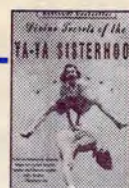


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Highland Park gets taken by storm

Residents tell of a night of terror as destruction hits without warning

by Chris Smith

"There was no warning," Merle Green said. "An incredibly loud screeching whistle came through the front of the house and then it was like the house just exploded. The wind was rushing around like I was inside a vacuum."

Green's story may be the most dramatic, but it is just one of hundreds of stories from the May 30 storm that ravaged a 2-mile strip of Highland Park.

In all, six St. Paul homes were condemned, five of them in Highland and four of those on Highland Parkway. Another 163 homes or garages were damaged in St. Paul and at least 2,700 trees were destroyed. The storm shut down almost all of Highland Village on Sunday and numerous businesses on Grand Avenue. More than 400,000 NSP customers in the Twin Cities lost power, and many did not get their electricity back for four days.

"I've never seen anything like it," said John Griep, an insurance agent who lives and works in the neighborhood. "We've never had damage like this in Highland."

The destruction was wrought by unusually strong straight-line winds on the leading edge of a thunderstorm that hit shortly after 10:30 p.m. The down-rushing wind intensified and narrowed as the storm moved east, at times reaching 100 mph, according to some meteorologists.

It cut a two- to three-block-wide swath of destruction from just east of Highland Village to the bluff above Lexington Parkway before moving on to the West 7th and West Side neighborhoods. Officials have estimated that cleanup, reforestation and emergency ser-



The May 30 storm made a shambles of this former tree-lined block of Highland Parkway east of Hamline Avenue (right). Pattie Maguire (left), who lives in that block, lost her roof in the storm and can now see the sky through her attic door. Photos by Mike Long.

vices from the storm will cost the city at least \$300,000.

Those numbers do not begin to describe the damage to private property along Ford Parkway, Pinehurst Avenue and Highland Parkway, where century-old trees were felled, windows were blown in, roofs were blown off and entire homes were destroyed.

"I was crawling towards the bathroom when the rest of the roof blew," Green said. "Suddenly there was black insulation flying everywhere, wet like oatmeal. I thought I had gone blind because it hit me in the face and then the lights went out."

As Green crouched in the dark in a linen closet—the only place on the upper half of her split-level home that still had a ceiling—she remembered that her cell phone was nearby. She retrieved it while clutching two of her three dogs.

"Lightning was flashing and I could see electric wires and tree branches in the house and I remember seeing some people's hanging pots go flying by," she said. "When I got the phone and got back to the closet,



I couldn't remember a single phone number, not even 911."

After finally punching 911 and getting a busy signal, Green called her sister. "She answered and I was just screaming into the phone that I was going to die, that I wanted someone to come get me," Green said. "The guys who found me said they could hear me yelling from half a block away."

One of those guys was Doug Hanson of Highland Parkway, who had just returned from a day of boating when the storm hit. "We'd gotten the kids into bed and were just unhitching the boat," he said. "The wind was blowing pretty good. Then it got deadly calm and all of a sudden trees started falling. I pushed Ann (his wife) into the garage and I got hit across the back by a falling tree."

Hanson dove out from under the tree into the relative safety of the garage. After checking on his children and determining that his house was reasonably intact, he set out with neighbor Jim Olive to check on others.

"When I got near Merle's house, I could hear her screaming," Hanson said. "I came

running up and I saw a cop running up too. We pulled the back sliding door right out, even though her walls were still flexing. We had to climb over walls to get to her."

Hanson escorted Green and her two dogs to his house, then went back to look for her third dog. "Only then did I realize her whole roof and one wall were just gone," he said. "Her roof had landed on my front yard and two other yards."

Green's brother-in-law and nephew eventually found the dog cowering under a bed. In the meantime, her mother, who lives across the street and had been on the phone with Merle when the storm hit, was taken to the hospital with chest pains, still thinking her daughter had been seriously hurt. It was several days before she was released. She is now sharing her home with Merle.

No one got the name of the police officer who helped Green out of her home. "Our officers were responding fast, helping and then moving on," said West District Commander Richard Gardell.

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City to review Trooien's parking ramp plans

by Jane McClure

Developer Jerry Trooien's plan to build a three-story parking ramp at the northeast corner of Shepard Road and Davern Street will be addressed at a public hearing before the St. Paul Planning Commission at 8:30 a.m. Friday, July 10, at City Hall.

The hearing was requested by the Highland District Council, whose Traffic and Community Development committees will review the site plan at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

The site of the proposed parking ramp is part of the former Unisys property that Trooien purchased 18 months ago for \$4.38 million. Since then, Trooien has extensively renovated the former Unisys building and has renamed it the RiverBank Business Center. The 325,000-square-foot structure is fully leased by US Bank, which expects to have 1,800 employees working there by late fall.

As part of the lease negotiations, Trooien agreed to provide US Bank with sufficient off-street parking for its employees. The proposed ramp would also

be used for Trooien's year-old Park N Jet, a parking and shuttle service for people flying out of Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Park N Jet currently has space for about 550 vehicles on a surface lot at Shepard and Davern. The proposed ramp and an adjacent surface lot facing Shepard Road would have a total of 1,269 parking spaces. About a third of the spaces would be reserved for US Bank with the rest used by Park N Jet. Traffic would enter and exit the ramp

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County OKs more work hubs to get residents off welfare

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners voted earlier this month to open seven more resource hubs—including one that would serve residents of Highland Park, Macalester-Groveland and West 7th Street—to help 10,000 county residents make the transition from welfare to work. Three other hubs are already operating in the county.

The board adopted a plan in 1996 to have 10 neighborhood-based hubs open by January 1, 1999, in response to federal welfare reform initiatives.

Social service agencies, employers and job seekers have been involved in the planning process since last year. The county's intent is to work with a neighborhood's existing social service agencies to provide services at the hubs. Jewish Family Services and the West 7th Community Partnership have been actively involved in plans for the local hub.

The hub for Highland, Macalester-Groveland and West 7th should be open by July 1, according to Gayle Saecks of Jewish Family Services. The location is expected to be announced after the lease is signed sometime this week.

The hubs will offer a wide array of services for job seekers and their families, including job counseling, help with writing resumes, job referrals and drop-in child care. Job seekers also will receive help in arranging for permanent child care and transportation to and from work.

Employers will be encouraged to post job openings at the hubs.

Council votes to not take bite out of block club budgets

The St. Paul City Council agreed on June 3 to waive block party permit and street barricade fees for neighborhood groups that are planning to host events for this summer's National Night Out.

National Night Out, which has been observed in St. Paul for more than a decade, will take place this year on August 4. Activities vary from neighborhood-wide celebrations to smaller block parties. Closing a street for a party requires a permit from the St. Paul Police Department's Community Services Office and barricades from the Department of Public Works. The cost is \$5.00 for the processing fee and \$5.00 per barricade. Public Works typically requires that two barricades be placed at each end of the street that is being closed.

Police and Public Works staff suggest that anyone seeking a block party permit for Na-



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Board wants crosswalk, signs placed on River Boulevard

A pedestrian crosswalk and new signs on Mississippi River Boulevard were recommended for approval by the Highland District Council on June 4. The crosswalk and sign requests have been forwarded to the St. Paul Department of Public Works for its consideration.

The Highland board is asking for signs at Ford Parkway and Mississippi River Boulevard to provide directions for truck drivers headed to the Ford Motor Company's Twin Cities Assembly Plant. Drivers sometimes make a wrong turn and travel north on Mississippi River Boulevard where trucks are banned, according to board member and boulevard resident Paul Heinerscheid.

Of the two requests, the painted crosswalk at Mississippi River Boulevard and Highland Parkway generated the most controversy. Some residents believe a crosswalk will make it safer for pedestrians. Others contend it will take away from the boulevard's rustic nature.

Both requests were forwarded to the district council by the Mississippi River Boulevard Task Force, which continues to monitor

use of the street and walking path, and to make recommendations on signs, law enforcement and public education. A preliminary report of its findings is expected to be issued this summer.

License conditions granted for Merriam Park auto shop

The St. Paul City Council approved additional license conditions on June 10 that will allow MF Automotive to continue operating at 1728 Selby Ave.

The conditions stipulate that no more than 16 vehicles can be parked at the auto repair business at any one time, that all vehicles parked outdoors must be completely assembled, that no vehicle salvage will take place, that no vehicles can be repaired outdoors, that trash must be stored in a dumpster in an enclosed area, that vehicles attached to tow trucks cannot be parked in the public right-of-way, and that no vehicle parts, tires, oil, hoists or similar items can be stored outdoors.

The license conditions also call for several improvements to be made to the property by September 1. The lot must be fenced and parking spaces must be striped on the pavement. A curb cut on Herschel Avenue near Selby must be removed and replaced with a

new curb. Some of the improvements are already under way.

The council also dropped adverse action proceedings that began last January after several license violations were observed by city licensing staff over the previous six months. The city had levied a \$1,000 fine against MF Automotive last year for similar violations.

Business owner Mary Fasching said she will abide by the license conditions and that she has already started to clean up the property. Fasching said she also is willing to work with neighbors and the Merriam Park Community Council to avoid future problems.

Blakey discards proposal to organize garbage pickup

A plan to organize garbage collection in St. Paul has been scrapped. Ward 1 City Council member Jerry Blakey wanted the city divided into five hauling districts in order to limit garbage collection to one day per week in neighborhoods. However, after meeting with garbage haulers, Blakey withdrew his proposal on June 10.

Instead, the council will set up a task force to discuss garbage collection issues. The 15-member task force will include garbage haulers, the St. Paul Association of Responsible Landlords, the St. Paul Fire Department, city property code enforcement staff, district council representatives and other interested groups. A report is scheduled to be sent to the council in October.

Even though a city ordinance requires every property in St. Paul to have garbage collection service, it is difficult to enforce because residents and business owners hire their own haulers. Blakey said the city receives complaints about homes and businesses without collection service that illegally dump their garbage in yards, alleys and other peoples' garbage cans.

Garbage truck traffic in residential areas has been another complaint, Blakey said. According to him, garbage trucks travel through some neighborhoods every day of the week.

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council, which operates its own recycling program, also raised concerns about Blakey's ordinance before it was withdrawn. Mac-Groveland is divided into four subdivisions for recycling and garbage collection. One hauler picks up all recyclable materials and about 80 percent of the neighborhood's garbage in one of the areas on each of the four days. "We couldn't operate our program if everything had to be picked up on one day," said community organizer Kathie Tarnowski.

News briefs compiled by Jane McClure.

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Whiplash Injuries Require Careful Attention

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

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

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

Headache, neck ache and stiffness, pain across the back of the shoulders and arm pain or numbness are the most frequent symptoms which result when nerves are affected within pain-sensitive tissues of the neck.

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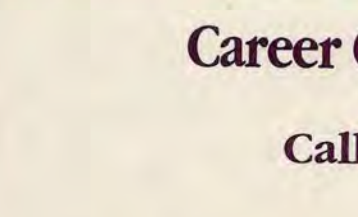
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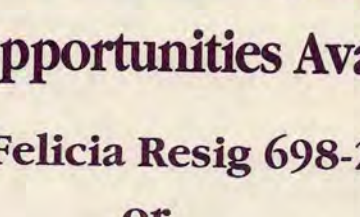
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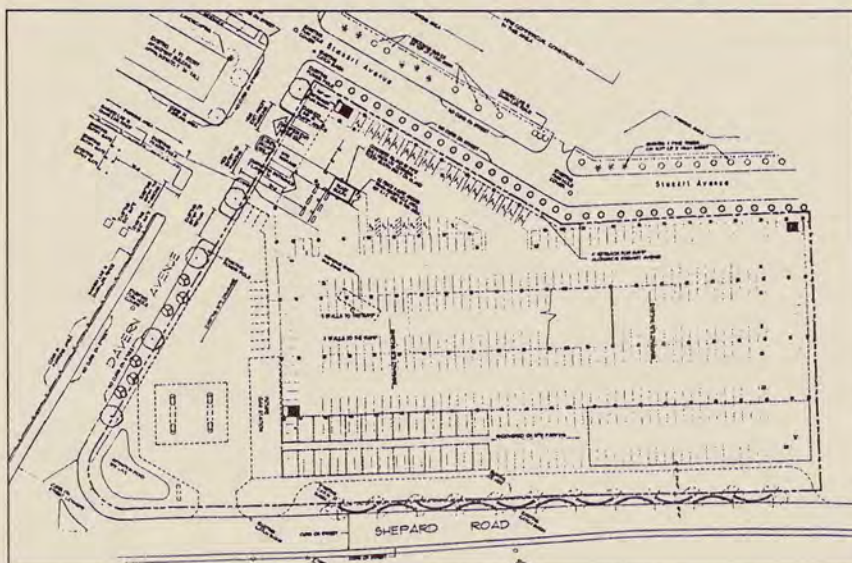
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Jerry Trooien's plan for developing the northeast corner of Shepard Road and Davern Street includes a 40-foot-high parking ramp with close to 1,000 spaces. The ramp would be fronted on Shepard Road with a long and narrow surface parking lot that Trooien eventually hopes to replace with a hotel and office building. The St. Paul developer also intends to build a gas station at the corner.



Shepard-Davern/

from Davern Street just south of Stewart Avenue.

Because the ramp would lie within the Mississippi River corridor, it can be no higher than 40 feet. Trooien said the ramp's facade will match the new facade of the RiverBank Business Center. According to him, vehicles parked in the ramp will not be visible from the outside.

Trooien's long-range plans are to construct a hotel and office building on the Shep-

ard Road side of the ramp, where the surface parking lot would be initially. A gas station also would be built on the northeast corner of Shepard and Davern. However, Trooien has asked that the site plan review address only the parking ramp and surface lot, not the future development.

Trooien's property is zoned for industrial use, so no zoning change or special permit is required for the ramp. However, the prospect of adding that many parking spaces in an area that already has several airport-related auto parking and rental facilities has some local residents concerned. Some of them have estimated that as many as 3,200 vehicles a day drive in and out of the Shepard-Davern neighborhood.

"We're sensitive to the issues in the neighborhood," Trooien said. "We've got millions of dollars invested here and we want to make the parking ramp as aesthetically pleasing as possible. We believe it'll be much more attractive than the parking lot that's already there."

Site plan reviews are normally handled by the city's Zoning Division with input from other city departments. According to Tom Beach of the city's zoning staff, the ramp's potential impact on the surrounding neighborhood justifies the Planning Commission's involvement.

Beach cited the Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan as another reason for the site plan review. A Small Area Plan approved in 1993 and a second plan that is currently being drafted include recommendations on building design and land uses that should be considered, he said.

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Early report leans toward busway for Riverview Corridor

Low ridership projections, high construction costs suggest officials may steer clear of light rail in St. Paul

by Jane McClure

The first phase in a study of the proposed Riverview Corridor, released earlier this month, indicates that better bus service, not light rail, may be the best way to transport people from St. Paul's East Side through downtown St. Paul and Highland Park and over the Mississippi River.

Projected low ridership and high construction costs suggest that the potential for light rail in the Riverview Corridor is "borderline," according to Metropolitan Council transit planner Nacho Diaz. "Typically, we prefer to see a higher level of ridership for the type of investment needed to build light rail," Diaz said. "The numbers that have come out of the study aren't very high."

Projected daily ridership in the Riverview Corridor for the year 2020 ranges from 7,000 to 15,000, depending on the route and transit alternative. By comparison, an estimated 50,000 commuters a day are expected to hop aboard the \$400 million Hiawatha Corridor light-rail route between downtown Minneapolis and the Mall of America by the time

it is finished in the year 2003. Average daily transit ridership in the Hiawatha Corridor is currently at 19,602.

Diaz said the proposed North Star Corridor, which would link downtown Minneapolis with northwestern suburbs, also has higher projected ridership than Riverview.

However, according to Ramsey County Commissioner Rafael Ortega, light rail in the Riverview Corridor should not be ruled out just yet. He said the preliminary study is only a first look at alternatives for the corridor. A Major Investment Study (MIS) is expected to provide more information on transit alternatives for the area, including light rail. The \$1.15 million study, which is being led by the transportation engineering firm of Parsons Brinckerhoff, is scheduled to get under way later this month.

Dave Nummer, area manager for Parsons Brinckerhoff, said the initial report does provide a base of information for the MIS. However, he said, the initial findings will not determine the conclusions of the larger study.

Last year, the Riverview Corridor Task Force worked with Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority staff and engineering consultants from Stgar-Roscoe-Fausch to review potential transit improvements. The 12-mile route that was studied extended from the Lower East Side through downtown St. Paul and the West 7th and Highland Park neighborhoods, over the Mississippi and on to the

airport and Mall of America.

