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Xcel scrambles to find cause of plant vibrations

BY JANE McCLURE

People will just have to put up with the noise from the demolition of Xcel Energy's old coal-fired High Bridge Plant over the next two years. However, it's the vibrations from the new natural gas-powered plant that are causing headaches for local residents and Xcel officials.

Xcel was granted a sound-level variance on May 28 to permit higher noise levels during the demolition of the old plant. But before the variance was granted, St. Paul City Council members asked that efforts continue to address vibrations coming from the new plant.

When the new High Bridge Plant was tested in late May, two air-intake vents created what plant manager Jim Zydock described as a low harmonic vibration similar to that produced by a sub-woofer. "It's not like you hear it, but you feel it," he said.

The pulsing, low-frequency vibration, coupled with demolition noise and a plume of steam from the new plant at about 10:00 a.m. on May 21, prompted numer-

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Wabun picnic area to debut new look

BY FRANK JOSSI

The Wabun picnic area in Minnehaha Park has for decades offered some of the best views of the Mississippi River of any public area in Minneapolis. Wabun, located near the Ford Bridge at 47th Avenue South and Godfrey Parkway, has been undergoing a dramatic restoration over the past year that maintains those great views while entirely transforming its grounds.

Construction crews are now putting the finishing touches on the first phase of the \$3.7 million project, which was paid for by the state Legislature and delivered through a Metropolitan Council grant. The

WABUN ▶4



Christa Anderson Hill discoed down Grand Avenue with other St. Paul City Ballet dancers as part of the 35th annual Grand Old Day parade on June 1. At right, Todd Hughes adds a condiment or two to a festival staple. Below, parade grand marshal Mike Schumann waves to the crowd from a super compact car. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER



Save Our Sons reclaims lives of young black males

Program helps at-risk youths make transition to manhood

BY BILL STIEGER

There are many ways to be a father. Ask any fatherless youth whose future was salvaged with the guidance of Melvin Carter Jr. The Summit-University resident has served as a father figure to many young African-American males. It stems from his days as a St. Paul police officer.

"When I joined the department, I believed that law enforcement was moving toward being color blind," he said, "but I saw cops being excessively aggressive when it came to African Americans, especially adolescent males."

Throughout his tenure as a police officer, Carter was often called by worried parents in need of help in diffusing situations that threatened the safety of their sons. "Back then, I was the sole black cop in the juvenile division," said Carter, who also served as a detective and in the internal affairs division. "I was called into some wild situations. I prevented drive-by shootings. Mostly, I talked to the kids about staying away from drugs or staying out of trouble. It's a role I've played for a lot of years."

When Carter retired from the St. Paul Police Department in 2003, he stayed involved with Save Our Sons. "Reclaiming the lives of young black males seemed like the logical extension of what I've been trying to do all along," he said.

Carter referred to himself as "somewhat of a hard-nosed cop" and said the actions of some

suspects necessitated the use of force. "But so many of these African-American kids ended up doing hard time for status offenses," he said. "These young men would be on probation, for some dumb thing or other, and then get hauled in for drinking, truancy or breaking curfew. They'd end up doing time in Red Wing or Totem Town, which—in terms of their eventually becoming productive, tax-paying citizens—is the worst place they could possibly go. In fact, 70 percent of the boys in lockup pose absolutely no threat to public safety."

Save Our Sons was founded in 1994 as a volunteer agency, run on a miniscule budget, and governed by a seven-member board of directors. Carter works as an unpaid volunteer. The orga-

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1◀ XCEL PLANT

ous calls to Xcel and city officials. One person called St. Paul police because she thought it was an earthquake, said Bill Gunther of the city's Department of Safety and Inspections.

Xcel is now working with the West 7th/Fort Road Federation to disseminate information on the vibrations and demolition noise. Federation community organizer Betty Moran said the district council has also received calls about the vibrations.

In a flier sent to neighbors, Zyduck wrote that the vibrations result from an air-flow issue with two inlet ducts that face the Mississippi River. "This isn't a common problem with combined-cycle plants," Zyduck wrote, "and I would like to assure you it will not be part of normal operations. We fully understand that this issue is noticeable to some of our neighbors and we're working to correct it."

Xcel has brought in specialized equipment from Germany and vibration experts from three other companies to work on the problem. A possible fix was tested in late May. Zyduck said the plant would minimize its tests, but he cautioned neighbors that it could take weeks to address the issue. Xcel hopes to have a solution in place this month.

Ward 2 City Council member Dave Thune praised Xcel for its response to the vibrations. However, the vibrations were not what the City Council was asked to address in voting on the sound-level variance that was granted on May 28. The permit covers noise from the demolition of the old High Bridge Plant that began in March and will continue through 2009. Chicago-based Brandenburg Industrial Service Company, the nation's largest demolition firm, is the general contractor for the project.

Hazardous material containing asbestos

and lead are being removed from the old plant prior to demolition. The timeline for the cleanup of the site stretches into 2010.

The Xcel permit approved on May 28 covers the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. It went into effect immediately and will be in place until October 31, 2009. Brandenburg is required to minimize noise levels during that period. The permit also calls for monthly updates to the West 7th/Fort Road Federation.

The biggest potential noise impact will involve the demolition of the plant's 570-foot-tall smokestack. At this point, no decision has been made as to how that will be done. Two options are being considered. One is to use a helicopter to place scaffolding atop the smokestack. Crews would work from the top down, using jackhammers to demolish the stack piece by piece. Due to weather considerations, that work could only be done in the

summers of 2008 and 2009.

The second option, which Xcel is leaning toward, is imploding the smokestack. That would be safer for workers and less noisy and dusty for neighbors in the long run. However, the impact of the falling concrete could rattle some buildings on both sides of the river as well as the Smith Avenue High Bridge.

A preliminary seismic analysis showed that implosion should not be problem. However, further analysis and a more detailed demolition plan are needed, along with approvals from several government agencies. A public hearing will be held for West End and West Side residents and business people before any implosion.

At a public hearing on the sound-level variance on May 21, Thune said he would still like to see if the old smokestack can be saved.

1◀ SAVE OUR SONS

nization operates out of an office at 905 Selby Ave. A plaque on the paneled wall spells out its goals:

Save our Sons' mission is to be dedicated to the prevention and reclamation of African-American youths who are likely or already involved in the criminal justice system. We assist youths in their transition to adulthood, providing them with norms, values and opportunities through education and adult mentor relationships.

"The group began informally," Carter said. "We were doing this work before the organization was chartered in '94. Big Willie Nesbitt and I began holding Saturday meetings at Mount Olivet Baptist Church with the help of Pastor James Battle. SOS grew out of those Saturday meetings."

Members of SOS take at-risk boys on outings, serve as models of personal success, host classes and workshops, and spend time with those in need of one-to-one counseling. A certain amount of lecturing occurs as well.

"I consider myself the first SOS kid, because all those lectures from my dad that those kids are hearing were first perfected on me," said Ward 1 St. Paul City Council member Melvin Carter III. "But seriously, I see SOS as a group that forms a necessary bridge between the concerns of the community and the au-

thorities in the justice system."

Soon after the organization was chartered, SOS began receiving requests from Boys Totem Town in St. Paul's Battle Creek neighborhood and the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Red Wing asking for the group's assistance in helping kids make the transition from lockup to freedom. So Melvin Carter Jr. began conducting workshops and hosting lectures for those serving time. "The problems facing African-American juveniles is, in part, systemic," he said.

Carter said that many of the problems faced by young black males stem from what the U.S. Department of Justice calls "disproportionate minority contact." The Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention reports that minority youths represent 34 percent of the juvenile population in the United States, but account for 62 percent of the nation's incarcerated youths. African-American youths comprise about 15 percent of the total U.S. population, but account for 26 percent of youths who are arrested, 31 percent of those who are referred to juvenile court and 44 percent of those who are detained.

"A black boy has a one-in-three chance of ending up in a penitentiary," Carter said. "The statistics bear out that black youths face harsher treatment from authorities at every level of the justice system—from arrest through adjudication to sen-



Three generations of Melvin Carters, including (clockwise from bottom) senior, junior and the III, gathered for a Save Our Sons fundraiser on May 30. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

tencing. There are a lot of basically good kids in lockup. That's why we like to work with kids who are already on the inside."

Dominique Anyanwu, assistant superintendent of Boys Totem Town, said Save Our Sons has been a great asset to its re-entry program. "Totem Town is making the transition from a punitive to a treatment-based program," he said. "Melvin

and his organization play a crucial role in helping our African-American adolescents find their place back in society."

Carter spoke of the Minnesota justice system's recent adaptation of the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI), a program designed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation in 1992. JDAI advocates for changes in sentencing guidelines in-

volving juvenile offenders, offering lockup as a last alternative.

"You put a kid in a place where he has to succumb to peer pressure in order to survive and he's going to learn to be a criminal," Carter said. "You need an alternative. Save Our Sons is a bridge between the troubled kid and the greater society that will serve the interests of both."

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1 ◀ WABUN

Wabun picnic area includes four new picnic shelters—two large ones that each seat 164 adults and 88 children and two smaller ones that each seat 62 adults and 40 children. The shelters will be open for reservations beginning in mid-June.

Improvements also include a new disc golf course, volleyball court, restroom building with changing room, reconstructed parking lots and a paved trail that runs the length of the park to the Ford Bridge. Another new trail takes pedestrians and bicyclists down the side of the bluff and under the bridge to the trail on West River Parkway.

There is also a new wading pool with a waterfall and spray structure that is designed to look like the rock on the river bluffs. "We wanted to have a water feature in the wading pool and a waterfall seemed perfect because Minnehaha Falls is so close," said Dawn Sommers, public information and marketing manager for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

The parking lot is the first in the Minneapolis park system to be made of porous concrete and bricks that will greatly reduce storm water runoff. "We've been doing a lot with environmental issues by building rain gardens and putting bricks and pavers in parking lots that preserve our resources and are sustainable," Sommers said.

The Upper Glen—or Deer Pen area—was also improved for sledding and walking. The Upper Glen sits across the street from Wabun and below the blufftop area of Minnehaha Park. Thousands of years ago the Upper Glen was formed by a waterfall in a western channel of the Mississippi, Sommers said.

Visitors who look closely at the lip of the glen in the spring or fall can see rock outcrop-

pings that formed the falls. The area eventually came to be known as Deer Pen because it held elk and deer as part of a zoo in the park. The city later filled in a section of the bluff after the installation of sewer lines, Sommers said.

Today, the middle of the glen features a runway of dirt that was removed and transported from the Wabun picnic area to improve the grade of the hill as it descends to the creek. During the winter, many people made use of the new sledding hill, Sommers said, and grass now covers the area.

The Wabun picnic area hosts an average of 20,000 users annually, compared to nearly 3 million a year at Minnehaha Park, Sommers said. Wabun served as the Minnehaha Auto Tourist Camp from 1932 to 1955, and was turned into a picnic area in 1956. It had not seen many improvements since then, leaving the structures looking "worn and out of shape," she said.

For the past year, Sommers has had to turn away disappointed groups and families because Wabun has been closed for construction. Typically, the Park Board takes reservations for Wabun starting January 2. However, this year it waited until May to accept reservations for events taking place after June 14, the formal opening of the picnic area, she said.

A planned second phase of improvements for Wabun is expected to begin this fall. It will include transforming the western edge of the picnic area, formerly known as Omeeme, to include a new picnic shelter and new picnic tables and benches. The road to the Veterans Home may be improved, too, Sommers said.

The new look should awaken great interest in Wabun. "It's been one of our more quiet parks, but it's a jewel in the system," said state Representative Jim Davnie (District 62A). "It's been used throughout the years by organizations that rent it for events, but now I think



Brianna and Eric Tranby take a stroll with their infant son Elliott near the new wading pool at the Wabun picnic area in Minnehaha Park. PHOTO BY ANNE BRANDRUD

it'll also be attractive for families looking for a place to go."

Davnie said the Legislature also awarded \$2.9 million to restore retaining walls along the creek in Minnehaha Park that were built in the 1930s by the Works Progress Administration. Several sections of the retaining walls fell into the creek due to heavy rains three years ago. Work on repairing those walls and stabilizing the path in the Lower Glen will begin this summer.

Additional funding for the creek project includes \$1.5 million from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD), \$345,000 from the Minnesota Veterans Home and \$650,000 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The

MCWD will hold a public meeting to review the proposed Minnehaha Creek improvements at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, at picnic shelter D in Wabun.

The Minneapolis Park Board is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. The system comprises 182 parks, with Minnehaha second in popularity only to the lakes district. Throughout the planning phases, many neighbors attended public meetings and offered their own suggestions.

"During that process, we heard from a lot of people in the neighborhood about different issues in Minnehaha and Wabun," Sommers said. "Folks are very passionate about their parks."

St. Paul lays over changes to patio service, 2:00 a.m. closing licenses

BY JANE McCLURE

The St. Paul City Council is set to vote on two proposals on June 4 that affect bars and restaurants with liquor licenses. One would make it easier for businesses to be able to serve alcoholic beverages on their patios or sidewalks. The other would more clearly spell out penalties for bars that stay open until 2:00 a.m. and violate their licenses. Both ordinances were set for final votes on May 28, but were laid over to allow time to make amendments.

It is not clear if Ward 3 council member Pat Harris has the four votes needed to pass the patio ordinance. He presented the ordinance after hearing from the owners of some bars and restaurants that it is too difficult to obtain an extension of liquor service under the city's current regulations. Businesses need the extension to serve alcohol on a patio, deck or sidewalk.

Currently, 90 percent of the owners of property within 300 feet of a bar or restaurant must be in favor of the outdoor license before the

city will grant the extension of service. Under Harris' proposal, if the number of signatures on a petition is between 60 and 89 percent of those property owners, the council could still grant the license, but would have to consider individual circumstances such as noise, traffic and proximity of the outdoor serving area to homes. Below 59 percent, the council could still grant the license if the applicant could show an effort had been made to obtain more signatures.

The Summit Hill Association recently filed neighbors living in close proximity to Grand Avenue about the patio ordinance. SHA Zoning and Land Use Committee chair Maureen Flahaven said the district council heard from several residents, all of whom opposed the changes.

The St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and two business owners testified in favor of the changes. Co-owner David Burley said he has sought an extension of service for the Groveland Tap for two years and for the Highland Grill for a year. He has 84 percent of the signatures he needs for the Groveland Tap,

but he told the council that some neighbors simply won't answer their doors.

Trotter's Cafe and Bakery and 128 Cafe, both in Merriam Park, also have struggled to get enough signatures to extend their liquor service. The owners of 128 Cafe said it took four months to obtain the signatures from the required 34 property owners. 128 Cafe was granted the extension of liquor service license on May 28. Trotter's is still trying to track down the needed signers.

There is now concern that the patio proposal could get ensnared in a dispute between Mayor Chris Coleman and the council over Ward 5 council member Lee Helgen's ordinance that clarifies penalties for bars with 2:00 a.m. closings. The layover on that ordinance was prompted by requests from the city's hospitality industry to make changes to it. It is possible that council members who want the 2:00 a.m. ordinance would vote down the patio ordinance, which Coleman supports.

Bob Kessler, director of the city's Department of Safety and Inspections, sent the council a memo expressing the administration's

opposition to the 2:00 a.m. closing penalties, saying they would be too onerous. Helgen called the concerns "bogus" and said he has already eased some of the penalties at the request of the hospitality industry.

If Coleman vetoes the ordinance, the council would need five votes to override. It is not clear if Helgen's ordinance has enough votes to pass, let alone to override.

Helgen's ordinance calls for a \$200 annual license tied to 2:00 a.m. closings, for at least two staff members to be duty at all times, and for penalties for license violations to be added to the city's current penalty matrix. Helgen also wanted to require bars that are open until 2:00 a.m. to install security cameras, but eased that requirement to only be a possible penalty if a bar violates its license.

Two bar owners expressed opposition to the changes due to the higher costs of staffing and the possible penalties. However, Dan O'Gara of O'Gara's Bar and Grill said he liked the direction the council members were heading by giving the council the discretion as to which penalties to impose.

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City fines 24-hour fitness clubs for not being staffed around the clock

By Jane McClure

The St. Paul City Council voted unanimously on May 21 to fine Anytime Fitness clubs in Highland Park and on St. Paul's East Side \$500 each for operating without trained staff on premises. However, that is not expected to end the debate over the city ordinance the fitness clubs violated.

St. Paul requires all health and fitness clubs to have staff trained in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation on duty at all times. The ordinance, which has been on the books since 1992, dates from the days when the city was trying to eradicate so-called health clubs that served as fronts for prostitution.

The owners and patrons of 24-hour health clubs like Anytime say the staffing ordinance makes it impossible for them to operate economically. They have the support of Mayor Chris Coleman, who is seeking changes to the ordinance.

However, Ward 2 City Council member Dave Thune has vowed to fight any attempt to amend the ordinance. Thune was president of the West 7th/Fort Road Federation in the 1980s when he and his West End neighbors were picketing the illicit sex businesses in that neighborhood. Thune is now asking city staff to monitor the Anytime clubs to ensure that there are no more violations.

Of Thune's six colleagues on the City Council, only Ward 3's Pat Harris has come out in favor of changing the staffing regulation. Harris has suggested the City Council hold a policy session to review the staffing requirement and how it came into being. City Council president Kathy Lantry has objected to spending hours of staff time preparing for a policy session. Harris, she said, is welcome to propose ordinance changes at any time and have those go to public hearing.

St. Paul has three Anytime Fitness clubs. The newest, on the Upper Landing, has not been cited for any violations with the city.

The owners of the Anytime Fitness clubs in Sibley Plaza and on Suburban Avenue did not testify at the May 21 public hearing, but indicated afterward that they were disappointed with the fines. They have been working with public relations consultant Ted Davis to amend the ordinance.

Donald Harness of Highland Park, a member of Anytime Fitness who showed up at the City Council hearing in workout attire, called the city ordinance "outdated and misapplied." When he was told that the hearing was about violations of the ordinance and not changes to it, he said that though he likes the convenience of being able to work out at any time, he is also in favor of abiding by the law.

At issue was what the term "on duty" means in the ordinance. City licensing staff contend it means having staff on the premises at all times that the club is open. Anytime Fitness representatives argued that the ordinance was vague and that the "on duty" requirement could be met by posting the name and phone number of trained employees who could be contacted at any time.

According to an administrative law judge's report, Ryan Manning, the owner of the Anytime Fitness in Sibley Plaza, was initially unaware of the city's licensing requirements for health clubs, including the requirement for having trained staff on duty at all times. However, he signed an agreement with the city's Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) in February 2007 agreeing to two conditions on his license: one for staff trained in first aid and CPR and the other for staff trained to assist with tanning equipment.

When DSI inspected the club in November 2007, it found no staff on the premises. However, a staff member's business card was on a desk next to a locked office and two signs were posted at the club, one listing a 24-hour attendant and another listing other staff members and their phone numbers.

The administrative law judge's report indicated that the club provides necklaces for customers with panic buttons that can be used to summon help, although none was connected to the 911 system. The club is also equipped with surveillance cameras, but those were not monitored continuously.

The \$500 fines were recommended by the administrative law judge. However, the judge also recommended against requiring Anytime to pay the costs of the administrative hearing. City Council members Thune and Lee Helgen wanted Anytime to pay those costs, arguing that city staff had spent time and resources on the hearings, but the costs were waived.

Life Time is denied parking variance

By Jane McClure

The St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals on June 2 reaffirmed its earlier 6-1 vote to deny a 116-space parking variance for Life Time Fitness. The company had sought the variance to expand its Highland Village fitness center, add a cafe and rent out the remaining 12,000 square feet of vacant office space in the building it owns at 2145 Ford Pkwy. Life Time officials have 10 business days from June 2 in which to file an appeal with the City Council, and an appeal is expected.

