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State to break ground on car manufacturing training center at Ford School to answer new technology

by Catherine Condon

As recently as 25 years ago, Ford Motor Company needed assembly line workers with strong backs and arms and often hired applicants right off the street. Today, with all the electronic advancements in the industry, the nation's second-largest automaker must demand much more from its employees.

"The product itself has gotten technically more complicated," said Ray Poremba, launch training leader at the automaker's Twin Cities Assembly Plant in Highland Park. "There's a whole host of skills required

to work on the line today that people never had to have before. Folks who assemble vehicles today have to have some idea of statistical process control. They have to have communication skills, interpersonal skills, problem-solving skills."

A new \$6.7 million training center now on the drawing board is intended to insure that. On March 1, the state will break ground on a two-story, 40,000-square-foot building at the northeast corner of Ford's property, facing Ford Parkway. The center will feature electronic, mechanical and diagnostic

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Bye-bye, Boreas.

Central High School sophomore Oliver Ross put the finishing touches to a life-size rendition of King Boreas last Saturday during the waning hours of the St. Paul Winter Carnival. The snow sculpture was the St. Clement's Episcopal Church Youth Group's entry in a competition sponsored by the Macalester-Groveland Community Council. The contest drew more than 100 teams of sculptors to the Summit Avenue median at Pascal Street. First place in the family division went to "Winter Warlock" by Sean and Ryan Lindberg, Tom Bergin Jr. and Nathaniel Dodge. The top entrant in the teen-age division was "Mel the Snow Dragon" by Scott Mims, Mike Pursell, Mike Losure and Dan Pesek. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

Broken water main sends sewage and silt into area homes

by Chris Smith

A broken water main under Lexington Parkway near Palace Avenue created a cascade of troubles last week for area residents, commuters and city workers.

"It was a 6-inch cast-iron main from 1929 that broke right next to a sanitary sewer manhole," said Steve Gleason, division manager for the St. Paul Water Utility. "It was an old manhole with brick sides, so sand and silt just blew through it into the sewer."

That caused two things to happen, Gleason said. "A void under the road was created and the street fell in," he said. "Then the sand and silt clogged the sewers farther down the hill and sewage backed up into nearby houses."

The main broke at around 5:00 p.m. on February 2 and a large sinkhole opened about a half hour later. Rush-hour traffic was rerouted, but not before a minivan crashed into the hole, which eventually grew to about 25 feet across. The driver was uninjured.

Water was cut off to the area east of Lexington between Randolph and Jefferson avenues, but the sewer backup proved to be the biggest headache. It forced the cleanup of five residences on James Avenue east of Lexington and filled two basements with several feet of water, making them uninhabitable for three days.

"When I got home, the water was 2 feet deep and coming up fast," said Art Videen, who estimated that more than 4 feet of water

eventually backed up into his basement. "The water got up over the furnace and water heater controls. Of course we lost electricity, so we had to go stay with our son's family for a few days."

Videen said sand and silt filled much of his basement. City crews worked with vacuum pumps to clean as much as they could so the furnace and other utilities could be restored. "The city has been just marvelous," he said. "They've been in there working for us for a couple of days."

Ruth Stevens, who had only a few inches of water in her basement, echoed the sentiment. "Within 45 minutes I think the city crew, the gas company, the electric company and the fire department had all been here," she said.

"They were very concerned and worked very hard. Actually the biggest mess was from all the boots coming in and out."

City Council member Mike Harris, who represents the affected area and chairs the city's Water Utility Board, visited the neighborhood the morning after the break. "They're getting it back to normal pretty fast," he said. "People have been put out of their homes and they need to be taken care of. The city will do what's right."

At the sinkhole, crews had to replace a long section of pipe, fill in the hole and put a cold patch over the road, Gleason said. Lexington was reopened late Tuesday. Water service was

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Council drafts compromise on billboards

Under plan, local districts could impose ban and create new sign guidelines

by Jane McClure

The St. Paul City Council has delayed until February 11 a vote on an ordinance that would permit limited moratoriums on new billboards in the city.

The ordinance, drafted by Ward 4 City Council member Jay Benanav, would allow St. Paul neighborhoods that apply for designation as special sign districts to establish moratoriums on any new billboards until the new districts are approved by the City Council.

As defined by city code, special sign districts may ban new billboards and set regulations regarding the size, lettering height and lighting of any other signs erected in the district. Such regulations are currently in effect in special sign districts that were established in the mid-1980s in Highland Village and on Grand Avenue.

Brian Bates, a Macalester-Groveland resident and member of the anti-billboard organization Scenic America, described the proposed ordinance as a

good compromise from the citywide moratorium approved unanimously last year by the City Council but subsequently vetoed by Mayor Norm Coleman. "This would still give individual neighborhoods a measure of control," Bates said.