The study noted the growing problems with traffic congestion on I-35E, Shepard Road and West 7th Street. It also outlined future employment and population trends that could affect transit use. The study projected about a 27 percent increase in households in the area between now and 2020, from 15,000 to 19,000. Jobs are expected to increase in the area by about 15 percent, from 61,000 to 70,000.

The types of transit that were studied included light rail, buses in mixed traffic, buses on dedicated routes, and commuter rail. Here is an overview of the routes and transit alternatives that were studied:

- West 7th Street. This route was not considered feasible for any alternative other than buses operating in mixed traffic due to "severe constraints" created by traffic congestion and on-street parking. The study indicated that transit stations on West 7th could include Maynard Drive, Snelling Avenue, Montreal Avenue, Otto Avenue, Randolph Avenue, St. Clair Avenue and Grand Avenue.

- I-35E. The study noted that buses could use the I-35E shoulders from downtown to West 7th Street and points west. However, the high costs and minimal flexibility of light rail in a freeway right-of-way were cited as reasons to not consider light rail along the freeway. Transit stations at Maynard Drive, Snelling Avenue, Montreal Avenue, I-35E and

Randolph Avenue were suggested.

- Shepard Road. Buses could travel in mixed traffic on Shepard Road or on its shoulders in some places. Lack of space for light rail or a dedicated busway was cited as an obstacle. Access into downtown for a dedicated route also presents a problem. Suggested stations were at Davern Street, Madison Street, Rankin Street, Elway Street, Otto Avenue and Randolph Avenue.

- CP Railroad corridor. Like Shepard Road, the railway was eyed for a busway or light-rail route. Transit stations could be located at Cleveland Avenue, Davern Street, Rankin Street, Elway Street, Otto Avenue, Randolph Avenue and St. Clair Avenue. The route could extend westward to West 7th Street and St. Paul Avenue and then follow West 7th or continue along the existing railroad alignment.

The study noted the problem presented by crossing the Mississippi River at the Ford Bridge or Highway 5 Bridge. Another alternative that was quickly abandoned last year was a new bridge across Hidden Falls Park. The Riverview Corridor Task Force rejected the idea of tunneling through the bluff to connect the railroad right-of-way to the bridge near Cleveland Avenue. High construction costs, the impact to the residential neighborhood and poor connections to potential redevelopment sites were the primary reasons given for shelving that plan.

CP Rail resumes blowing train whistles, much to homeowners' chagrin

by Jane McClure

Disrupted sleep, interrupted conversations, and drowned-out televisions are all familiar complaints in neighborhoods near Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. However, this time the noise that area residents are complaining about isn't from jets—it's from trains.

Loud, repetitive train whistles at all hours of the day and night have prompted hundreds of calls to St. Paul City Hall over the past couple of weeks. Many of the calls are coming from Highland and West 7th Street residents who live adjacent to the Canadian Pacific (CP) railroad tracks, which carry parts to and new trucks from Ford Motor Company's Twin Cities Assembly Plant.

"People are getting pretty tired of the noise," said City Council member Chris

Coleman, who has been looking into the complaints with council member Mike Harris, the city attorney's office and city licensing officials. Though Coleman lives near Cherokee Park, he and other West Side residents said they can hear the train whistles across the river.

CP spokesperson John Bergene said the company put out a general order to stop blowing train whistles in St. Paul two years ago. "We did it in anticipation of the city adopting an ordinance that would prohibit us from using the whistles," he said.

The City Council discussed an ordinance to ban train whistles in 1996 after receiving complaints from West 7th and East Side neighborhoods. However, the ordinance was set aside because of concerns that federal law would supersede the local ordinance. Federal law requires whistles to be sounded as trains

approach any of the 96 at-grade railroad crossings in the city. Failure to blow the whistle can result in a \$20,000 fine against the engineer.

"The minute we found out that there was no St. Paul ordinance, we resumed blowing the whistles," Bergene said. "There are liability issues that have to be considered." Even at railroad crossings with stop arms, he said, motorists sometimes try to drive around to beat the trains.

The federal law pre-empts cities from passing ordinances that ban whistles. However, the U.S. Department of Transportation does give cities the option of establishing quiet corridors along railroad tracks if other measures are taken to improve the safety at railroad crossings.

Bergene said CP Rail honors local ordinances that prohibit the blowing of train

whistles. "Minneapolis has such an ordinance and we expected St. Paul would do the same," he said.

However, a St. Paul City Council research study in 1996 indicated that CP Rail has challenged other Minnesota cities when they have tried to enact such ordinances. Goodview, Winona and Plymouth all passed ordinances banning the use of train whistles at at-grade crossings. Goodview even had the city's police chief write a ticket to an offending engineer, but the case was dismissed because federal law was found to hold sway over the local ordinance.

Harris and Coleman are planning to introduce a train noise ordinance before the council on Wednesday, June 17. The ordinance will have to go through a series of four readings. A public hearing is not likely to be scheduled until at least July.

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In the wake of the May 30th storm

We had hoped by the time this issue of the *Villager* went to press that we'd be able to publish plans for a coordinated effort to replant those city blocks and public properties that were ravaged by the May 30 storm—especially the hard-hit Highland Park area. Despite assurances to that effect by St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman, it was not to be.

In fact, as I write on the morning of June 15, it's not clear who the city's point person is or, indeed, whether one exists. I've had conversations with the mayor, with one of the coordinators of Greening the Great River Park, with the executive director of the St. Paul Riverfront Development Corporation, with the people at the Twin Cities Tree Trust and with the head of the St. Paul Division and Parks and Recreation, and at this stage no one seems to know exactly who is running the show.

We did receive a faxed notice from the Tree Trust about a Storm Damaged Tree Workshop to be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, at the Highland Park Pavilion. Though the notice stated that the Tree Trust, Northern States Power and the city of St. Paul would be sponsoring the workshop, it's clear that the impetus came from the St. Louis Park-based Tree Trust. NSP's role is merely providing the non-profit organization with a grant. Though the notice indicated that a representative from the city of St. Paul would be on hand, no one I talked to in the city's Forestry Section could answer any questions except by reading from the same fax we received.

A tree-planting and pruning workshop is all well and good, and certainly a necessary component in helping people help themselves. But where's the cooperative tree buying program? Where's the get-out-the-shovel effort that could tap the large pool of people willing to help their neighbors who can't physically or financially do the job themselves? Where's the clarion call for volunteers to help replant our denuded public lands? Where's the creative fund-raising scheme to help pay for more or bigger trees than would otherwise be bought? Where's the information that people need right now to begin recovering what was so violently and tragically taken from them?

A tremendous opportunity for people helping people—or what neighborhood activists like to call "community building"—will be squandered if the ball isn't picked up soon.

What Nature taketh...

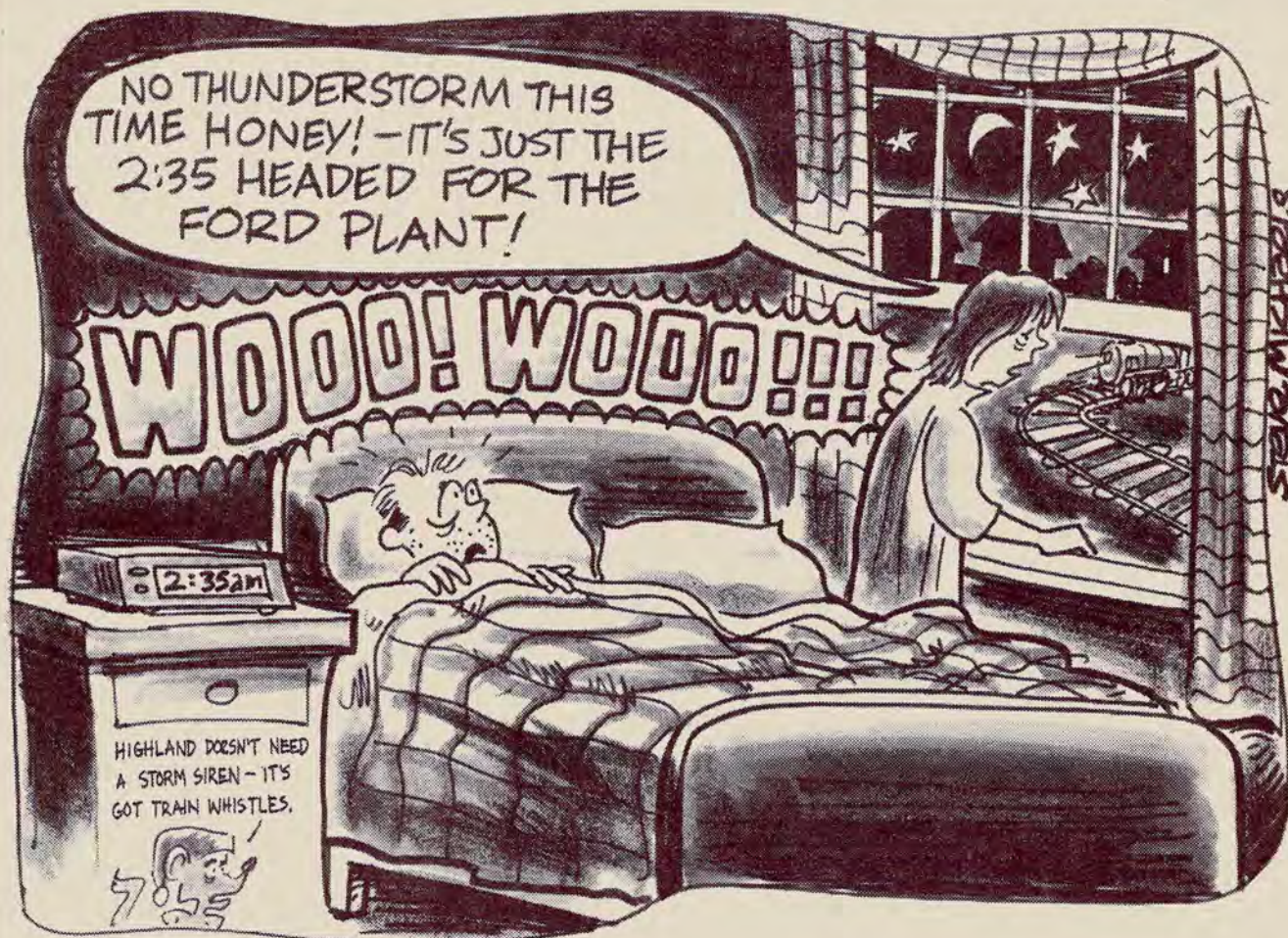
Not all that goes down in a storm is regrettable. Take the seven billboards in Highland Village and on West 7th Street that sustained sufficient damage that staff from the city's Office of License Inspections and Environmental Protection were recently called out to assess whether or not the billboards may be legally replaced.

Five of those billboards sustained structural damage, which requires a permit if they are to be repaired. However, the repair must comply with St. Paul's legislative code, which states that "should such sign or sign structure be destroyed by any means to any extent of more than 51 percent of its replacement cost, it shall not be reconstructed except in conformity with the provisions of this chapter."

That means that if a billboard sustains damage greater than half its replacement cost and it's located within a special sign district such as Highland Village, it must be removed—permanently.

Two other billboards—one in Highland Village and one on Grand Avenue (another special sign district)—lost their sign panels but were structurally intact. By law, sign panels may be replaced without a permit. However, because billboards without a display area are considered "unsightly," they must be reposted or the sign structure removed within 15 days. It's been 16 days now. Guess what?

Leaving aside the curious aesthetic sensibilities that would regard a billboard without a sign as more unsightly than a billboard with a sign, it's possible that what the May 30 storm took away from us in fewer trees, it gave back to us in the form of fewer billboards.



Storm brought out best and worst of people

To the editor:

We survived the storm of May 30, but not without the help of our neighbors, the city of St. Paul, NSP, the American Red Cross and various public safety organizations. It was frightening to wake up on Sunday morning and find 60-year-old trees crushing homes, garages and cars. Fortunately, there were no injuries.

Early Sunday morning the cleanup began. Rakes, brooms and a portable coffee pot were in evidence. The NSP trucks and the police arrived to offer their support and services. Our mayor and police chief toured the area and assured the residents that our streets would be cleared in 12 hours. The city came through. Our streets were cleared and power was restored to many homes.

Overall, the experience had us running through many emotions. The feelings of shock and gratitude were deeply felt. As Sunday wore on, another emotion surfaced. It was anger. Hundreds of people decided to tour our blighted area. It wasn't with rakes and brooms. They came to gawk. People walked across lawns and climbed over downed trees to see our loss. It's interesting how bad fortune brings out the best and the worst in human nature.

My thanks go out to neighbors, the city tree workers and cleanup crews, NSP and all the police officers who secured our neighborhood. I can only hope this never happens again.

T. Paul
Highland Park

Education outside Capitol Hill

To the editor:

Regarding the article from the May 20 *Villager* that discusses possible changes in the Capitol Hill Magnet School testing procedure for gifted and talented students, the following quote from the article really rubs me the wrong way: "Waiting until the 2nd grade to identify bright children will leave those children treading water, being bored in school for three years."

Bored? If I were a classroom teacher in the St. Paul school district, I would be insulted. It is precisely statements like this that set up the us-and-them attitude that often arises in discussions of Capitol Hill and helps to reinforce the attitude that Capitol Hill is elitist.

I have substitute-taught in many St. Paul schools and have spent the past year volunteering in my children's kindergarten at Randolph Heights Elementary School. It happens that my daughters will begin 1st grade at Capitol

Hill this fall. The decision to send them to Capitol Hill was made with a good deal of angst. My husband and I believe they would continue to thrive at Randolph Heights were they to remain there.

I know quite a few parents whose children would be or are eligible to attend Capitol Hill based on their ability, but who choose not to send their children there because they are getting a perfectly fine education at other St. Paul public schools where there is lots of good teaching and learning occurring. I wonder how much time the person who made the above comment has actually spent in other St. Paul classrooms.

Maggie Wirth-Johnson
Merriam Park

Follow the shift in school funds

Dear editor:

I was interested to see the article on the change in the state's compensatory funding for public education (*Villager*, June 3). The Site Council at Longfellow Magnet School has been wrestling with this issue for the past year. Our principal, Mr. Scott, has cajoled, pleaded and dug to get fragmentary and contradictory information for our council on this issue. At each monthly meeting, an update on this funding is offered, often with different amounts and uses from those of the previous meeting. According to what information we have been able to obtain, this money is meant to provide supplementary funds to those schools with poverty-level students as defined by their eligibility for reduced-price lunches. According to our state legislator, it is meant to be allocated and spent at the school level, not used districtwide.

The budget we have been given by the school district showed a minor deficit one time, a major deficit another time, different uses for the money and always different amounts. Between 25 and 50 percent of the funds have been designated for programs that might have real value but minimal or no impact on the progress of education at Longfellow. In other words, the money would be spent for Longfellow without the knowledge or consent of Longfellow School for programs deemed necessary for education outside the Longfellow program.

I would advise the parents of school children to demand a full accounting of all funds and an explanation of what those programs are. It is vital for parents to take an interest in their

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children's school and participate in these decisions. The intent of the state Legislature seems to be that these extra funds should be spent at the discretion of the schools, not at the whim of some bureaucrat downtown. Call your school now and ask for information.

Charles Neve
Merriam Park

Editor's note: Mr. Neve is a member of the Site Council at Longfellow Magnet School in Merriam Park.

God as judge and sin as sin

To the editor:

I agree with the Reverend Linda Roddis that God is a dynamic, personal and loving God ("A Joyful Church is built around the image of God's bare behind," *Villager*, June 3). His deep desire is to have a close, personal relationship with each of us. Yet I disagree with her statement that God is not a judge. The Bible speaks of God being the Judge of all the Earth in Genesis 18:25 and in many other verses. The Lord takes sin very seriously. I believe we are to call sin a sin and not condone and allow it.

I do agree that people in many churches and temples have not always handled people's sins in loving ways. They have rejected and hated those who struggle in sin. We are to love others and yet not approve of their sins against God.

Susan Hooker
Highland Park

The Reverend Linda Roddis replies: I also believe that God takes sin very seriously, so seriously that as a Christian I believe God's own Son died as a result of our sin. God's love is so far beyond our understanding that I think we Christians talk more about things that are more easily defined, such as sin and judgment. I have chosen to spend time talking about love and grace. The more I study the Bible, the more I see truth in this statement from the Epistle of 1st John: "God is love."

For years, the church has erred on the side of law and judgment. I know I might be erring on the side of grace. Upon this side I desire to take my stand.

Vision of the 21st century

Dear editor:

The mainstream media are totally preoccupied with whether or not Bill did what to Monica while Americans are about to be blindsided by a global nightmare that will change their lives forever.