Approval of the parking variance had been recommended by both the BZA staff and the Highland District Council on the condition that Life Time install a bike rack or bike lockers inside or in front of the building's parking ramp, remind its members of the free parking that is available in the ramp, and discourage them from parking on neighborhood streets.

Life Time Fitness vice president Eric Buss told the BZA that there is enough capacity in the parking ramp to handle the expansion and that Life Time is doing all it can to encourage patrons to use the ramp, including providing up to three hours of free parking per day.

BZA members agreed that the parking ramp is not being fully used, but a majority believed that Life Time needs to do more to resolve the problems with parking congestion in the residential neighborhood to the north.

"It's your responsibility to get people in that ramp, and I don't think you've done enough," said BZA member Vincent Courtney.

"This just isn't that complicated," Courtney added. There is already a parking shortage on Ford Parkway, he noted, and to grant a 116-space variance under these circumstances to accommodate Life Time's expansion plans "doesn't make any sense."

Courtney was joined by fellow BZA members Richard Faricy, Gladys Morton, Buzz Wilson, Marilyn Porter and Joyce Maddox in opposing the variance. Board member Daniel Ward cast the lone vote in favor.

Life Time representatives met in April with neighborhood residents and reached agreement on several issues, such as truck unloading in the alley behind their Pinehurst Avenue homes.

According to Buss, Life Time is committed to continuing to work with neighbors on their problems. However, no agreement could be reached on the parking variance, which some neighbors contend is simply too large and would only compound their problems.

If it is granted the parking variance, Life Time officials are considering coming back to the city for a wine and beer license for the cafe. According to Pinehurst resident Diane Sinep, neighbors fear that will only further increase parking and traffic congestion on nearby residential streets.

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City contemplating improvements to Highland Library, Hillcrest center

By JANE McCLURE

The city of St. Paul will host a presentation on Wednesday, June 18, regarding long-range plans to improve the Highland Park Library and adjoining Hillcrest Recreation Center. Public comment is welcome during the meeting, which will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Hillcrest, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

The plans were drawn up by Cuningham Group Architecture of Minneapolis based on responses to a survey that was conducted in March online and in-person at the library and recreation center.

According to Ward 3 City Council member Pat Harris, the improvements are overdue. "The library is extremely busy with a circulation that is sometimes higher than the Central Library downtown," he said.

One sign of the Highland/Hillcrest space crunch was evident on May 13 when the staffs of the St. Paul Public Library and Parks and Recreation held a workshop to share the survey's results and seek additional ideas from the public. With every space in both facilities booked that evening, the group had to meet in the library's periodicals room.

The push for the improvements stems from

a study conducted last year by the St. Paul Library Board. An architectural consulting firm found that of the city's 13 public libraries, nine had not been renovated in at least 25 years, according to Public Library director Melanie Huggins. The city singled out Highland and Hillcrest as well as the Sunray Library and its adjacent Conway Recreation Center because of their age and heavy use.

The Highland Library was built in 1954, expanded in the mid-1970s and remodeled and expanded again in 1995. The Hillcrest Recreation Center opened in 2003, replacing a small concrete warming house.

Citizens may question spending money on city facilities that are fairly new or newly renovated, Harris said, but according to him, the heavy use that the library and recreation center have been getting justifies the expense. "I think you can argue that the needs here are pretty significant," he said. The city is also exploring the possibility of raising private funds for the remodeling work, he added.

The survey on how the library and recreation center are currently used and how they could best be improved drew 1,170 responses. The most sought-after improvements for the library were an interactive children's area and more children's programs and new technology



Kathleen Conger leads the popular storytime at the Highland Library. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

classes. The most sought-after improvements for Hillcrest were more activities for teens and more gym space.

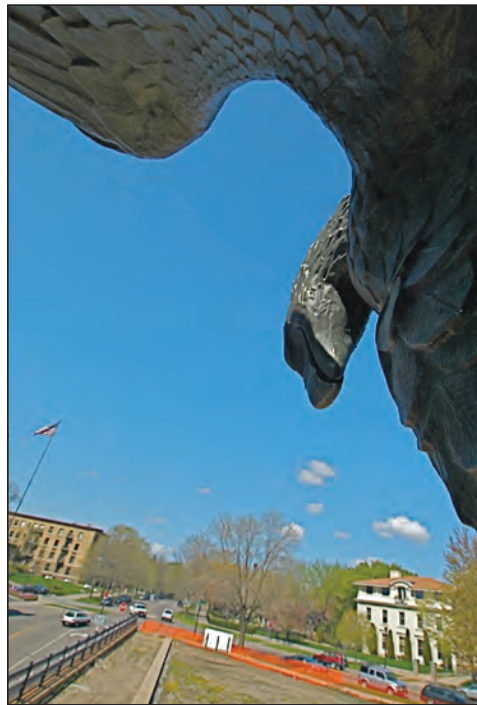
The survey asked what one change would most improve the Highland/Hillcrest facilities. Respondents identified more parking, longer hours and additional amenities such as a coffee shop, snack bar or mailing service.

The survey also asked which improvements would prompt people to use the facilities more. Respondents said a new coffee shop

and such governmental services as a post office or license bureau.

The May 13 workshop at the library elicited other suggestions as well, including a drive-through book pickup and dropoff window, brighter physical surroundings, a computer lab and laptop computer connections throughout the library.

The survey results are now available on the St. Paul Public Library's website at www.stpaul.lib.mn.us.



Be on the lookout for new landscaping and other improvements at Overlook Park atop Ramsey Hill. PHOTO BY ANNE BRANDRUD

Overlook Park to finally get finishing touch

By JANE McCLURE

Long-awaited improvements to Overlook Park at the corner of Summit Avenue and Ramsey Street should be completed in time for a mid-August dedication ceremony and the subsequent Republican National Convention. The fourth and final phase of the park redesign got under way in May.

Longtime Ramsey Hill resident Denise Beigbeder said she is pleased with how the park's final phase is moving along. Plans call for the work to be completed by early July. "It's going to be really beautiful," she said.

Work is now going on around the 1890 "New York Life Eagle" statue that was moved to the park four years ago. Pavers will be installed at its base. Other work includes replacing soil, laying sod, installing an irrigation system and completing landscaping. Brick walkways also will be finished.

Overlook Park also features a seating wall, historical plaque with information about the

site and a drinking fountain. The park will still have enough green space for a 50-by-80-foot croquet court. The park's metal railing also will remain in place. The decorative metal was salvaged from the old Selby Avenue Bridge.

Beigbeder and Ramsey Hill Association (RHA) president Jim Groskopf said rainy weather caused delays in getting the final phase of the restoration work started this spring. The RHA has served as a fiscal agent for the project, working with the Lookout Park Partnership. Other project partners include the Summit Hill Association, Summit Avenue Residential Preservation Association, Public Art St. Paul, and the St. Paul Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments.

Overlook Park, which is also often referred to as Lookout Park, is located on the site of the former Carpenter's Lookout Hotel. The hotel was built there in the 1850s, but was destroyed in a fire. The lot was purchased by the city in 1897.

Physical improvements to the park began

in 2003. The project has an estimated total cost of \$525,000. Backers are still trying to raise about \$50,000 to \$75,000 to complete the renovation.

In July 2004, the Heritage Preservation Commission and park partnership butted heads over a retroactive request for a building permit to install the eagle sculpture. The HPC was unhappy that a 10-foot-tall platform was built and plans made to install the eagle before a building permit was obtained.

The eagle was created by noted bronze sculptors Louis and Augustus Saint-Gaudens. It originally stood 34 feet above the entrance of the New York Life Insurance Building in downtown St. Paul. The building was demolished in 1967 and the statue was unceremoniously lodged beside a downtown parking ramp until its purchase in 1999 by Public Art St. Paul.

Details of the Park restoration project and fundraising efforts will be posted at www.lookoutpark.com.

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Central Corridor East Bank route OK'd despite U of M's objections

By Jane McClure

Months of debate over the proposed Central Corridor light-rail line's route through the University of Minnesota campus came to an end on May 28 when the Central Corridor Management Committee voted 11-1 to run the train at-grade on Washington Avenue, turning that five-block stretch into a pedestrian mall that would be closed to all other motor vehicles except buses and emergency vehicles.

The committee also voted to halt any further study of the so-called northern alignment that would have run the light-rail trains north of the new football stadium now under construction, through Dinkytown and over the Mississippi River along an existing railroad right-of-way.

The lone vote against the Washington Avenue alignment was cast by U of M vice president Kathleen O'Brien. U of M officials have long favored running the trains through a tunnel beneath Washington Avenue just east of the Washington Avenue bridge over the Mississippi River. However, that \$147 million option was dropped in February when local officials trimmed project costs to \$909 million.

The U of M's dissent and the weeks of vehement debate between university and Metropolitan Council officials over the light-rail route have raised concerns among local officials about their chances of convincing the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to allocate \$450 million in federal funding for the project. U of M President Robert Bruininks indicated in a letter to Metropolitan Council Chairman Peter Bell that the U cannot support anything but the northern alignment. Bell and other local officials have said the U's position could kill the project entirely.

The Central Corridor project is in "a very tenuous place right now," Bell told the Central Corridor Management Committee on May 21. He said that while he respects the U of M's concerns about the Washington Avenue route, continued study of the northern alignment could delay the project up to two years, adding \$40 million to \$45 million per year in inflationary costs to the project, which is now

estimated at \$892 million.

Construction of the 11-mile Central Corridor line between the downtowns of St. Paul and Minneapolis could start as early as 2010, with the trains operating as early as 2014. According to university officials, the FTA may view that timeline as overly aggressive and ask for adjustments or delays.

"We've spent an enormous amount of time on one spot on this long line," said Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak. However, he added, routing a train through a large campus like the U's that is bisected by the Mississippi River poses several unique challenges. "It's an incredibly complicated place," Rybak said. "Yet a decision needs to be made so that the engineering studies can be completed."

That decision, according to Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, has got to be Washington Avenue, which after several months of study has emerged as the better alternative. Though the northern alignment may be several million dollars less to construct, the Washington Avenue route is more direct, and with it the Central Corridor is projected to carry 42,000 riders per day, or 6,000 more than it would carry if the northern alignment were used.

Closing Washington Avenue to traffic may pose problems for the U of M, but those can be addressed, according to St. Paul and Ramsey County officials. St. Paul officials pointed out that they are facing huge problems of their own in accommodating the light-rail line, including the loss of on-street parking for University Avenue businesses and potential traffic congestion at the intersection of University and Snelling avenues.

The Central Corridor budget includes \$39 million to mitigate any problems arising from the placement of the entire 11 miles of the light-rail line. However, addressing the problems that arise from the Washington Avenue alignment alone could cost as much as \$31.5 million, according to U of M officials and Central Corridor project staff. The costs include \$11.1 million to reconfigure streets around the East Bank campus and \$4.4 million to mitigate the impact of train vibrations and electro-magnetic interference on nearby U of M research laboratories.



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Hearings continue on preliminary designs for light-rail transit line

By Jane McClure

Preliminary designs for the Central Corridor light-rail transit line received a favorable review at a May 29 public hearing hosted by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the Hennepin and Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority boards.

Most speakers said they were pleased to see the Central Corridor moving forward, though concerns were raised about the one-mile distance between some stations in St. Paul, the accommodations for bicycle riders, the loss of on-street parking for University Avenue businesses and the potential for putting small firms out of business during the long construction period.

The preliminary designs show the general layout of the line, station locations, traffic lane configurations and other street features. They don't include station design, public art, streetscape improvements, utilities relocation or the phases of construction.

The Minneapolis City Council held its public hearing on the designs at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, in City Hall (after this issue of the Villager went to press).

The St. Paul City Council will hold its public hearing at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at City Hall. It will be preceded by an open house at 4:30 p.m.

The Ramsey County Board will hold its public hearing from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 5, at Lao Family Community Center, 320 University Ave. It will be preceded by an open house at 4:00 p.m.

The Hennepin County Board will hold its public hearing at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, at the Hennepin County Government Center in downtown Minneapolis.

Comments on the preliminary designs for the Central Corridor may be submitted to Minneapolis city officials until June 9; MnDOT, Ramsey County and St. Paul city officials until June 12; and Hennepin County officials until June 23. For information on how to submit those comments, call 651-602-1645 or visit www.centralcorridor.org.

After reviewing the comments, Central Corridor planners will finish work on the plans. Another public hearing will be held in July. The Metropolitan Council will vote on the plans in August before forwarding them to the Federal Transit Administration.

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A final lesson for high school grads

BY MICHAEL MISCHKE

With graduation ceremonies for Highland Park and Central high schools scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, at Roy Wilkins Auditorium in downtown St. Paul—the same evening that U.S. Senator Barack Obama's presidential campaign committee has scheduled a political rally at the adjoining Xcel Energy Center—the St. Paul Public Schools had a logistical problem on its hands. The school district's solution was to organize free shuttle bus service between the auditorium and the Sears parking lot.

"We want to make it as easy as possible for our families," Joe Raasch, the school district's deputy chief operations officer, told the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. "While the shuttles are not mandatory, they may be the most efficient way to travel to and from the ceremonies."

If parking alone were the issue, Mr. Raasch would no doubt be right. However, parking may be the least of the school district's concerns.

On Monday I received the following e-mail alert from the RNC Welcoming Committee, from which I excerpt:

"Barack may be a hottie, and his booming voice may send pleasurable chills down our spines every time we hear it, but the fact remains that he offers the word 'hope' with no real action to inspire it."

A Republican ploy? The rant of the right wing-nut fringe? Read on:

"We oppose the War, the Border, the continued devastation of our shared Earth. We oppose this system in which maintaining a decent standard of living for yourself and your loved ones gets harder every day, and where getting by means compromising yourself to play someone else's game."

"Obama doesn't offer solutions—in fact, he can't, because the system he serves thrives on the backs of the disempowered, and the injustices we oppose are the very things his government needs to survive."

"This is a call for groups of 24 or less to show up to the Xcel Center on June 3 and do something—anything—to show the DNC that we'd crash their convention just as hard as we'll be crashing the Republicans."

So who is the RNC Welcoming Committee and why is it calling for groups of 24 or fewer to peaceably—or not—assemble?

"Twenty-four is a very powerful number in anarcho-mysticism and, coincidentally, one less than the number of people whose assembly requires a permit within the city of St. Paul," the e-mail states. "You don't need the masses to take action, you just need yourself and up to 23 comrades! So round 'em up and do your (autonomous, 24-person) thing. 'Yes. We. Can.'"

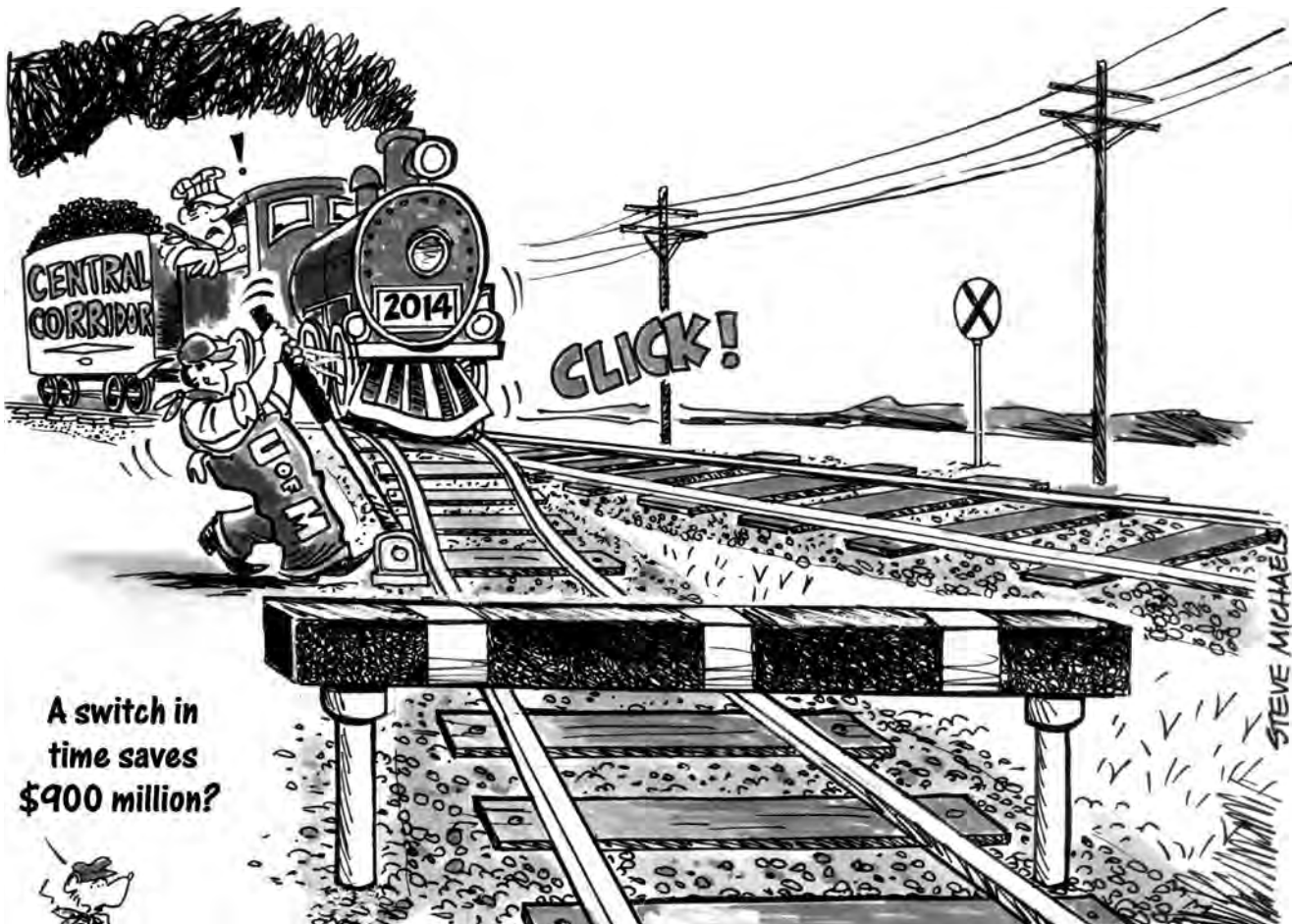
On its website, the RNC Welcoming Committee attempts to address the major concerns that it has heard from Twin Cities residents about the RNC and "the resistance."

"The concern about potential property damage takes focus away from important issues like the presence in our cities of international war criminals such as George W. Bush and Dick Cheney," the website states. "Historically, acts of property destruction that have occurred at mobilizations of this scale have not been random, but rather have been specifically targeted at those institutions most responsible for the desecration of our shared, living Earth and community. Windows that have typically been targeted are those of multinational corporations."

"Private property, and the power it represents, is often used to exclude certain groups or classes of people from the basic necessities of life.... For this reason, we refuse to condemn those who might choose to expose this inhuman imbalance by disrupting the thin veneer of legitimacy that surrounds private property."

Got that? "The thin veneer of legitimacy" of private property rights, which are explicitly protected in the 5th and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution.

Come to think of it, maybe it's fortuitous that the Highland Park and Central grads will be in such close proximity to the Obama rally and the protest. They might gain from one final high school lesson in the hype, anger and messiness that characterize the American electoral process today.



A switch in time saves \$900 million?

Inbox

Too white on its face

To the editor:

As an eight-year resident of the Summit-University neighborhood, I appreciate the attention you've given to issues important to me and my neighbors. The light-rail transit debate, the expansion of Target and local elections are just a few that are very important to us and are essential stories to run if you want your paper to be viewed as a mirror on the community.

But mirrors need to reflect faces, too. And that's where I think your paper could do better.

Since before Christmas, when I thought I noticed a trend in your photographic content, I've gone through a monthly, albeit unscientific, analysis of your paper's attention to people of color in its photographs, noting the overall representation of ethnicities and relative prominence of photos. The *Villager's* apparent (hopefully not actual) attention to the black community, based on photographic depictions, rarely extends beyond the tired, common patronage of excellence at sports and fondness for jazz and hip hop. Your May 21 edition is yet another unfortunate case in point.

