeting from 9-11 a.m. on Tuesdays through December 18 at St. Mark's School, 1983 Dayton Ave. The Early Catholic Family Life sessions begin with play time. At snack time, parents take part in a facilitated discussion about family life. For more information, call 651-644-5030.



# On the Town

## Bloom is still on Rose

Early music ensemble's 23rd and final season continues with songs from Thirty Years War

BY JANET LUNDER HANAFIN

All good things must come to an end. Sadly, that proverb, which dates back to Chaucer's time, can now be applied to the Rose Ensemble. The internationally renowned early-music group from St. Paul is making the 2018-19 season its 23rd and final season due to a budgetary deficit that has grown too large to overcome. The good news is that audiences still have four magnificent programs to look forward to before that last curtain call.

On November 16-18, the Rose Ensemble will revisit the music of one of the most brutal conflicts in history. Fought mostly in Central Europe, the Thirty Years War from 1618-48 claimed more than 8 million lives in combat and related violence, famine and disease.

"Empire, Religion, War, Peace: Music from Europe's Thirty-Year Conflict" will feature the Rose Ensemble, the 34-voice Augsburg University Choir under the direction of Kristina Boerger, organist Bruce Jacobs playing a period positiv organ, and the Dark Horse Consort, which specializes in music from the 16th and 17th centuries played on period brass instruments.

Recognizing the magnitude of the Thirty Years War through music seemed a natural choice for marking the 400th anniversary of the outbreak of that conflict, according to Jordan Sramek, the Rose Ensemble's founder and artistic director and a longtime resident of Merriam Park.

"The thematic approach to this concert is a Rose Ensemble hallmark," Sramek said. "Stories of human history, whether political, cultural or spiritual, are what inspire our programs. I've always been curious about the last 1,000 years, and apparently the way I shape concert themes has resonated with our fans."

The upcoming program incorporates excerpts from a firsthand account of the Thirty Years War by German cobbler Hans Heberle, in which he describes the many hardships suffered by his family and others. The music has been culled from 17th-century German composers Johann Rudolf Ahle, Andreas Ham-

merschmidt, Heinrich Schütz and Johann Hermann Schein, among others.

The Rose Ensemble has joined forces in the past with the Minnesota Orchestra, VocalEssence and other local musicians as well as artists from around the world. Boerger has performed with the group several times since meeting Sramek at an early music festival in 2010, but she is especially pleased to be bringing the elite Augsburg Choir into the fold. "Much of the music of this period was constructed to take advantage of the cooperation among two or more chamber-sized groups," she said.

Boerger is particularly looking forward to performing Schütz's "Saul, Saul, was verfolgst du mich?" "My first hearing of the piece in graduate school changed my ears forever," she said. "This is my first opportunity to be performing it. I'm so excited that my students will be able to experience this."

The Schütz motet portrays the Apostle Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus, when as Saul he is knocked off his horse and hears Jesus calling his name. German churches and their musical personnel had been ravaged by the Thirty Years War, according to Boerger, so when Schütz first published the motet he instructed the kappellmeisters to perform the work with whatever resources they had, even if it were just a few singers and fewer than the recommended number of instruments.

The five-piece Dark Horse Consort is composed of two cornetti and three sackbuts. The cornetto is an early instrument that has a body like a recorder and a mouthpiece like a trumpet. The sackbut is a predecessor to the modern trombone.

The consort's director, Greg Ingles, teaches sackbut at Boston University and has played with most of the large early-music ensembles in the country. He first became interested in performing period music as a graduate student and has devoted himself ever since to bringing rarely heard gems of early brass music to modern audiences.

The Rose Ensemble's long record of inventive and adventurous programming has added a unique as-



The 23rd and final season for the Rose Ensemble (top) and its founder and artistic director Jordan Sramek (above) continues on November 16-18 with three concerts devoted to the music of the Thirty Years War of 1618-48. The singers will be accompanied by the sackbuts and cornetti of the Dark Horse Consort (right).

pect to the Twin Cities' vibrant choral music scene. Despite changes in personnel over the years, the quality of the voices has remained consistent while the artistic excellence has increased, according to Sramek.

The ensemble "has been a major part of almost half of my life," Sramek said. "I know it's made a significant contribution to the cultural landscape of St. Paul. And I've been proud to see how the ensemble has helped shape the professional careers of its musicians."

Sramek and the Rose Ensemble can be credited with expanding the concept of early music from its traditional understanding as the music of Western Europe prior to 1750 to include the music of 19th-century Hawaii, 19th-century North America, 18th-century South and Central America, and the early musical traditions of the Middle East and Mediterranean regions.

Last season the Rose Ensemble was especially engaged, releasing its 11th recording, "Treasures from Baroque Malta," performing almost 50 concerts in the United States and Europe, and reaching out to thousands of children and adults across Minnesota through more than 40



free programs.

"The Rose Ensemble is grateful to its home community of Minnesota and to its international audience for 23 years of artistic fellowship," Sramek said. "I'm humbled by our musicians' dedication and genuinely thankful for our supporters who believed that the Rose Ensemble's mission and artistry were worthy of their generosity."

"Empire, Religion, War, Peace" will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday, November 16, at University Lutheran Church of Hope and at 8 p.m. Saturday, November 17, at the Church of St. Albert the Great, both in Minneapolis, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, November 18, at Assumption Church in St. Paul.