Around the year 2005, we will enter an era of permanent resource scarcity as global oil production peaks and begins its inevitable and permanent decline. Oil prices will quickly triple, sending shock waves through the global economy. Oil is used directly or indirectly in the production of nearly everything, so prices for most manufactured goods and food products will leap. In many ways, the next 100 years will look like a movie played backward. As oil production declines, societies will "undevelop," with muscle replacing machinery and bicycles replacing autos. America's standard of living will go into free fall.

Although we have the best politicians money can buy, it's far too late to begin their education now. There is really nothing we can do to protect our families except to realize what's coming and do our best to survive.

Become close friends with your neighbors. There's a limit to how far you can ride your bicycle.

Jay Hanson
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

Art-felt thanks

To the editor:

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council would like to thank Willie's American Guitar, Wet Paint, Liberty State Bank, Zimmerman's Dry Goods and radio station Rock 100.3 for their generous support of our fourth annual Young Art Fair and Battle of the Bands during Grand Old Day on June 7. Special thanks go to Macalester College for its logistical assistance. Finally, we'd like to thank the dedicated judges who donated their time and energy to the event, including Miss Georgia Peach and C.C. Rider from the Twin Cities rock band the Short Fuses and members of the Rock 100.3 staff. We genuinely appreciate the continued community support for our programs.

Lee Wallace, Youth Programs Coordinator
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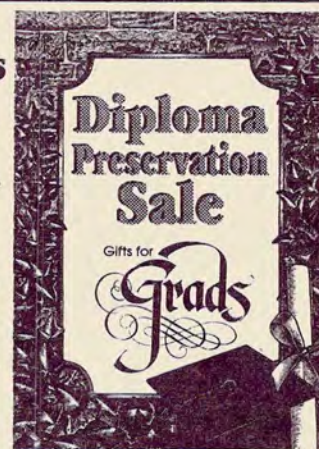
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Storm hits Highland /from page 1

Gordon Glendenning, who lives on Pinehurst Avenue about a mile west of Green, was down the block at a neighbor's graduation party when he thought he heard the far-off sound of storm sirens. "We took down the folding chairs and were going to take down the tables, but it was raining and I said they were too heavy to go anywhere," he said. "Well, their picnic table damn near beat me home."

Inside his house, the storm sounded "like a loud whistle," Glendenning said. "I felt the air pressure change and it howled for about 35 to 40 seconds."

Once the winds passed, Glendenning walked up the street to check on relatives. "I saw trees down everywhere," he said. "Cars were just crushed. I had two large pine trees leaning on my house and a 72-inch round metal table was stuck right into the wall of the house about 10 to 15 feet up."

By Sunday, the shock had given way to the enormous task at hand. "I heard chainsaws buzzing pretty much from the first light," Glendenning said. "People were pitching in and clearing doorways and helping older residents move branches and trees."

"People just came out of the woodwork," said Kevin Maguire of Highland Parkway. "There were people everywhere who were willing to help, so I put them to work. Later on a big group from Circus of the Star, which my daughter is in, came down to help out."

"The neighbors were so tremendously supportive," said Judy Youngren of Highland Parkway. "They came around in the night to make sure I was all right. They were taking each other in and helping those who weren't home to clean up. I knew and liked my neighbors before, but I know and like them even better after this."

Beyond a few items missing from some garages, police encountered

relatively few problems following the storm. "Our officers are trained after the initial disaster to set up a perimeter and maintain order," Gardell said. "They protect the area and allow crews to do their work. We had bike and mounted patrols inside the areas, and many, many volunteer officers helping out."

The way residents pitched in and helped each other is a credit to the neighborhood, Gardell said. Meanwhile, NSP crews worked to repair gas leaks and dismantle live wires and city workers cleared the streets of downed trees.

Dan Coughlan had just started moving his belongings into his new home near St. Leo's Church on Saturday. He finished the job on Sunday despite the inconvenience presented by a neighbor's tree that had fallen across their two homes and ripped out their power lines.

The power lines were made safe on Monday and that evening two neighbors came with chainsaws. "One guy worked in our backyard and one in the other backyard," said Coughlan's fiancée, Amy Benno, who will be moving in after their November wedding. "Over the next four hours or so, I think we met half the block as they helped pull branches to the boulevard."

Annie Hall arrived back at her Highland Parkway home on Saturday night just after her porch was blown away and a neighbor's shed landed on her deck. On Monday, she said, roving groups of high school and college students showed up to help her clean up.

It was several days before power was restored and almost a week before serious brush removal could begin. In the interim, residents made do.

"We took a lot of walks and we went to bed early," Glendenning said. "We were all a little more tired than usual. It was hard to get used to not having an alarm clock or hair dryer or microwave."



Clockwise from top: Annie Hall surveys the damage left by the May 30 storm, which ripped the porch from the front of her Highland Parkway home; Bill Hickey's Pinehurst Avenue garage was all but leveled; and Doug Hanson comforts neighbor Merle Green as they sort through what's left of her Highland Parkway home.

Keeping food fresh was a concern. Those who could, found space in friends' freezers. Others gave their food away. "I'd just bought a summer's worth of bratwurst," Hanson said. "So we had some big barbecues here for anyone who wanted to come."

Hall and her children "read by candles until it got too dark, then we made shadow pictures on the walls," she said. "Everyone was safe and that's what's important."

Green suffered only minor injuries, mostly bruises and some eye and throat irritation from the insulation, but her emotional wounds will take some time to heal. "My doctor told me I'm grieving just like I'd lost a loved one," she said. "I have my good days and my bad days, my sad days and my mad days. I'll never forget it, though. Even now when I hear blinds clicking in the wind, it all comes rushing back in."

Picking up and moving on is taking more time than some neighbors

had hoped. "My neighbor has \$20,000 in damage and the building industry is not even touching it," Maguire said. "It's frustrating because I can't do this part of it. I can pick up, I can clean up, but I can't do the major repairs."

More than 1,800 of the trees lost in the storm were city-owned. About 80 of those were on the two Highland Park golf courses. "We lost 32 trees along the north edge of the 18-hole course," said Vic Wittgenstein, manager of special services in the Division of Parks and Recreation. "They were big, beautiful trees, 100 to 150 years old. They were here long before you and I and the golf course."

City arborists will replant what they can as soon as possible to take advantage of the growing season, but many of the boulevards will have to wait until fall or next spring. In any case, it will be decades before the affected blocks regain their former appearance.

"I used to think Pinehurst was the most beautiful street in St. Paul," Glendenning said. "I could look out my window and see nothing but trees. Now I see the sky."

The city's costs for cleanup and reforestation will be covered, at least in part, with money from budgets that have surpluses, like last winter's snowplowing budget, according to Dan Smith, aide to Ward 3 City Council member Mike Harris. The council has also passed a resolution asking the state and county for disaster relief funds.

Green has vowed to rebuild on her lot. "I lived in that house for 21 years," she said, "and before that I played on this lot as a kid and watched the fireworks in Highland Park from here. The neighbors have changed over the years, but the way they've come out and have been so sympathetic and helpful is a great feeling. It's great to know that they care so much for me and for each other."



City workers left a narrow path through the wood to Gordon Glendenning's Pinehurst Avenue home.



The May 30 storm's narrow path of destruction was all too apparent, as this map of St. Paul shows.

Area businesses, institutions ground it out until power returned

by Chris Smith

The straight-line winds that blazed a trail of destruction through Highland Park on May 30 almost totally shut down Highland Village the following day.

Saturday's storm cut off power to the entire Highland business district and to pockets of homes and businesses as far away as Grand Avenue and Dale Street. The Highland Shopping Center sign was blown down and nearby billboards were ripped from their frames. At Highland Village Center, ventilation units on the roof were dislodged or blown over, ceiling tiles were damaged and about a third of the retail strip's awning blew into the parking lot.

Most stores remained closed until power was restored on Monday morning. "That was the biggest thing for our members—the loss of business," said Barb Ducharme, executive director of the Highland Business Association.

One business that managed to open on Sunday was the Roastery, 769 S. Cleveland Ave. Owner Jeremy Rath lost power at his South Minneapolis home on Saturday night, and when he could not reach his shop's answering machine he deduced that power was out in the Village as well. "I decided to come in anyway on Sunday," he said. "You want to get open anyway you can."

When Rath arrived Sunday morning, he found that Ryan Caulfield, executive chef of the neighboring Highland Grill, had been at his restaurant all night trying to save perishable food. Caulfield agreed to provide Rath with hot water from his gas stove. "So we had water but no way to grind coffee," Rath said. "Then (Roastery employee) Charlie Hencier showed up. He said he had a hand grinder at home."

"It's an old wooden job with the crank on

top," Hencier said. "It used to belong to my dear, sainted grandmother. I went home and got it and Jeremy had me sit out front so people could see we were open. I must've looked like an organ grinder out there."

"It was like a prayer being answered," said Roastery regular Tom Lang, who like thousands of Highland residents had no electricity at home and no way to make a morning cup of coffee.

A line formed outside the Roastery as Hencier ground the beans and Rath poured hot water through a funnel-type coffee maker. "Pretty soon we had customers helping out," Rath said. "They formed a kind of bucket brigade with the water and took turns at the grinder. (Roastery regular) Mary Turk took home three pots worth of beans, ground it and brought it back."

Although it took up to 10 minutes to grind enough for a pot, the customers were patient, according to Rath. "We had people show up with thermoses," he said, "but when they saw how hard it was to make a pot, they did self-rationing."

"It was a lot of fun," Rath said. "Some of my workers were kind of disappointed when we had power on Monday because they wanted to experience it."

At Lunds, it was preparation rather than ingenuity that kept the 24-hour supermarket open. "We have generators that kick on within a second of losing power," said Allan Bohannon, general manager of the Highland store. "But there's only power to the checkout stations and limited lights."

Lunds personnel worked to save the frozen and perishable items while management called in refrigerated trucks. "It'll be a while before we can assess the extent of the losses," Bohannon said, "but obviously things like ice cream and some frozen foods didn't make it. The safety and quality of our product is our

number-one concern in this kind of situation, so we had to discard the questionable items."

Area churches returned to their pre-electric traditions, holding Sunday services by candlelight. St. Gregory's, St. Therese's and St. Leo's all lost power. St. Leo's also lost several trees, a few windows, and the cross atop its roof.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on Snelling Avenue and Highland Parkway suffered more severe losses: eight windows, 17 trees and part of the roof. Still, attendance at Sunday services was way up, according to church administrator Judy Youngren.

"We had 346 the Sunday before and 509 that Sunday," she said. "People were here to give thanks for their safety and to support one another and the church. We had a tremendous group of volunteers here by afternoon to help with the cleanup."

State Farm Insurance agent John Griep arrived at his Snelling Avenue office early Sunday to find the power still on. "That was a blessing," he said. "I was able to access computer records and get information out to my clients much faster."

Griep and his four full-time employees had a busy week, as did the more than 100 extra claims adjusters who flowed into the state in the wake of the spring storm. "Chris Dorle, a regional claims superintendent who lives in the neighborhood, took three of the biggest claims right here on Sunday morning," Griep said. "We were able to get claims started, write some emergency checks and get our clients taken care of. We didn't do a lot of selling that week, but that wasn't as important."

After surveying the damage on Sunday, HighlandBank president Ron Whitcomb decided to create an emergency loan fund. "It's so simple, it's scary," he said. "It's designed to help people get emergency repairs done be-

fore they get their insurance settlements or long-term financing." The unsecured loans carry a 6.5 percent annual rate for a 90-day term.

The Highland Park Library and Hillcrest Recreation Center were without power until Wednesday. Librarians worked into the next day checking and reshelving books that had been returned. They reopened shortly after 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

Though 33 St. Paul public schools lost power during the storm, all were able to open Monday morning for the last week of school, according to school district spokesperson Christine Wroblewski.

Ace Grand Avenue Hardware and its adjacent Ace Rental Place were busier than usual on May 31 even though the stores were without power. "We ran the old-fashioned way—by flashlights and a cash box and writing things down," said Jim Solin, president of the employee-owned store.

Power was restored to Ace on Monday, when business really picked up. "We could've had a dozen chainsaws and a dozen generators at our rental store," Solin said. "They bought us out of pruning saws and rakes, but the big items were batteries and flashlights."

Carbone's Pizza on Randolph was one of the few area restaurants with power on May 31 and it was an oasis for area homeowners who were famished after a day of cleaning up.

Other retailers also found a silver lining in the storm clouds. Wild Birds Unlimited in Highland Village sold many new feeders to replace those damaged in the storm and new hardware for hanging feeders that had lost their trees.

"Yes, we're getting some new business," said Wild Birds co-owner Dawn Graber, "but with all the nests and fledglings lost in the storm and all the trees down, it's a pretty sad time."

Workshop, loans, other help is available for those recovering from the storm

• The Twin Cities Tree Trust, Northern States Power Co. and city of St. Paul will present a storm damage information workshop for property owners at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, at the Highland Park Pavilion on Montreal Avenue and Edgumbe Road. Information will be provided on pruning trees, debris removal, hiring an arborist, finding the right tree, the best places to plant it, and the city's responsibilities in the wake of the storm. For information, call Robert Harrison at the Twin Cities Tree Trust at 920-9326.

• HighlandBank and Midway National Bank are offering short-term, 6.5-percent loans to property owners hit by the storm. The loans are available for up to \$25,000 and are intended to bridge the gap between making necessary repairs and receiving insurance checks. For details, call HighlandBank at 698-2471 or Midway Bank at 628-2661.

• The Highland District Council and Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County are accepting donations to help replace the hundreds of trees on public

property that were lost to the May 30 storm. Contributions can be sent to the district council office at 1978 Ford Pkwy., St. Paul, MN 55116 (298-5138) or to Friends of the Parks at 1621 Beechwood Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116 (698-4543). The cost of replacement trees ranges from \$50 to \$200.

• The city of St. Paul will remove stumps, fill the holes and seed the ground where boulevard trees have tipped over. Residents who want to get rid of the stumps of other boulevard trees can do so through a cost-

sharing program offered by the Highland District Council and the city. To participate, send a check for \$20 made payable to the Highland District Council to the council office at 1978 Ford Pkwy., St. Paul, MN 55116. For more information, call 298-5138.

• St. Paul is continuing to pick up downed trees and branches from the storm. Property owners must drag the debris to the curb. Public Works plans to re-sweep the streets and fix broken sidewalks after the debris is removed. For details, call 266-8989.

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Mac-Grove Tap will only tinker with 'last of the great neighborhood joints'

David and Stephanie Burley, owners of the Highland Grill, needed no introductions to the staff at B.B. Dixon's when they and three partners bought and renamed the St. Clair Avenue restaurant late last month.

"We only live a block away and we were on a first-name basis with the staff before buying the business and the building," David said. According to him, all but two of the former employees are staying on under the new owners; the others had planned to move on before the sale.

"We probably ate at B.B.'s twice a week since moving to this area," Stephanie said. "We've always looked at B.B.'s as one of the last of the great neighborhood joints."

The Mac-Grove Tap, 1834 St. Clair Ave., is the third restaurant for the Macalester-Groveland couple. They have owned the Highland Grill in Highland Village since 1993 and opened the Blue Plate Cafe in Red Wing in 1997.

David, 31, has been involved in food service since his youth in Perth, Australia, where his family was in the hotel and restaurant trade. An armed services exchange program brought him to the United States 10 years ago, and since his discharge he has worked in restaurants in the Bahamas, in Fort

Lauderdale, Florida, and at the Nicollet Island Inn and D'Amico Cucina in Minneapolis.

Stephanie, 27, a native of Lake City, met her future husband when they both worked at the Nicollet Island Inn. Their career paths have led in the same direction ever since. Stephanie was employed as event manager for D'Amico and Partners from 1991 to '93 before the couple bought the Highland Grill.

The Burleys have been joined in the Mac-Grove Tap by partners Paul Bredemus of Highland Park, co-owner of Bredemus Restaurant Equipment; Steve Segl of Highland Park, who works for Bredemus; and Greg Schmitz of Macalester-Groveland, who works in the heating and air conditioning business. All three partners are 32 and former classmates at Cretin-Derham Hall.

David Karon of Highland Park, formerly manager of the Highland Grill, will now manage the Mac-Grove Tap. Craig Hassell of Highland Park, kitchen manager at B.B. Dixon's, is continuing in the same position under the new owners.

According to the Burleys, the gradual changes that former B.B. Dixon's regulars will notice include a new menu that incorporates the best of the old but places less emphasis on deep frying and more on grilling and



New owners of the Mac-Grove Tap toast their new bar and restaurant: (from left) Greg Schmitz, David Burley, Paul Bredemus and Steve Segl. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

broiling. More chicken, fish and vegetarian entrees are planned, and all of the restaurant's meat will be purchased fresh daily from Widmer's Supermarket down the street.