Please be aware of this unbecoming pattern as you send future issues to press. Your words may be telling the right stories, but your pictures are sending the wrong messages about your newspaper and our community.

Bill Burns
Summit-University

Seal of disapproval

To the editor:

I guess I am not surprised the city of St. Paul's Public Works budget is coming under scrutiny (*Villager*, May 21). As a resident of the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood, I was pleased when our neighborhood was slated for street improvements under the city's Residential Street Vitality Program (RSVP) back around 2000. We received new blacktop streets, concrete curbs, lighting and boulevard grass.

Much to my surprise, less than two years later city trucks were out in our neighborhood seal-coating with oil and pebble. Had the streets deteriorated that badly in that short a time? No, according to a source I talked with at City Hall. The city just did not coordinate the RSVP program with the seal-coating program that was taking place every eight years. It was our neighborhood's year to have the streets seal-coated and I guess no one thought to check and see that we had just undergone the RSVP program.

I can just see the drivers of the seal-coating trucks talking to each other: "Hey, Joe, these streets look brand new."

"I don't care, Charlie, we have a work order here to seal-coat so we're seal-coating."

If this lack of oversight and common sense is still prevalent, I urge the City Council and mayor to take a close look at the Public Works budget and leadership.

Jim Lonetti
Macalester Groveland

Making Highland a better place

To the editor:

I have lived in Highland for more than 20 years and can't think of anywhere I'd rather live. We are blessed to live in a beautiful area, but even more important are the people who live here. I'm writing to give public recognition to some of the wonderful people who volunteer and work behind the scenes to make Highland a better place.

Sue Knapton and Molly Armstrong (along with many others they recruited) started a plant share that has grown into a hugely successful event. The money they raise is used to purchase plants and maintain some of the neighborhood's public gardens. Thanks to Chuck who cleans graffiti, Donna Genck who has tended the roses at the Hillcrest Recreation Center for as many years as I can remember, and Sherry Goodman who is always willing to pitch in where needed. Thanks to the businesses and Highland Village property owners who pay for the flowers in the Village. And lastly, a big thanks to the dozens of volunteers who work at the spring and fall neighborhood cleanups put on by the Highland District Council.

These folks don't do these things for pay or recognition, but because they are great people who care about Highland.

Shawn Bartsh, owner
Bartsh Law Office
Highland Park

Market just keeps rolling along

To the editors:

Mississippi Market prides itself on being as open and forthright as possible about our expansion plans—with our members, our shoppers and our new neighbors. It was disheartening to have a few key facts misrepresented in your

News that's fit to print—no matter the color

BY DALE MISCHKE

During one of my two extended breaks as an editor of the *Villager*, I taught high school English in the East African nation of Kenya. I was the only Caucasian employed at the government-run school outside of the village of Narok, though there was a white American woman teaching at a neighboring elementary school and two white couples—one from Germany, the other from Norway—living within a mile of my home. Still, I would go weeks without seeing a white face. It got to the point where I forgot just how white I was. My Kenyan housemate and I had only one mirror, on the bathroom medicine cabinet, and some mornings the whiteness of my reflection was enough to knock me over.

I was reminded of that experience a couple of weeks ago when we received a letter to the editor from a reader who sensed an underrepresentation of people of color in photos in the *Villager*. His letter, "Too white on its face" (see page 8), raises an issue that we take seriously. A newspaper *should* reflect the demographic make-up of its coverage area. How well is the *Villager* doing in that regard? The question prompted me to page through the past six months of *Villager* issues, counting the number of photos featuring people of color and deliberating over what a representative number of images of minorities might be.

I noted all of the photos with people in them, which photos had all white people, which photos had all minorities and which photos had a mix of whites and minorities. Leaving out the photos in which the skin color was impossible to ascertain, I came up with a total of 248 photos, of which 184 were all white, 31 were all minority and 33 were a mix of whites and minorities.

In other words, 64 of 248 photos in the *Villager* over the past six months, or 26 percent, have had one or more minorities in them. Is

that a fair representation of the area this newspaper serves? According to the 2000 U.S. Census, the heads of the nearly 50,000 households that receive the *Villager* break down thusly:

White	90.1 percent
Black or African	5.4 percent
American Indian and Alaskan	0.5 percent
Asian	1.7 percent
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.1 percent
Some other race	0.9 percent
Two or more races	1.3 percent

All of which would argue that the *Villager's* photo coverage is fairly representative.

Of course, taking such an objective measurement to address what is clearly a subjective issue presents all sorts of problems. The size of the photos, the nature of the photos, the number of people in them and their placement in the newspaper all color, so to speak, one's perception. And it can be difficult at times to tell whether or not someone is a minority. For example, the May 7 *Villager* included a story and photo of Ridley Nelson, a 4-year-old boy living on St. Paul's West End who overcame a speech impediment with the help of a local business. Ridley is a Korean native and adoptee who also has albinism, giving him blond hair, blue eyes and skin as white as mine.

The point I'm trying to make is that the *Villager* strives to be color-blind in its news coverage. We go wherever news is being made in the neighborhoods we serve. It's a big area and a diverse area, stretching from Summit-University to Mendota Heights, and from downtown St. Paul to the Nokomis neighborhood of South Minneapolis.

Our intent has always been to knock our readers over with news that mirrors our coverage area in every way.

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newspaper (*Villager*, May 21) and we want to offer the following clarifications.

1. The headline of the article itself was misleading in that it implied the co-op has "downsized" our plans for a West End grocery store. A two-story, mixed-use building has never been part of our plan. From the beginning we have been seeking a change to the Master Plan for Victoria Park because of the requirement for a multi-story building. We have been working closely with our architects to design a store that will mesh well with the surrounding buildings and be approved by the neighborhood group as well as the city. We fully intend to deliver a project that will stay within our budget, will be aesthetically pleasing and will serve the neighborhood for years to come.

2. The co-op is not seeking private donations to build our store. We are securing conventional bank financing and are seeking loans from our members as well as assistance from the city of St. Paul in the form of STAR funding, in a package that includes grants and loans.

Mississippi Market has been working hard for more than three years planning an expansion, and we are very excited about this project. We feel that it will result in a win for the community as well as for the co-op. Our project will replace an empty brown field with a vital, sustainable business that will help stimulate commercial development along that stretch of West 7th Street. It will strengthen the surrounding community and serve its needs for years to come.

We invite the input of the community and will keep people informed about our work with regular project updates posted on our website at www.msmarket.coop.

Gail Graham, General Manager
Mississippi Market

Rubbing motorists the wrong way

To the editor:

I hope Highland Village shoppers are aware that parking in the Highland Shopping Center lot (east of Half-Price Books) will cost \$421 in towing fees. Budget Towing graciously monitors the lot for the shopping center and then whacks their victims with this bigger-than-life expense.

As a business owner in Highland Village, I think the practice of towing cars from the lot reflects badly on all of us. While Highland Shopping Center does a more than adequate job of warning people not to park there with signs, this insane fee does not fit the crime. A simple \$50 ticket would do the trick. Putting a boot on the car until the ticket is paid would certainly deter those for whom \$50 is not a large enough price tag.

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Shopping Center and the Highland Business Association to let them know what they think. I believe this policy presents the Highland shopping district as a predator rather than a welcoming place to visit.

Annette Rondano
The Great Metropolitan Backrub
Highland Village

Reduce emissions at all sources

To the editor:

It was good to be reminded by writer Doug Allchin just how bad toxic emissions are in Minnesota, particularly in the area of the Rock-Tenn paper recycling plant at Cretin Avenue and I-94 (*Villager* Inbox, May 21). We need to act on all fronts to protect the public health. I am against pollution from cars and trucks, and I am against pollution from power plants. If the air pollution is already at critical levels around Rock-Tenn, all the more reason to choose the cleanest form of fuel to run this plant. Burning garbage (RDF) is not the answer.

I am serious about the air quality in our community, and therefore I support the Minnesota Attorney General's decision to join California and 15 other states in suing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to protect the ability of states to regulate vehicle emissions at a higher level than the EPA allows. In addition, I support Susan Hubbard of Eureka Recycling in any efforts toward putting teeth in the zero-waste initiatives that have already been approved in St. Paul. Working together, we can have safe air to breathe and help improve the world's changing climate conditions.

Beverly Ferguson
Merriam Park

Enough pollution already

Dear editor:

In his letter to the editor on the pollution situation in the area of I-94 and Cretin Avenue and Vandalia Street (*Villager* Inbox, May 21), Doug Allchin quotes Greg Pratt and Peter Torkelson of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on the serious pollution that area receives from motor vehicle traffic. Mr. Allchin points out that Minnesota has the terrible reputation of being 26th in the nation in per-capita carbon dioxide emissions.

So why in heaven's name would anyone in his right mind even consider burning anything at the Rock-Tenn plant that would add to this already seriously polluted area more mercury, CO₂, particulate matter, heavy metals, dioxin, furans and more than 200 other known and as yet unknown toxic chemicals? Why, when this area is already identified as being seriously polluted, would intelligent people choose to build a garbage burner at Rock-Tenn? Burning other solid fuels in the form of biomass—trees, corn stover, prairie grass, etc.—produces dioxins and particulate matter with serious health consequences as well.

When will men and women wake up and stop this madness and start turning pollution around rather than making excuses for it and saying that if it is already polluted, what is a little more? We have reached critical mass and it may already be too late.

Nancy Hone, Coordinator
Neighbors Against the Burner
Merriam Park

A war over oil

To the editor:

Thank you, Rolf Westgard, for your letter to the editor on the oil companies that will, if the Bush administration gets its way, be given contracts to drill for and sell Iraq's oil (*Villager* Inbox, May 7). There's more to the story, however.

Most of us remember the secret meetings held in early 2001 by Dick Cheney with his Energy Policy Task Force that led to the industry-friendly Energy Act of 2005. At these same meetings, long before September 11, Cheney and his task force selected the companies that would be "suitors" for Iraq's oil as soon as we had invaded that poor country.

Unless there have been changes, the lucky companies are to be given 20-plus-year lease agreements allowing them to control and take most of the profits from all new drilling. The companies would not have to hire Iraqi employees (especially the members of Iraq's oil workers union), purchase goods and services from Iraqi companies nor invest a penny of their profits in Iraq's fractured economy. Only 11 percent of the world's oil fields operate under such agreements, none of them in the Middle East where every country has nationalized its oil to protect its own interests.

Iraqis will decide in upcoming elections whether or not to

split the country into three independent states (favored by Maliki and the U.S. and, I imagine, the oil companies) and sign the oil agreements. The bases that Congress told the administration not to build and the obscenely huge embassy would be there to protect the companies. Iraq's other choice is to remain united and sovereign and to make the U.S. end its occupation (favored by al-Sadr and his followers and many members of the Iraqi Parliament).

The U.S. is obviously not on Iraq's side in this matter. If it were, it would end its illegal, ruinous occupation and tell Iraq not to sign the oil agreements. Instead, it "stays the course," seeking an undefined "victory," and lists these agreements on its list of benchmarks Iraq is to accept.

Bernice Vetsch
Macalester-Groveland

The receding mirage of victory

To the editor:

It's time someone asked U.S. Senator John McCain and his supporters what they mean by "win" and "victory" when they talk about their plan for Iraq.

War typically involves one country opposing another until one of them is defeated or a truce is arranged. In the first Gulf War, we defeated Iraq by driving them out of Kuwait. Today we are not fighting Iraq, we are fighting inside Iraq. Our enemy varies from Baathist Sunni insurgents, Mehdi Army Shia, foreigners led by al Qaida, Dawa Shia, etc. We are in the middle of a civil war with no possibility of a traditional "win."

Five years of major U.S. military efforts have brought Iraq no closer to the mirage of a democratic nation. Nor would electing McCain, who showed on two occasions that he didn't know Shia from Sunni. We could leave tomorrow or in McCain's 100 years, and the dominant Shia would take over in either case.

Rolf E. Westgard
Macalester-Groveland

Save the Ford Fields

Dear editor:

I'm an 8th-grader at Heritage Middle School in Mendota Heights. I play baseball for the Highland Little League/Hi-Tower Babe Ruth. We play our games at the Ford Fields at Montreal and Cleveland avenues. The fields are owned by Ford Motor Company. As we know, the Ford plant is closing in 2009. Since the fields are owned by Ford, the fields may close as well. The fields have been there for over 50 years, and what bothers me is that nobody is doing anything to stop the fields from closing. I feel that St. Paul should purchase the fields and sell them back to the Highland Little League.

Conor J. Casey
Mendota Heights

The ultimate new energy

To the editor:

In her letter, "Push for cleaner energy now" (*Villager* Inbox, May 7), Jeanette Middleton admonishes America to "move to brighter, cleaner energy—to move past oil and coal to renewable energy from the wind, sun and other sources that we have yet to imagine." However, these familiar alternative energies that are often praised, invested in and sometimes subsidized would collectively give, at best, a patchwork quilt of energy that could never cover all our energy needs and get us off oil and coal and other cumbersome or inefficient power sources. These alternative energies come with too many deficiencies, limitations and undesirable features to provide what we really need—a complete replacement technology that is powerful, versatile, flexible, available and affordable.

The replacement technology I'm talking about is cold fusion—the low-temperature fusion of heavy hydrogen (derived from heavy water, which is in all water) to form helium and the very high energy release per hydrogen atom reacted. Whereas a gram of hydrogen reacting with oxygen in a hydrogen fuel cell can drive an electric car about 290 feet, one gram of heavy hydrogen (aka deuterium) fusing to make helium in a cold fusion cell is predicted to drive a car at least 65,000 miles! Once commercialized, cold fusion energy will power just about everything in the world that uses energy, according to George H. Miley, professor of Nuclear and Electrical Engineering and director of the Fusion Science Laboratory at the University of Illinois. And all energy will become decentralized. The power grid will simply disappear.

Yes, cold fusion is "nuclear energy." But don't let the term spook you. It's a different kind of nuclear energy. Runaway chain reactions can't happen as they can in a fission reactor. When done properly, cold fusion experiments are perfectly

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safe and produce no dangerous radiation.

Unfortunately, the history of cold fusion has been one of abuse and scandal. It has suffered cruel, relentless and unjustifiable attacks from the likes of the scientific establishment (especially the American Physical Society), the U.S. Department of Energy (in their very negative reports of 1989 and 2004) and from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Opposition or, at best, neglect also has come from the environmental groups—Greenpeace, the Sierra Club and the Rocky Mountain Institute.

Research into cold fusion continues worldwide, yet more serious investment in this research needs to happen. Commercialization is inevitable, however. It's too profoundly real to fade away. Then and only then will we begin to see stunning fulfillment of the hopes of Jeanette Middleton and other good people who dream of clean and green energy for our world.

According to Edmund Storms, an independent cold fusion researcher in New Mexico and now retired from the Los Alamos National Laboratory, "these forthcoming technologies are basic to the way society is organized and the way people live. They (the coming commercial cold fusion power units) are going to change our lifestyles enormously. They are going to change how political power operates and alter the economic structure of the world."

There are those who have resigned themselves to the belief that there is nothing new under the sun. I profess that there are new things under the sun. In the case of new energy, what is new under the sun is the sun—in a bottle! That's a good way to describe cold fusion.

What might average citizens do to promote the research and development of cold fusion? One possibility is to write their U.S. senators and representatives, urging them to call on the Department of Energy and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to treat the science of cold fusion and related inventions equitably. The federal government need not research cold fusion itself, but it must completely end unfair and illegal resistance to it. Citizens could also urge Congress to hold a new briefing on cold fusion. The perfect person to invite is Steven Krivit, executive director of the New Energy Institute and editor of *New Energy Times* (www.newenergytimes.com). Whichever way the government goes concerning research, the first breakthrough will likely come from private industry.

It would be exciting if another automaker took over manufacturing at Ford Motor Company's Twin Cities Assembly Plant in Highland Park and built the world's first electric vehicle powered by the cold fusion of hydrogen nuclei to produce electricity directly, and forever run the car. I have a feeling the assembly plant would operate at full capacity year around.

David D. Moon
Nokomis, Minneapolis

Editor's note. The writer is an independent researcher in cold fusion theory and the inventor of the Nucleovoltaic Cell.

Be good global citizens

To the editor:

It's rare that a small community has an opportunity to make a substantial impact with global significance. Yet we now have the potential to vastly reduce our carbon footprint by virtually eliminating net carbon dioxide emissions for the energy required for about 20,000 homes. That's the amount of energy used in recycling about half the paper in Minnesota at the local Rock Tenn plant on I-94 and Vandalia Street.

The Minnesota Legislature mandated that a community task force act as our representatives in researching alternative energy for this purpose. Several scenarios have been developed for burning biomass, not the coal or other fossil fuels that used to power the plant. The most promising plan seems to be using leftover wood and stover from timbering and corn farming in the region. This would contribute greatly to making our local energy economy sustainable and also reduce our share of climate impact on our neighbors around the world.

Yet some local residents advocate continued use of natural gas, persuaded that it is cheaper and cleaner. I hope neighbors with a global conscience who are interested in limiting climate change will voice their support for the biomass alternatives.

The various plans can be reviewed at www.rtadvisory.org. Comments may be submitted to the district representatives who are listed on the website. Let's all take a moment to be good global citizens.


Douglas Allchin
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Low Vision Doctors Help Legally Blind to See



Members of the *International Academy of Low Vision Specialists* help those with macular degeneration to keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi
Freelance Writer

Jackson, New Jersey Donald Paquette, 72, a former assessor from Anaheim, California thought that his driving days were over. "I could not read the street signs soon enough and I couldn't pass the vision test at the DMV office."

Gonzalo Garcia, 74, Albuquerque, New Mexico, wanted to be able to read and write more easily. He wanted to see the nails and screws when he tried to use them in home repairs. He wanted see his grandchildren singing in the church choir. But he thought those days were over when he was diagnosed with Macular Degeneration.

Neither Donald nor Gonzalo knew that a low vision optometrist could help with some of those issues.

"In New Jersey, Biotopic Telescopic Glasses can be used to pass the vision test for driving", says Dr. Chris Palmer,

optometrist in Minneapolis, Mn. "This can allow some with conditions like macular degeneration to continue driving".

"Amazing!" says Donald. "I can read the street signs twice as far as I did before and even see the television better!" Mr. Paquette received biopic telescopic glasses and also special prismatic reading glasses for easier newspaper reading.

People don't know that there are doctors who are very experienced in low vision care. "Not many doctors like to work with people who are often upset and anxious" says Dr. Palmer, who traveled to California for special training recently. "I love to see their faces light up when they see again."

Macular Degeneration is the most common eye disease among the senior population. As many as 25% of those over 65 have some degree of degeneration. The macula is one small part of the entire retina, but it is the most sensitive

and gives us sharp images.

When it degenerates, ARMD leaves a blind spot right in the center of vision making it impossible to recognize faces, read a book, or pass the driver's vision test.

The experts do not know what causes macular degeneration. But major factors include UV light from the sun, smoking, aging, and improper nutrition.

Vitamins can help. The results of two studies, AREDS and LAST deonstrated a lowered risk of progression by about 25% when treated with a high-dose combination of vitamins.

A new, proprietary supplement based on the scientific studies is available from these doctors. A very powerful formulation, Macula Therapy Formula is available from Dr. Palmer's office.

Nine out of ten people who have macular degeneration have the dry type. There is no medical treatment ex-

cept for vitamins. The wet type is more aggressive and results in more dramatic vision loss. It involves leaky blood vessels that sometimes can be sealed with hot or cold laser. Newer treatments, such as Macugen, Lucentis and Avastin are injections to prevent leakage.

"Our job is to figure out everything and anything possible to keep a person functioning," says Dr. Palmer. "Whether it's driving, reading, watching television, seeing faces, playing bridge...we work with whatever is on the persons "wish list".