The Rose Ensemble's 2018-19 season will continue with "A Tudor Christmas" on December 20-

23, featuring joyful music from the British courts of Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, Mary Tudor and Mary Queen of Scots, and "Voices of Angels: Benedictine Gregorian Chant and Choral Music from Baroque Italy" from April 4-14.

Its final concert on Saturday, June 15, will be performed at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis, where the Rose Ensemble presented its very first concert in 1996. The group will be joined by former members from the previous 22 seasons in a reprise of the ensemble's favorite medieval and Renaissance music.

Tickets for the November 16-18 concerts—priced from \$15-\$38, \$10 for students, and free to children age 12 and under—may be reserved by calling 651-225-4340 or visiting [roseensemble.org](http://roseensemble.org).





# On the Town *Briefly*

## Music

**Thursday Musical** will present performances by percussionist Robert Adney, violinist Dragan Stojkovic, pianist Nicholas Susi and cellist Arianna Wegley beginning at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, November 8, in Antonello Hall at the MacPhail Center for Music, 501 Second St. S. in Minneapolis. Admission is \$15, \$6 for students. A reception with free coffee and doughnuts will precede the show at 10 a.m. Call 612-333-0313.

**Celtic Junction**, 836 N. Prior Ave., will play host to the following: Nordic Fiddlers Bloc, the trio of Olav Luksengård, Anders Hall and Kevin Henderson, in concert at 8 p.m. Friday, November 9 (tickets are \$20 at the door, \$16 in advance, free for children); and the Bulgarian folk quintet Nomadi in concert at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, November 17 (\$30, \$20, \$15 for seniors, free for children). Call 612-874-8892 or visit celticjunction.org.

**Israeli-American pianist** Shai Wosner will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, November 11, in Mairs Concert Hall in the Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. The Chopin Society program will include Schubert's Sonata in G Major and selections from Wosner's "Impromptu," which explores the connections between improvisationally inspired works by such composers as Ives, Chopin, Schubert and Gershwin. Tickets are \$30, \$15 for full-time students. Call 612-822-0123.

**Patrick Hawes' The Great War Symphony**, four movements for soloists, chorus and orchestra, will be presented by the Oratorio Society of Minnesota in observance of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice ending World War I at 4 p.m. Sunday, November 11, on the Carlson Family Stage at Northrop Auditorium. The University of Minnesota Men's and Women's Choirs will join in the concert. For tickets, priced from \$28-\$58 with discounts for seniors, children and members of the military, call 612-624-2345 or visit northrop.umn.edu. The concert will be preceded by a Bells of Peace ceremony on Northrop Plaza, a free event that will open at 10:45 a.m. with a reading of Laurence Binyon's 1914 poem "For the Fallen" followed by the tolling of a bell, a reading of the names of the 1,400-plus Minnesotans killed in combat during the war and the playing of Taps. A mural by Minnesota artist David Geister will be displayed in the Northrop lobby along with artifacts from the war on loan from the Minnesota Military Museum.

**Bach's sonatas** for viola da gamba and obbligato harpsichord, the d minor organ trio sonata and selections from the French Suite No. 5 in G Major for solo harpsichord will be performed by Tami Morse and Tulio Rondón in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, November 11, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 3045 Chicago Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Admission is free. A reception will follow. Call 612-827-5919.

**Minneapolis singer-songwriter** Chris Koza



## If angels played jazz...

...they might sound like Colombia-born harpist Edmar Castaneda, who will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, November 17, in Sundin Music Hall, 1531 Hewitt Ave. For tickets, priced from \$10-\$25, visit mnguitar.org.

will present an evening of Americana music influenced by such diverse styles as folk, acoustic, classic rock and electronic pop on Friday, November 16, in Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Landmark Center. The 8 p.m. show will be preceded by a cocktail hour with a cash bar at 7 p.m. Annie Fitzgerald will open the show. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Visit landmarkcenter.org.

**The legend lives on** in the four members of the Gordon Lightfoot Tribute Band, who will take the stage at 8 p.m. Saturday, November 17, at the Hat Trick Lounge, 134 E. Fifth St. "Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald," "If You Could Read My Mind," "Sundown" and other classic hits by the Canadian singer-songwriter will be performed live by guitarist and singer David James Carlson, bassist Behn Menon, keyboardist Tom Boden and drummer Jim Miller. Admission is \$5. Call 651-228-1347.

**Artaria String Quartet** will show off an early quartet by Beethoven in its second concert of the season, "Basically Beethoven," beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, November 18, in Sundin Music Hall, 1531 Hewitt Ave. The program will feature quartets by two other Viennese composers, Anton Webern and Gyorgy Ligeti. Tickets are \$20, free to children. Visit artariaquartet.com.

## Books

**Common Good Books**, 38 S. Snelling Ave., will play host to free readings and discussions with authors Gary Lindberg and his book, *Letters from Elvis*, based on hundreds of letters Presley wrote to his spiritual guide, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 7; Allen

Eskens from his novel, *The Shadows We Hide*, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, November 15; and Madeline Ura-neck from her book, *How to Make a Life: A Tibetan Refugee Family and the Midwestern Woman They Adopted*, 7 p.m. Friday, November 16. Call 651-225-8989 or visit commongoodbooks.com.