The "neighborhood joint" decor is likely to remain pretty much as is, with the addition of a fresh coat of paint, bigger windows on the north side and new windows on the south. The kitchen equipment also will be updated.

The new owners also hope to approach their new neighbors in the near future in hopes of upgrading the existing 3.2 beer license to wine and beer.

But the biggest change may be in the attention that diners can expect to get from the new owners. "There was never an owner on-site before," David said. "That's going to change. One of us will always be here."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Mississippi Market Co-op, 1810 Randolph Ave., will celebrate its 19th birthday with a free lawn party on Saturday, June 20. Music by Brian Barnes and Mark Bryer will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by games and activities for children at 1:00 p.m. and the breaking of a piñata at 3:30 p.m.

The new Tools and More store in Sibley Plaza, 1463 W. 7th St., will hold a grand opening celebration from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 20. Terri Traen from the KQRS-FM "Morning Show" will hand out KQ prizes and merchandise. Cake and punch will be served. Customers also may register for a drawing for free tickets to the Grand Prix of Minnesota.

Linda Roddis of Highland Park has opened her own counseling practice. She specializes in helping people find a passion in life and improve relationships. A pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka for 10 years, Rod-

dis received a Masters of Divinity degree at Luther Theological Seminary in 1988 and a B.A. in Psychology at the University of Washington in 1981.

Duke Realty Investments has purchased University Crossings, an 83,921-square-foot office building and showroom at the corner of University Avenue and Vandalia Street. The building was constructed in 1990 and is 100 percent leased. The purchase brings the investment company's holdings in the Twin Cities to 51 buildings totaling more than 3.5 million square feet.

Free import and export counseling will be offered on Tuesday, June 30, by the Service Corps of Retired Executives. Appointments are available between 9:00 a.m. and noon in the Minnesota Trade Office on the 10th floor of the World Trade Center in downtown St. Paul. For information, call 297-4222.

Cherokee State Bank has promoted Andrew Gesell to vice president and member of the board of directors. Also promoted were Julie Jandrich to commercial loan officer and Lu-Anne Pederson to teller service manager. Jeff Waller also has been hired as an assistant vice president of commercial loans at Cherokee.

More than 800 Edina Realty employees and sales associates planned to roll up their sleeves on June 16 to help local nonprofit and civic organizations as part of the company's first "Community Begins at Home Day." All told, the volunteers will donate more than 3,600 hours organizing food shelves, doing handyman projects, beautifying parks and basically lending a hand across the state. Members of the Highland Park office will be splitting their time among the American Red Cross, the Dorothy Day Center, and Main Street Health and House Calls.

Louise Ruhr has been appointed vice president of marketing for the Minnesota Orchestra Association. A Summit Avenue resident, Ruhr has extensive experience in marketing and communications, most recently as a con-

sultant for DataCard Corporation and the American Automobile Association. Prior to that, she worked as president of HMS/Ruhr of Ohio, serving such clients as Hormel Foods, Target, Toro and TCF.

Gerald Brennan of Macalester-Groveland has been named treasurer of the Regions Hospital Foundation's board of directors. **Rebecca Enos** of Highland Park will serve as secretary of the 21-member board. Also appointed to the board were **Carole Faricy** of Macalester-Groveland and **Howard Guthmann** of Mendota Heights.

Ryan Caulfield of Highland Park has been appointed executive chef at the Highland Grill, 771 S. Cleveland Ave. A 1995 graduate of Cretin-Derham Hall, Caulfield studied the culinary arts at St. Paul Technical College before being named the lead cook at Meadows in the Radisson Metrodome. He also has worked as a cake decorator for Wuollet Bakery on Grand Avenue and, since age 14, for Sweet Martha's Cookies during the Minnesota State Fair.

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The event will mark the completion of the capital campaign and the renovation and expansion of the JCC building. Larry and Linda Perlman will be honored for their contribution to the new Ruth and Irving Perlman Health and Fitness wing, named in honor of Larry's parents. Longtime staff members who are leaving the JCC will be recognized, including Laurie Kramer, Aliza Orent, Naomi Arnold and Alla Fridman. New board members and officers also will be elected for the coming year.

The unveiling of the Generation to Generation Wall will take place at 5:45 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by entertainment from the JCC's winter series "Intersecting Rhythms." The Blended Cultures Orchestra also will perform.

The cost of the dinner is \$18. The meeting and entertainment are free. For information, call 698-0751.

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Yes! St. Paul is a private job program administered by the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development and the St. Paul Workforce Development Council. For information, call 228-3283.

Corrections

A story in the May 20 *Villager* on a proposed new testing procedure for students interested in attending Capitol Hill Magnet School cited only the number of students enrolled there in grades 1-6 and the percentage of them who are white and minority.

When grades 7 and 8 are included, Capitol Hill enrolled 983 students in the past school year. Of that total, 48.2 percent were minority students. The minority student population district-wide is 62.6 percent. Accord-

ing to state integration guidelines, a school may not diverge more than 15 percentage points from the districtwide figure.

Students may enroll in grades 7 and 8 at Capitol Hill without passing the same entrance exam as grades 1-6.

The Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan Task Force is concerned with the proposed development of the former Unisys property that lies east of Davern street. Due to an editing error, a letter to the editor in the May 20 *Villager* suggested otherwise.

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Popular CDH places premium on behavior to pick freshman class

by Elizabeth O'Sullivan

The waiting list for next fall's freshman class at Cretin-Derham Hall still hovers at around 130 names with few openings expected before September.

This year, the Catholic high school received 528 applications for a freshman class with only 325 spaces. As a result, Cretin-Derham administrators found themselves for the first time unable to accept all qualified Catholic elementary school applicants.

"The hard part was choosing the people to put on the waiting list," said Mary Jo Groeller, director of admissions at the school, which serves approximately 1,250 students in grades 9-12.

Groeller said that Cretin-Derham Hall kept the same admissions criteria as before when reviewing this year's record number of applications, but changed the order of priorities. Instead of giving highest preference to students who attended Catholic elementary schools, who had siblings at the school and whose parents or grandparents were alumni,

admissions staff paid close attention to whether the applicants had been behaving in school and working up to their abilities. To determine that, the school sent questionnaires to junior high school teachers, asking them to evaluate the student's performance in the classroom.

Cretin-Derham also gave priority to "families of faith," Groeller said. She described them as families who were active in religious activities, though not necessarily Catholic. Admissions staff also examined report cards carefully, she said.

Groeller said changing the priority of admission criteria made the school accessible to more families. "It leveled the playing field a little bit," she said.

Of the 325 students who were accepted for next fall's freshman class, 307 are from Catholic schools and 18 are from public or other private schools. (A total of 401 students from Catholic schools and 127 from other schools had applied.) The class also will be composed of 297 Catholic students and 28 students who are another religion. (A total of

444 Catholic students and 84 others had applied.)

The situation has been difficult for many of the families whose children were placed on the waiting list. After Cretin-Derham announced its admissions decisions in February, angry parents began calling the school to complain, saying that they had been planning for years to send their child to the school and had never imagined that they would not get in.

No parents who were contacted for this story chose to comment.

"It was just devastating for them," Groeller said. "It was very difficult for us trying to make good, fair decisions."

Many parents started exploring other options. Some talked to Jim Llanas, admissions director for St. Thomas Academy, a Catholic, all-male, college prep school in Mendota Heights that serves grades 7-12. Llanas said parents told him that they had put all of their eggs in one basket by only applying to attend Cretin-Derham. "And now they're finding that the basket is full," he said.

St. Thomas has a small waiting list for almost every grade. In fact, waiting lists are common at many Catholic schools this year, said Gary Faust, director of finance and development of schools for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. "I've received a number of calls from parents saying, 'I'm on two waiting lists,' or 'I'm on three,'" Faust said.

According to Faust, enrollment in Catholic schools has increased steadily during the past five years. The admissions crunch is particularly acute when students apply for high school. "The pressure becomes higher when you have 89 elementary schools and only 11 high schools," he said.

The archdiocese is now investigating what can be done to alleviate long waiting lists on the high school level, Faust said. According to him, the increase in Catholic school enrollment is being experienced in cities across the country.

No expansion is likely in Cretin-Derham's future. "We're as big as we think we should be in order to maintain our integrity and the spirit of our community," Groeller said.

SCHOOL NOTES

The University of St. Thomas will host "Education and American Indians in the 21st Century" on Friday and Saturday, June 19-20. The symposium will feature keynote addresses by Howard Rainer, administrator of the Native American Educational Outreach Program at Brigham Young University, and Mike Huerth, principal of South High School. The cost is \$20, which includes refreshments and a lunch on Saturday. For information, call 962-5431.

Susan Cobin has been appointed principal of the Twin Cities Jewish Middle School, a joint venture between the Talmud Torah of St. Paul and the Minneapolis Jewish Day School. The

middle school operates out of the same building as the Talmud Torah Day School, 768 S. Hamline Ave. Cobin has served as principal of the day school for the past 12 years. Under her leadership, the school has grown from 20 to more than 200 children. Cindy Reich, a longtime Hebrew teacher and day school division coordinator, has been chosen to replace Cobin as principal of the school. She has a master's degree in Jewish education from Hebrew Union College and is a doctoral candidate at the University of Minnesota.

Minnesota Private College Week will take place June 22-26. Free guided campus tours and informational sessions on applying for college and financial aid will be offered at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. each day at Augsburg, Bethel, Carleton, Concordia-Moorhead, Concordia-St. Paul, Gustavus Adolphus, Hamline, Macalester, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, St. Benedict, St. Catherine, St. John's, St. Mary's, St. Olaf, St.

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Susan Haigh, a Highland Park resident and chair of the Ramsey County Board, was recently honored with the Distinguished Citizen Award from Macalester College. Haigh, a 1973 Mac grad, was recognized for her 20-year career in public service. She also serves on the boards of Regions Hospital, the St. Paul-Ramsey Children's Initiative, Friends of the St. Paul Public Library and chairs the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board for the metro area.

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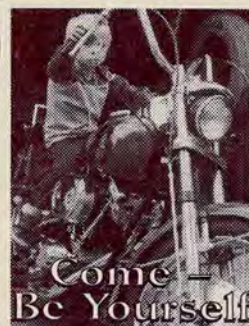
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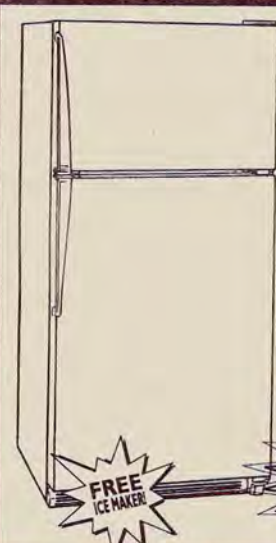
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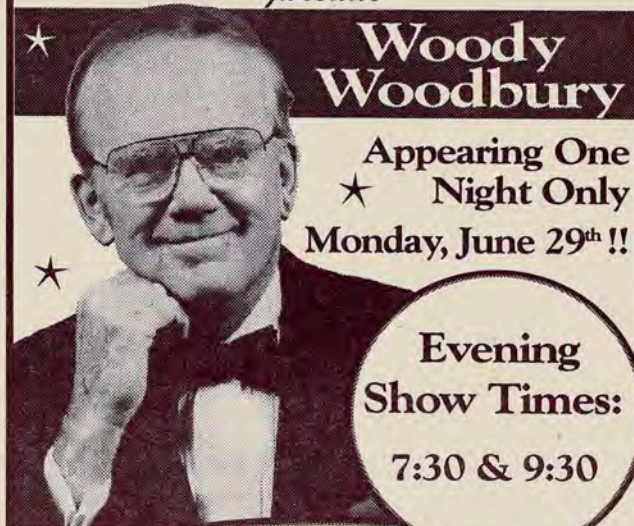
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Linda Warner, with her dog Einstein, shows off the sundial that serves as the centerpiece of the moonlight garden in the rear of her Summit Avenue home. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

Stroll offers a garden-level look at Summit's backyard splendor

by Victoria McCurdy

Credit El Niño or just plain luck, but Minnesota burst forth from this year's mild winter into a glorious early spring. Despite the havoc caused by recent storms, those who stroll down Summit Avenue today can take in gardens that have already blossomed with a riot of summer color.

"The challenge for most perennial gardeners is to plan so certain plants bloom together," said master gardener Marge Hols of 1180 Summit Ave. "This year, however, everything is early and on its own program."

Early will not mean any less beautiful for those who attend the second annual Summit Avenue Garden Stroll. Among other gardens, participants will be able to check out Hols' magnificent backyard, which has been photographed by *Better Homes and Gardens*. Fifteen other gardens, both public and private, also will be on display from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, June 28.

The stroll, to be held rain or shine, will take in the length of Summit Avenue, from the grotto at the University of St. Thomas where more than 2,000 new hostas have been planted to the gardens of the Germanic-American Institute at 301 Summit Ave. The Summit Avenue Residential Preservation Association (SARPA), which is sponsoring the stroll, also has added an English cottage garden on Maiden Lane this year.

Capitol City Trolleys will offer complimentary rides the length of the avenue. Strollers also may drive their own vehicles or walk. Free parking will be available in the University of St. Thomas lot on the corner of Cretin and Summit avenues.

There will be plenty to learn from the grounds surrounding Hols' 1908 home of 30 years. Filled with climbing and shrub roses, peonies and azaleas, the garden spans the width of the property and winds around an attractive cottage-style garage.

Hols said the garden was originally located next door on the property that is now 1186 Summit. Soon after her house was built, the owners divided the lot in half and built a home for their son using what had been the swimming pool as part of the foundation.

"They actually have a room in the basement that slants down to the deep end," she said.

The stroll was the brainchild of SARPA member Sheran Neumann, whose backyard garden at 1487 Summit Ave. will once again be on the tour. Neumann got the idea for the stroll after she and her husband, Dale, attended a similar event organized by the Snelling-Hamline Community Council. She got the blessing to organize the stroll from SARPA, a group composed of Summit resi-

dents that was formed in 1986 to preserve the residential character of the avenue. More than 1,200 people took in last year's event.

"We used the proceeds to purchase seven giant urns for the Ayd Mill Road bridge," Neumann said. "The association donated them to the city of St. Paul and SARPA maintains them. I planted the urns myself with geraniums, cascading petunia, spikes and vinca."

SARPA plans to use the proceeds from this year's stroll to continue the upkeep of Summit Avenue, whose public spaces are maintained mainly by volunteers.

Weary wanderers will find a hospitality tent on the island between Saratoga and Pascal streets. There they can enjoy refreshments while chatting with Merriam Park resident Susan Price, who will be signing copies of her book *Minnesota Gardens*. They also will have a chance to meet garden artisan Sue Petangelo, who will be displaying her ornamental steppingstones made of stained glass.

Those who take in the gardens on the west end of Summit should make sure to take in Linda Warner's backyard at 2020 Summit Ave. Warner worked with designer Monica Flis of Bayberry Flowers to create what she calls an "outdoor living room."

"Monica and I created a moonlight garden," Warner said. "The flowers are all white. My husband and I spend a lot of time out here in the evening. We have an outdoor fireplace and moon flowers along the fence. They open up at dusk and they're huge, like dinner plates."

Daytime visitors also will find plenty to enjoy. The Warners are antique collectors and have incorporated ornate iron gates, trellises and candles from England. Their moonlight garden is elevated beyond a large stone patio and is centered around an ornate sundial.

According to Warner, her home did not have a garden when it was built in 1912. Stables took up much of the backyard, which extended all the way to Grand Avenue.

"I wanted a period feel that would match the house," she said. Warner achieved her goal using period plants, antique fixtures and two Victorian gazing globes that reflect the summer blooms day and night.

All homeowners will be available during the tour to chat and answer questions. Tickets for the stroll are \$7.50 and may be purchased at A. Johnson & Sons Florist, 1738 Grand Ave.; Tracy 1 Stop, 1345 Marshall Ave.; Garden of Eva, 1585 Marshall Ave.; and Squire House Gardens, 1129 Grand Ave. Children 12 and under will be admitted free.

Tickets also may be purchased the day of the tour for \$10 at the hospitality tent, the Germanic-American Institute and one block east of Mississippi River Boulevard. A map will be included on the ticket.

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Gail Voss, a volunteer with Second Chance Animal Rescue, plays ball with foster dog Jenna, left, and her own dog, Rudy. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

Volunteer group gives unwanted pets second chance at finding a good home

by Dave Page

Sometimes the victims of divorce have four legs. That's how Gail Voss found herself providing a foster home for Jenna, a 4-year-old chocolate Labrador/cocker spaniel mix.

"Both the man and the woman ended up in small apartments and couldn't keep the dog," she said.