"Telescopic glasses usually cost over \$2000", says Dr. Palmer, "especially if we build them with an automatic sunglass". Reading glasses start at \$500 and hand magnifiers under \$100. Every case is different because people have different levels of vision and different desires.



RICHARD DOUGHERTY WITH TELESCOPE GLASSES

Richard Dougherty, 89, of Palmdale, California came to Dr. Shuldiner in June, 2003. He has returned every two years to have the DMV vision report form filled out to keep driving. Dr. Shuldiner prescribed biopic telescopic glasses to read signs and see traffic lights farther away in June, 2003.

At his visit on March 3, 2007, Mr. Dougherty said "The telescopic glasses keep getting better and better!". "They are actually better, by far, than the day I got them. The doctor is a genius! Definitely worth the \$2300 I paid for them". On his visit this past March, Mr. Dougherty reported that the special prismatic reading glasses were still working fine.

The following are some of the very experienced doctors working with low vision patients. They are members of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists and are happy to speak with you:

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David Armstrong, OD Virginia	866 321 2030	Larry Chism, OD Texas	888 243 2020

A man for all reasons

After 40 years, academy still has a place for 'retiring' Bill Culbertson

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

Meet Bill Culbertson and you sense how recent the seemingly distant past can be. A teacher, coach, dean and counselor at St. Thomas Academy, Culbertson began working there in 1968, three years after the school moved to Mendota Heights from the campus of the then College of St. Thomas.

"We were in the middle of nowhere, in a corn field almost," Culbertson recalled. "Though Visitation was just across the road, it wasn't until the completion of I-35E and I-494 that access to the school really opened up."

Culbertson, 65, will retire on June 5. However, he will be back on June 19 when the school hosts a retirement party for him. The open house, titled "One Man's Influence on Generations," will run from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Culbertson served as St. Thomas' dean of students from 1970-91 while continuing to teach. He figures he has seen roughly 5,000 students pass through the school's doors.

"Bill was the keeper of order as dean of students," said Tom Mich, who for the past four years has served as headmaster of the school. "One of his responsibilities was maintaining discipline, and I know many current and former students have affectionately admired his incredible ability to yell."

"I'll always remember Bill as dean of students," said St. Thomas English teacher Frank Blankley, a colleague of Culbertson for the past 32 years. "Despite his tough exterior, he's really a teddy bear. I've seen his mouth quiver and a tear come to his eye when talking about something or someone important to him. He wasn't afraid to hold students accountable for their behavior or share his displeasure with them when they got off track, but he also wasn't afraid to support them when they needed a pat on the back. He is a man students respected, feared and admired—and they had valid reasons for all of those feelings."

St. Thomas students recognized Culbertson's contributions to their education with yearbook dedications in 1977, 1989 and 2003. "He still stays in touch with many alumni," Mich said, "and many come back just to visit him. This has been more than a career to Bill, it's been a vocation. He's been a totally dedicated teacher, counselor, leader and coach



Retiring as St. Thomas' coordinator of college counseling, Bill Culbertson shares a laugh with Cadets Tom Caturia, Mike Diaz and Conor McFadden. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

throughout his time here."

St. Thomas named its track in honor of Culbertson, who coached that sport at the school for 30 years. "I knew absolutely nothing about track when I started coaching it," Culbertson said. "I kind of grew into it at St. Bernard's." He began teaching there after graduating from the College of St. Thomas in 1964 with a major in history and a minor in Spanish.

Culbertson coached the Cadets to True Track Team state championships in 1989 and 1990. He also coached wrestling in his first five years at St. Thomas. Though he retired from coaching in 2002, he continues to do the play-by-play announcing for football and hockey games.

Culbertson was born and raised on St. Paul's West End. He attended St. Agnes High School where he met his wife of 43 years, Mary Jo Rossini. They moved to St. Paul's Macalester-Groveland neighborhood when Culbertson got the job at STA, raised three children and still make their home there.

Culbertson has held just about every position at STA except headmaster and janitor. In addition to coaching track and wrestling, he taught history, Spanish, social studies and psychology and served as dean and counselor. He also represented the faculty on the school's board of trustees for the past five years.

"Bill is a completely sincere, guileless and

trustworthy man," said George Schnell, who taught for 38 years at STA and closed out his career as interim headmaster in 1988 and 1989. "We had similar teaching styles, more easygoing than some teachers who ran extremely tight ships. Bill could relax and joke around, not take himself too seriously."

That was as a teacher. His manner as dean of students was another matter. "One of Bill's favorite sayings as dean was, 'Wouldn't it be nice?'" Blankley said. When addressing the student body at morning formation, Blankley recalled, Culbertson would provide guidance for an upcoming dance or game by saying, "Wouldn't it be nice if we could just do what we're supposed to do?"

"It was his way of putting the responsibility on the students' shoulders," Blankley said. "Implicit in the query was an expectation of exemplary behavior—and dire consequences if that behavior was less than exemplary."

Frank Miley, a 1980 St. Thomas grad, knew Culbertson as a psychology teacher and dean of students, and then as colleague for the 10 years Miley worked there as a religion teacher and campus minister. "I have such deep admiration and respect for Bill that I don't know where to begin," he said. "He's a legend at St. Thomas, bigger than life. If you had a run-in with him over a disciplinary matter, you knew he was going to be fair but firm."

Miley recalled when as yearbook editor he and a couple of other students were given permission by Culbertson to leave campus to pick up photos at Del Larson Studios. "We decided to make a quick stop at McDonald's," he said, "and as we walked into the school with our bags of burgers, we were greeted by Bill with a stern glare of disapproval for overstepping our time out of the building. He'd probably laugh now, but that's what kind of influence he had: A stern look from Mr. Culbertson generates stories 30 years later."

Matt Miley, Frank's son and a graduating senior at STA this year, described Culbertson as "dedicated and compassionate. When I was a junior, he came to my house as I was looking into colleges and helped me make a list. He never once told me I couldn't make it into any of my choices and encouraged me to apply to them all."

Jeff Smith, a 1997 grad and now a math teacher at STA, said he will always remember Culbertson as "a fair, extremely caring guy, especially when you did things as they should be done. He wouldn't hesitate to point out to a student that his behavior wasn't what a young man's should be. When I started teaching, he told me how good it was to have me here and always checked in to see how I was doing. I know that students have always respected him and he has always respected them, even when they needed some correction."

Culbertson's personal high point at St. Thomas was seeing his son John, now a teacher at Arlington High School, graduate in 1988. Second to that was seeing his students "grow into young men," he said.

Given his imminent retirement, this summer may have been a long one. However, Culbertson said, "I'll only be clearing out my desk in one building and moving to another one on campus" where he will work part-time in the Development Office. "And I'll keep announcing football and hockey games," he added.

The term "old guard" is used at St. Thomas to refer to faculty who have added to the school's legacy by upholding "the values and traditions of the academy," Blankley said. "I've been fortunate to know and work with many of them, and (Culbertson) is certainly in that select group. I'll miss him after he leaves, but his presence will grace the halls of St. Thomas Academy for many years to come."

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Homecroft grad Gene Harrington showed off a photograph of his 1st- and 2nd-grade class circa 1936 at the school's farewell party on May 29. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Tribute offers chance to look back at Homecroft Elementary's history

By Jane McClure

When the last students exit Homecroft Elementary School this week, it will mark the end of 87 years of elementary education in St. Paul's southwest corner. To mark the occasion, hundreds of people turned out for a farewell tribute to "Home Sweet Homecroft" on May 29. The event included food, live music, tours, and an opportunity to view student projects and look back at the school's history.

Homecroft Elementary School was built in 1921, the same year as Groveland Park Elementary. They were described in newspaper accounts at the time as "modern" schools with spacious classrooms and large windows.

In 1921 St. Paul's public schools were under the control of city government. There was no school board and little administration. No yellow school buses rolled through the streets. Students walked to the school closest to their homes. There were no meal programs, so children walked home for lunch.

Students usually paid for their own books. Kids and teachers collected coupons to redeem for classroom items. Fund-raisers were common to pay for such classroom amenities as a record player, a set of books or a reading table.

Teachers had many rules to follow at the time that Homecroft opened its doors. Teachers had to live in St. Paul. Married women could not teach. Female teachers could not have bobbed hair or wear the latest "flapper" fashions. If a teacher called in sick, a school nurse would visit her residence in the afternoon. There was no retirement age and it was not unusual to see teachers in their 70s and 80s in the schools.

In 1921 teachers were not required to have earned bachelor's degrees. Many had only a year or two of education beyond high school. New teachers were paid less than \$1,000 a year.

Newspaper clippings, pictures and written memories of Homecroft reveal a typical St. Paul neighborhood school. Students drilled for citywide tests every spring and learned Palmer Method penmanship. They visited the Festival of Nations, participated in Winter Carnivals, held school carnivals, and were members of prize-winning school safety patrols.

During the Great Depression, Homecroft started food and clothing banks for needy students. Many services and programs were curtailed in those years to save money.

During World War II, Homecroft teachers helped issue ration stamps for such scarce goods as rubber tires and gasoline. The school also helped with drives to collect metal and paper for the war effort.

In its early days, Homecroft drew children strictly from the immediate neighborhood. The school building was remodeled and expanded over the years and a Spanish bilingual program was added, but Homecroft never became a magnet school.

Homecroft served for many years as the school for children at "the post," as the teachers called Fort Snelling. For several years students would arrive from Fort Snelling on horse-drawn wagon. Later Fort Snelling had its own motor vehicles to transport the children.

In the book *A Collection of Teacher Memories*, retired Homecroft 5th-grade teacher Helen Conrad recalled an incident from the fall of 1927. Conrad did not realize at the time that a well-intentioned gesture would be read as a breach of military protocol.

"At that time, Fort Snelling was an active institution and the children who lived there were our students," she wrote. "Each morning at 8:30 and again at 3:30 p.m., two mule-drawn wagons arrived at our schoolhouse door to transport the post children to and from school.

"One of my requirements was that all assigned work of the day be finished and handed in before dismissal. When I saw Pat dragging his heels, I urged him to finish so as not to miss his ride. Pat handed in his paper and rushed out, only to return a few minutes later.

"Pat, what are you doing?" I inquired. "May I use the phone? I want to call my mother."

"What on earth for?" "I've missed the bus and I want her to come and get me."

"Dismayed at being the cause, I rushed to the window and looked out. Was I relieved to see one of the mule-team wagons still waiting at the door. 'No you haven't, Pat. Hurry! There is still time,' said I, literally pushing him toward the door.

"If looks could kill, I would be dead. Pat haughtily surveyed me and replied, 'That is the noncommissioned officers' bus! May I call my mother?' I had unwittingly committed the unpardonable sin of asking the commandant's son to ride in the same bus as the noncommissioned officers' children."

The last day of elementary school at Homecroft will be June 5. Next fall, the building will reopen with a variety of districtwide programs, including an Early Learning Center for various preschool programs, a half-day arts program for junior and senior high students with emotional and behavioral disabilities, and a full-day treatment and educational program for students in grades 4-10 with mental health problems.

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'Sight for sore eyes': Session ends in smiles all around

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

Following several days of tense negotiation and the resolution of a projected \$935 million state budget deficit, Minnesota legislators and Governor Tim Pawlenty were all smiles as the 2008 legislative session came to an end on May 19. It was "a sight for sore eyes," the governor said, and a departure from the early weeks of the session when six House and two Senate Republicans joined the DFL majorities in both chambers to override Pawlenty's veto of a 10-year, \$6.6 billion transportation bill that provides new tax revenue for roads, bridges and transit.

"The governor was pleased that we were able to reach a bipartisan agreement to balance the budget without raising taxes while providing significant tax relief," said Pawlenty spokesman Brian McClung. Among the provisions is a 3.9 percent cap on annual property tax increases, which should save taxpay-

ers \$460 million over the next three years, according to McClung. "We also achieved significant health care reforms that begin to change the way we pay for care from volume to quality," he said.

Those reforms will lower the overall cost of health care in Minnesota by 12 percent by 2015, according to McClung. "While some items, including education reforms that would help train teachers for better math and science education, did not make it through, the governor felt this was a productive legislative session," he said.

"It was a decent session, given the circumstances of the deficit," said Senator Dick Cohen (DFL-District 64), who chairs the Senate Finance Committee. "We accomplished all of the goals we had set at the beginning, including passage of the transportation bill, restoring \$70 million in Central Corridor funds in the supplemental bonding bill and the beginning of health care reform. And we dealt with

the budget deficit without too much harm to important programs."

Pawlenty vetoed much of the original bonding bill, in part because it lacked \$20 million to acquire land for a new state park on Lake Vermillion and \$10.1 million for a new nursing facility at the Veterans Home in South Minneapolis. The supplemental bonding bill restored funding for both.

"State revenue collections are up by \$136 million since the February forecast," Cohen said. "At this time in 2002, we were down by \$300 million, so that bodes better for next year."

Representative Erin Murphy (DFL-District 64A) called it "a very effective session. Education funding, property taxes and health care access all did well, considering the (\$935 million) state deficit. Another 12,000 workers without health care coverage will be eligible for MinnesotaCare because we raised the family income limit to \$57,000. And \$47 mil-

lion was appropriated to local communities to help reduce tobacco use and obesity. We also made some technical changes in health care policies that will more efficiently coordinate long-term care for patients with chronic conditions like diabetes and congestive heart failure."

Senator Patricia Torres Ray (DFL-District 62) said she was "very pleased with most of the session, except for the governor's veto of the education policy bill." That bill included adding a "growth model" to the annual student achievement assessments required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. "A growth model follows all students as they progress through each grade, rather than just testing certain grade levels," Torres Ray said. "It helps teachers determine which areas students excel in and which they need help in." The vetoed bill also would have required at least one se-

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Minnesota Legislature's 2008 session was a mixed bag for St. Paul

BY JANE MCCLURE

St. Paul and Ramsey County officials were somewhat relieved as the Minnesota Legislature wrapped up its 2008 session. "It could've been a lot worse," said Ward 5 City Council member Lee Helgen.

Virtually every St. Paul request that made it into the Legislature's version of the bonding bill was vetoed by Governor Tim Pawlenty early in the session. However, last-minute negotiations with House and Senate leaders restored \$70 million for the Central Corridor light-rail transit line between the downtowns of St. Paul and Minneapolis as well as \$300,000 of the \$800,000 the city was seeking to complete the new \$9.8 million polar bear

exhibit at Como Zoo.

Local government officials are still studying the effect of a new three-year, 3.9 percent cap on annual property tax increases that was passed by the Legislature this session. St. Paul's property tax levy increased by 8.6 percent in 2007 and by 15.1 percent in 2008.

The city's property tax levy for 2008 was about \$82 million, and St. Paul officials had been projecting a \$13.1 million deficit for 2009. However, that was with an expected \$200,000 decrease in local government aid from the state. State lawmakers instead increased local government aid to St. Paul by about \$6 million.

The Legislature this spring rejected the city's request for a loan to pay off the debt for

downtown's RiverCentre. Instead, it created a tax-increment financing (TIF) district downtown that will help pay off \$43 million in debt on RiverCentre and free up funding for a downtown event district that includes Xcel Energy Center, RiverCentre, the Ordway and the Science Museum.

The new TIF district, which replaces one that expires this summer, will apply about \$3.5 million per year toward the debt, \$1.5 million per year to Ramsey County and \$1.8 million for the Twin Cities fiscal disparities pool.

Among the local projects that were not included in this year's state bonding bill were a proposed \$10.3 million gorilla exhibit at Como Zoo; \$9.8 million for continued work on the National Great River Park, including

\$6 million to purchase land for the Bruce Vento and Lilydale regional parks; \$3.8 million to complete the installation of rip-rap and other erosion control measures along the Upper Landing on the Mississippi River; and a new Asian-Pacific Cultural Center in the old Hamm's Brewery.

St. Paul officials had also sought \$24.5 million in improvements to Midway Stadium. They included 1,300 additional seats, new locker rooms, field improvements, a bigger concourse, new restrooms, new concession facilities and 18 new stadium suites. The stadium project was part of a \$40 million St. Paul Outdoor Recreational and Team Sports initiative that also included new playing fields for soccer, field hockey, lacrosse and rugby.

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Union Park's request to put benches on Summit doesn't sit well with HPC

By Jane McClure

Efforts by the Union Park District Council and Active Living Ramsey County to place benches made of recycled plastic on Summit Avenue have been thwarted by the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission. Citing concerns with their design, color and placement, the HPC on May 22 unanimously rejected a request to place the benches in the Summit Avenue medians between Syndicate Street and Cleveland Avenue.



Kids play by a bench designed to promote walking in Western Park. PHOTO BY ANNE BRANDRUD

The county and district council, which are working to place a string of 14 benches in the Merriam Park, Snelling-Hamline and Lexington-Hamline neighborhoods, had 10 days to appeal the HPC's decision, but Greg Mack, director of Ramsey County Parks and Recreation, doubted whether an appeal would be filed. Given the design of the benches that were being sought by the HPC, he said, "We probably can't meet their criteria." The issue could go back to the committee that chose the benches' design, but Mack said it may be easier to find other locations.

The Union Park project is part of the 1,000 Benches program, which is intended to encourage more people to walk by giving them more places to rest. Groups of 10-20 benches are currently being installed along different routes in the county. A pilot project already in place runs between the Rondo Library and Western Sculpture Park in the Summit-University neighborhood. The benches are also being eyed for Mississippi River Boulevard and Shepard Road.

The HPC was involved in the Union Park proposal because 10 of the benches would have been located in the Summit Avenue West Historic District. HPC chair Paul Clifford Larson said the benches raised red flags for historic preservationists. One concern was the promotion of more use of the Summit medians, which already get a lot of wear and tear from walkers and joggers. Another was the fact that the benches would have sponsorship pavers. A third was that the plastic and aluminum benches would not contribute to the historic character of the area.

HPC staff had recommended approval of the Summit Avenue benches with several conditions, including changing their color, reducing the size of the concrete slabs that the benches were to be placed on and limiting

the number of pavers in the slabs. Supporters wanted three pavers per bench—one to recognize the county, another to acknowledge the donor and a third with a saying to promote physical fitness. The HPC staff recommended a maximum of two pavers and any verbiage to be specific to the history of Summit Avenue.

Union Park District Council representative Jeanne Matross defended the plastic and aluminum benches, saying they would be easier to maintain than wood or metal ones.

However, HPC members said the benches did not fit Summit Avenue's character and were unattractive. "It's like you want to give us a gift, but you can't do this and you won't do that so take it or leave it," said HPC member Sherri Taylor Wilsey. "I don't know why you're here if you don't want to be flexible."

She said the design issues should have been discussed with the HPC before the Union Park council spent time finding sites and seeking donations to pay for the \$1,200 benches. Donations of \$600 are being sought per bench, with the county picking up the other half of the cost.

Matross said the Summit Avenue benches have the support of the Union Park and Mcalester-Groveland district councils, as well as the University of St. Thomas, Concordia University, the West Summit Neighborhood Advisory Council and the Summit Avenue Residential Preservation Association (SARPA). However, SARPA did express some reservations in a letter to the HPC.

Joe Schaefer, a physician who lives near Summit Avenue and Lexington Parkway, suggested having fewer benches to promote more walking. He also said the bench design did not fit the character of Summit.

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mester of physical education in high school, and it would have increased the age at which a student may drop out of school from 16 to 18.

Torres Ray was happy with the increased state aid to education. Elementary and secondary schools across the state will receive \$51 more per pupil per year. That means an extra \$2 million in the coming school year for both the St. Paul and Minneapolis school districts.

"I was concerned by the governor's earlier veto of funds for the Central Corridor," said Representative Michael Paymar (DFL-District 64B). "Had the Central Corridor funding not been restored, we would've lost \$450 million in federal funds, or about half the cost for constructing the light-rail transit line. I believe the Central Corridor will transform the metro area, especially as more (connecting lines) get built in the future.