**"Fitzgerald in a Swedish Context:** Translation, Publication and Representation" will be addressed by F. Scott Fitzgerald translator Dr. Niklas Salmose at 7 p.m. Saturday, November 10, at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave. Dr. Salmose is associate professor of English literature at Linnaeus University in Sweden. He is co-editing a composite biography on Fitzgerald. His talk, the third annual lecture sponsored by Fitzgerald in St. Paul, is free and open to the public.

**Shannon Gibney**, author of the autobiographical book *See No Color*, will discuss her new young adult novel, *Dream Country*, in a free program at 7 p.m. Monday, November 12, in the library at Central High School, 275 N. Lexington Pkwy.

**"The Man from Mars,"** a short story by Margaret Atwood about a socially disadvantaged girl who grabs attention through the presence of an "alien," will be examined by the Great Books Discussions Group at 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 14, at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave. The public is invited. Call Margaret King at 651-285-7550 or email kingmuelken@q.com.

**Presidential historian Jon Meacham**, whose new book, *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels*, examines American politics today by looking back at critical times in U.S. history, will speak at 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 14, in Northrop Auditorium. His lecture will be followed by

a conversation with Wendy Nelson, chair of the Carlson Family Foundation. Admission is free and open to the public, but tickets are required: Visit z.umn.edu/jonmeacham.

**SubText Books**, 6 W. Fifth St., will play host to free readings and discussions with authors Rosemary Davis and her memoir, *Before They Left Us*, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 14; and Mary Casanova and her book for young readers, *Hush Hush, Forest*, at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 17. Call 651-493-2791 or visit subtextbooks.com.

**"Tales of the Falls,"** a history of Minneapolis, will be told by Richard Rousseau from 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, November 18, at the Mill City Museum, 704 S. Second St. in Minneapolis. The master storyteller will spin three tales that draw on the history of St. Anthony Falls to reflect on the present day. The cost is \$18. Visit cart.mnhs.org or call 612-341-7555.

## Dance

**"Mozart In Motion,"** a mix of classical, contemporary and comic ballets, will be performed by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre to the live music of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 8, on the Carlson Family Stage at Northrop Auditorium. Set to the music of Mozart, the ballets include Divertimento No. 15 by George Balanchine and "Petite Mort" and "Sechs Tänze" by Jiří Kylián. For tickets, priced from \$30-\$75, call 612-624-2345 or visit northrop.umn.edu. A free concert preview will be offered at 6:15 p.m. in Best Buy Theater at Northrop.

**Macalester College** Theater and Dance students and faculty will present original choreography in shows at 7:30 p.m. Friday and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, November 9 and 10, at SteppingStone Theatre, 55 N. Victoria St. Tickets are \$5. Call 651-696-6359.

**Intimate movement** and lush soundscapes deliver a politically charged perspective on gun violence in America in "Hold My Hand," presented by Mathew Janczewski's Arena Dances at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, November 10, at the Fitzgerald Theatre, 10 E. Exchange St. Tickets are \$17-\$27. Visit fitzgeraldtheater.publicradio.org or call 651-290-1200.

**"In the Margins,"** an examination of the implicit bias experienced by those on the margins of society, will be rendered in movement by the Karen L. Charles Threads Dance Project at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, November 16 and 17, in the O'Shaughnessy at St. Catherine University. The program includes a new work, "To Hear Like Me," which seeks to bridge the divide between the hearing and hard of hearing, and "Femthology," a compilation of works that examine the experience of being female. Tickets are \$30. Call 651-690-6700 or visit oshag.stkate.edu.

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Film

**Thirteenth** (2016), a documentary by Ava DuVernay about the intersection of race, justice and mass incarceration in the United States, will be screened by Friends for a Nonviolent World at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 7, in the Fourth Floor Conference Room at the Central Midway Building, 393 N. Dunlap St. A discussion will follow.

**Sound Unseen** will roll out its annual Film/Music/Art Festival from November 14-18 at Trylon Cinema, 2820 E. 33rd St. in Minneapolis. Close to two dozen films and a large collection of shorts will be screened. For the complete schedule and tickets, visit [soundunseen.com](http://soundunseen.com).

Exhibits

**“1968,”** a gallery filled with the sights, sounds and stories of that turbulent year in U.S. history, is being displayed through January 21, 2019, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is \$12; \$10 for seniors, college students and veterans; \$6 for children ages 5-17. Call 651-259-3000.

**“Theatre de la Jeune Lune: A Photographic Celebration,”** a retrospective of the work of photographers Michal Daniel and Frederic Desbois for the former Minneapolis theater, is on view through December 7 in the Marsden/Gustafson Gallery at FilmNorth, 550 N. Vandalia St., Suite 120. Gallery hours are 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission is free. Call 651-644-1912.

**“Symbiosis,”** original paintings by Jessica Turtle, are on view through November 18 at AZ Gallery, 308 Prince St. The exhibit is on view from 5-8 p.m. and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

**“Charles Beck: An Artist for All Seasons,”** a retrospective of the work of the late Fergus Falls artist, is on view through February 24 in the gallery of the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. The exhibit includes more than 40 works by Beck in the artist’s distinct style



Variations on a teacup.

Using the Japanese handleless teacup as their medium, three dozen potters will exhibit their craft in the fifth annual Yunomi Invitational, running from November 16 through December 22 at Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave. An opening reception for the artists will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, November 16. Call 651-644-9200.

documenting the natural world in prints, paintings and wood carvings. Admission to the exhibit is \$2, or free with a paid tour of the Hill House, which are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and college students, \$6 for children ages 5-17. A gallery talk by Amy Sharpe, author of Charles Beck: The Nature of an Artist, will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. Sunday, November 11. Call 651-297-2555.