Voss is one of a half dozen area residents who volunteer to give unwanted pets another shot at finding a home as members of Second Chance Animal Rescue. This is the fourth dog that Voss has taken in since buying a house in Highland Park last January. She got her first foster puppy, a 5½-month-old dachshund mix named Hans, after it had been thrown out of a car window. Hans was later adopted by a young couple with a small boy.

Another of her foster dogs, a 3-year-old spaniel-terrier mix named Katie, turned out to be a hero to her eventual new owner. "Her car was being stolen in front of her house," Voss said. "Katie woke her up, she called the police and they got the guy."

Now it's Jenna's turn to be advertised for adoption.

"It's going to be really hard on my own dog when she leaves," said Voss, who got her dog, Rudy, a 15-month-old terrier mix, from the Animal Ark pet shelter. "The two of them get along really well."

If a permanent home is not found in the next couple of weeks, Jenna will be part of the monthly pet adoption fair sponsored by Second Chance. The last few fairs were held at the Petco store in Highland Village. This month's fair will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 20, at the Petco in Roseville.

Second Chance Animal Rescue was

founded by Nancy Minion and Linda Ahlgren four years ago to provide homes for stray and unwanted pets that otherwise might end up being put to sleep or used for lab experiments. According to Minion, animal shelters typically hold pets for only five days. She said something had to be done "to help animals that have no chance."

Since its founding, the program has given approximately 1,400 animals a second chance by linking them with volunteers who take them into their homes. Second Chance relies on donations to pay veterinarians to spay or neuter and vaccinate the animals. Dogs are tested for heart worm and cats for leukemia. The organization also provides identification tags for the animals.

Once the animals are given certificates of good health, they are delivered to foster homes in a kennel so they can be introduced slowly to the other pets the volunteers invariably have. Food is provided thanks in part to donations from stores like Petco. The foster animals are then rated for personality before being put up for adoption.

Prospective owners, who pay anywhere from \$50 to \$125, are required to go to the foster home to interact with the pet and to pledge to treat the animal humanely before they can adopt it. Second Chance provides the new owner with tips on introducing the animal to other pets and volunteers make follow-up calls to see how things are going.

Although Second Chance will occasionally take in a rabbit and even a horse, the organization focuses primarily on dogs and cats. Minion just finished taking 16 dogs from a man in Wisconsin. "People just took advan-

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Pets get second chance

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tage of his good heart and dumped unwanted animals at his property," she said.

Last year, Second Chance helped place some of the more than 400 dogs that were taken from a home in Blue Earth, where people also had been dumping strays.

Volunteer Jill Foote, a Highland resident and veterinary technician who began working with Second Chance soon after it started, specializes in orphaned kittens. She just finished placing a litter of three in a new home and currently is bottle-feeding a half-dozen week-old kittens.

Karen Futterer, a Second Chance volunteer who lives in the Longfellow neighborhood of South Minneapolis, just picked up a kitten named Trixie who will be available for adoption at the fair unless someone takes her sooner.

Although most of the volunteers have adopted pets themselves, Futterer, who has a cat of her own, has not given into the temptation—at least not yet. "But I'm sure one of these days I'll want to keep one," she said.

With so many pets needing foster homes, Second Chance is in need of many volunteers. There are now about three dozen foster volunteers in the Twin Cities. About 20 percent of the volunteers live in Highland Park, according to Marge Makredes, a Highland Park resident and Second Chance board member. She is now making plans to hold a book sale to help offset the costs of the program that are not covered by adoption fees.

Folks who are interested in donating money or books or in becoming a foster volunteer may call Second Chance at 771-5662.

Cat shelter holds adoption session June 28 at Petco

Dozens of kittens and cats will be available for purchase on Sunday, June 28, when Feline Rescue holds an adoption session from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Petco, Ford Parkway and Woodlawn Avenue.

A nonprofit cat shelter located at 2340 Charles Ave., Feline Rescue is home to about 65 abandoned, stray and abused cats. An additional 60 cats reside within the shelter's foster care network. All are routinely tested for disease.

The cost of the cats is \$55, which includes the necessary shots in addition to spaying or neutering. For information, call 642-5900.

Merriam Park COUNCIL CAPSULE

ECOTEAMS

EcoTeams are now forming throughout the Merriam Park neighborhood. By signing up, residents get to know their neighbors while working together on waste reduction, energy conservation, transportation and ecologically wise consuming. Participants may save up to \$1,200 a year. To register for an informational session, call Karen Dalton at 645-6887.

SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION

Property owners on both sides of Marshall Avenue between Howell Street and Prior Avenue, on both sides of Prior between Dayton and Marshall avenues, and on both sides of Hague Avenue between Pierce and Wheeler streets will have their sidewalks replaced by the city this summer. Each benefiting property owner will be assessed to cover the costs.

A public hearing on the sidewalk reconstruction project

will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd. For more information, call Tom Sawyer at 266-8857.

SELBY LIGHTING PROJECT

New lantern-style lighting will be installed on Selby Avenue near Snelling Avenue this year. The St. Paul Department of Public Works will hold an informational meeting for affected residences and businesses within the next month. For details, call Mike Eggum at 266-6143 or Sherilyn Young at 645-6887.

BICYCLE SAFETY RODEO

A total of 122 kids participated in the 14th annual Bike Safety Rodeo held last month in the parking lot of Liberty State Bank. The Merriam Park Community Council extends its thanks to all those who participated and especially to committee chair Sandi Chittenden for making the rodeo a success.

RECYCLED REMINDER

The next recycling day in Merriam Park is Thursday, June 25. Recyclable material should be sorted, bagged and on the curb before 7:00 a.m.

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Power to the people

Highland pair enroll in effort to test solar energy's potential

by Molly McBeath

Solar power is being put to the test in Highland Park.

In August 1996, Tanya and Bryan Barnhart joined NSP's EnergyWise Solar Advantage program, a five-year study of the potential for solar-generated electricity in the Twin Cities area. NSP installed eight photovoltaic (PV) panels on the roof of the Barnharts' Field Avenue home. The panels absorb energy from the sun and convert it to electricity.

Solar power is one of the cleanest and possibly the most trouble-free of renewable energy sources. PV systems produce no emissions and have virtually no environmental impact beyond the space they require.

However, solar remains one of the most expensive ways to generate power despite recent improvements in efficiency and production costs. PV systems generate electricity at about 50 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) compared to 3 cents per kWh for wind power and 1 cent per kWh for nuclear power or gas and oil.

Some of the additional expense for the PV system is being shouldered by the Barnharts. Though NSP pays for part of the program with the aid of a federal grant, each of the 17 families participating in the EnergyWise study pays \$50 a month to defray the costs. For their \$50, the homeowners receive an av-

erage of \$13.50 worth of electricity.

At the end of the five-year program, the families have the option to renew the contract for another five years, buy the system for \$3,000 or have the system removed. Though most people would balk at the additional monthly expense, buying a PV system privately would cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000, according to Tanya Barnhart.

That these homeowners put their money behind their beliefs impresses Mark Rogers, the senior research engineer who oversees the study. "I view them as pioneers," he said.

"It's interesting to be part of a study to find alternate ways to make electricity," said Tanya, whose home is the only one in St. Paul that is participating in the program. "Usually you hear about solar panels out in the country or in the southern part of the United States. It's a novelty to be on the forefront, doing our part to save electricity."

The criteria for a home's inclusion in the study included a southern exposure with minimal shade and a suitable roof with newer shingles so that any repairs would not disrupt the study.

The Barnharts' PV system consists of eight polycrystalline silicon panels that lie parallel to the roof and are only visible from the back of the house. The panels are connected to an inverter, which

matches the frequency and voltage of the panels to the house wiring. Other equipment includes a shutoff switch, a data recorder, a photovoltaic meter and a standard electric meter.

Though it may sound complicated, the PV system has no moving parts and is maintenance-free except for the removal of snow and ice. Though cold weather does not damage the panels, snow and ice shields them from the sun. With the mild weather last winter, the Barnharts' panels produced power every month. However, the heavy snow and ice of the previous winter prevented any power generation for a couple of months.

Sunnier months produce more electricity, ranging from 100 kWh per month in the spring and fall to

almost 300 kWh per month in the summer. "In the spring, summer and fall we're making 50 to 80 percent of the electricity we use," said Tanya, whose stove and furnace are powered by natural gas.

Any power the Barnharts do not use is sold back to NSP at the same rate at which it was purchased. In all, the 17 homes in the study produced 40,041 kWh of electricity in 1997, or enough to power five homes for a year, Rogers said.

The Barnharts' system is not designed to function as their home's sole power supply, so when power was lost following the May 30 storm they could not switch their home to the electricity generated by their solar panels. That sort of "stand-by" system would need additional switches to the power distribution

lines and about 12 car-size batteries, according to Rogers.

"The addition of the batteries is something that we'd considered for the project but decided not to do because it adds another level of upfront costs (about \$2,000 for each system) and maintenance," he said.

The homes in the study are generating between 13 and 72 percent of their annual electrical needs, Rogers said. The Barnharts' system provides about 35 percent of their needs. Though Tanya would like the percentage to be higher, she feels the added expense is worth it and plans to renew her contract.

"It really makes us think about what we're consuming," she said. "We have a duty to find other ways to sustain what we consume."



Highland Park residents Tanya and Bryan Barnhart are participating in a five-year study on the use of solar-generated electricity in the Twin Cities area. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

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The Highland District COUNCIL CAPSULE

BOARD NOTES

The Highland District Council passed a resolution at its June 4 meeting in support of better signage on Mississippi River Boulevard. Numerous trucks end up on the boulevard when drivers turn north rather than south from Ford Parkway. Damage has been reported to boulevards and trees when the drivers attempt to turn around on residential streets.

The board also passed a resolution requesting that the St. Paul Department of Public Works paint a pedestrian crossing and an accompanying warning sign on the south side of Highland Parkway at Mississippi River Boulevard.

A resolution also was passed requesting that the city complete the sidewalk on the west side of Davern Street from Stewart Avenue to Shepard Road. By the end of the summer, US Bancorp will have 1,800 employees in the former Unisys

building at Shepard and Davern. The sidewalk will make it more convenient for employees to walk to local businesses.

The district council's next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. For information, call 298-5138.

TREE REPLACEMENT FUND

The Highland District Council is still accepting contributions to help replace the hundreds of trees that were lost on public property in the wake of the May 30 storm that swept through Highland Park. Checks made out to the Highland District Council may be sent to 1978 Ford Pkwy., St. Paul, 55116.

SITE PLAN REVIEW

The Highland District Council's Community Development and Community Services committees will hold a joint public hearing on Tuesday, June 23, to discuss plans by developer Jerry Troien to build a parking ramp at the northeast corner of Davern Street and Shepard Road. Though a parking ramp is a permitted use on the site, there are some concerns regarding traffic, the location of driveways and landscaping. Issues

also have been raised regarding building materials and how the ramp will fit in with other new construction nearby.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. For information, call 298-5138. The St. Paul Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the parking ramp on Friday, July 10.

BOULEVARD STUMP REMOVAL

The St. Paul City Council has appropriated funds for a cost-sharing stump removal program in which the property owner pays \$20 and the city pays the remainder. To participate, send a check made out to the Highland District Council to 1978 Ford Pkwy., St. Paul, MN 55116. For more information, call 298-5138.

HIGHLAND SHIRTS

The Highland District Council has a fresh supply of "Highland Park Minnesota" T-shirts and will be receiving more sweatshirts in the next week. The cost for T-shirts is \$15 for youth sizes and \$20 for adult sizes. Sweatshirts cost \$30. For information, call the district council office at 298-5138.

Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETS JUNE 18

This month's meeting of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. The agenda includes a caucus by residents of Grid 7 (see map) to elect a new representative to the community council's board of directors.

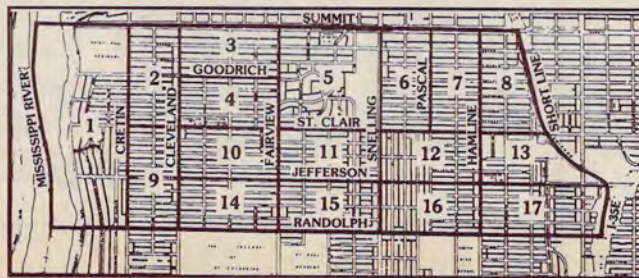
The council also will consider a committee recommendation to request a moratorium on new billboards in the Macalester-Groveland area. It will also take a position on a city Land Use Plan proposal to discourage large parking lots for neighborhood businesses, instead distributing parking around and behind buildings. The council's Housing and Land Use Committee is concerned that, under this proposal, commercial automobile traffic will increase in the residential alleys abutting avenues like Grand, St. Clair and Randolph. If the city adopts this policy encouraging commercial traffic in alleys, the council is considering recommending that businesses pay a higher assessment rate for alley maintenance or that maintenance be paid through the general fund.

YOUNG ARTISTS SHOW THEIR STUFF

The community council's annual Grand Old Day Young Art Fair turned the spotlight on the teen-age artists, craftspeople and musicians in the area. First place in the arts competition went to Summit Avenue resident Megan MacFarlane. Finish-

ing second were artists Susan Marinowski, Maria Laine and Sibby Mackenzie. Wood carver Alex Hage of Stanford Avenue captured the third-place honors.

The top band in the Battle of the Bands was Curious Yellow, a rock band featuring Dave Steindl, Robin Garwood, David Nicolletti and Kyle Backer. Runners-up in the musical competition was returning punk rock band Effervescent, a trio made up of Nick Fox, Sheridan Fox and Stephanie Budge. Heiruspecs, a hip-hop band featuring Sean McPherson, Chris Wilbourne, Martin Devaney, Alex Oefteli and Bryan Alvarez finished in third place.



Macalester-Groveland neighborhood by grids

ALLEY GARDEN AWARD NOMINEES SOUGHT

Members of the community council's Beautification Committee will be scouring alleys later this month looking for gardens to include in its annual Alley Garden Awards Tour, which is scheduled for August 1-9. To be eligible for an award, a homeowner's garden must be on the alley side of any fencing. The home also must have its street address posted so that it is visible from the alley.

This year the community council also will be giving awards

to outstanding chemical-free lawns in the area. Residents may nominate a neighbor for an organic lawn or alley garden award by calling the council office at 698-7973 by July 3.

TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS RECYCLED

Televisions, picture tubes and computer monitors are the greatest source of lead in Minnesota's municipal waste stream. A 19-inch color TV contains between 2 and 6 pounds of lead. In an effort to keep these items out of the garbage, Ramsey County, Target Stores and IBM will be collecting them free of charge for a limited time. Discarded televisions and computer monitors may be brought to the Guest Services counter at the Midway Target on Hamline and University avenues.

TEENS ROCK TO LIVE MUSIC JUNE 27

The Macalester-Groveland Teen Council will present its first Flavor teen rock concert on Saturday, June 27, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. Scheduled from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., Flavor will feature Catfish Blue, a blues band from Massachusetts; Eye Spy, a local rock band; and Heiruspecs, a local hip-hop band. Tickets at \$5.00 will be available at the door. For details, call Lee Wallace at 698-7973.

STUMP REMOVAL MADE EASY

Area residents who want to rid their boulevards of stumps may do so this year for \$20 a stump. While the city has not removed stumps from its boulevards for many years, the City Council recently appropriated funds for a stump removal cost-sharing program. To participate, send a check for \$20 made payable to the Macalester-Groveland Community Council to the council office at 320 S. Griggs St., St. Paul, MN 55105. For more information, call 698-7973.

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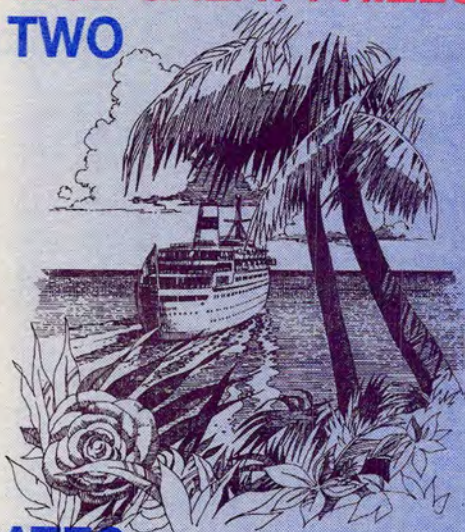
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Wednesday/June 17

THE MINNEAPOLIS POLICE CRIME Prevention Unit will offer a free personal safety workshop from 6:30 to 9:00 this evening at the Keewaydin Neighborhood Center, 3030 E. 53rd St., Minneapolis. The 911 system, weapons, self-defense and other personal safety tips will be covered.