"The second best thing that happened for St. Paul was an increase of \$8 million (out of a total \$65 million statewide) in local government aid (LGA)," Paymar said. "And there will be another 2 percent LGA increase in 2010 and 4 percent in 2011." All of that will help, he said, given the governor's successful push for a 3.9 percent cap on property tax increases in the next three years. "It's actually been an amazing biennium," Paymar said, "the most

productive I've seen in my (six terms)."

Representative Rick Hansen (DFL-District 39A) was pleased that the Legislature succeeded in reducing the governor's proposed cuts in higher education funding and proposed hikes in tuition. "Despite cuts in hospital emergency room access funds for people without health insurance, we were able to increase MinnesotaCare access by \$50 million, and we got a start on health care reforms by streamlining paperwork and moving toward electronic medical records," Hansen said. "And the restoration of funds for the Central Corridor will help the cause of expanded transit in northern Dakota County as well."

Hansen was also happy that he was able to secure \$1.4 million in bonds for continued trail work in Dakota County as well as \$125,000 over five years to help the Village of Mendota with public safety and sewer and water issues.

"It was a good session if you were looking for one where the two parties worked together to deal with an almost \$1 billion deficit in a balanced way," said Representative Carlos Mariani (DFL-District 65B). However, as chair of the House Education Policy Committee, Mariani was disappointed by Pawlenty's veto of the education policy bill. "But we'll be back next year, when we also plan to do a complete redesign of education funding," he said. "We've just got to establish a permanent, reliable system to fund our schools."

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Deer policy—The HDC's Community Services Committee will hold a discussion on the management of Highland's deer population at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 23, in the community room at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Speakers will include John Moriarity of Ramsey County Parks and Recreation, Bill Stephenson of St. Paul Animal Control and Adam Robbins of St. Paul Parks and Recreation.

Cleanup kudos—More than 70 volunteers worked at the joint Highland Park and Macalester-Groveland neighborhood cleanup on May 17. Davanni's Pizza, J & S Bean Factory, Mary Davis and Mary Hampel provided the volunteers with lunch, coffee and dessert. The event helped more than 400 households in the two neighborhood dispose of unwanted items.

Library/rec center remodel—A public meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, in the community room at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy., to discuss plans for remodeling the center and Highland Park Library. Results of a survey on how the facilities are used and what improvements the public would like to see may be found at www.sppl.org/surveyresults/index.html.

Office closed—The Highland District Council office will be closed from June 6-12. All e-mails and phone calls will be returned beginning June 13.

Meeting dates—Board of directors, 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 5, Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.; and Community Development Committee, 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 16, Hillcrest.

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Mac-Grove Moves—The third annual Mac-Grove Moves has begun. Participants who walk or bike around the neighborhood will be eligible to enter a drawing for prizes from local businesses. Participants can pick up a registration form at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St., or download one from the district council's website. As part of Mac-Grove Moves, every Saturday in May a golden shoe was hidden where walkers, bikers and runners could spot it in Macalester-Groveland. Those who find one of the shoes can bring it to the council's office and win a pair of new shoes donated by Run N Fun, 868 Randolph Ave. So far, only one shoe has been found.

Child car seat checkup—The St. Paul Police Foundation and the Minnesota Safety Council are conducting a free child

car seat checkup where certified technicians will inspect car seats and their installation in vehicles. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at the St. Paul Police Department's headquarters, 367 Grove St. Appointments are required. Call 651-266-5876.

Get connected—The Job Connection matches teenage and adult independent contractors with seniors and disabled adults with chores to be done in the Macalester-Groveland, Highland Park and Summit Hill neighborhoods. Chores may include lawn mowing, raking, gardening, cleaning, window washing and minor household repairs. To qualify for the service, recipients must be age 60 or older or have a disability. Responsible contractors age 16 or older are also being sought. Call Marie Nelson at the district council office or e-mail her at marie@macgrove.org for information.

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Sober house ordinance—The St. Paul Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the city's sober house zoning ordinance at 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 13, in the City Hall Conference Center, Room 40, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd. The amendments would identify a sober house as a distinct land use, as well as specify zoning standards and parking requirements. Those who cannot attend the hearing may submit comments in writing to: St. Paul Planning Commission, 25 W. 4th St., Suite 1100, St. Paul, MN 55102.

Rock-Tenn meeting—The Rock-Tenn Community Advisory Panel will hold its next meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 16, at Wilder Center, 451 N. Lexington Pkwy. RCAP and public health experts will be discussing emissions, emission controls and how emissions affect public health. Visit www.rtadvisory.org for future meeting topics or contact Nina@sapcc.org or 612-788-4151.

Recycling bins—The district council is now distributing recycling bins from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Merriam Park Recreation Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave. The next pickup dates are June 4 and 18. For information, call Julie Oney at the Union Park office or e-mail julie@unionparkdc.org.

Upcoming meetings—Board of directors, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave.; and Land Use Committee, Wednesday, June 18 (call the council office for time and location).

Summit Hill

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June meeting—Summit Hill residents, business people and property owners are invited to attend the monthly Summit Hill Association board meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Linwood Recreation Center, 860 St. Clair Ave. The next meeting will be held on June 12.

SHA House Tour—The biennial Summit Hill House Tour will be held on Sunday, September 14. Tickets may be pur-

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History of Summit Hill—Volunteer writers, researchers and editors are currently working on the history of the people, places and institutions that make up Summit Hill. The booklet is expected to be published in time for the Summit Hill House Tour. All those with a story to tell or a historic photograph to share, and writers who would like to donate their time to the project, may call the SHA office or e-mail summithill@visi.com by June 15.

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Upcoming meetings—Environment Committee, 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 5, Linwood Recreation Center, 860 St. Clair Ave.; Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming Committee, 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 9, Linwood; SHA board of directors, 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 12, Linwood.

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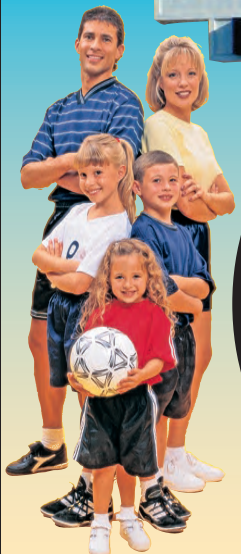
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District 197 schools switch start times

Older students will start later, younger students earlier in move to boost academic achievement

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

School District 197 is moving ahead with a plan to switch the starting times for all students beginning in the fall. The changes will give high school and middle school students the opportunity to sleep an extra hour in the morning and roust elementary students earlier in the morning when they have more energy. That's the theory, anyway, behind the controversial change that was proposed by Superintendent Jay Haugen this spring and essentially approved on May 19 when the School Board decided not to vote on the matter.

"We'd been talking for some time about a policy governance model," said School Board member Mark Spurr. "And that's that the board sets overall district policies and goals and, within legal and financial guidelines, leaves it to the administration to carry out those policies and reach those goals."

"That's what we hire administrators for," said School Board member Christina Gillette, "to perform the day-to-day operations of the district with the guidance of our policies."

Nevertheless, Spurr and Gillette agreed that the process for implementing the change in school starting times was more rushed than they would have liked. "I thought there should have been more time to vet the issue with the board and the public," Spurr said. "I'm disappointed that some people are upset about this, but it'll be an improvement for a lot of other people and, according to the research, especially for the students."

Gillette agreed. "The change is supported by the research," she said, "and I believe it's educationally sound and will make our schools stronger. But the process was frustrating because of the relatively short time involved. We only heard about this in April."

Haugen said that, in addition to the public hearing in April, "we had over 500 communications with the public and the School Board. And from what I could tell from the board, the question wasn't whether we should do this, but when. I understand that this change will present challenges to many people, but

School day changes for 2008-09

School	Current school day	2008-09 school day
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Somerset Elementary	8:40 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.	7:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Friendly Hills Middle	7:45 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.	8:35 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.
Heritage Middle	7:45 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.	8:35 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.
Henry Sibley High	7:35 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.	8:35 a.m. - 3:04 p.m.

"Some families will be challenged by the scheduling changes, but many more families have been challenged by the current schedule...in terms of students' academic achievement."

as a school district, our main focus has to be on the kids. All the research shows that high school students do better with more sleep and that elementary-age kids are most energized earlier in the day. So reversing their starting times will benefit all students."

According to Haugen, other high schools in the Classic Suburban Conference have already switched or will soon switch to later starting times. "So to address that and other after-school activities, we need to do this now," he said. "I appreciate that the board doesn't want to micromanage our operations, and I understand their concerns about better communications with the community. We'd been discussing this matter last year, but were distracted by the two excess levy requests on the ballot last November."

The principals of the district's eight schools and its transportation staff have long been aware of the possible change in starting times and had been working on the logistics, according to Haugen. "But it wasn't until the completion of our consultant's transportation study and its report on April 2 that we knew the change would be cost neutral," he said. "That's when we brought it to the School Board, along with the results of a survey

showing that most parents approved of the change in starting times.

"Of the more than 200 parents of elementary students who responded to our web survey, 62 percent said the new times would make it possible for them to leave home in the morning at the same time as their child," Haugen states in a letter on the district's website (www.isd197.org).

Haugen said that public response to the switch in starting times was pretty evenly divided in the weeks leading up to the School Board's May 19 meeting. However, Gillette said, "we didn't use the survey (in our decision) because we thought it had some timing and sampling issues. It was the research that convinced me that this is the right way to go."

The new starting times (see chart) will have high school and middle school students starting 60 and 50 minutes later, respectively. The elementary schools will be starting from 55 to 95 minutes earlier. The buses for students who participate in after-school activities, which currently leave school at 4:50 p.m., will leave at 5:25 p.m. beginning in September. "So some students will be home 30 minutes later," Haugen said. "But the first round (junior varsity) athletic games will be starting at 4:00 p.m. (15 minutes later) anyway. Our School-Aged Childcare programs—Extra Innings and Encore—will expand to the middle schools next year as well."

"Some families will be challenged by the scheduling changes," Haugen said, "but many more families have been challenged by the current schedule for some time, and not just in terms of convenience, but in students' academic achievement scores. The new starting times are designed to change that."

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A website on the Montgomery Bus Boycott has earned Marie Sheehan, left, and Elyse Lennington-Chaffee a berth in the National History Day competition. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Bus boycott project takes Highland 7th-graders to National History Day

BY FRANK JOSSI

A protest against discrimination that occurred more than 50 years ago in an Alabama city caught the attention of two Highland Park Junior High School students in search of a topic for this year's State History Day competition. By creating a website about the historic 1955 Montgomery bus boycott, 7th-graders Marie Sheehan and Elyse Lennington-Chaffee earned a trip to the National History Day competition on June 15-19 at the University of Maryland.

Sponsored locally by the Minnesota Historical Society, the annual state competition offers students a chance to express their creativity by producing dramas, paperboard presentations or documentaries. Students this year had to focus their project on the theme of "Conflict and Compromise."

Sheehan and Lennington-Chaffee, both 12, have been best friends since they met in kindergarten at Adams Spanish immersion magnet school. Highland Park social studies teacher Liz Hathaway-Castelan said former Adams students have done particularly well in the History Day competition. Twelve of the 14 winners who advanced to state after surviving an earlier competition at Highland Junior High previously went to Adams.

The immersion students submitted their projects in Spanish to judges for the competition at the school level, Hathaway-Castelan said. Those who went on to the state meet in April at the University of Minnesota then translated the projects into English.

"These kids are amazing," Hathaway-Castelan said. "We're so proud of what all of the students have accomplished this year, and we're especially proud to have Marie and Elyse representing Highland Park Junior High and the Spanish immersion program at the national competition."

Sheehan and Lennington-Chaffee decided the Montgomery bus boycott had all the elements required of a study in conflict and compromise. "Part of the assignment was learning about putting a project together," Sheehan said, "but it was also about putting together a story that everyone can understand."

The duo headed for the Merriam Park Library and the Internet to learn about the boycott, relying heavily on coverage from the *New York Times* and from authors who later wrote books about the historic turning point in racial relations in Montgomery. Their website has many photos from the 1950s in Montgomery, and of historical figures such as Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. It even has a copy of the section of the Montgomery city code mandating the separation of races.

Brevity in the presentation was essential, though the students found a way around the limitation. "We had to keep it to 1,200 words

and 100 megabytes of information," Lennington-Chaffee said. "Fortunately, the quotes we put in from Martin Luther King and others didn't apply toward the word count."

The story of the boycott began on a Montgomery bus with Rosa Parks refusing to give up her seat to a white man in 1954. That act of civil disobedience sparked a movement organized by the NAACP and the Women's Political Council to encourage African Americans to boycott the local bus system. That, in turn, sparked the creation of the Montgomery Improvement Association. The MIA's leader was Martin Luther King Jr., a local minister who would later gain an enormous following before his assassination in Memphis in 1968.

The girls discovered that the MIA organized car pools so boycott participants could still get to their jobs and schools. They also learned that 66 percent of the bus riders in Montgomery were African Americans, so a boycott could, and did, cripple the bus company. Despite the high level of black ridership, Lennington-Chaffee said the bus company provided few stops in predominantly African-American neighborhoods.

The bus boycott began on December 5, 1955, the same day Parks went on trial for not giving up her seat. The boycott's organizers listed three simple demands: allow bus seating on a first-come, first serve basis, require bus drivers to treat African-American passengers with respect, and require the bus company to hire black drivers.

The case proceeded quickly to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled a year later in a landmark decision that segregation on buses was illegal. The MIA, meanwhile, became the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a leading force in civil rights, and Martin Luther King Jr. moved on to Atlanta to create a national movement.

Marie Sheehan and Elyse Lennington-Chaffee are now looking forward to traveling to the Washington, D.C., and meeting others from around the country who enjoy history and research. To pay for the trip, they are raising money and asking for donations through the History Center's Adopt A Scholar program. For information, call Naomi Peuse at 651-259-3435.

Other state winners

The top two finishers in each category at state earned a berth to the National History Day competition. Other local winners include Ruth Kostohris of St. Paul College in the senior paper category, Maia Gumnit of Twin Cities Academy in the junior paper category, Mackenzie Schuett and Camara Butler of Christ's Household of Faith in the senior group performance category, and Rochelle Tschida of Christ's Household of Faith in the senior individual documentary category.

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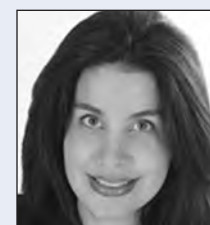
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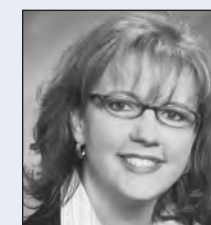
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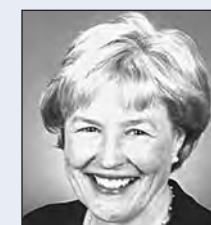
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Crime Report

The following police calls were gathered from recent Community Watch reports provided by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department. For more information, visit www.co.ramsey.mn.us/sheriff/communitywatch.htm.

Highland Park

Burglary—Loose change was stolen from a home on the 500 block of South Cretin Avenue at about 2:30 a.m. Sunday, May 4. Entry was forced through a window. The suspect fled on foot when the residents returned home.

Miscellaneous—A suspicious package was reported at the Temple of Aaron, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd., at about 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 29. Police discovered it was somebody's lunch.

—Police cited a 33-year-old West End

man for driving off-road in Crosby Park and possessing marijuana and drug paraphernalia on Monday, May 5. The vehicle was stuck in the sand and the driver told police he there to see the sun rise.

Merriam Park

Theft—A car was stolen from Auto Technical, 461 N. Wilder St., between 5:00 p.m. Friday and 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 2-4.

Miscellaneous—Someone smashed the window of a vehicle on the 1600 block of Concordia Avenue at about 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 5.

Snelling-Hamline

Fire—A fire was reported in a single-family dwelling at 3:42 a.m. Sunday, May 18, on the 1500 block of Concordia

Avenue. The flame from an unattended candle that spread to nearby combustibles caused the fire. The homeowner was taken to Regions Hospital for smoke inhalation. Smoke detectors were present in the home, but not functioning. Damage was estimated at \$25,000. (Report from the St. Paul Fire Department.)

Summit Hill

Theft—A theft occurred at Tibet Art, 1051 Grand Ave., at about 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 4.

Summit-University

Weapons—Shots were fired on the 500 block of Ashland Avenue at about 9:30 p.m. Sunday, May 4. Police eventually recovered seven shell casings behind the house.

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Business Briefs

Widmer's Super Market, 1936 St. Clair Ave., will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a customer appreciation gala from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 14. Customers can enjoy a hot dog and pop for 25 cents or a brat and pop for \$1.00. There will also be free games for the kids, free ice cream and balloons, and a drawing for a 50-inch plasma TV and other prizes.

TivoliToo will hold a giant garage sale from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. June 12-15 and 19-22 featuring thousands of gift ware and collectible items in its 35,000-square-foot warehouse at 2444 Enterprise Drive in Mendota Heights.

Eyes of Mendota, an upscale optical boutique, recently opened at 740 Main St. in the Village at Mendota Heights. Brad Beatty, the proprietor, has over 38 years of experience in the optical business. Eyes of Mendota provides comprehensive eye exam services along with eyeglasses, sunglasses and lenses.

Kari Cornell, author of *Retro Knits: Cool Vintage Patterns for Men, Women and Children*, will be at 3 Kittens Needle Arts, 805 Sibley Memorial Hwy. in Mendota Heights, at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 12, for a demonstration, discussion and book signing. Admission is free. Call 651-457-4969

Creative Kidstuff, 1074 Grand Ave., will offer kids a chance to make wearable art using a real fish during a program from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 14. Kids should bring their own cotton T-shirts to color. There is no cost. Call 651-222-2472.

Cooks of Crocus Hill, 877 Grand Ave., will hold its annual garage sale from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, June 6-8. Customers who donate gently used household necessities for families in need will receive a coupon for 20 percent off one regularly priced item. Call 651-228-1333.

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Wednesday/June 4

A SUPPORT GROUP for people dealing with depression and bipolar disorders and the support-givers in their lives will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The group is free and open to the public and usually meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Call Marjorie Sigel at 651-698-0767.

Thursday/June 5

A PUBLIC HEARING on preliminary design plans for the Central Corridor light-rail line on University Avenue will be held by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners from 5:00 to 7:00 this evening at Lao Family Community, 320 University Ave. An open house will begin at 4:00 p.m. Visit www.centralcorridor.org.

AN ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP will meet at 6:30 this evening, and on every first and third Thursday of the month, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. The group is sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota. Admission is free. Call Wade at 763-772-2379 or visit www.namimn.org.

A SPRING FIESTA will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 this evening at Hiawatha Community School, 4201 42nd Ave. S., Minneapolis. The evening will include games and prizes, food, music, a piñata, pony rides, a moonwalk, Tupperware sales, a silent auction a raffle.

Saturday/June 7

THE MINNESOTA ANTIQUES Dealers Association Show and Sale will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. today and from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. tomorrow in the Fine Arts Building at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. The show will feature more than 45 of the top antiques dealers in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Admission is \$6.00. Call 651-430-0095.

A LADIES TEA with Mrs. Snelling will take place from 1:00 to 3:00 this afternoon at historic Fort Snelling. Participants will enjoy conversation, tea and cakes with Mrs. Abigail Snelling in the parlor of the 1824 commanding officer's house. The program will feature an introduction to 19th-century etiquette and an opportunity to learn a historic country dance. The cost is \$25-\$30. Call 612-726-1171.

SEED COLLECTION TRAINING will be offered by Friends of the Mississippi River from 9:00 a.m. to noon today at the Sand Coulee Scientific and Natural Area near Hastings. Collected seed will be used for further prairie restoration. Call Sue Rich at 651-222-2193 ext. 14 by June 5.