**“Somalis in Minnesota,”** the story of the largest population of Somali immigrants in the United States, is told in an exhibit running through June 9, 2019, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Pkwy. The 2,400-square-foot exhibit includes a reconstructed nomadic hut, photos and artifacts augmented with commentary by historians, and videos and interactive photo panels. Admission to the History Center is \$12, \$10 for seniors, students and veterans, \$6 for children ages 5-17. Call 651-259-3000.

**Handcrafted fiber works** by more than 100 artists are being displayed for show and sale through December 24 in the Holiday Gallery Shop at the Textile Center, 3000 University Ave. SE in Minneapolis. From one-of-a-kind wearable art to home décor, the pop-up shop will have a plethora of potential gifts. Artist demonstrations, trunk shows and workshops will be offered between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The schedule includes Yarn Fest, November 10; Needle Felting, November 17; Weave Fest, Friday, November 24; Stitch Fest, November 25; Fiber & Dye Fest, December 8; and Textile Machine Fest, December 15. For more information, call 612-436-0464.

**“Roots and Fruits,”** 50-plus works by more than three dozen past and present members of the Women’s Art Registry of Minnesota, are on view through December 15 in the Catherine G. Murphy Gallery at St. Catherine University. The exhibit explores

the evolution and impact of WARM with art works and archival material. Admission is free. Visit [gallery.stkate.edu](http://gallery.stkate.edu).

**“Geniale Dilletanten,”** an exhibition of film, art, design, fashion and experimental music that harkens back to that time of artistic upheaval in Germany, is on view through November 18 in the Tunnel Gallery at the Schmidt Artist Lofts, 900 W. Seventh St. Hours are 3-6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, noon-6 p.m. Fridays, and noon-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Visit [gai-mn.org](http://gai-mn.org).

**The 40-plus artists** working in Midway’s Dow Building will open their studios to the public from noon-8 p.m. Saturday, November 10. “Do the Dow” and experience the creativity of painters, sculptors, ceramicists, metal workers, woodworkers, drummers, poets, muralists, screenprinters, musicians and installation artists on four levels of the building at 2242 University Ave.

**Thank You For Shopping,** a new book by Kristal Leebrick on the golden age of Minnesota department stores, will be launched along with an exhibit of photographs from that era in a free program from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, November 15, at the Mill City Museum, 704 S. Second St., Minneapolis. Dayton’s, Powers, Donaldson’s, Young-Quinlan, the Emporium and the Golden Rule ruled the retail landscapes of downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul throughout the 20th century and served as a center of social life. Leebrick will be joined at the book launch by Jack Barkla and Dan Mackerman, who both helped create holiday displays on the eighth floor of Dayton’s in downtown Minneapolis. The exhibit will remain on view through February 24. Call 612-341-7555.

**The art of St. Paulites** Liz Carlson, Alex

Chinn, Chillon Leach, Dorothy Osterman and Paul Damon, everything from pottery to painting and jewelry, will be displayed for show and sale from 1-8 p.m. Saturday, November 17, in the second-floor auditorium at Charles Thompson Memorial Hall, 1824 Marshall Ave. Call 651-645-7709.

**Northern Clay Center,** 2424 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, will display the work of eight graduates of its MN NICE advanced certificate program from November 18 through December 30. An opening reception for the artists will be held in conjunction with the clay center’s holiday open house from noon-4 p.m. Sunday, November 18. The open house will feature hands-on activities, artist demonstrations, refreshments and ceramics sales. Admission is free.

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**Preschool children** and their caregivers are invited to stop by SteppingStone Theatre at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays for 30 minutes of stories, songs and creative play and 30 minutes of hands-on experience in creative dramatics and art making. The drop-in program runs weekly through December 19 at Steppingstone, 55 N. Victoria St. The cost is \$10 per family. Call 651-225-9265.

**Merriam Park Library,** 1831 Marshall Ave., will offer the following free programs: Board at the Library, games of Clue, Apples to Apples, chess, checkers and more, 2-4:30 p.m. every Wednesday; Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m. every Friday; You Can Make It, hands-on activities for children ages 7-11, 3-5 p.m. every Monday. Call 651-642-0385.

**Red Balloon Bookshop,** 891 Grand Ave., will play host to the following free events: *Merry Christmas, Little Elliot*, a reading with author-illustrator Mike Curato, 10:30 a.m. November 7; *Small Walt and Mo the Tow* read by author Elizabeth Verdick, 10:30 a.m. November 10; a creativity workshop with Andrea Debbink, author of *Spark: A Guide to Ignite the Creativity Inside of You*, 3 p.m. November 10; *The Mukluk Ball* presented by author Katharine Johnson and illustrator Alicia Schwab, 10:30 a.m. November 17; and Spanish Storytime, 3 p.m. November 18. Call 651-224-8320.

**Highland Park Library,** 1974 Ford Pkwy., will offer the following free programs: Baby Storytime, 10:15 a.m. Wednesdays; Maker Camp, hands-on activities for children ages 7-11, 2 p.m. Wednesdays; Nature Smart, a trading post in natural history, biology



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**Brick Fest Live**, an interactive show with more than a million Lego bricks devoted to lessons in science, technology, engineering and math, will be presented from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11, at the St. Paul RiverCentre. See intricate Lego creations in a new light. Race a custom-built Lego car on a 35-foot track. Contribute to a world-record Lego mosaic, or play Lego video games or miniature golf. Admission is \$15, free for children age 2 and under.