RABBI MANIS FRIEDMAN will address Jewish mysticism and the quest for wisdom, meaning and purpose at 7:00 this evening at Mixed Blood Theater, 1501 S. 4th St., Minneapolis. Admission is \$10, or \$5.00 for students. Tickets are available in advance for \$7.00 at the Old City Cafe at Grand and Snelling avenues. For information on group rates, call 690-0683.

Thursday/June 18

THE MOMS CLUB of Highland and Macalester-Groveland will meet from 10:15 to 11:30 this morning at the Merriam Park Recreation Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave. New members are welcome. If it rains, the meeting will be held at St. Clement's Episcopal Church. For information, call Anne at 291-9130.

A YARD SALE for the benefit of Parents of Murdered Children will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today through Saturday, June 20, at 5616 46th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

MIDWAY-HIGHLAND CHAPTER 930 of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1:00 this afternoon at the Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1298 N. Pascal St. Visitors are welcome.

ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL disabilities enrolled in People First will gather this evening at the St. Paul Public Library, 90 W. 4th St. Sponsored by Arc of Anoka and Ramsey Counties, the program will run from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

HOUSING AND URBAN SPRAWL in the Twin Cities will be discussed at 7:00 this evening at St. Peter Claver Church, 375 N. Oxford St. The free program is a part of the "Divided Present, United Future" series sponsored by the Social Justice committees of St. Peter and St. Cecilia parishes. For information, call 646-2733.

THE ST. PAUL METRO chapter of La Leche League will discuss nutrition and weaning at 7:00 this evening. Expectant and nursing mothers and their babies are welcome. For information, call 645-8516.



Lori McCabe, shown with daughters Mariah and Madeline, will show off her green thumb during St. Gregory's Guild's inaugural garden tour. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

Garden tour set for June 18 in Highland

St. Gregory's Guild will host its first garden tour from 1:00 to 4:00 and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18. The self-guided tour will feature 10 residential gardens in Highland Park.

Maps of the garden sites will be available on the day of the event at the Freeman residence at 1652 Scheffer Ave. and the Marzolf residence at 2152 Upper St. Dennis

Road. A donation of \$5.00 will be asked with proceeds benefitting the "Madonna Plan," a program of the National Council of Catholic Women that supports the birth of healthy children.

In case of rain, the tour will be held during the same hours on Friday, June 19. For information, call Lori McCabe at 699-7333 or Kathy Freeman at 698-5006.

Friday/June 19

THE WHO, WHY AND WHEN of nursing home placement will be discussed in a free program from 1:30 to 3:00 this afternoon at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. For information, call 222-0311.

Saturday/June 20

A GARAGE SALE will be held in the Lexington-Hamline neighborhood from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today. Some of the proceeds will go to the Lexington-Hamline Community Council.

HISTORY BUFFS WILL TRAVEL BACK to the 1860s during Civil War Weekend from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today and tomorrow at Fort Snelling. More than 100 volunteers will join the fort's staff to re-create life at the fort 135 years ago. Admission is \$5.00, \$4.00 for seniors, \$3.00 for children ages 6-15. For information, call 726-1171.

Sunday/June 21

THE FATHER'S ROLE IN VICTORIAN society will be highlighted during tours of the Alexander Ramsey House at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 this afternoon. Admission to the restored 1872 mansion at 265 S. Exchange St. will be free to fathers with a paid child admission. The cost is \$3.00 for kids ages 6-15, \$4.00 for seniors and \$5.00 for adults.

BACKYARD BIRD WATCHING is the subject of a free video program that will be presented by the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 this afternoon at the Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd.

Monday/June 22

A HEBREW SPEAKING CLUB for adults will meet today at the Talmud Torah of St. Paul, Hamline Avenue and Ford Parkway. The group holds informal sessions from 7:00 to 8:00 on two evenings every month.

For more information on the group, call Shirley Dworsky at 698-5595.

THE SUMMER SOLSTICE will be celebrated at 7:00 this evening at Lake Hiawatha in Minneapolis. Area residents are invited to bring a flower to the free program, which is sponsored by Minnehaha United Church of Christ. For information, call 729-7556.

Wednesday/June 24

MENDOTA'S FRENCH-CANADIAN roots will be celebrated from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening with music and dancing beside a bonfire at the Faribault House. Sponsored by the Minnesota Historical Society, the free fête coincides with the St. Jean-Baptiste holiday in Quebec.

Saturday/June 27

A RUMMAGE SALE will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today at Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church, 435 S. Hamline Ave. The event will feature a drawing for a hand-stitched quilt and a bag sale.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, 330 S. Exchange St., will present its annual Summer Festival from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. today and tomorrow. The event will feature bingo and other games of chance, a craft sale, silent auction, bake sale, garage sale, kids' activities, live entertainment, snack bar and spaghetti dinner.

Tuesday/June 30

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY and Aging will be discussed in a free class from 2:00 to 3:30 this afternoon at the Neal High Rise, 325 Laurel Ave. To register, call 222-0311.

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will gather at 7:30 this evening at the Linwood Recreation Center, 860 St. Clair Ave., before setting out on a three-mile stroll. For information, call Chuck at 644-7502.

MASTER GARDENER Janet Larson is leading a series of four free tours of Urban Lands sustainable landscaping sites. The tour from 7:00 to 8:30 tonight will feature the native plants at the Blazing Star Garden at 501 Sherburne Ave. Future tours will take place in the Common Ground Garden on Shingle Creek in Minneapolis July 9, the garden outside the Highland Park Library on July 11 and the Standish Garden in Minneapolis on July 23. For more information or to register, call Emily at 872-3291.

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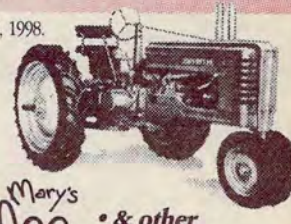
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What's that you're reading?

Local luminaries list books they plan to curl up with this summer

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

So, just what is summer reading? A book that is frivolous and light-hearted like the season? One that is too heavy to carry in the winter when you are already loaded down with overcoat, mittens and boots? Or is it the ballyhooed award-winner that demands the total concentration that can only be found while reclining on a chaise longue on the deck with a pitcher of lemonade nearby?

The answer depends on whom you ask.

Betty Richardson, who teaches English and coordinates the International Baccalaureate program at Highland Park Senior High School, enjoys historical fiction and saves what she calls "light reading" for summers.

In years past Richardson has enjoyed *Sacajawea* by Anna Lee Waldo and *Winds of War and War and Remembrance* by Herman Wouk. This summer she is planning to read Nicholas Evans' *The Horse Whisperer*—before she sees the movie.

"Summer reading is different because it's more casual," said the **Reverend Linda Roddis**, pastor of the Joyful Church of Christ in Highland Park. "I like to do workbook-type things in the summer, with exercises." One such book she plans to delve into this summer is *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron. Roddis is also planning to read *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey and *Final Payments* by Mary Gordon.

Mike Doran, who is surrounded by books as the owner of St. Patrick's Guild in

Highland Park, compares himself to the shoemaker's children who have no shoes. "I start reading lots of books," he said.

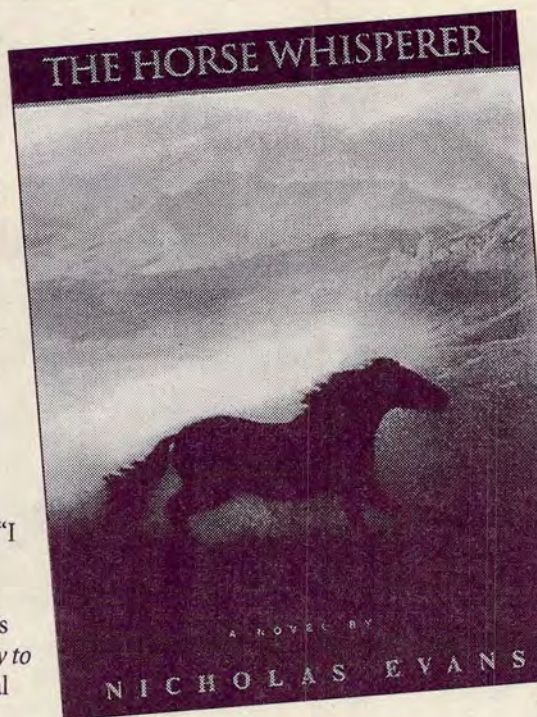
Doran has high hopes of finishing two books this summer. He chose Sue Bender's book *Plain and Simple, A Woman's Journey to the Amish* when he heard her speak several months ago. He also plans to tackle *The Monk Who Sold his Ferrari* by Robin Sharma, a work of fiction about a fast-track lawyer who is led to re-examine his values.

Rabbi Asher Zeilingold of Adath Israel Synagogue is currently reading two collections edited by Rabbi Nissan Wolpin. *Path Through the Ashes* contains stories of courage from the Holocaust, he said, and *The Torah Profile* is a series of biographical sketches of Jewish leaders and personalities through the ages.

Susan McCloskey of Lilydale, owner of Eagan-based Office Plan and the U.S. Small Business Administration's Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year, doesn't distinguish between winter and summer reading. "But in summer it stays light longer, so you don't fall asleep so much," she said.

Her shelves contain "about a gazillion books," McCloskey said, "and I read all the time—mostly business books and legal thrillers." As a graduate student at the University of St. Thomas, McCloskey is now reading *Rational Choice in an Uncertain World* by Robyn M. Dawes.

"But the ones I'm really going to read this summer are two legal thrillers, *The Deception* by Barry Reed and *No Lesser Plea* by Robert K. Tanenbaum, and the *Motley Fool*



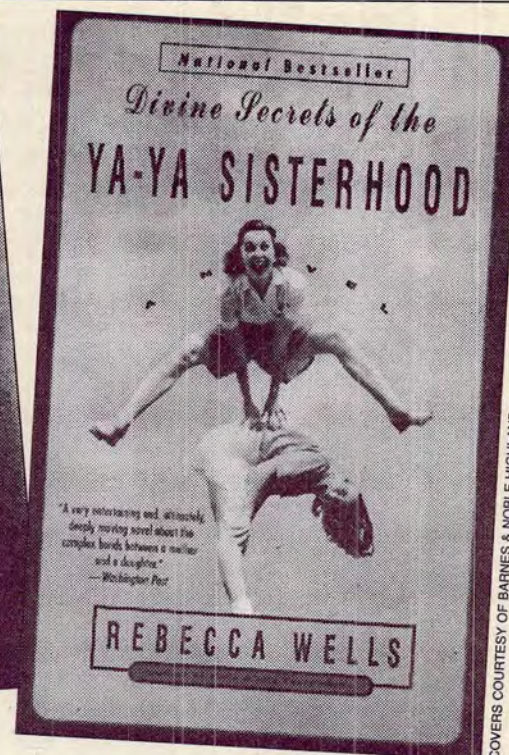
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Rose Olson of Summit Hill, a recent graduate of St. Agnes High School, is headed for the University of Northern Las Vegas this fall. This summer, however, she will be working with her dad, Kerry Olson, at Olson's Randolph Station and "I won't have time to read," she said.

Still, Olson wants to finish Plato's *Republic* before she leaves for college, and she absolutely loves the books of Tom Clancy. For her book club, she is currently reading Ken Follett's tale of England in the Middle Ages, *Pillars of the Earth*.

Judge Walter Bowser of Highland Park is another Tom Clancy fan. He plans to finish Clancy's 1,400-page *Executive Orders* this summer and then take on whatever Clancy puts out next. Bowser, who visits his native Virginia every summer, said he likes to sit along the banks of Chesapeake Bay or the James River and read "for enjoyment, to laugh, to be thrilled and to keep myself centered."

Bowser also plans to read Nathan McCall's memoir *Makes Me Wanna Holler*, a book of essays entitled *The House that Race Built*, edited by Wahneema Lubiano, and *Restoring*



Hope: Conversations on the Future of Black America by Cornell West.

State Senator Dick Cohen of District 64 does not differentiate between summer and winter reading. He keeps four or five books, mostly histories and biographies, going at the same time. He is now reading *The Children*, David Halberstam's book about the civil rights movement of the 1960s, Humphrey Burton's biography of Leonard Bernstein, Robert Remini's biography of Andrew Jackson and Michael Beschloss' *Taking Charge: The Johnson White House Tapes, 1963-1964*.

David Burley, president of the Highland Business Association and owner of the Highland Grill and the new Mac-Groveland Tap, said he just purchased the novel at the top of his summer reading list, *Until They Bring the Streetcars Back* by former Macalester-Groveland resident Stanley Gordon West.

Patricia Kane, retired professor of English at Macalester College, recently finished West's novel, which tells the story of a young man's senior year at St. Paul Central High

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Riverview Cafe, 3753 S. 42nd Ave., Minneapolis, is now offering live music on Friday and Saturday evenings. For information, call 722-7234.

The Minnesota Orchestra will present its "Cabaret Pops" series with the following concerts in Orchestra Hall: Oue will conduct "Ein Heldenleben" at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 17 (\$17.25 to \$51); Patti Page at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 18; Butch Thompson performing ragtime pops at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 19; Doc Severinsen will conduct a program of Broadway show tunes at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 18; John Morris Russell will conduct a "Classical Thunder" concert at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, June 24-25; the Bravo Broadway Trio will perform a medley of Broadway songs at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 26, at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, June 27, and at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, June 28. For tickets, priced from \$13 to \$37.75, call 371-5656.

"Swing Night in the Caves" will take place from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. every Thursday night at the Wabasha Street Caves, 215 S. Wabasha St. The line-up will include the following: the Beasley's Big Band on June 18; and Swing Beat on June 25. Admission is \$6.00. For information, call 224-1191.

Summer at Northrop will offer 25 free concerts at noon outside

Northrop Auditorium. Upcoming concerts include the folk group Ingapirca on June 18, the a cappella ensemble Dare to Breathe on June 19, the Gypsy Klezmer Cavalcade on June 22 and original jazz by the Motion Poets on July 2. For information, call 624-2345.

The Singer's Voice, an autobiographical music series hosted by Dan Chouinard, will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Dakota Bar & Grill in Bandana Square. The line-up will include the following: Giovanni Ford on June 21; and the Honor Roll of Music Tech's Vocal Program on June 28. For information, call 642-1442.

The Kantorei Singing Boys of Rockford, Illinois, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 26, at Holy Spirit Church, 512 S. Albert St. The choir is making a stop on its way to participating in AmericaFest concerts at St. John's University.

Equinox, an a cappella octet from Stockholm, Sweden, will perform at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, at the American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave., Minneapolis. Admission is free. For details, call 871-4907.

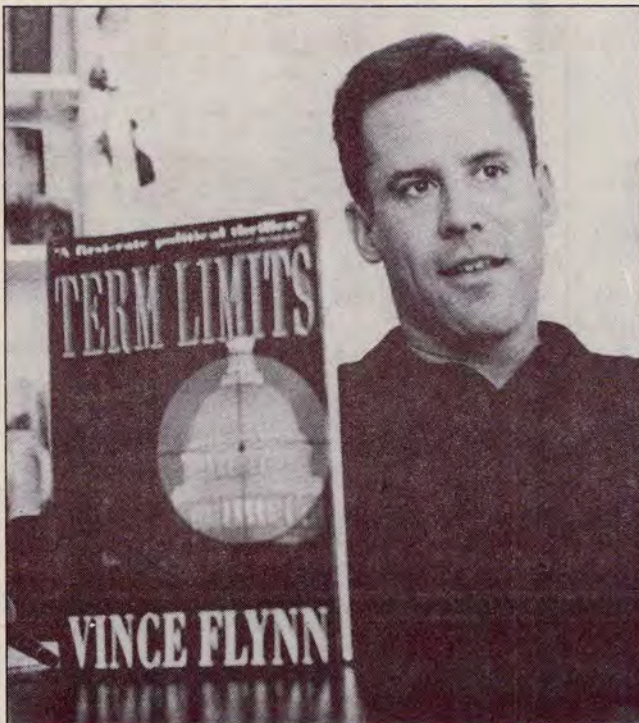
Family



"Chagall for Children," an interactive exhibit of the works of Marc Chagall, has opened at the Minnesota Children's Museum. Visitors will enter a world of fantasy where people and animals defy gravity and logic. The exhibit will remain on view until September 7. Admission is \$3.95 for toddlers and seniors, \$5.95 for others. For more information, call 225-6000.

The Hungry Mind bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will offer the

ON THE TOWN briefly



Highland resident Vince Flynn will sign copies of his techno-thriller *Term Limits* at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy. For information, call 690-9443. Photo by Mike Long.

following authors and storytellers for children at 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays: Isabelle Monk on June 20; and Lisa Graham-Peterson on June 27. Admission is free. For information, call 699-0587.

The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., will offer the following storytime activities at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays: Patrick Coleman from the Minnesota History Center will talk about canoeing on Saturday, June 20; and Bonnie Johnson, owner of Great Harvest Bread Company, will read books about food and bring treats from her bakery on Saturday, June 27. Admission is free. For details, call 224-8320.