Some of the billboard companies that operating in St. Paul have indicated they could support such a limited moratorium. However, Universal Outdoor Ad-

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St. Paul schools to give residents preference in admissions

by Elizabeth O'Sullivan

The St. Paul School Board voted on January 20 to create a new admissions policy in response to complaints from St. Paul parents that suburban students are getting into some of the district's most popular schools, while their children are on waiting lists.

Until now, suburban students who are already attending a St. Paul public school have been on equal footing with students who live within the district's boundaries when applying for schools like Capitol Hill Magnet, Ramsey Junior High and Central Senior High. Under the new rule, which takes effect next fall, that privilege will be suspended for suburban students when they apply to switch to another school.

Suburban students currently enrolled in a St. Paul school will still be allowed to continue attending classes there. "They won't be moved in and out year after year, because that would be a very unstable situation for parents," said board chair Mary Thornton Phillips.

However, the new policy means that suburban students now taking advantage of gifted and talented classes at Capitol Hill and Ram-

sey will most likely not be able to get into a similar program at Central.

Some say the new policy might alter the district's racial balance. Minority students from the suburbs have been recruited by the district in the past to help Capitol Hill meet state-imposed desegregation guidelines. Under those guidelines, each school in the district must have a balance of white students and students of color that is within 15 percent of the district average. This year, the district is averaging 60 percent students of color in grades K-6 and 55 percent in grades 7-12.

There are 22 students from outside the district attending 8th grade at Capitol Hill, including 20 students of color. That is out of a class of 155 students. Capitol Hill, which has 104 students on its waiting list this year, is the only public school in the district that requires students to take an admissions test.

Phillips said the new policy means the district will have to work harder to inform St. Paul parents about Capitol Hill in order to entice more students of color within the district to apply to the school.

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Ramsey Junior High School is expected to only be slightly affected by the new policy, according to principal Dorothy LeGault. Ramsey's 8th-grade class of 382 has seven students from outside the district, including five students of color. The school has a waiting list of about 200.

LeGault said the new policy is good news for St. Paul parents. "It should mean that families who want their kids to go to Ramsey will have a better

chance," she said.

Principal Mary Mackbee said she does not think the new policy will change the racial makeup of Central's student body. About 100 Central students are from outside the district

out of a total enrollment of 2,015. About 120 students are on Central's waiting list. "Most of our students of color are from within the district," Mackbee said.

Still, she said the new rule will affect the diversity of the school. According to her, suburban students brought a different perspective and now it will be difficult for them to attend Central if they are not already enrolled there. "The likelihood of them getting in might be almost nil," she said.

Jay Fonkert, a parent who attended the January 20 meeting, said he favors the new policy because it will increase his daughter's chances of getting into Central. He also complained about the desegregation guidelines. "It just simply isn't right to put arbitrary racial quotas ahead of the education of children," he said.

Even though the new policy has been approved, some schools will probably still have waiting lists due to increased enrollment districtwide, Phillips said. The number of students attending St. Paul public schools has been steadily increasing by about 1,000 students a year, she said. Over the last 12 years, enrollment has increased from approximately 30,000 to 45,000.

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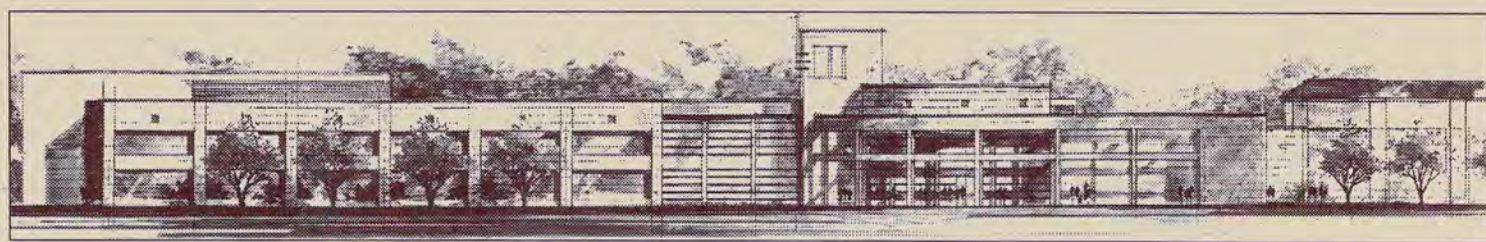
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labs; three computer training rooms; eight classrooms and a 160-seat auditorium. Construction is expected to be complete before year's end.