**Dodge Nature Center**, 1701 Charlton St. and 365 W. Marie Ave. in West St. Paul, will offer the following: an introduction to turtles and snakes up close, 10-11:15 a.m. Friday, November 17 (cost is \$7 per person); Our Wild Neighbors, hiking in search of squirrels, deer, wild turkeys and raccoons, 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, November 23 (\$3). For more information or to register, call 651-455-4531 or visit [dodgenaturecenter.org](http://dodgenaturecenter.org).

**Minnesota veterans** will read books and lead the singing during an Intergenerational Story and Play Hour for babies and toddlers beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, November 18, at the Minnesota Veterans Home, 5101 Minnehaha Ave. S. in Minneapolis. For more information or reservations, call Casey Bakewell at 612-548-5754.

**Celebrate the centennial** of Latvia's independence with an afternoon of traditional Latvian music and dance from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, November 18, at Landmark Center. Admission is free.

## Theater

**The Last Schwartz** will strut the Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company's stage through November 11 at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The comedy-drama by Deborah Zoe Laufer explores Jewish identity and cultural continuity in a family of four siblings. Laura Stearns Adams, Matt Sciple, Heidi Fellner, Corey Dinardo, Damian Leverett and Emily Dussault star.



**Lighter side of the '60s.** Tyler Michaels (left) is back as Bobby Vee in the History Theatre's reprise of the pop musical, *Teen Idol: The Bobby Vee Story*, opening at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, November 17, on the stage at 30 E. 10th St. Written by Bob Beverage and directed by Ron Peluso, the story of the meteoric rise of the Fargo hitmaker will be told at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 and 4 p.m. Sundays through December 16. Tickets are \$25-\$62, \$15 for college students, \$10 for children. Call 651-292-4323 or visit [historytheatre.com](http://historytheatre.com). PHOTO BY RICK SPAULDING

The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$23-\$38. Call 651-647-4315.

**All the Great Books (Abridged)**, a fast-paced comedy from Actors Theater of Minnesota that condenses 89 best-loved volumes into one funny drama, is being performed on weekends through November 24 at Camp Bar Cabaret, 490 N. Robert St. From Homer to Harry Potter, Dante to Dickens, the quick-witted drama will tickle the funny bones of even non-English majors. Shana Eisenberg, Mitchel Vosejka and Laini Devin star. Tickets are \$19.50-\$30. Call 800-838-3006 or visit [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com).

**Words Do Move**, a five-part drama about empathy and the power of language woven together with story, movement and song, will be staged from November 8-17 at the Crane Theater, 2303 Kennedy St. NE in Minneapolis. The Sandbox Theatre production was written in collaboration by musicians, poets, writers and actors to generate genuine moments born of personal experience. Directed by Matthew Glover and Heather

Stone, it stars Hector Chavarria, Delta Rae Giordano, Peter Heeringa, Henry Ellen Sansone and Atim Opoka. With video design by Tamara Ober and Kristina Fjellman and live music by Theo Langason, the show will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. For tickets, priced at \$15-\$30, \$10 for students, visit [wordsdomove.bpt.me](http://wordsdomove.bpt.me).

**She Kills Monsters**, a high-octane comedy by Qui Nguyen filled with grotesque ogres, homicidal faeries and vicious cheerleaders, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on November 9-10 and 15-17 in Hamline University's Anne Simley Theatre, 1530 Hewitt Ave. The student production is a heart-pounding homage to the geek and warrior within us all. It tells of Agnes Evans, who finds her sister's Dungeons & Dragons notebook following the unexpected death of her sister and parents and stumbles into an action-packed adventure in the world of imagination. Tickets are \$2-\$8. Call 651-523-2905.

**Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy**, the long-running hit at Minnea-

polis' Music Box Theatre, will jump the river for a two-month run beginning November 9 on the thrust stage at Park Square Theatre, 20 W. Seventh Place. Created by Bill Arnold, Michael Pearce Donley and Bob Stromberg, the drama recaptures the magic of vaudeville through the reminiscences of a musician, an illusionist and a comedian for whom nothing seemed to go the way it was meant to. Fifty-eight evening and afternoon performances are scheduled through January 13. Tickets are priced from \$25-\$52.50 with discounts for seniors, children and members of the military. Call 651-291-7005 or visit [parksquaretheatre.org](http://parksquaretheatre.org).

**Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Christmas Carol**, a new musical based on Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" written by Parton and David H. Bell, will be performed concert-style on November 17 and 18 in the Ordway Concert Hall. Set in the Smoky Mountains during the Great Depression, the musical will feature all of Parton's songs and the dialogue but without costumes or scenery. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Performers Ruthie Baker, Vanessa Gamble, Caroline Innerbichler, Brandon Jackson, Darrell Johnston, Louis Sacco, Carl Schoenborn, Dane Stauffer and Mabel Weismann will be backed by a band of six Nashville musicians. Tickets start at \$38. Call 224-4222 or visit [ordway.org](http://ordway.org).

**University Opera Theatre** will perform Benjamin Britten's delightfully wicked comic opera, *Albert Herring*, on November 15-18. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 S. Fourth St. in Minneapolis. An opera preview will be offered in the lobby 45 minutes before curtain. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Call 612-624-2345 or visit [opera.umn.edu](http://opera.umn.edu).