Sunday/June 8

BE A BLACKSMITH FOR A DAY during a program from 1:00 to 4:00 this afternoon at historic Fort Snelling. Participants will work the forge, shape the iron and bring the project home. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$30-\$33. Call 612-726-1171.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR will celebrate 125 years of caring for the elderly in Minnesota with a Mass at 2:00 this afternoon at the Cathedral of St. Paul.



Olivia Bratzel, 5, seemed to be enjoying the grand opening of the new, multi-use Oxford Community Center, 270 N. Lexington Pkwy., on May 31. Also pictured are her uncle, Edward Albrecht, left, and his son Jonathan, 4, and nephew Gavin Harris, 6. The expanded facility features the Jimmy Lee Recreation Center and Great River Water Park, St. Paul's first city-operated indoor water park. Decades in the planning, the center also includes four gyms, a dance studio, party rooms and a host of other amenities. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

An open house will follow at the Holy Family Residence, 330 S. Exchange St. Call 651-227-0336.

Monday/June 9

NOOKS AND CRANNIES TOURS will be offered a 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. today and tomorrow at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Visitors will get to see areas not open on regular house tours, including the attic theater, eaves, storage areas and unrestored basement rooms. The home was technologically advanced for its time, with 13 bathrooms and nine miles of electrical wiring. The cost is \$6.00-\$10. Call 651-297-2555.

Tuesday/June 10

THE MAD HATTER'S TEA HOUSE, 943 W. 7th St., will hold an open discussion during its regular conversational salon from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening. The salon is free, but donations are encouraged for the program and treats. Call 651-227-3228.

Wednesday/June 11

LONGFELLOW GARDEN CLUB will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave. S., Minneapolis. Don Selinger, co-author of *Growing Shrubs and Small Trees in Cold Climates*, will give a presentation on the book's subjects, tailored to local yards.

"GARDENING FOR A RAINY DAY," a free workshop offered by Friends of the Mississippi River, will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 this evening at Mississippi Market, 622 Selby Ave. Homeowners will learn about native plants, rain gardens and lawn care decisions that help protect water quality. Call Sue Rich at 651-222-2193, ext. 14.

TRUCKS AND TRAVEL VEHICLES will be featured during a free family event from 6:15 to 7:45 this evening in the Henry Sibley High School parking lot, 1897 Delaware Ave., Mendota Heights. A school bus,

recreational vehicle, fire trucks, horses and more will be available for exploring. Pizza, pop and snacks will be for sale. The event is sponsored by the district's Early Childhood Family Education and Early Learning Advisory Council.

A RED CROSS BABYSITTING CLASS for children ages 11-13 will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$75-\$110. Call 651-698-0751.

Thursday/June 12

THE MINNESOTA HOME Ownership Center will hold an "Opportunity Knocking" forum for potential first-time homebuyers from 6:00 to 7:30 this evening at the Roseville Library, 2108 N. Hamline Ave. The first 30 households attending will receive a \$25 gift card to Festival Foods. Visit www.hocmn.org or call Julie Gugin at 651-659-9336.

BETH GAUPER, travel columnist for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, will present a six-part travel series starting today with "Power Tripping Around the Upper Midwest" at 10:30 a.m. at the Sun Ray Library, 2105 Wilson Ave., and 7:00 p.m. at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. Other topics will include "Slow Down and Stay a While" at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, at Sun Ray; "Traveling with Kids and Grandkids" at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at Merriam Park; "Special Places for Special Occasions" at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 23, at Sun Ray; and "Spokes, Sneakers and Shops" at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at Merriam Park. Call Sun Ray at 651-501-6300 or Merriam Park at 651-501-6343.

A "BUGS' NIGHT OUT" will be presented by bug expert Brandon Burns from 6:30 to 8:00 this evening at Lake Como and on Thursday, June 26, at Loeb Lake (Dale Street and Maryland Avenue). Participants will use dip nets to get a closer look at macroinvertebrates and learn about effects of pollution on these tiny creatures. There

is no cost to residents in the Capitol Region Watershed District. Call 651-644-8888.

Saturday/June 14

A WORLD WAR II WEEKEND will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today and tomorrow at historic Fort Snelling. Visitors will learn about Minnesotans' role on the battlefields and at home during the war. The weekend will feature costumed staff, period displays, weapon firings, demonstration, an encampment of Allied re-enactors and hands-on activities for families, including crafts, games and an obstacle course. Admission is \$5.00-\$10. Call 612-726-1171.

Sunday/June 15

A MENDOTA WALKING TOUR will take place at 1:00 p.m. today from the Sibley House Historic Site in Mendota. Walkers will view original landmarks in one of the oldest towns in the state and hear how the town evolved from its beginning as an early 19th-century fur trading center. Afterward, light refreshments will be served. The cost is \$4.00-\$6.00. Call 651-452-1596.

Monday/June 16

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Admission is free. Call Marjorie Sigel at 651-698-0767.

Tuesday/June 17

THE MAD HATTER'S TEA HOUSE, 943 W. 7th St., will hold a conversational salon from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening. The salon will feature Jewel Mayer, a Mississippi native, poet, musician and storyteller who has worked for peace and justice for years. The salon is free, but donations are encouraged for the program and treats. Call 651-227-3228.

FISHING CLINICS for children ages 6-11 and an accompanying adult will be offered from 6:00 to 8:00 this evening at Loeb Lake (Dale Street and Maryland Avenue). There is no cost to residents in the Capitol Region Watershed District. Call 651-644-8888.

Wednesday/June 18


THE JEWISH COMMUNITY Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave., will hold its 78th annual meeting at 6:15 this evening. The meeting will feature a Camp Butwin highlights video in honor of the camp's 50th anniversary, along with camp decorations, music and a picnic dinner. The cost is \$18 for dinner. The program that follows is free. Call 651-698-0751 by June 11 for reservations.

AUTHOR LORNA LANDVIK will be the guest speaker at a Lunch for Libraries fundraiser event today in Kagin Commons at Macalester College. Book sales and signings will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and a presentation. WCCO-TV anchor Angela Davis is the emcee for the event. Tickets are \$40. Proceeds will benefit the Minnesota Library Foundation. Call Judy Todd at 651-645-5731.

A RICE PARK TOUR will be offered at 10:00 this morning from Landmark Center. Participants will learn the hidden secrets of the unique buildings that surround one of St. Paul's most beloved parks. Admission is free. Call 651-292-3276 to reserve a spot.

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During her children's sermon, Macalester-Plymouth Pastor Heidi Vardeman discusses the sacrifices the congregation made in the early years of the church. PHOTO BY TOM CONLON

Mac-Plymouth celebrates 150 years as a church that welcomes diversity

BY TOM CONLON

Pastor P.W. Nichols' announcements at the Sunday service on May 18 about an upcoming church picnic, the search for a new pastor and the need for funds for a permanent building seemed ordinary enough, but what was it he said about Minnesota's recent entry as the 32nd state in the union? And what was with the long black coat that Pastor Nichols was wearing?

In fact, the coat, the announcements and Nichols himself (played by congregant Chris Kemp) were from a Sunday service in 1858, part of a historical skit written by congregant Roger Barr and performed to mark the 150th anniversary of Macalester-Plymouth United Church. Macalester-Plymouth, 1658 Lincoln Ave., traces its beginnings to Plymouth Congregational Church, which held its first service on May 16, 1858, near the corner of Sibley and 9th streets in downtown St. Paul.

To celebrate the anniversary, the congregation cut 15 birthday cakes made with 15 church recipes drawn from the 15 decades between 1858 and 2008. Pound cake was popular in the mid-1800s. The chocolate mayonnaise cake came from a 1918 recipe. The applesauce cake, made without butter and eggs, was from the Depression years of the 1930s, and the cake from the 1990s was a rainbow confection commemorating the congregation's vote in 1995 to welcome openly gay, lesbian and transgender members.

Plymouth Congregational moved to its present location in 1968 when it merged with Macalester Presbyterian to become Macalester-Plymouth United. The church on the southwest corner of Lincoln and Macalester Street served as the chapel for Macalester College until 1968, when Weyerhaeuser Chapel was built on campus and formal ties between the college and Macalester Presbyterian ended.

Macalester Presbyterian first met in 1887 in the chapel of Old Main at Macalester College, which had been founded just two years earlier. Shortly thereafter, the Presbyterian congregation moved into its own wooden building at Cambridge and Summit Avenue on the present site of Ramsey Junior High. In 1914 it moved to the southeast corner of Summit and Cambridge and in 1924 to its present site.

Macalester-Plymouth now has about 535 members and is a member in good standing with both the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ, which is an outgrowth of the former Congregational Church. Cross-denominational mergers like the one between Plymouth and Macalester Presbyterian are rare, and according to Carol McClellan, Macalester-Plymouth's unofficial church historian, it took some work "to get a church constitution that the more strict Presbyterians required and that the more lenient United

Church of Christ would allow."

Mary Catlin, 82, was a member of Plymouth Congregational at the time of the merger. The church, which prior to the merger was located at Prior and Princeton avenues, faced several challenges in the 1960s, Catlin said, including an aging membership, suburban flight, building repair needs and a shortage of money. "No other Congregational church would merge with us," she said. "But our pastor had good ecumenical relationships in the area, and that ultimately led to the merger with Macalester Presbyterian."

Macalester-Plymouth members Adair Anderson and Heather Finden joined the congregation in 2000 following its merger with Merriam-Lexington Presbyterian Church. They had been members of Lexington Avenue Presbyterian prior to its merger in 1969 with the First Presbyterian Church of Merriam Park. As Anderson recalled, "we (at Lexington Avenue Presbyterian) were viewed as the poorer congregation coming into the more prosperous Presbyterian hollow of Merriam Park. But over time, we began to come together as a congregation."

The merger with Macalester-Plymouth was more successful, according to Connie Lindberg, a former member of Merriam-Lexington Presbyterian. "(At Merriam-Lexington) we had a strong mission and social-justice orientation, and we brought a strong laity to help further develop the work here at Macalester-Plymouth," she said.

June Peshorn Nelson, 83, who was baptized, confirmed and married at Macalester Presbyterian, recalled that "in September 1947, the night before my wedding, the church hall and kitchen tiles were still being replaced and they weren't sure I could hold my reception there. I'm not sure how late they worked into the night, but somehow they got it done and we had the reception."

"Macalester Presbyterian was famous for its annual Christmas pageants," Nelson said, "and all us kids were a part of it. I was one of the three angels who sat in the window in the choir loft."

Today, Macalester-Plymouth youths participate in a Christmas pageant over a series of Sundays. The older children also take an annual service trip, which in recent years has included such missions as assisting victims of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

Macalester-Plymouth is noted for its work in social justice and its strong musical programming, according to the Reverend Heidi Vardeman, the church's senior pastor since 2001. "We're a highly educated congregation that's not afraid to delve into the issues of the day, be it education, human rights, politics or theology," she said. "At the same time, we're not a stuffy crowd. We have a strong youth program with many young families."

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Food

History on tap

Pub crawls kick off with visit to West End watering holes

BY FRANK JOSSI

From the soldiers at Fort Snelling who once warded off boredom, mosquitoes and freezing temperatures with illicit liquor from civilian stills in Old Rum Town across the river, to the caves downstream that were once used to refrigerate beer, the history of the city of St. Paul is steeped in alcoholic spirits.

The Minnesota Historical Society intends to tap into the importance not only of libations in the city's past, but the role that saloons and bars have played as gathering places in neighborhoods across St. Paul. The society is sponsoring a series of three History Pub Crawls this summer, starting at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, on the West End. On July 9, the tour will move to the tavern scene in downtown St. Paul, and on August 6 to Summit Hill and Ramsey Hill.

Each tour will embark with a trolley ride from the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd., to three different bars in those neighborhoods, with boarding beginning at 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$25. Drinks are extra, but the bars along the routes are expected to have drink specials available for pub crawlers. Participants (ages 21 and older only) need to bring a picture ID. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 651-259-3015.

The tours will be led by Shawn Hoffman, a tour guide with the History Center. Pub crawl participants will learn of the city's history on the trolley and on the sidewalks, but not in the bars, where they will have a

chance to mingle and imbibe, said Danielle Dart, public program associate with the History Center.

"We assume many of the people attending will be history buffs coming to hear the stories of these neighborhoods," she said. "It'll be a great opportunity for learning about the city. But we want people to bring along their friends and be prepared to meet some new ones."

The idea for the History Pub Crawls arose when History Center staffers were discussing what makes St. Paul unique. The strength and distinctiveness of the city's neighborhoods were brought up, as were their gathering places, including churches, parks and pubs.

"When we looked at other cities like St. Paul that have a very organic history, such as Chicago and Boston, we found they all have pub crawls that looked at the histories of their neighborhoods," Dart said.

The "Workin' the West End" tour will include stops at Mancini's, McGovern's and the Glockenspiel, accompanied by a discussion of the neighborhood's rich heritage. (Stops for the July and August tours will be announced at a later date.) When the city first began licensing liquor establishments in the 1850s, between 30 and 40 percent of the applicants came from the West End, Dart said.

Part of the reason stems from the fact that Fort Road is the city's oldest street. Pierre "Pig's Eye" Parrant, one of the city's fabled founders, first set up shop near Fort Snelling to sell whiskey to the soldiers, a business that soon attracted competition from fur-trading Canadians, Dart



Pictured above are the denizens of a tavern on West 7th Street east of Randolph Avenue (possibly the Michael Leirich Saloon) circa 1900. At right is a photo of the Brass Rail Bar (now McGovern's Pub) at 225 W. 7th St.

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said. However, alcohol consumption spawned a host of problems at the fort, and Parrant and the others were evicted from the federal land on which they had been squatting and were pushed downriver toward today's Upper Landing, she said.

The West End bluffs also featured several caves that could cool beer before commercial refrigeration was available. Many early bars would brew their own beer and store it in caves, Dart said. The last remnant of the West End's once vibrant brewing industry is the former Schmidt Brewery, which is now being eyed for commercial and residential redevelopment.

Though many St. Paulites call the city an Irish town, the largest immigrant population, then and now, were Germans, who were culturally



inclined toward beer production and consumption, Dart said.

Dart carefully selected the bars that the West End pub crawlers will visit. "I chose these three places because of the buildings, the location of the restaurants and their connections to local history," she said. "With Mancini's you have a family restaurant started by Nick Mancini that has been a fixture in the community for decades. The Glockenspiel, though much newer, is in an old building with a cultural gathering hall on

the second floor and a rich history." McGovern's, once the Brass Rail, also has been a local meeting place for decades in the Seven Corners neighborhood, she said.

Mixing alcohol with just about anything has the potential for problems, but Dart is not worried because the tours are unlikely to attract a heavy-drinking crowd.

"The history comes first and the drinks are just part of the fun," she said. "We want people to enjoy every aspect of the History Pub Crawl."



A bowl of strawberries with sugar and cream.

PHOTO BY JANET HOSTETTER

First love of summer: Strawberries

Doubtless, God could have made a better berry, but doubtless God never did.

—William Allen Butler

The Cherokee have a myth that links human harmony and the order of the universe to the sight of a single, perfect strawberry. Much abbreviated, the legend goes like this:

The Creator wanted a companion with whom to share His world, and so created First Woman. Suspecting that she could use some human company, He then created First Man. Both the Creator and First Man were enchanted by First Woman, but they were perplexed—and more than a little distressed—by her boundless energy and insatiable curiosity.

Despite their admonitions, First Woman scrambled up to the very top of the Tree of Life. She poked around in forbidden places, and her questions never ceased: "Who named the plants? What makes the tree shine? Who created the underworld?"

First Woman's reluctance to be dissuaded wrought considerable havoc and caused the Earth to take on its present configuration, but we'll skip the geological details. First Man and First Woman had a blow-out argument, after which she was moved to proclaim, "You are lazy and pay no attention to me. I am



Home Fires By Jo Marshall

going to find another place to live."

With that, she packed her belongings and set off with the power-walker briskness that can be achieved only by a woman scorned.

First Man reflected on his situation. He began to feel remorse and set out to apologize, but no matter how fast he ran, she had put too much distance between them. His legs were no match for her will.

Desperate, First Man beseeched the Creator for help, pleading: "Slow her down so I can tell her how much she means to me!"

The Creator saw how fast First Woman was walking. In an attempt to slow her down, He began setting tempting plants in

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her path. He tried blackberries. He tried huckleberries. He tried currants. But she continued at a speedy clip.

Reluctantly, the Creator went to His own heavenly garden and plucked a surefire stopper-in-her-tracks plant. He threw the earth's first strawberry plant down before her, and as it landed at her feet, it began to bloom and ripen.

First Woman stopped. She was smitten by the graceful leaves and paused long enough to taste a single berry. The berries began to multiply and grow. She tasted another. And another. As she plucked and feasted, her anger melted away. She brought out a basket that she had packed for her journey, and as she collected the shiny red fruit, her heart was filled with longing for her husband. When the basket could hold no more, she turned and headed for home.

Still in hot pursuit, First Man looked up and saw First Woman coming toward him. She was smiling. His heart soared. She placed a strawberry in his mouth. His heart soared even higher. He thanked the Creator for this wondrous gift, a gift with the power to bring First Woman back. First Woman took First Man's hand and led him home, feeding him strawberries all the way.

Admittedly, the myth is fanciful, but it's difficult to overstate humankind's long-standing love affair with the strawberry. And even now, when strawberries shipped in from who knows



Strawberries on the vine almost ripe for the picking. PHOTO BY JANET HOSTETTER

where are available in the dead of winter, the sight of the first local berries in June still have the power to stop us dead in our tracks and pick up a quart or two or three.

We thank the Creator and head home smiling, with romantic thoughts about how and with whom we might enjoy them.

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Romancing the berry

To some, it's a sacrilege to do anything with prime, in-season strawberries other than eat them straight up, teasing them off the stem with your teeth and savoring every bite. But for those who want to embellish these edible treasures, there is a dizzying array of options. Shortcakes, pies, tarts, trifles and bowls of sweetened strawberries topped with dollops of fresh whipped cream are all marvelous choices. My current preference is to marry two summer loves—strawberries and homemade ice cream—in one coolly indulgent dish. I've tested several recipes. Here's one that I love for its simplicity of preparation and flavor.

Strawberry Ice Cream

- 1 pound strawberries
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup cream
- 1/3 cup half and half
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice

Stem and hull the berries, and place them, halved, in a blender along with the other ingredients. Process until smooth. Place in an ice cream freezer according to the manufacturer's directions.

—Jo Marshall

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On the Town

Look homeward

Hasse records the ebb and flow of her middle years in 'Milk and Tides'

BY BOB GILBERT

It has been 20 years since Margaret Hasse's last collection of poetry was published. However, the St. Paul writer who has been recognized as a voice of her generation in two recent anthologies of Minnesota poetry now has a new collection, *Milk and Tides*.

In her new book, Hasse reflects on the gratitude she feels for the domestic turn her life has taken since releasing her critically acclaimed collections *Stars Above, Stars Below* and *In a Sheep's Eye, Darling*.

Family life came relatively late for Hasse. She married at the age of 38 and, with husband Dave, adopted two boys, William and Charlie, the strapping teenagers with whom they now share their home in Macalester-Groveland.

"There's always a sense of loss with adoption," Hasse said. "But some people don't quite get how making a family through adoption can be as fulfilling as genetic children. It involves the same love and the same involvement."

She describes the experience in her poem "Marking Him":

*Sometimes I press my nose
to the glass of that place
where a mother and my child
belong to each other;
I cannot imagine coming
between them.*

*But then I want to lick him all over
with a cow's thick tongue,
to taste him and mark him as mine
so if the other mother returns,
she will refuse her handled calf
smeared with my smell.*

The literary stock of love poems between a wife and husband after 21 years of marriage is fairly meager. Hasse adds to it with *Milk and Tides*. In "Giving Blood," she writes of the second thoughts she had about donating blood after imagining the long needle, rubber tourniquet and plastic bag filling with her beet-red blood:

*I don't want to do it, I whine to my husband
who doesn't tease or advise cancellation.
Why don't I go instead? he offers.
Returned from my appointment he kept,
I feed him tenderloin steak, I rub his back,
I cannot do enough for him.
He says: Sweetheart, don't worry,
I'll always bleed for you.*

"I have a leaning towards poems that are accessible," Hasse said. "I don't think you should have to keep grilling a poem about what it means. You should live with it like a friend."