History Hijinx programs for children ages 3-11 will be offered from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The line-up includes the following: children can construct a bird feeder on June 21; and families can learn the right way to safely store and preserve their collections on June 28. Admission is free. For information, call 296-6126.

John Coy, along with his dad Richard Coy, will read from his book *Night Driving* at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, June 21, at the Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave. Kids are encouraged to bring their fathers and/or grandfathers, along with a special story

about them to share. For information, call 224-8320.

Joy Norquist will be joined by her dog Ryli during a storytime at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy. Norquist will tell fables and fairy tales that use animals to teach lessons about life. Admission is free. For information, call 690-9443.

Books



Barry Lopez will read from his new book *About This Life* at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, in the Weyerhaeuser Chapel at Macalester College. Admission is free, but tickets are required. For tickets, call 699-0587.

The Hungry Mind Bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted): Richard Powers, author of *Gain*, on Thursday, June 18; Ruth Ozeki, author of *My Year of Meats*, on Friday, June 19; Will Fellows, author of *Farm Boys: Lives of Gay Men from the Rural Midwest*, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 20; Carolyn Tipton, author of *To Painting: Poems by Rafael Alberti*, on Monday, June 22; Bruce Cutler, author of *Seeing the Darkness*, on Tuesday, June 23; and Marda Woodbury, author of *Stopping the Presses*, on Wednesday, June 24. Admission is free. For information, call 699-0587.

Kaye Gibbons will read from her new book, *On the Occasion of My Last Afternoon*, at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar St. Admission is free. For information, call the Hungry Mind at 699-0587.

Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy., will host the

following events in the next two weeks: Steve Hagen will read and sign copies of his book *How the World Can Be the Way It Is* at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 25; a book fair will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, June 28, to benefit the St. Paul Neighborhood Network; and Highland resident Vince Flynn will sign copies of his techno-thriller *Term Limits* at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 30. Admission is free. For information, call 690-9443.

Film

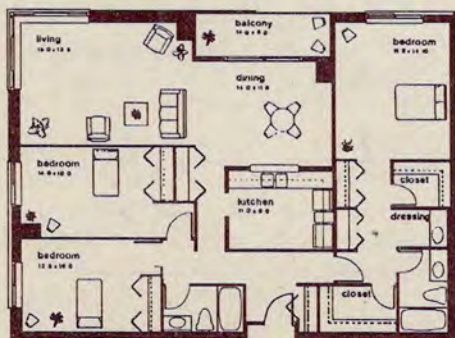


"Cinema With Passion," a festival of Hong Kong films, will take place on weekends at the Riverview Theatre, 3800 S. 42nd Ave., Minneapolis. The festival will include the following: *All for the Winners* at midnight Saturday, June 20; *God of Gamblers II* at midnight Friday, June 19, at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 20, and at midnight Saturday, June 27; and *God of Gamblers Return* at midnight Friday, June 26, and at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 27. Admission is \$6.00. For information, call 376-7715.

Kazablan, the second in a five-part Israeli film series, will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The musical is about a young man born in Morocco who came to Israel as a young boy and falls in love with a girl of European descent. It is referred to by some as Israel's *West Side Story*. Admission is \$2.00. For information, call 698-0751.

The University Film Society will bring back the best of the recent Minneapolis-St. Paul Film Festival for screening in the coming weeks at the Bell Museum Auditorium, Univer-

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sity and 17th avenues SE, Minneapolis. *Capitaine Conan*, a French film set in the Balkans during World War I, will open at 7:15 p.m. Friday, June 26. Admission is \$5.00, \$4.00 for students and seniors. For a complete list of screenings, call the society at 627-4430.

Exhibits



"What Happened to Light," an exhibit of paintings and poems by Sister Mary Virginia Micka, recently opened in the library at the College of St. Catherine. A reception with the artist will be held from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, June 20. The paintings will be for sale during library hours with proceeds to benefit the library's book fund. For information, call 962-5560.

Laura Hampton has opened an exhibit of new paintings at the Groveland Gallery, 25 Groveland Terrace, Minneapolis. She will present a gallery talk at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 25. The exhibit will run until July 22. For details, call 377-7800.

Artifacts and historic photographs from the Spanish-American War recently went on display at the state Capitol. The exhibit commemorates the centennial of Philippine independence. For information, call 296-2881.

"Dwellings for Light," an exhibit featuring 20 new pieces of Swedish glass, will open with a reception from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, at The American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave., Minneapolis. Admission is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children. For information, call 871-4907.

The Northern Clay Center, 2424 E. Franklin Ave., Min-

neapolis, will open its 1998 Studio Artists Exhibition with a reception from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 26. The exhibit features the works by established and emerging artists who work in the center's studios. It will run until July 25. For information, call 339-8007.

"Long Remember: The First Minnesota Regiment at Gettysburg" will be on display from July 1-15 at the state Capitol. The exhibit features Colonel William Colvill's sword and other artifacts that recall Minnesota's valor at Gettysburg to mark the 135th anniversary of the historic battle. For information, call 296-2881.

Theater



Theater Mu has opened *The Ghosts of Love*, an extraordinary journey to the other side, at the Southern Theater, 1420 S. Washington Ave., Minneapolis. Performances will continue at 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays through Saturdays and at 7:00 p.m. on Sundays through June 28. For tickets, priced from \$9.00 to \$14, call 340-1725.

Viagra: The Second Coming! will open Thursday, June 18, at the Brave New Workshop, 2605 S. Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis. The newest Dudley Riggs revue lambasts the Viagra phenomenon, online dating, VH1 and discount shopping. Performances are on Thursdays through Sundays. For tickets, priced at \$12 and \$15, call 332-6620.

Illusion Theater will kick off Fresh Ink '98, a series of new work by local playwrights, on Thursday, June 18, in the Hennepin Center for the Arts, 528 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis.

Territory, a play looking at love through the lenses of time, place and gender will be presented on Thursday through Sunday, June 18-21; and *No Distance Between Us*, a contemporary drama focusing on class issues among African-Americans on Thursday through Sunday, June 25-28. For tickets, priced at \$10, call 339-4944.

Les Misérables will return to the Ordway stage on June 24-July 11. This will be the seventh time that the Ordway will present the Tony Award-winning musical, which is more than any other theater in the world. The multi-million dollar production has set numerous attendance records, selling out in virtually every city since premiering in 1988. For tickets, priced from \$30 to \$60, call 224-4222.

Tribe, a spectacular dance and musical production based on the American Indian tale of the sun and moon fighting for the love of the Earth, will run Thursday through Sunday, June 25-28, in Ordway's McKnight Theatre. For tickets, priced from \$19 to \$25, call 224-4222.

Dance



The TGIS Singles Social Club will hold the following smoke-free singles dances at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays: Brian Kinney and the Flames will provide the music on June 20 in the Grand Ballroom of the Radisson Hall South, 7800 Normandale Drive, Bloomington; and Dancer will provide the music on June 27 in the Grand Ballroom of the Thunderbird Hotel, 2201 E. 78th St., Bloomington. Admission is \$9.00 before 9:00 p.m. and \$10 thereafter. For details, call 644-3443.

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Car buffs admire Macalester-Groveland resident Gene Sonnen's "woodie" station wagon, 1932 Ford Roadster and 1940 Ford Coupe at the state fairgrounds.

Street rods return for 25th annual show

The Minnesota Street Rod Association will take automobile lovers back to the '50s once again with its annual custom, classic and restored car show June 19-21. More than 8,000 vehicles from 1964 and earlier will be displayed along the streets of the state fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The event marks the 25th consecutive year that the MSRA has presented its show, which was the brainchild of member Gene Sonnen of Macalester-Groveland. In 1974 Sonnen wanted to prove to his girlfriend, Red, just how much fun it was to be a teenager in the 1950s, so he and fellow MSRA members arranged to fill the Midway Shopping Center parking lot with more than 250 hot rods, street rods and custom autos. The assemblage left the center in unison and cruised up and down University Avenue, taking two or three turns through Porky's Drive-In.

Then, just before the Grandview Theater's 7:00 p.m. showing of *American Graffiti* let out, Sonnen and his cohorts positioned themselves in all directions from the corner of Grand and Fairview avenues. "The timing had to be right on," Sonnen said. "As the

movie let out, the signal to cruise was blasted. Hundreds of street rods and customs slowly circled and crisscrossed the block again and again. Movie-goers, thinking they were entering the real world, were treated to an extension of the '50s fantasy compliments of the MSRA."

According to Sonnen, people who were there still talk about that evening—but nobody more than he and Red, who is now his wife.

For the 25th annual show, the MSRA will present a special display of 25 award-winning vehicles on Friday and Saturday. Automotive exhibits, a Cruise-N-Art craft fair, a swap meet, games and refreshments will also be featured.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Rockin' Hollywoods on Friday afternoon, Elvis impersonator Johnny Harra and the Trashmen on Friday evening, Sh-Boom on Saturday afternoon, and Cocktail Stevie & the Table Rockers, the Crystals and Tommy Roe on Saturday evening.

The concerts are free with admission to the fairgrounds, which is \$8.00 or free to children age 12 and younger with a paid adult.

For more information, call 641-1992.

Summer reading /from page 23

School circa 1950. She called it "an amazing book. It reminds me of early F. Scott Fitzgerald because of the excellent sense of location. He does teen-agers very well."

Since she retired, Kane said, her reading selection in the summer is no different than the rest of the year, but for someone who wants a weighty, old-fashioned historical novel she recommends *London* by Edward Rutherford, which was recently released in

paperback.

Fans of Lawrence Sanders will want to read *Guilty Pleasures*, Kane said. His most recent work is "a farewell to his readers," she said. Kane also recommends the thriller *Practice to Deceive* by University of St. Thomas graduate David Housewright, *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* by Rebecca Wells, and Anne Tyler's latest offering, *A Patchwork Planet*.

Local bookstores list their top 10 picks

The following are the most popular selections being purchased at area bookstores within the past month:

Barnes & Noble Highland

1. *Oh the Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss
2. *The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger
3. *Secret Prey* by John Sandford
4. *The Horse Whisperer* by Nicholas Evans
5. *9 Steps to Financial Freedom* by Suze Orman
6. *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* by Rebecca Wells
7. *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff* by Richard Carlson
8. *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom
9. *Breath, Eyes, Memory* by Edwidge Danticat
10. *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer

The Hungry Mind (fiction)

1. *About a Boy* by Nick Hornby
2. *Our Sometime Sister* by Norah Labiner
3. *Cities of the Plain* by Cormac McCarthy
4. *Bridget Jones's Diary* by Helen Fielding
5. *Ghost Country* by Sara Paretsky

The Hungry Mind (non-fiction)

1. *The Overspent American* by Juliette Schor
2. *Why Christianity Must Change or Die* by John Spong
3. *About This Life* by Barry Lopez
4. *The Courage to Teach* by Parker Palmer
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My youngest son, Brendan, is playing baseball in the Highland Little League this summer and he's loving every minute of it. This is a kid who puts his Orioles uniform on at noon and sits on the front steps pounding his glove until it's time to leave for his 6:00 p.m. game. He plays in the well-organized and well-coached Minor League for 10 and 11 year olds.

However, there's a problem down at the Ford Fields on Cleveland Avenue: They're letting the kids pitch.

Brendan doesn't belong on the mound at age 10. Nobody does. The league played its first four games with a pitching machine, but switched to letting the kids pitch in late May. It took about 80 minutes to finish six innings in the first four games. After the kids took over, it's been tough for them to complete two or three innings in that time.

Pitchers with control are about as common as lunar eclipses in this league. Batters have no idea in which ZIP code the next delivery will arrive and the lack of action makes it hard for the fielders to keep from dozing off.

"Baseball is tough enough for little kids to concentrate on, even if they use the pitching machine," said parent Rick Salmen. "There has to be action to keep kids interested, and there isn't any when the pitcher either walks or strikes out every hitter."

Dick Powers, one of the league's directors, said it was a board decision to let the kids pitch. "It's a year-by-year policy," he said. "Some parents want their kids to develop as pitchers at this age."

"I sat at lunch the other day with Dennis Denning, Joe Meyer, Wally Wescott and Jim Pacholl," he said. "That's about 200 combined years of baseball knowledge. They all agreed with me: There isn't enough baseball when you let kids pitch at this age."

Some parents rage against the machine, claiming that their children's development should take precedence. I take the opposite stance. It's like what Spock said to Captain Kirk in one of those terrible *Star Trek* movies: "The good of the many outweighs the good of the few."

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One for the record books

Unbeaten Raiders ice third straight title

by Bill Wagner

Cretin-Derham Hall wrote a new chapter in Minnesota prep sports history when it captured the state high school baseball championship with a 2-1 victory over Eden Prairie last Friday. The Raiders became the first team ever to win three state baseball championships in a row and the first to go unbeaten in a season since Richfield did it in 1965.

"I think I'm lucky," said CDH coach Jim O'Neill, reflecting on his third state title in the four years he's been at the helm. "I think I'm lucky to have so many talented players. Maybe I'm smart enough not to screw up this talent."

With their 29th victory of the season—and 41st victory in a row dating back to last season—the Raiders captured their ninth state baseball title since 1980, which ties a state record. And they accomplished it without their vaunted offense.

Going into the state tournament, CDH had outscored its opposition by a whopping 309-55. Four players—Luke Vogel, David McMahon, Nick Birk and Jack Hannahan—were hitting .500 or better. Vogel, a senior, was leading the club with a .558 average, 17 home runs and 61 RBIs. The Raiders blew past their first two state tournament opponents by a combined 15-3 score, but had to rely on pitching, defense and two wild pitches to post the victory against Eden Prairie (23-4).

The Eagles held the Raiders to five hits, but it was Vogel's single that paved the way for the second and deciding run. The Raiders had drawn first blood in the first inning. Senior catcher Nick Birk led off with a single against Eden Prairie starter Anthony Zecco, advanced to third with the help of an error and



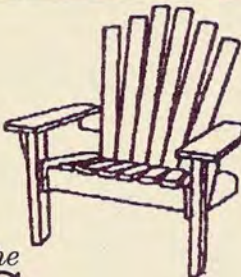
Cretin-Derham Hall's Brian Whinnery rears back in the Raiders' victory over New Ulm in the state tournament semifinal on Thursday. The senior starter (10-0) was the winning pitcher in that contest as well as the state title game against Eden Prairie on Friday. Photo by Mike Long.

scored on a wild pitch. Eden Prairie tied it in the third inning on a triple by Kevin Carney and a fielder's choice. Then in the sixth, CDH senior outfielder Brian Gornick led off with a walk, moved to third on Vogel's one-out single, and scored on a wild pitch by reliever Jason Lenz.

"This feels just great," said Vogel after the game. "I was looking fastball (on that sixth-inning single), but he threw me a curve. I felt confident, though. He had gotten me out my previous time up, but I think it took eight or nine pitches. We

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Winds of change

Mother Nature's rough hand redesigns the Highland links with loss of 80 trees

by Tom Cody

The May 30 thunderstorm that wreaked havoc along the tree-lined boulevards of Highland Park also laid waste to the tree-lined fairways of the Highland 18-hole and nine-hole golf courses. No fewer than 80 trees on the adjoining courses were lost in the storm's raging winds.

"I live out in Vadnais Heights and I didn't have a leaf in my yard," said grounds superintendent Denise Kispert, "so I was amazed when I came into work the next day. I'd heard that Highland got hit hard, but I wasn't ready for this."

"We lost about 50 trees on the 18-hole course," she said. "We had to cut them all up, chain them to our Cushman carts and drag them to the street for pickup. We put in a few 12-hour days that week."

The damage was extensive on both courses, but especially heavy along Highland Parkway on the 18-hole course. "Holes six and seven really got leveled," Kispert said. "It looked like a hurricane went through there. The house on the corner of Highland Parkway and Hamline really put it in perspective for us, though. All we lost were a few dozen trees; those people lost their home."

St. Paul Parks and Recreation director Bob Piram, who lives a stone's throw from the Hamline-Highland corner, said he went to bed about the time the storm hit. "Our power and phone lines went out and I didn't hear from our crews until dawn," he said. "I had no

idea how extensive the damage was in Highland. It's by far the worst we've ever had to deal with in our department."

"We've got a few old-timers on our staff who are always telling us about past storms," Piram said. "None of them could remember a more devastating storm. The city lost 2,700 trees—1,700 on public property. We got most of it picked up by the next weekend, but it'll be three weeks before we get to all of it."

"It's funny," Piram said, "I remember planting a lot of those same trees on the nine-hole course when it opened 20 years ago. We got them from the old Park Nursery at Lexington and Edgumbe Road. Those little trees grew up fast."