## Et cetera

**"How to Have Fun in a Civil War,"** an autobiographical account of Somalia's civil war through the eyes of a 7-year-old girl, will be presented by Ifrah Mansour from November 15-18 at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. With poetry, puppetry, video and interviews, Mansour relates a violent history with humor in the interest of hope and healing. The 75-minute program will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. A discussion follows. Tickets are \$14, \$9 for students. Visit [cart.mnhs.org](http://cart.mnhs.org) or call 651-259-3000.

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# Sports



## The Wright Call

By Dave Wright

### 'MN Made Me' is good read on area athletes

On paper, it would seem that Lindsay Whalen, Natalie Darwitz, Jessie Diggins and Toni Stone have only their gender in common, since they all starred in different sports. The same would seem to be true for Paul Molitor, Matt Birk, John Shuster and Tony Sanneh.

But author Patrick Borzi found they share much more than just being athletes. The above eight—plus many others—are featured in a book that hits the streets this week titled *Minnesota Made Me* (Press Box Books, November 2018). In it, Borzi digs deep into the backgrounds of the athletes to find out what they took from their Minnesota experiences and how they helped them advance in their chosen careers.

"We wanted to get folks from all walks of athletics, and two things really stood out in just about every case," Borzi said. "They all had great perseverance and, in just about every case, they grew up playing multiple sports."

Minnesotans are known for being proud of the state's connections to the sports world. When players who are reared here head elsewhere, they often are referred to by their local upbringing first and their current employer afterward.

Borzi is a freelance writer whose work has appeared in such publications as the *New York Times*. He is married to Rachel Blount, who covers sports for the *Star Tribune*. The original idea was to collaborate on the book, splitting up the writing load with each adding a unique perspective to the subjects. But Blount's daily workload made that hard to do. So Borzi took on the task himself. In doing so he discovered the Minnesota connections to the sports scene are much farther and wider than he imagined.

For example, Borzi found himself in Kansas City covering a baseball series. He wandered over to the Negro League Baseball Museum one afternoon. "I'd been there when it first opened and wanted to see what was new since my last trip," he said. "Off to the side, I found an exhibit where Stone was mentioned. I didn't know anything about her at the time."

He quickly became fascinated with Stone's story and how the St. Paul native came to become the first woman to play in the Negro League. She endured all the roadblocks one might expect from that era and the problems with being a female in a men's league that was slowly dying. Stone passed away in 1996, but her legacy—and what she learned growing up around these parts—played a big role in her being a trailblazer and role model.

Molitor's baseball connections are known around the country. Some folks in the Twin Cities may remember it, but most of the country didn't know what a good basketball player he was as a kid. What's probably even less known is his soccer skills.

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## Running the gamut

Central wins, loses, ties in state boys' soccer tourney

By BILL WAGNER

Previously undefeated Central High School seemed to be on its way to the state Class AA boys' soccer title game after soundly beating St. Cloud Tech in the opener and leading Stillwater 1-0 with only 15:47 left to play in the semifinals on October 31 at U.S. Bank Stadium.

The Minutemen, who were making their first appearance at state in 15 years, had been rock-ribbed on defense all season. However, they surrendered as many goals in the second half as they had in the previous 10 games combined and fell 2-1 to Stillwater, the eventual state champion.

Central came back two days later to earn a 1-1 tie against Minnetonka in the third-place game, but the Stillwater loss had the look and feel of a season-end.

The semifinal game featured a slow start, an exciting ending and some great goaltending by both Central's Owen Brooks and the Ponies' Rayce Nelson. The Minutemen took the lead on a nice header by Mika Folstad, assisted by Aiden Cavanaugh. However, the Ponies forged a 1-1 tie with just under 10 minutes to go.

Then, with 6:25 to play, Stillwater's Spencer Scott caught the generally alert Central defense off guard when he took a free kick as soon as the ball was set that went in from 20 yards out. The goal gave the Ponies the win and left a lot of stunned people in the Central camp.

"We have a pretty good defense," Folstad said. "I thought that we could do it after we got that first goal."

"It's tough to take," said Minuteman defender William Hintz, "but Stillwater



Central's Ronald Hall Jr. races for the ball during the Minutemen's 2-1 loss to Stillwater in the state Class AA boys' soccer tournament. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

is a great team. We had a great season, and we gave it all we had. We have no regrets."

Central coach David Alborno said his team had left it all out on the field. "I told our players that I was proud of them," he said. "We have nothing to hang our heads over."

Alborno said his team might have shown a little inexperience on the game-winning goal. The rules allow for kicking the ball as soon as it's set, but that's seldom seen.

In the third-place game, Hintz scored the tying goal on a penalty kick after the Skippers had taken an early lead.

"It was a great game," Alborno said. "Minnetonka plays a lot like we do."

In the first round, Central beat St. Cloud Tech 6-1 in a game that was never in doubt. Midfielder Mac Staloch had two second-half goals. Daniel Barrett, Cavanaugh and Hintz also scored in the first half.

The Minutemen finished the season with an impressive 18-1-2 record.

## Paleen paces Scots in state boys' cross-country

By BILL WAGNER

Brad Moening acknowledged that his Highland Park High School boys' cross-country team didn't quite get what it was hoping for in the state Class AA meet in Northfield on November 3. Overall, however, he said that the fall of 2018 proved to be a great experience for his group.