"It'll provide a facility for state-of-the-art training," said Jack Halverson, the plant's human resources manager. "We're very excited."

The center will help the plant's 1,820 production workers keep up with the latest technology in the manufacturing process for Ford Rangers, Halverson said. The Twin Cities plant is one of three in North America that assemble the mid-size pickup. During a four-day week, workers turn out more than 3,700 Rangers at the Highland plant. The pickups are then delivered by rail and truck to dealerships nationwide.

"To ensure that our customers get a quality product at a good price, there's a constant need to upgrade the skills of our employees," Poremba said. "And I'm not just talking about the non-skilled workforce. Our electricians within the factory are actually robot programmers. They do more of their work on a personal computer out on the floor than they do with a tool belt. Their skill level is 10 times what an electrician might need to have on a



The new Ford training center as it will look from Ford Parkway to the north.

typical construction job."

Ford workers also will be taking a wide range of traditional college-level courses at the training center through the cooperation of Metro State University, the St. Paul Technical College and other schools. "We're attempting to empower the people in the best position to make decisions about the product," Poremba said, "and there's nobody better able to do that than the person actually assembling the vehicle."

Learning alongside Ford employees will be students enrolled in state colleges and technical schools who will be using the center up to 20 percent of the time. "For example, there may be some students taking a course in robotics at Bemidji State," Poremba said. "They'll attend that class for 14 weeks and learn all they can. Then they'll pile into a bus, come down to the center and spend a couple

of days working with a robot and applying what they've learned."

The state of Minnesota has appropriated \$5 million for the center and the United Auto Workers (UAW) is kicking in another \$1.7 million to equip and maintain the facility. The center was designed by the St. Paul architectural firm of Toltz, King, Duvall, Anderson & Associates. It will be constructed and owned by the state, maintained by Ford and managed by a four-member board representing Ford, the UAW, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and the Minnesota Department of Administration.

Ford customarily builds training facilities within existing plants, Poremba said. However, management at the Twin Cities plant and the local union wanted to leave space in the assembly plant in case a decision is made to expand production.

Encouraged by results from a training center run cooperatively by the state of Ohio and Ford at the automaker's plant in Lima, local management and union reps were able to convince state officials in late 1996 to discuss entering into a similar partnership, according to UAW Local 879 president Rod Haworth. Ford completed lease and operating agreements with the state early last year.

Haworth said labor organizations besides those at Ford also will have access to the center. "We're going to work with other unions as long as the business isn't in competition with Ford," he said. "It's going to be such a great addition to this community. The Ford plant is kind of a classic structure anyway. To me, it's like looking at a gold band and all of a sudden you put a diamond in it. It's a lot more than just a functional building. It's going to be a real gem."

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- Do you get pain in your buttocks or groin area?
- Find the big knob of bone on the outside of your leg just below your hip. Press just above it with your thumb. Painful?
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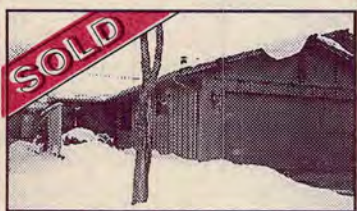
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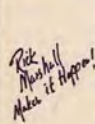
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City expected to permit cellular antennas on Grand apartments

by Jane McClure

US West Wireless' plan to place three sets of cellular telephone antennas atop an apartment building at 1305 Grand Ave. has received the blessing of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council's Housing and Land Use Committee.

Committee members initially questioned the antennas because of the council's standing position against antennas in residential areas if the building on which they are placed is less than 60 feet tall, according to council president Bill Connors. The building at 1305 Grand is 45 feet tall.

City code forbids such antennas without a special condition use permit. However, Connors said his colleagues have been convinced that US West conducted a thorough search for a site and that the apartment building is the