They came down even quicker.

"We lost a great old cottonwood tree out on No. 8," said Rick Loomis, who works in the pro shop at the Highland nine-hole course. "That huge tree is lying in the sand trap now. Losing that one hurt. It stopped

many a golf ball in its time."

"There was a beautiful old willow out on No. 13 that went down in the storm," Kispert said. "It's a shame to lose that one, but we could've been in even worse shape. The city's Forestry Department went through here last winter and trimmed all of our trees. We would've lost many, many more of them if they hadn't been cut back."

The golf course crew's first priority was to remove the trees and branches that were blown down in the storm, according to Kispert. "The next thing is to cut down the

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City Parks and Rec Director Bob Piram



The large cottonwood blown down in the May 30 storm didn't seem to bother Chris Hennessey, 12, of Highland Park, who lofted his approach shot over the prone hazard on the eighth hole of the Highland nine-hole course. Photo by Mike Long.

damaged trees," she said. "Then we'll have to get rid of all the stumps. It's going to be an ugly job."

"But we're replanting already," she said. "We're going to put some 2-inch-diameter trees in immediately along Highland Parkway to protect the houses and cars from golf balls."

"As long as we're restocking the course with trees, it might be time to look at more drastic alterations on the 18-hole course," Piram said. "It might be time to redesign the holes, to put in some water hazards and plop some nice new trees into the plan."

"Joel Goldstrand has done some preliminary work on the project," Piram said, referring to the \$1 million redesign of the 18-hole course that was proposed last year by the renowned golf course architect. "Who knows? This might turn out to be a big plus in the long run."

The thunderstorm on May 30 also cost the Highland Little League the use of its three batting cages at the Ford Fields on Montreal

and Cleveland avenues. A giant cottonwood in the thicket adjoining the fields fell and crushed the frames of the cages.

"It was only one tree, but it was effective," said Babe Ruth League director Dan Riehle. "It took us quite a while to get the thing sawed up and removed. It had to be 100 years old. But we were probably lucky when you look at our location and all the trees surrounding the fields. And our big light standards stood up well in the storm."

Storm repairs will cost the league about \$1,500, according to Riehle. "We're going to fix more of our field fencing while they're repairing the cages," he said. "We'll spend another \$1,000 or so in improvements around the fields."

"(Highland Little League director) Brian Valento had a great idea while cutting up the tree," Riehle said. "Since the cages were ruined, it'd be a great time to expand. We might add a couple more while we're at it. Things always happen for a reason."

The Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game will be played at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at the Macalester College stadium. Admission to the annual clash between the best out-state and best metro-area players is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. Local players named to the metro all-star squad include wide receiver Richard Lewis and offensive lineman Nick Sundsmo of Highland Park, and running back Xavier Smith and offensive lineman Joe Franciskovich of St. Thomas Academy.

St. Paul Academy and Summit School has named Steve Johnson as the new head girls volleyball coach and Ted Kroeten as the new head girls soccer coach. Johnson, an elementary science teacher at Webster School, has 10 years of experience as a high school coach. He started a Junior Olympic volleyball club in Highland in 1984 and helped lead the team to three regional championships in 10 years. Kroeten coached

SPORTS SHORTS

the Concordia University men's soccer team for the past three years. He has more than 20 years of playing experience with such teams as the San Diego Sockers and the Minnesota Thunder.

The St. Paul Figure Skating Club is offering summer classes for children ages 5 and older. Classes meet at 5:45 p.m. on Thursdays at the Augsburg College ice arena. For information, call Ann Masten at 699-4741.

More than 1,000 runners are expected to compete in the 8-kilometer Minnesota State Fair Milk Run, which will begin at

7:45 a.m. Sunday, August 30, at the State Fair Speedway. Awards will be presented to the top three male and female finishers in 12 age categories. The entry fee is \$12, which includes a T-shirt, fair admission, a malt from the dairy barn and a chance to win door prizes. The registration deadline is July 31. For information, call 642-2395.

Amos Magee, a St. Paul Academy graduate and the USISL's second-leading scorer with 18 points, is one of two Minnesota Thunder players to be selected for the 1998 A-League All-Star Game on July 2 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Midfielder Kevin Anderson also was named.

Judy Mahle Lutter, a Merriam Park resident and founder of the Melpomene Institute for Women, has been named one of 21 recipients of the first Awards of Excellence presented by the Minnesota Council on Physical Activity and Sports.

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reduced to nothing more than "a cold Omaha." Well, I've been to a cold Omaha and it wasn't that bad.

My family and I took off to take in a couple of the NCAA College World Series games earlier this month. The weather was chilly, but the atmosphere couldn't have been warmer.

There were plenty of home runs, a couple of ejections and two guys thrown out at home plate on fly balls to the outfield.

Numerous vicious line drives gave weight to the argument that something has to be done in college ball to swing the pendulum back to the pitchers. A score of 21-14 in a championship baseball game is ridiculous.

Our crew logged a lot of time roaming the Rosenblatt Stadium parking lot. We wandered into "Tiger Town," where rabid Louisiana State fans congregated with their RVs. The Tiger fans lived in the parking lot for the duration of the series, and their tailgating parties included deep-fried alligator and Cajun music. We were sorely disappointed when the Tigers were eliminated in the semifinals.

Projections are based on statistics and we all know that statistics can lie. Still, it makes for great talk around the water cooler.

Oh yes, and the television set was turned off from Sunday night until Thursday night."

"I wanted to quit baseball down at Highland Little League when I was 12," Nick said. "I didn't want to play because I wasn't having any fun. My parents talked me into finishing the season, then we won the championship. I really started to enjoy sports from that point on. I don't know what would've happened if they'd let me quit."

The Hannahan household of Highland Park also has enjoyed a special spring. Jack Hannahan had an all-state season at third base for CDH and will be on a scholarship with the Gophers next season. Older brother Buzz, who played second base for the MIAC champion University of St. Thomas, was selected by the

Philadelphia Phillies on the 31st round of the major league baseball draft earlier this month.

"I won't be asking for as much as J.D. Drew wanted from them," dead-panned Buzz when asked about his contract demands.

Buzz is now off to play at Martinsville, Virginia, in the short-season rookie league. "I never thought I'd be playing pro ball," he admitted, "not until we (UST) scrimmaged the Twins' rookies last spring in Florida. After seeing those guys, I thought I had a chance to be as good as they were."

PREPS WRAP UP SPRING SEASON

• There were two area gold medalists in the Class AA state track meet held on June 6 at the National Sports Center in Blaine. Central's Danielle Simons won the girls 100-meter high hurdles, and CDH speedster Jerry Burch took first in the boys 200-meter dash. Burch also placed second in the 100-meter dash, finishing an eyelash behind Arlington's Tim Whitney.

Highland Park's Richard Lewis claimed a silver medal in the 200-meter dash and took fourth in the 100. Sibley's Natasha Holt took fourth in the girls 200, and Central's Langhan Dee ran ninth in the same event. Laura Ashley of Sibley (ninth in the 800-meter run) and Rhiannon Fermoye of CDH (ninth in the 1600) also competed at state.

• All-conference honors for St. Paul City athletes have been awarded to the following:

Boys track—Francisco Bloom, Dan Knappmiller and Paul Fischer of Central; and Mahdi Cocci, Nick Thompson, Marshall Clamons, Dan Ledman, Andy Fleming and Jerry Burch of CDH.

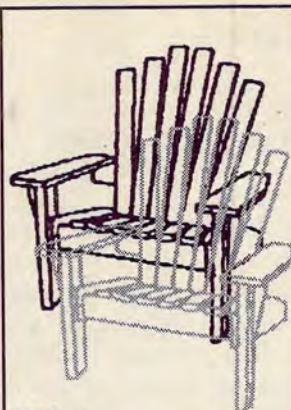
Girls track—Carla McHattie, Molly Barker, Sonia Bostrom, Jaraux Knighton, Maria Stanislaw, Langhan Dee and Danielle Simons of Central; Laura Haugan of Highland; and Courtney Norman, Rachel Connelly, Anna Shields, Bridget Schletty, Kristie Thames, Gretchen Evanson and Rhiannon Fermoye of CDH.

Baseball—Anthony LeMay, Nick Sundsmo and Tom Stoffel of Highland; Adam Hunkins, Bao Nguyen, Justin Clegg and Tarek Elmasry of Central; and Luke Vogel, Brian Gornick, Jack Hannahan, Brian Whinnery, Nick Birk, Keith Arnold and Dave McMahon of CDH.

Girls golf—Kristina Maruyana of Central; Sarah Auel and Lisa Phillips of Highland; and Katie Plummer, Abby Brennan and Rachel Sippl of CDH.

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PROJECTED NUMBERS

Everybody is talking about how many home runs Mark McGwire is going to hit this year. One third of the way into the season, he already had 27 taters on the board, putting him on track for an 81-homer season. The Big Red has cooled off some since, mostly due to a slight back ailment. However, he is still predicted to finish in the high 60s by season's end. That's only if the numbers cooperate, of course. Projections are based on statistics and we all know that statistics can lie. Still, it makes for great talk around the water cooler.

Here are some other projected numbers to ponder this summer:

- At the rate we're going, there will be six trees left standing in Highland by Halloween.
- If current trends hold, Paul Molitor will have grown younger by the end of this season.
- Bill Clinton will be involved in eight different lawsuits by Labor Day.
- The Vikings will be considering 39 different ownership packages before July 31.
- By the end of the season, there'll be over 200 cellular phones being used at once at any given Highland Little League game.
- There soon will be no less than five teams claiming to own the rights to baseball player J.D. Drew.
- By August, there will be 17 different Michael Douglas movies in the theaters. Coincidentally, all of them will cast him as a successful but confused middle-aged psycho.

LOCAL FAMILIES FIND SUCCESS

It's been quite a spring for the Birk family of Macalester-Groveland. Matt Birk, an offensive lineman who just graduated from Harvard University, was the Minnesota Vikings' sixth draft pick in late April. Brother Ben, a sophomore at the University of Minnesota, went 8-2 as a southpaw pitcher for the Gophers and was invited to try out for Team USA this summer. Nick, a senior at Cretin-Derham Hall, was the catcher and key member of the undefeated Raider baseball team. Like his older brothers before him, Nick was awarded the school's Padden Award for academic and athletic excellence this spring.

"What can I say? Things are good," said their dad, Bob. "Mother's been working the Rosary beads real hard. We had only two rules in raising our kids: Finish what you start and do your best in whatever you do."

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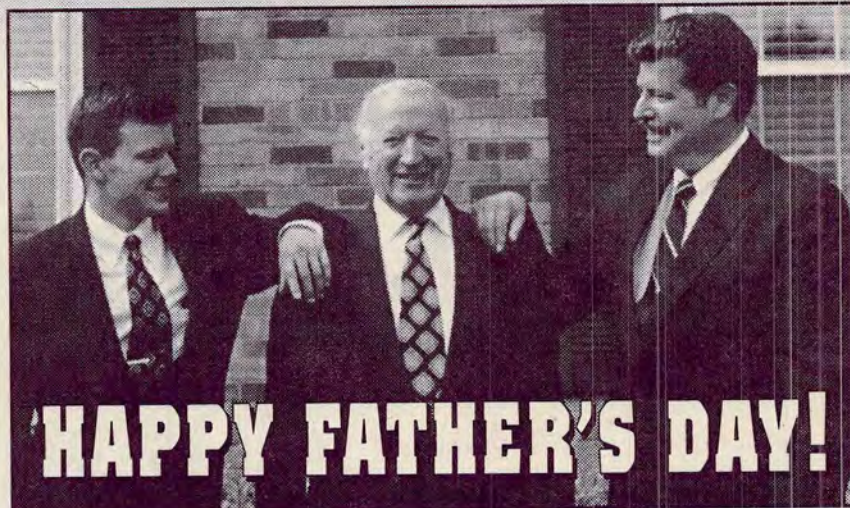
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Cretin-Derham Hall baseball

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knew that it was a tight game, and that one run would probably mean a lot. I'm just glad I was able to do my part."

The Raiders never got a sniff of home plate after that, but neither did the Eagles. CDH senior starter Brian Whinnery (10-0, 2.20 ERA) allowed only three hits in 5 1/3 innings and struck out five. Senior Dean Greenwood (4-0) relieved Whinnery with one out in the sixth and worked his way out of a jam before giving way to senior reliever Hannahan in the seventh. Hannahan walked a batter with one out, but retired the final two Eagles on strikes.

"You don't know how good this feels," said Hannahan, who also plays third base. "I just wanted to come in and throw strikes."

Hannahan described coach O'Neill as "low-key, but very disciplined. Everybody on this team knows what it takes to win," Hannahan said. "We don't even think about losing in these tight games. We feel that we can get the job done."

The Raiders survived two tight games in the Section 3AA tournament, beating both Roseville and South St. Paul in their last at-bats, but they breezed through the first two rounds of the state tournament. CDH opened the tourney with a 6-1 win over Brainerd be-

hind the three-hit pitching of senior Keith Arnold (9-0, 2.10 ERA). Birk, Hannahan and junior outfielder Mark Runyon accounted for nine of the Raiders' 11 hits. Then in the semifinals, Vogel clubbed his 18th and 19th homers of the year en route to a 9-2 victory over New Ulm.

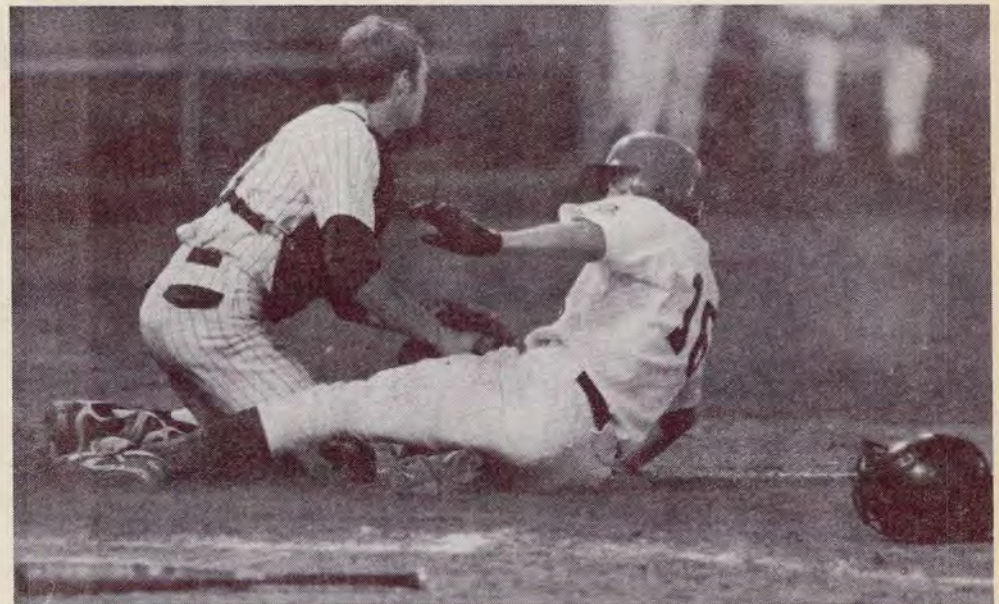
"This (championship) is much sweeter than the others," said Whinnery, who also picked up the victory against New Ulm with relief help from Greenwood and senior Bill Mauer. "I think we gained a lot of fame this year because of all our home runs, but against Eden Prairie it was the pitching that stood out. We set as our goal this year that we wanted to go undefeated and to three-peat, and we did it."

O'Neill would not say whether his senior-laden team was the best Raider outfit ever. "If I did that it would start a fight," he said. "We had good teams when I played here (he was a teammate of Paul Molitor in the early 1970s), and we've had other good ones."

And it appeared Friday night that the coach still had not grasped the significance of his team's unbeaten season in 1998. "It's amazing," O'Neill said. "There have been a lot of teams—some very good teams—that haven't done that."

"We set as our goal this year that we wanted to go undefeated and to three-peat, and we did it."

—Brian Whinnery



Raider junior shortstop J.P. Gagne backhands a grounder (top), and senior Nick Birk is thrown out at home during CDH's semifinal victory over New Ulm. Photos by Mike Long.

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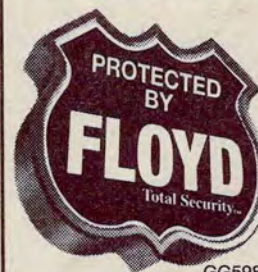


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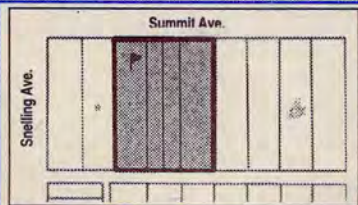
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