"We'd hoped to do a little bit better (at

state)," Moening said, "but we certainly had a good season."

Highland finished 10th as a team with 244 points. Edina won with 88, easily outdistancing second-place Mounds View's 99.

The Scots got a stellar outing from junior Oliver Paleen, who finished the 5K (3.1-mile) race sixth in team scoring with a time of 15:44. Highland junior Conor Gregg Escalante was 20th, while

junior Calvin Boone was 43rd. Boone entered the race not feeling well, but sucked it up and gave it all he had.

This was the first Highland boys' cross-country team to get to state since 1973. That was back in the day when cross-country competition was confined to just one class. The Scots' good run in 2018 didn't go unnoticed by a

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# Cadets, Wolfpack earn trips to state football tournament

BY BILL WAGNER

At the start of the season, Dan O'Brien wasn't quite sure how good his St. Thomas Academy football team would be in his first year as head coach. He has a much better idea now.

The Cadets (10-0) advanced to the state Class AAAAA tournament by trouncing Hastings 41-6 in the section final on November 2. STA will play Tartan (8-2) in the opening round of state at noon on Saturday, November 10, at Shakopee West Junior High.

STA was in a battle only for a little while in the section final against the Raiders. The Cadets led only 14-6 going into the second quarter, but then took over. In an effort that saw excellent play on both sides of the ball, STA added 27 points while Hastings could get nothing going.

The McFadden brothers were the headliners in the STA show. Senior Brendan and sophomore Danny accounted for all but one of the Cadets' touchdowns. Brendan scored four of them on runs of 9, 11, 2 and 8 yards, while Danny hit paydirt from 12 yards out. The other touchdown came on a 10-yard run by Jack Nozel in the third quarter.

O'Brien was impressed by the way the Cadets responded in the section final, especially on their first drive of the game that went 80 yards entirely on the ground.

"I was really pleased with the offensive line," he said. "We really came off the ball as a unit against a good football team."

Brendan McFadden had 152 rushing yards in the game, including 139 in the first half.

O'Brien singled out center Alex Kuntz for providing the glue that held his offensive line together. "He's a leader," the coach said.

Going in, O'Brien said he was concerned about Hastings running back Corbin Leflay, who scored once on a 3-yard run and had 152 yards for the game. But the Raiders were trailing well behind in the game and generally couldn't run the ball like they wanted to.

O'Brien could have passed out more than one game ball to his defensive unit. Captain and defensive tackle Jason Samec has been "outstanding" all season, he said, both for his ability to stuff the run and to pressure the passer.

Others who distinguished themselves were linebacker Ben Reppenhagen and defensive back Johnny Steveken.

STA has been able to advance to state despite being without four starters who are out for the season with injuries. "We've been fortunate that we have some kids who've stepped up," O'Brien said.

## Wolfpack head to state

The SMB Wolfpack, a team made up of players from St. Paul Academy, Minnehaha Academy and Blake, earned its first trip to the state Class AAAA football tournament by besting Benilde-St. Margaret's in a 16-14 squeaker in the section final on November 2.

The outcome wasn't decided until an interception late in the fourth quarter by Jalen Suggs, who also had a pretty good night on the other side of the ball as quarterback.

The Wolfpack (10-0) will play Delano (7-3) in the first round of state at 7 p.m. Friday, November 9, at St. Cloud State University.

SMB got the job done with 16 points in the second quarter. Suggs first hit Devin Casadecavalvo for a 32-yard touchdown and then found Kaden Johnson for 16 yards. Theo Crosby kicked the two extra points and the



STA running back Jack Nozel picks up a key first down near the goal line late in the first half of the Cadets' 41-6 win over Hastings in the Section 3AAAAA final. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

SMB defense chalked up a safety that proved to be the difference in the game.

"It was a battle," said Wolfpack coach Colin Quinn. "Benilde is obviously a really good football team. We just made some key plays at key moments."

SMB turned in several notable standout plays on defense in the game. Quinn singled out the team's two middle linebackers—Bennett Theisen and Siegel Howard—along

with defensive tackle Kevvan Anderson and defensive end Andrew Mollison, for excellence. He also added the performance of defensive end Kaden Johnson and defensive tackle Isaac Reed on the list of players who excelled against Benilde.

The Red Knights tried to fashion a drive that would have been a game-winner late in the fourth quarter, but Suggs hauled in a tipped ball for the drive-killing interception.

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supportive group of Highland alums from back in that era. "A couple of them came out to practice and talked to the boys," Moening said. "It was a nice bit of history, and I know the kids enjoyed it."

The Scots showed that they were ready for state when they finished second in the Section 4AA meet on October 24 at the University of Minnesota. That performance was led by Paleen, Boone and Gregg Escalante. But the team also showed that it had some good

depth, with Jesse Peterson and Nathaniel Alden playing solid supporting roles in sections. Peterson, in fact, was key as he posted a personal best time to help his team nose out White Bear Lake.

Paleen capped off an outstanding junior season with his 15:44 at state, which set a new school record for junior boys. "He can be a state champ next fall," said Moening about Paleen. "He puts in the work and does what needs to be done."

Moening also is in charge of the Highland girls' team, and there was also enough to feel

positive about them on this day. His daughter, Molly, finished ninth overall with a time of 18:08.6. Molly, who was the Section 4AA champion, arrived in Northfield a little under the weather herself, which also might have affected her performance, but she proved a gamer.