A Vermillion, South Dakota, native, Hasse is one of six children. Her father taught astronomy and math at the University of South Dakota. Her mother was a homemaker who also wrote poetry. One of Hasse's most prized possessions is a volume of her mother's verse titled, *A Skein of Geese: Poems from 1954-1974*.

Achieving harmony as a parent requires coming to terms with your own parents, according to Hasse. Her father died in 1971 while she was still in college, and she never knew him as an adult. It was only years later that she asked herself, "Why did I only think of him as a distant figure?"

In the poem, "A Breeze Bends the Grasses," she writes:



Poet Margaret Hasse at home in Macalester-Groveland. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

*Father showed me the way
to stretch a blade between thumbs,
to whistle a lone note.
He said: "That's it! Good,"
coaching me to climb a scale,
hit high notes,*

*practicing a melody
of happiness
he could not compose.*

*Why did I think all these years
only of how he was distant,
then disappeared,*

*and not of how he placed
his hands around mine
praying with me a green song?*

"There is revelation upon revelation as one ages and has new experiences and new insights into your parents," Hasse said. "You come to a greater appreciation and let more of the positive features in. I think it's even a relationship after they're dead. You keep

having conversations with those presences in your life."

Hasse studied poetry at Stanford University, where she graduated with a degree in English and writing, and earned a master's degree in the same at the University of Minnesota. Following the publication of her first collections of poetry in 1984 and 1988, she went to work as an outside consultant to nonprofit organizations in the areas of strategic planning, fundraising and evaluation.

The poetry of Hasse and such contemporaries as Jim Moore, Bill Holm and Michael Dennis Browne is recognized in the Minnesota Historical Society's new anthology, *Where One Voice Ends, Another Begins: 150 Years of Minnesota Poetry*, as among the state's best between 1965 and 1985.

Similarly, New Rivers Press' new anthology, *To Sing Along the Way: Minnesota Women Poets from the Pre-Territorial*

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Schubert Club serenades summer with song festival

The Schubert Club's 125th anniversary celebration continues June 9-14 with a Summer Song Festival. The six-day musical extravaganza presents five evening concerts, five free noon-hour shows, a free master class and a free Saturday morning family program, all held in and around downtown St. Paul. The schedule includes:

• **"125 Years of Minnesota Music."** Compositions by Dougherty, MacDowell, Foote, Griffes, Libby Larsen, Edie Hill, Stephen Paulus and David Evan Thomas will be performed by sopranos Carrie Shaw and Karen Clift, baritone Aaron Larson and pianist Ruth Palmer at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 9, at Unity Church, 732 Holly Ave.

• **A free master class** in jazz singing will be conducted by Judi Donaghy from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at Landmark Center.

• **"Our Jazz Connection."** Singer Donaghy will join saxophonist

Doug Haining, pianist Rick Carlson, bassist Steve Pikal and drummer Dick Bordoluce in a tribute to the vocal legends of swing at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at the Commodore, 79 N. Western Ave.

• **The music of Dominick Argento** will be performed by soprano Maria Jette, mezzo-soprano Emily Lodine, bass baritone Michael Jorgensen, tenor Vern Sutton, guitarist Jeffrey Van and pianist Sonja Thompson at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave.

• **"A Winning Combination."** Soprano Karen Clift and pianist Timothy Lovelace will perform the music of Britten, Clara Schumann, Rachmaninoff, Fauré, David Evan Thomas and H. Leslie Adams at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at the SPCO Center, 408 St. Peter St.

• **"The Grand Finale."** Soprano Maria Jette, baritone Peter Halverson, tenor Stephen Costello and pianists Timothy Lovelace and Sonja



Thompson will perform the works of Wolf, Fauré, Robert Schumann, Brahms, Strauss and Schubert at 7:00 p.m. Friday, June 13, at the SPCO Center, 408 St. Peter St.

• **Free noon-hour concerts.** The music of Ralph Vaughan Williams will be played in five shows at Landmark Center. Performers include bass-baritone Michael Jorgensen and pianist Sonja Thompson on Monday, June 9; soprano Maria Jette and violinist Young-Nam Kim on Tuesday, June 10; tenor Dan Dressen, pianist Timothy Lovelace and oboist Kathryn Greenbank on



Wednesday, June 11; mezzo-soprano Emily Lodine and pianist Sonja Thompson on Thursday, June 12; and soprano Maria Jette, mezzo-soprano Emily Lodine, tenor Dan Dressen, bass baritone Michael Jorgensen and pianist Timothy Love-



Festival singers Maria Jette (far left), Stephen Costello, Karen Clift (above) and Judi Donaghy.

lace on Friday, June 13.

• **Free family program.** The eight singers of Deviated Septet will celebrate the joys of reading in song on Saturday, June 15. The program begins at 11:15 a.m. at the Central Library, 90 W. 4th St., and will include a fast-paced tour of musical traditions from around the world.

Tickets for the evening shows are \$15 and \$20 each, \$5.00 for student rush, or \$50 for all five. For reservations, call 651-292-3268.

On the Town *Briefly*

Theater

Bulrusher, a coming-of-age story about a young African American woman who can foretell what will happen to others while she remains a mystery to herself, is playing through June 14 at Pillsbury House Theatre, 3501 Chicago Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Marion McClinton directs. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$18, or whatever you can pay on Wednesdays. Call 612-825-0459.

Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure, a chilling mystery by Steven Dietz involving scandalous letters, a kidnapped diva and London's seamy underside, is being performed through June 22 at Park Square Theatre. The super sleuth and his trusted companion Doctor Watson will match wits with the evil Professor Moriarty beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday on the stage at 50 W. 7th Place. Steve Hendrickson, Bob Davis and James Cada star. Call 651-291-7005.

Six short plays by six different theater companies—the Lakeshore Players, Ole Olson on Stage, the Prime Time Players, Silly Putty Productions, the Talent Center, and Vintage Players—will be performed June 13-15 at the Center for Independent Artists, 4137 Bloomington Ave. S. in Minneapolis. The end of the world, politics and personalities of the perverse, a play gone bad, a play gone missing, killing with love and radio shows lost in cyberspace are among the topics explored in "Ménage a Trois x 2." The curtain will rise at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15. Call 612-724-8392.

Shakespeare's Richard II will be read by all comers on Friday, June 13, in a free program sponsored by the Lex-Ham Community Theater. The event will open at 6:30 p.m. with a pot-luck supper at 1184 Portland Ave. The reading follows at 7:00. No registration is required. Call 651-644-3366.

Alexander Dumas' novel of love, betrayal and retribution, *The Count of Monte Cristo* comes to the stage for 11 weeks of swash-buckling fun this summer. Charles Fechter's adaptation of the 19th-century adventure is retold by the University of Minnesota Showboat Players in matinee and evening



Elwood P. Dowd (Thom Pinault, left) introduces his invisible friend Harvey to the staff of the sanitarium (Phil Hall) in *Harvey*. The Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy is playing Fridays through Sundays through June 29 at Theater in the Round, 245 Cedar Ave. S. in Minneapolis. For tickets, priced at \$20, call 612-333-3010.

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performances from June 13 through August 23 aboard the Minnesota Centennial Showboat at Harriet Island. Peter Moore and Vern Sutton direct. Tickets are \$20-\$25. Dinner, lunch and river cruise options are available. Call 651-227-1100.

Memories of growing up in the Depression, living at Selby Avenue's Angus Hotel, surviving Spam during WWII and fathering eight children while delivering 10,000 others as an obstetrician are related in *Wisecracks from My Father*. Comedienne Leslye Orr culls comical stories from her father's life in the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at Dreamland Arts, 677 N. Hamline Ave. Tickets are \$5.00 to \$10 or whatever you can pay. For reservations, call 651-645-5506.

Rent, the Tony Award-winning musical about being young, falling in love and finding

your voice, returns to the Ordway June 17-22. The curtain will rise at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. Saturday and 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. For tickets, call 651-224-4222.

Music

Music in the Parks, a free series sponsored by the city of St. Paul, continues with shows at 7:00 p.m. at the Como Lakeside Pavilion unless otherwise noted. The schedule includes: Sumunar Gamelan and Dance Ensemble, June 4; Minneapolis Police Band, June 5; Pops Ensemble, 3:00 p.m. on June 8; Shoreview North Lights Variety Band, June 8; Brandy Runyon & the Mirabelles, noon on June 9 in Rice Park; Minneapolis Police Swing Band, June 9; Alison Scott,

noon on June 10 in Rice Park; Cold Fusion sax quartet, June 10; Fridley City Band, June 11; Red Rock Swing Band, June 12; Pops Ensemble, 3:00 p.m. on June 15; Calhoun Isles Community Band, June 15; Northern Winds Concert Band, June 16; St. Paul North Star Chorus, June 17; Medalist Concert Band, June 18.

R.E.M. with special guests Modest Mouse and the National will perform at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 5, in the Theater at Xcel Energy Center. Pioneers of alternative rock, R.E.M. is touring the world for the first time in four years to promote its new album, "Accelerate." Tickets are \$45, \$65 and \$75. Visit the Xcel box office or call 651-989-5151.

Stone Temple Pilots, the hard rock band of 1987-2003, has reunited for a North American tour that visits Roy Wilkins Auditorium on Friday, June 6. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. show are \$50. Visit the RiverCentre box office or call 651-989-5151.

The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra wraps up its season on June 6-8 with three concerts under the baton of Scott Yoo. The program includes Copland's Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra, Jeffery Cotton's Elegy for String Orchestra, Charles Ives' Three Places in New England, and Alberto Ginastera's Variaciones Concertantes. The music begins at 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Friday at the Ordway, 8:00 p.m. Saturday at the Ordway and 2:00 p.m. Sunday in the Great Hall of Bethel University. Call 651-291-1144.

Stomp, the eight-piece percussive band that produces a chorus of rhythm on everything from matchboxes, wooden poles and brooms to garbage cans, Zippo lighters and hubcaps, will perform June 10-15 in the Main Hall of the Ordway. Show times are 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. Saturday and 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. For tickets, call 651-224-4222.

Zeitgeist will celebrate 30 years of groundbreaking music in weekend concerts June 13-22 at Studio Z, 275 E. 4th St. On the first weekend, the quartet will resurrector three works from its early years—"Salome's Excellent Extension" by Terry Riley, "Wails" by Frederic Rzewski and "Music For" by John Cage. Former Zeitgeist pianist Tom Linker will also present a solo set on Saturday, June 14. On the second weekend, the quartet will perform 30 new works by Twin Cities

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composers. The music begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10, or \$20 for the benefit reception and concert on June 21. Children are welcome on June 22. Call 651-755-1600.

The Minnesota State Band, under the direction of Faye Anne Tetzlaff, will present two free concerts in the coming weeks. Patriotic tunes, symphonic arrangements, marches and more will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at Sacred Heart Church, 840 E. 6th St.; and at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, at the Lake Harriet Band Shell in Minneapolis.

The 17th-century compositions of Giovanni Kapsberger will be performed on Saturday, June 14, by soprano Carrie Henneman Shaw and lutenist and chitarrone player Phillip Rukavina. The music begins at 7:30 p.m. at Messiah Episcopal Church, 1631 Ford Pkwy. Admission is by donation, and \$10 is suggested. Call 651-699-1808.

The music of Johann Sebastian Bach will be featured in two free programs on June 14 and 15 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 3045 Chicago Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Part of the second annual BachTage, the programs include an all-Bach concert with organist David Cherwien, harpsichordist Layton James, flutist Immanuel Davis and violinist Leah Gayle Nelson at 4:30 p.m. Saturday; and an evening prayer service with two Bach cantatas performed by a community choir under the direction of the Minnesota Chorale's Kathy Saltzman Romey at 4:00 Sunday. Call 612-827-5919.

Exhibits

"The Lion's Mane," surprising facts about the true purpose of a lion's mane and its role in attracting a mate, are presented by University of Minnesota researchers Craig Packer and Peyton West in an exhibit running through July 27 at the Bell Museum of Natural History, 17th and University avenues in Southeast Minneapolis. Admission is \$5.00, \$3.00 for seniors and children ages 3-16, and free to children under age 3 and to everyone else on Sundays. Call 612-624-7083.

"Blooming Butterflies," a 3,000-square-foot butterfly garden filled with a variety of tropical annual and perennial plants and hundreds of butterflies, will be displayed June 6 through September 7 at the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory. Shaped like a caterpillar, the exhibit will demonstrate the interdependency of butterflies and plants.

The balmiest, greenest, most summer-inspired imagery from its Scandinavian collection, "Midsommarsdag" is being displayed through June 30 at the Water and Oil Art Gallery, 506 Kenny Road in St. Paul's

Payne-Phalen neighborhood. An opening reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres will be held from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, June 14. Included are Norwegian landscapes by local artists Gary Christenson and Ted Johnson. Admission is free. For gallery hours, call 651-774-2260.

Books

Common Good Books, 165 N. Western Ave., will present free readings by the following authors: Louise Erdrich from her new novel, *The Plague of Doves*, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at the Virginia Street Swedenborgian Church, 170 N. Virginia St.; Bill Watkins from *The Once and Future Celt* at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 8, upstairs at Nina's Coffee Cafe; Geoff Herbach from his novel, *The Miracle Letters of T. Rimberg*, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12; local mystery writer M.E. Smith from his medical thriller, *Trails: The Risk/Benefit Ratio* at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 13, at Nina's; David Wroblewski from his novel, *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 16. Call 651-225-8989.

Judy Blume, author of the novels *Wifey*, *Smart Women* and *Summer Sisters* and such young adult fare as *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret* and *Forever*, will converse with host Kerri Miller on Thursday, June 12, about her latest collection of stories, *Cool Zone with the Pain and the Great One*. The "Talking Volumes" program will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Fitzgerald Theater, 10 E. Exchange St. Tickets are \$15. Call 651-290-1221.

The life and work of Irish writer James Joyce will once again be celebrated in June with a reading from his novel *Ulysses* in a free program sponsored by the Bloomsday Society. The 23rd annual Bloomsday celebration will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 16, at the University Club, 420 University Ave., the actual day on which *Ulysses* is set. Readers include writer and photographer Michael Bayly, poet and actress Molly Culligan, Irish singer and dancer Sister Brigid McDonald, poet and *New Hibernian Review* editor Jim Rogers, guitarist and singer Michael Zieghan and writer and Bloomsday Society founder Donal Heffernan. A cash bar and dinner are available. Call 651-222-1751.

Family

The Bell Museum of Natural History, 17th and University avenues in Southeast Minneapolis, will present a program for preschoolers on insects and spiders from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 5. Wolves, coyotes, foxes and dogs are the subject of the drop-in Nature Play program from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 14. Both programs are free with museum admission,

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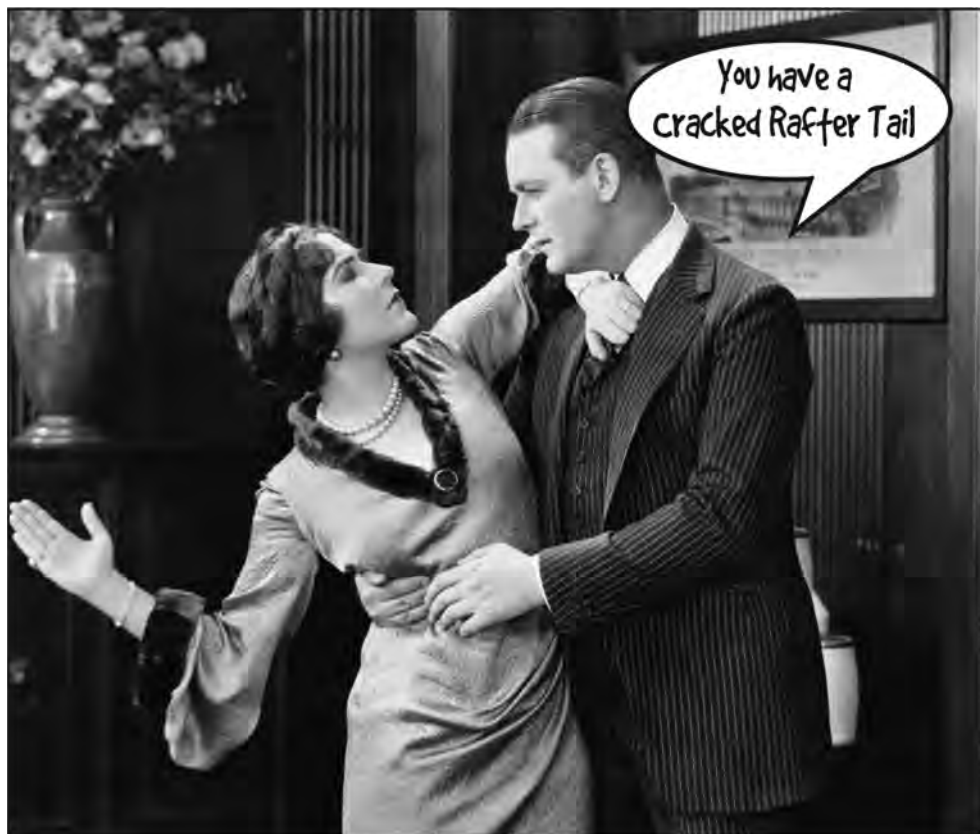
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The music of American composers Charles Ives and Alberto Ginastera will be explored at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 7, in a family program presented by the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at the Ordway. "The Sound of America" will also feature the local Mouldy Figs Trio performing an American folk song medley on banjo, washboard and bass. Tickets are \$13-\$18. Call 651-291-1144.

Sixty-five million years after their extinction, 15 dinosaurs return to earth in "Walking with Dinosaurs," a life-size lesson in natural history that is being offered June 11-15 at the Xcel Energy Center. Among the 10 species of ancient reptiles represented in the 90-minute show are tyrannosaurus rex, plateosaurus, liliensternus, stegosaurus, allosaurus, torosaurus, utahraptor and the largest, a 36-foot-high and 56-foot-long brachiosaurus. The dinosaurs' evolution and the climatic and tectonic changes that took place during their 200-million-year reign are also depicted. Oceans form, volcanoes erupt, a forest catches fire and a massive comet strikes the earth, blotting out this ancient life form. Show times are 7:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Friday; 11:00 a.m., 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Saturday; and 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$29.50 to \$74.50. Call 651-989-5151.

Zip the Chipmunk and Gus the Raccoon plan a big surprise for Dad in "The Stuffed Animal Father's Day Show. The interactive theater for children age 3 and older will be presented by actress Leslie Orr and her daughter Naaja Mistry on June 14 and 15 at Dreamland Arts, 677 N. Hamline Ave. Show times are 11:00 a.m. Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$5.00 to \$10 or whatever you can pay. Stuffed animals are admitted free of charge, and cameras are welcome. A

pint-sized tea party for all stuffed animals will follow each 45-minute performance. For reservations, call 651-645-5506.

Film

The Rocky Horror Picture Show, featuring the cult film of the 1970s and a live side show by actors from Transvestite Soup, will be presented at 11:00 p.m. every other Saturday from June 7 through September 20 at the Mounds Theatre, 1029 Old Hudson Road. Tickets are \$7.00. Call 651-772-2253.

The Traces Center in Landmark Center will hold a free reception and luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 12, where it will show six documentary films made by local girls and women that address what it is like growing up female today compared to the 1930s and '40s. The young filmmakers and their elderly subjects will be on hand to answer questions from the audience. Call 651-292-8700.