"She was in a good spot," coach Moening said. "She ran the way she was supposed to run. Now, she's going deer hunting with me (on a family outing up north)."

The Highland girls got a 36th place performance from Delia Johnson and a 98th out of

Carolina Harding. "It's hard to break (the final 100) at the state meet, so it was a good day," said coach Moening.

He noted another positive this season at Highland. Both the boys and girls won the conference titles by both their varsity and junior varsity teams. Molly Moening was the conference champ for the girls' varsity and Paleen led the boys. His first-place finish was reportedly the first for a Highland runner since 1987.

"That makes us feel good about the future," coach Moening said.

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"He was an all-around athlete who kept busy," Borzi said. Playing each of those sports helped Molitor because it allowed him to develop different skills that often crossed over to another sport.

It might be Minnesota's harsh winters that honed those skills for some of the athletes mentioned in Borzi's book. For example, Shuster's tale is well-known. The Chisholm native was pilloried as the skipper of the U.S. men's curling team that finished last in the 2010 Olympics. Undaunted, he began a slow comeback that culminated with America winning its first Olympic gold medal in the sport earlier this year. As Borzi notes, Shuster is a classic case of perseverance and the willingness of Minnesotans to give a fellow a chance at redemption.

Sanneh is remembered around these parts from his high school days at St. Paul Academy. That's where he became friends with Manny Lagos, whose father Buzz turned SPA into a soccer power. Sanneh and Lagos went on to play soccer in college at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, had long and distinguished careers as pros and are still involved in the sport today. Borzi details an incredible tale about Sanneh as a youngster that needs to be read. Suffice it to say, it involved family issues in another country and another case of extreme perseverance.

Whalen, who starts her first season as the University of Minnesota women's basketball coach this week, is another interesting story. As a youngster, she played hockey. She turned to basketball by the time she was in high school at Hutchinson and has been a court junkie ever since. Like

Molitor, though, she honed her skills in the sport she is best known for by excelling in other sports. In high school, she was all-conference in tennis and track.

Borzi is not a Minnesota native and thinks that may have been an advantage in writing his book. "Having an outside perspective was probably a big help," he said. "I went in with only what I knew from afar. What I found unique to this area was the harsh winters here breed a toughness you don't see in other areas of the country. That served them all well as they progressed along their athletic trail."

## Upon further review...

Well, this was inevitable. In an era when nearly every professional and Division I athletic contest has video replay of officials' calls, we now have a high school football player who wants a review of a judgment on the field.

The fellow in question is Marco Cavallaro, a senior defensive player at East Ridge High School. In the regular season finale against Centennial, Cavallaro was flagged for targeting the opposing quarterback by making an illegal hit above his opponent's shoulders, which resulted in a 15-yard penalty and ejection from the game. The penalty included having to sit out the next game as well. However, since Cavallaro had been ejected from a game earlier in the season, the rules called for a four-game ban for a second offense, which is keeping him out of the playoffs.

The family appealed to the Minnesota State High School League, but its rule book is specific on this point: The judgment of the officials is final. However, nothing seems final these days. So the family decided to sue the league and

headed for Hennepin County District Court, where the case landed in the lap of Judge Ronald Abrams last Friday. Abrams made no ruling and Cavallaro had to sit out the section final against Eastview. The Raptors lost, so the issue is now moot.

Officials don't eject athletes lightly, and the lower the level of play is, the more they need to take into consideration the possibility of injury. If officials are going to err in any direction, it's going to be on the side of caution.

On the play in question, the Centennial quarterback had thrown an interception. As the play went on, Cavallaro leveled the QB with a blindside hit. From there, it was simply a matter of judgment by the officials—the way it should be.

Dave Wright can be reached at [dwright53@msn.com](mailto:dwright53@msn.com).

# Sports Shorts

The St. Paul Capitals Hockey Association will hold free events for girls interested in hockey from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, November 10, and from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, December 1, at the Charles M. Schulz-Highland Arena. Girls ages 4-9 can come to one or both sessions to meet current players their own age and participate in some games on the ice. Girls should wear a winter jacket, sweat pants, gloves and bring a bike helmet if they have one. Skates will be available to rent for free, and there will be a small selection of helmets. Free pizza will be served at the first session and free donuts at the second one. Register at [tryhockeyforfree.com/9308](http://tryhockeyforfree.com/9308) or email [theresahaider@gmail.com](mailto:theresahaider@gmail.com).



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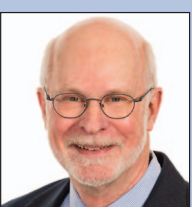
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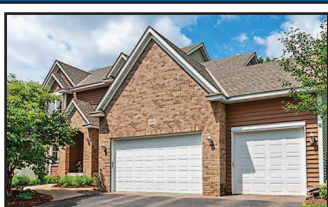
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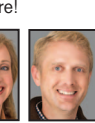
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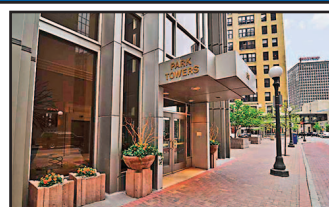
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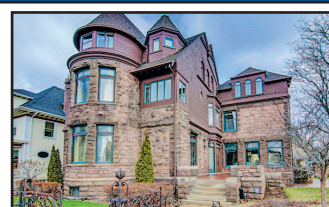
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