Beetlejuice will be screened at dusk on Friday, June 13, at the Griggs Recreation Center, 1188 Hubbard Ave. The comedy is the first of 18 movies that will be shown free of charge under the stars at St. Paul parks this summer.

Et cetera

St. Paul Sommerfest returns June 13-15 with a riverboat cruise, Emperor's Ball and picnic featuring the best that Germanic culture has to offer. The four-hour cruise on the Mississippi will leave Harriet Island at 6:00 p.m. Friday. It includes a buffet dinner, dancing and the live music of the Bavarian MusikMeisters, the George Maurer Trio and Alpensterne. The Emperor's Ball, a benefit for the St. Paul City Ballet, will run from 7:00 p.m. to midnight Saturday in Landmark Center, which will be decorated to resemble old Vienna. The ball will feature live performances by the Bavarian MusikMeisters, the Kenwood Symphony Orchestra, the St. Paul City Ballet, Alpensterne, the S.G. Edelweiss Dancers, the George Maurer Trio and accordionist Eric Ray. The Sommerfest Picnic with traditional German food, beverages and entertainment and free carriage rides will be held from noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday at the Germanic-American Institute, 301 Summit Ave. Visit www.saintpaulsommerfest.org.

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Hasse will read from *Milk and Tides* as part of "Poetry, Berries and Wine: A Midsummer's Event" beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at Art Start, 1459 St. Clair Ave. The free, 90-minute program will be held outdoors (bring a lawn chair), weather permitting. Also reading will be Erdrich, Roseann Lloyd, Todd Boss and Sun Yung Shin. The mic will be open to anyone who has a poem to read. The art of R.W. Scholes will also be displayed. Call 651-698-2787.

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Sports



The Wright Call

By Dave Wright

Gopher stadium comes with price tag

Sometimes there's a lot more behind a story than the headline implies. For example: Gophers to charge season ticket holders extra for seats in new stadium.

This recent revelation has more than a few diehard University of Minnesota football supporters upset. It seems understandable when you consider what some of these people have put up with over the years. The new stadium on University Avenue will be the third home for Gopher football in 28 years. During that same period, season ticket holders have stomached some of the worst football ever seen in Division I. It takes a lot to erase the bad memories of the Joe Salem era, but a 1-11 record last year, including a loss to North Dakota State, managed to do the trick.

So what gives with the "points" plan that the U recently announced? In a nutshell, the more money you donate to the athletic department, the better the chances you'll have a seat between the 40-yard lines for that first game against Air Force in 15 months. The practice is common in most big-time—and a lot of not-so-big-time—football programs. Montana State, a 1-AA football program that also visits the Metrodome this fall, recently announced a similar plan as part of its stadium renovation. If it plays in Bozeman, you'd think it should play in Minneapolis.

The simple fact is that college sports at the Division I level is an expensive proposition. If Minnesota is serious about wanting to take on Ohio State and Michigan, it has no choice but to up the stakes. If the Golden Gophers really want to see a return to the days when the nonconference slate included games against Nebraska, Oklahoma and UCLA, they'll have to offer some financial guarantees. Games at the Metrodome just won't cut it anymore.

Granted, there should be some way to strike a deal with the 1,000 or so season ticket-holders who've been with the program through thick and thin—mostly thin—for more than 40 years. (And no, a case of Alka-Seltzer isn't enough.) But the backers whom the Gophers are trying to woo—that is, corporations—are hard-to-please folks who cut deals with the four pro teams in town all the time. The decision to move back to campus was the easiest part of the deal. The tough part comes in the next 15 months.

Headline: No bad apples need apply

When Dennis Green rode into the Twin Cities as the Minnesota Vikings' new coach, one of his first declarations was, "There's a new sheriff in town." That bold statement was about the only thing Gopher football coach Tim Brewster didn't say when he was hired last year. It's a good thing, too, since sheriffs who lead a 1-11 posse don't get re-elected very often.

It turns out that Brewster may be the real deal—at least in the discipline department. Last year he booted several

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Baseball hit & miss

Redhawks primed for first trip to state; CDH falls

The Minnehaha Academy baseball team is close to doing something that it hasn't done in 41 years under the leadership of coach David Glenn—make it to the state tournament.

Glenn, who started coaching the Redhawks during the first term of President Lyndon Johnson, is retiring as coach after this season. If that is the case, Minnehaha is on a fast track to give him one heckuva going away present.

The Redhawks (18-4) defeated Minneapolis Washburn 8-3 on May 29 to remain the only undefeated team in the double-elimination Section 4AA playoffs. They will play the loser's bracket winner (either Washburn or St. Anthony) at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 5, at Midway Stadium for the section title. Minnehaha would have to be beaten twice that evening to keep from going to the state tournament on June 12-13.

If motivation means anything, the Redhawks should have plenty. Last year, they went into sections with high hopes, having qualified as the No. 1 seed, but got knocked out early. This year, they are the No. 2 seed and defeated Arlington 15-3, Fridley 11-1, DeLaSalle 3-1 and then Washburn to get to the finals.

Glenn said last year's team had more experience and it was easy to expect more going into the postseason. This season is not the same. "We have a young club," he said. "Yes, I think you could say that we've been a surprise."

The Hawks start only four seniors and one junior, but have been getting the maximum out of its generally youthful squad. Against Washburn, junior pitcher Alex Bruneau (5-2) went the distance, allowing the Millers only four hits and striking out five.

He was backed by a 14-hit Hawks attack. The big offensive force was provided by senior first baseman Peter Winter, who had three hits, including two doubles. Sophomore shortstop Danny Doran keyed a big four-run inning with an RBI triple. Glenn also singled out senior center fielder Jake Scholl, who was hitting over .400 and was battling Winter for the top average on the club.

The Redhawks are batting .300 as a team this year and Glenn pointed out that their steady defense and pitching will make it plenty difficult for any team to keep them from heading to state. He also likes the fact that his team gets a week off before playing the section final.



Minnehaha pitcher Alex Bruneau, left, and catcher Alec Johnson celebrate their section playoff win over Washburn on May 29. PHOTO BY ANNE BRANDRUD

"We'll be well-rested," he said.

CDH knocked out of playoffs

Cretin-Derham Hall, winners of the very difficult Suburban East Conference and losers of only three league games all season, was knocked out of the Section 4AAA playoffs with a 6-2 loss to top-seeded Tartan on May 29. The loss was the second for the defending state champion Raiders in the double-elimination competition. The first was to Hill-Murray 3-2 in the second round on May 23.

Against the Pioneers, the Raiders led 2-0 with only three more outs needed and the team's best pitcher, Jake Esch, still on the mound and looking strong. But Esch, who is headed to Georgia Tech next season on a baseball scholarship, got tagged for three runs in Hill-Murray's last turn at bat, and the Raiders came up one run short in the heartbreaker.

"He threw a good game," said CDH coach Jim O'Neill about Esch, "but they got the hits when they needed them. It was a question of timing. We had a 2-0 lead, but earlier we had a chance to get

some more and we didn't do it."

CDH senior left fielder Dan Tipping described the second-round disappointment. "You have to give Hill-Murray credit," he said. "They got good hits off Jake, and that's very hard to do."

"Tartan hit the ball well against us," Tipping continued. "That's probably the best anyone has hit against us all year. That's a game we'd like to have back, because it definitely wasn't our best effort."

The Raiders headed into sections following a 3-0 nonconference win against St. Thomas Academy and looked to be at the top of their game. Senior Nate Swanson and Esch combined on the four-hit shutout against the Cadets and Tipping had the key hit, a two-run single.

Following the Hill-Murray loss, the Raiders pounded Central 8-1 and defeated North St. Paul 9-2 while working their way back through the loser's bracket. Then they ran into Tartan and their season was over.

"I liked our team and it would've been good to see us go a little further," O'Neill said, "but it's one of those things."



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players from the team after it was revealed they were involved in an ugly sexual assault incident. Last week, he flexed his disciplinary muscles again by dismissing Harold Howell, who led the team in kickoff and punt return yardage in 2007. The only reason given was that Howell violated "academic and team guidelines."

When he came here, Brewster insisted that academics were important. We've all heard that one before, but it turns out he meant it. It may not be as satisfying as going 11-1, but you have to start somewhere.

Headline: No ex-Gophers coaching men's hockey

Technically, that isn't true. Robb Stauber is returning again as a volunteer goalie coach and Mark Bahr is the team's director of hockey operations. However, for all practical purposes next season will mark the first time in nearly four decades that there are no ex-Gopher hockey players on the bench as coaches. Don Lucia, a Notre Dame alum, decided to take former St. Cloud State player Mike Hastings as his second assistant coach. Hastings replaces Mike Guentzel, who walked the plank recently after 14 years of loyal service.

So is this a big deal or much ado about nothing? It depends on what you want from the school. If you believe in the John Mariucci theory that was basically practiced by Herb Brooks, Brad Buetow and Doug Woog, then the answer is yes, it is a big deal. Mariucci believed that Minnesota needed to cater to the hands that fed it—namely local players. Brooks, who played for Mariucci, went along with this idea most of the time, but made exceptions to the rule when necessary. The same was true for his successors. As long as they were winning with the locals, all was fine.

Guentzel had excellent connections with local high school coaches. However, with Minnesota losing more and more high school players to junior hockey—where Hastings has been coaching successfully for the past several years—Lucia

undoubtedly felt the time had come to shuck tradition. After all, if winning is the only thing for football and basketball, why shouldn't it be true for Gopher hockey as well? Why have an ex-Gopher player for an assistant coach if you feel a better guy is available somewhere else? Does Tubby Smith have to put up with these types of questions? (Though last year's player roster for Gopher men's hockey was filled with Minnesota natives for the first time in years.)

It took a long time, but college hockey is finally catching up to basketball and football in one area—coaches are judged annually by their won-loss records and attendance figures. When you have an unexpectedly rough season, as was the case last year for the men's hockey team, somebody has to take the fall. In this case, that somebody was Guentzel, who went out with class and no harsh words.

If the men pucksters rebound next season and the talented incoming class lives up to past performances, the issue of no alums on the coaching staff will quickly fade. However, should the team stumble, it's worth noting that the U of M hockey fraternity is a small, chatty club—and that may not bode well for Lucia.

Headline: Local legend retires

Tim Kiemel's recent retirement didn't make the papers, but it should have. For the past five-plus decades, Kiemel has been playing baseball at some level. In the 1960s, he was a Chicago Cubs farmhand who never made it to the major leagues. When he came back home, he formed East Side Merchants, an amateur team that played 50-70 games each summer. He had a lengthy list of fellow players who were more than willing to take a road trip to Eau Claire for a doubleheader on a Wednesday night. The reason was simple: Tim traveled light for games. Starting pitchers were expected to go more than three innings. There would usually be a relief pitcher or two and perhaps a backup catcher on the bench. If you came, you usually played.

Well into this decade, the Merchants—and Jim Lawton's

U launches statewide tour

With its first on-campus football stadium in 28 years opening in September 2009, the University of Minnesota is reaching out to engage fans with an 87-county statewide tour over the next 15 months. The tour will kick off from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, at the Dairy Queen at 1959 Ford Pkwy. in Highland Village. Fans will have a chance to meet Gopher football coach Tim Brewster. Also on hand will be Goldy, the U of M band, cheerleaders and the Gopher Wagon.

Highland Park team—were consistent contenders in the St. Paul amateur league race and were regulars at the Class A tournament in August. Kiemel, who is in his 60s, stubbornly stayed with a wooden bat long after nearly everybody else went to aluminum. It was only a few years ago that he gave in to age and settled for being the designated hitter instead of the third baseman. Now he has retired, but the team lives on.

Kiemel taught and coached at Harding for three decades. His baseball team won five conference titles before the athletic well finally ran dry in the mid-1980s. The Knights are no great shakes in football these days, but they might not even have a team if Kiemel hadn't stepped in to be head coach for a couple of seasons in the 1990s. Harding's numbers had dropped to dangerously low levels of participation until Kiemel popped in to various East Side playgrounds and convinced some kids to come out. Once the numbers got back to a workable number, he gladly gave up the head job.

Although his baseball days are apparently behind him, word is you can still find the guy playing pickup basketball at Harding a couple times a week. Rebounding and shooting must be easier than trying to hit a curve ball.

(Dave Wright can be reached at dwright53@msn.com.)

Sports Shorts

Walk On, a walking group for adults, will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays, June 5-August 7, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Each participant will receive a pedometer, and other prizes and incentives will be offered. Once a month, the group will take the JCC bus to a walking path outside the neighborhood. Indoor options will be available in case of inclement weather. The cost is \$25 for JCC members and \$40 for others. Call 651-698-0751 to register.

The 2008 Star of the North Games will be held during the weekends of June 20-22 and June 27-29 throughout St. Paul. More than 6,000 athletes from around the state will be in town to compete in 22 different sports. The games will be headquartered at the new Jimmy Lee Recreation Center and Great River Water Park on Marshall Avenue and Lexington Parkway. This year's games will be the first major athletic event to be hosted at the \$19 million facility, which features four gymnasiums and a host of other updated amenities. Registration will be accepted until June 5. Visit www.starofthenorthgames.org.

The Minnesota Lymphomathon 5K Walk will be held on Saturday, June 7, at Lake Nokomis in Minneapolis to benefit the Lymphoma Research Foundation. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by the noncompetitive

walk at 10:00 a.m. Survivors, family, friends and corporate teams will walk in honor of those whose lives have been touched by lymphoma. Each participant who raises a minimum of \$250 in pledges will receive a fleece jacket. To register, call 1-800-500-9976 or visit www.lymphomathon.org.

The city of St. Paul's outdoor swimming facilities, including the Highland Aquatic Center, Phalen Park Beach and Como Pool, will be open daily beginning Saturday, June 7. The city's new indoor Great River Water Park on Marshall Avenue and Lexington Parkway has been open daily since May 24. Admission to all of St. Paul's pools is free when the temperature is more than 100 degrees. Visit www.stpaul.gov/parks.

A sesquicentennial bike ride will be offered by Minneapolis Parks and Recreation at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 28. Riders will start at the Ard Godfrey House near St. Anthony Falls and finish at the John B. Stevens House at Minnehaha Falls. Riders may bike both ways, or bike one way and take the light-rail train back. The cost is \$10. Call 612-313-7793.

Take-A-Kid Fishing Weekend will be held June 6-8 in Minnesota. Residents 18 and older may fish for free during that weekend when they accompany an angler under 16. For information, visit mndnr.gov/takeakidfishing.

Mendota Heights celebrates its parks

The Mendota Heights Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual parks celebration on the weekend of June 6-7. Highlights include:

Friday, June 6

- 3rd Lair skateboard contest at Roger's Lake Park. The contest is open to skateboarders of all ages and abilities. The winners in each division will receive a spot in the finals at the Midwest Melee on August 8-10. Registration will begin at around 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 on the day of the event. Visit www.3rdlair.com or call 763-797-5283.

- Free music and movie at the Village at Mendota Heights. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and bug spray and enjoy music by the Swamp Kings at 7:00 p.m., followed by an outdoor showing of the animated movie *Shrek* at 9:00 p.m.

Saturday June 7th

- 5K Run/Walk at 9:00 a.m. at the Village at Mendota Heights. Awards will be given to the first three male and female winners in

each age category: 19 and younger, 20-49, and 50 and older. The cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 on race day, and includes a T-shirt.

- "Day in the Park" from noon to 3:00 p.m. in Mendakota Park. The day will feature a youth baseball tournament, musical performances, and free youth and family activities. There also will be bicycle safety checks, a bicycle obstacle course, and a USTA-Tennis Block Party featuring a tennis obstacle course, tennis basics and a "Beat the Pro" event. Kids who participate in the various events will receive tickets for a chance to win bikes and other prizes.

- Summer Blaze barbecue and street dance at Mendota Plaza. The barbecue starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by dancing to the '70s and '80s music of Hairball at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and free for children. Proceeds will benefit the Mendota Heights Volunteer Fire Department.

For more information, call the city of Mendota Heights at 651-452-1850 or visit www.mendota-heights.com and click on the What's New section.

Bike with a Ranger programs are being offered this summer by the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. The rides will begin on June 7 with a trip starting at Crosby Farm Regional Park in Highland and continuing through the city of Mendota and the Fort Snelling historic site. The ride will be repeated

on July 5, August 2 and September 6. There also will be watershed rides along the Mississippi River beginning at Minnehaha Park on June 14, July 12, August 9 and 23 and September 20. The rides are free, but registration is required. Call the Mississippi River Visitor Center at 651-293-0200.



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Spartan third baseman Erica Miller gets the throw too late to tag out Huskie Quyen Bui during the Section 4AA softball final on May 27 at Hamline University. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

Spartans sputter against St. Anthony after taking long road to section final

BY BILL WAGNER

The St. Paul Academy and Summit School softball team found itself driving with the gas gauge a little too close to empty in the Section 4AA final against St. Anthony on May 27 at Hamline University.

The Spartans lost 8-2 to the Huskies, which ended their shot at getting to this week's state tournament. SPA headed into the section title game having to beat St. Anthony twice in the double-elimination tourney. It was too much to ask as the Huskies (22-4) played almost flawless ball against SPA (20-7).

The Huskies, the second seed going into the tourney, got their customary great pitching from right-hander Rose Tusa, who notched the complete-game victory and was never seriously threatened. Freshman pitching sensation Sammi Fox was on the mound for the fourth-seeded Spartans, but was unable to close out an otherwise brilliant season.

Four runs in the second inning did the Spartans in. Gina Zurbey's bases-clearing double drove in three of them with a single blow.

Staggered by the early 4-0 deficit, the Spartans tried to put together a rally against Tusa, who didn't seem to lose much of her stuff as the afternoon wore on. Sophomore Megan Leslie singled in the fourth inning, then stole second before sophomore Christiania Miller drove her in with a single to make it 4-1.

The Huskies promptly padded their lead to 7-1 in their half of the fourth, then added another run on an error in the sixth. The Spartans managed to close the gap to 8-2 in the seventh. However, that was it.

The loss left the Spartans, who had bested top-seeded Minnehaha Academy 4-3 to earn their way into the final, wondering what might have been.

"They played like a team ready to do some damage in the state tournament," said SPA coach Bill Ross about St. Anthony. "They're a team that can beat you with their speed and their bats. They showed us those parts of their game today. And they don't make many mistakes. You have to beat them. They aren't going to beat themselves."

Ross pointed to the four-run second as the blow from which his team could never recover. "They had one run in and the bases loaded," he said, "but we had two outs and it



SPA's Christiania Miller swings for the fence in the waning moments of the Spartans' 8-2 loss to the Huskies.

looked like it wasn't going to be that bad. Then they got the big hit."

Nonetheless, Ross saluted his girls for a fine season. He singled out Fox, who showed with both her arm and her bat that she has a marvelous future in softball. "She's come a long way this year," Ross said.

Fox was everywhere in the Spartans' play-off victory over Minnehaha Academy. She pitched the entire game, allowing just five hits, and went three-for-three at the plate, including a home run.

Ross also praised the play of second baseman Olson, who was outstanding this spring. "That's such a tough position for such a young player," he said about the 8th-grader.

SPA defeated Harding 10-0 in the opening round of the tournament and Visitation 1-0 in the second round, before falling to Minnehaha 3-1 in the third round. The loss forced the Spartans to work their way back through the losers' bracket, with wins over Johnson, Visitation and Minnehaha to earn a shot at St. Anthony for the title.

Minnehaha finished its season with an 18-5 record. The Redhawks felt they were playing their best ball as the playoffs approached. However, the Hawks' bats and defense both sagged and Minnehaha ended up on the outside looking in.

The opposing pitching was pretty good, too. Both Tusa and Fox threw brilliantly in their games against Minnehaha. "We lost to some good teams," said Redhawks coach Mike DiNardo. "We didn't play as well defensively as we'd been playing, and we ran into some good pitching."

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