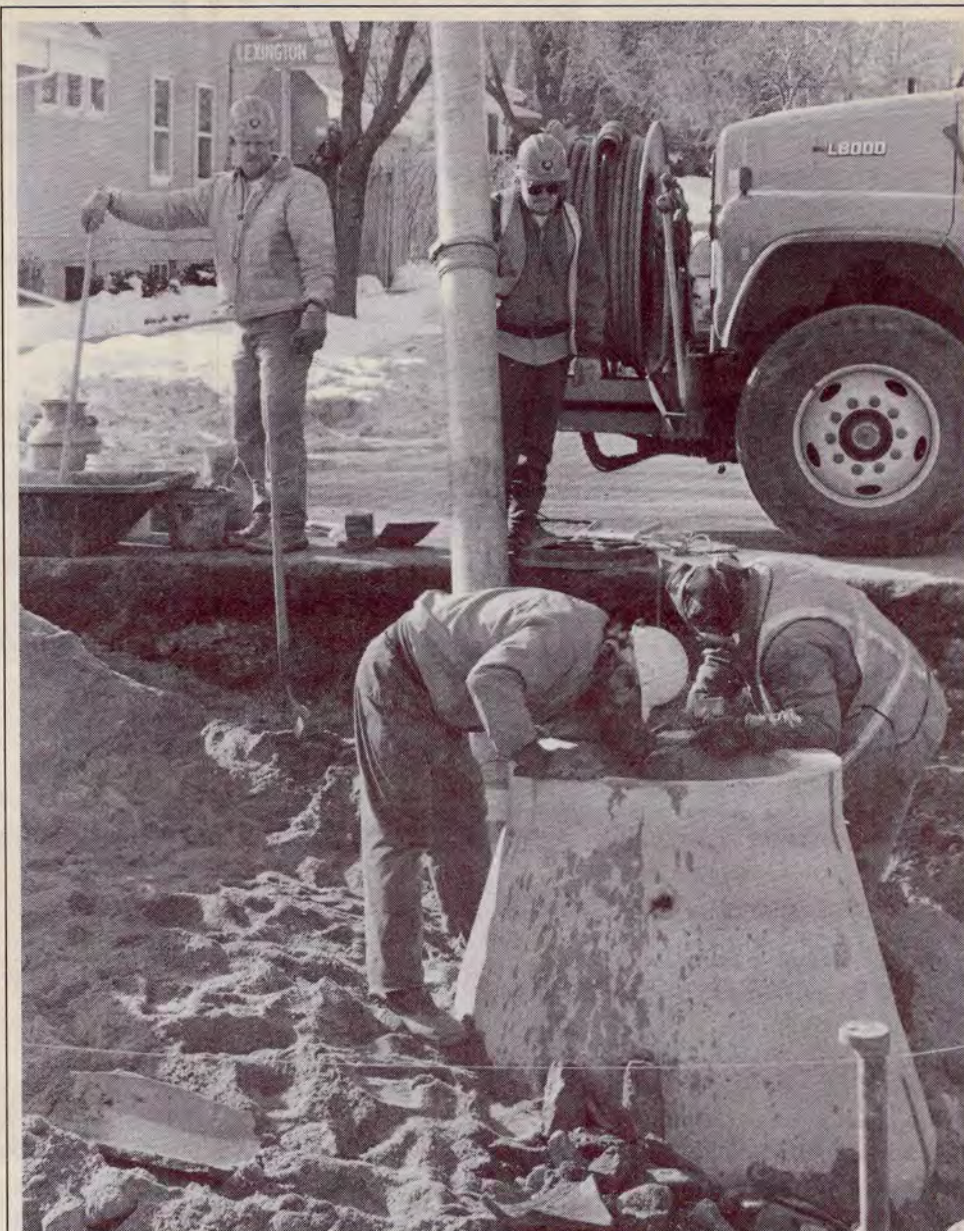
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The St. Paul Planning Commission's Zoning Committee has recommended approving the antenna site. The full commission is expected to do so on Friday, February 13.

Changes to the city ordinance regulating antennas may be made as a result of the controversy. Planning commissioner Stephen Gordon said that the city's current ordinance is too vague in defining how thorough a search must be before a special permit is sought.

Antennas are generally permitted on commercial and institutional buildings in St. Paul without a permit.

US West is planning to erect one set of antennas on the north end of the apartment building and the other two sets on the south end. They would extend about 8 feet above the roof of the 3½-story building.



Workers clear debris from a sewer line the day after a broken water main opened up a gaping sinkhole at Lexington Parkway and Palace Avenue. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

Billboard moratorium

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vertising, which owns the vast majority of the billboards in the city, has requested that before any neighborhood group is allowed to apply for a sign district, it be required to meet with billboard industry representatives.

When asked to comment following the February 4 City Council meeting, Universal spokesman Michael Cronin said, "Guess what? We don't talk to the press."

Benanav called Universal's request unreasonable. "You've got four or five large billboard companies and any number of smaller companies," he said. "Some of these companies are pretty sophisticated. They could tie things up before a proposal even gets out of the neighborhood."

According to Benanav, the proposed ordinance already provides protection for billboard companies. "We need to have some protection for neighborhoods," he said.

The purpose of the ordinance is explained in a clause that was added to protect against court challenges that have been faced by similar ordinances in other cities. It states that the City Council "finds and declares that the visual clutter and unaesthetic appearance of billboards and advertising signs constitutes an intrusive and visual pollution on the urban environment, running counter to the investment of public sums to maintain and beautify such environment, and that it has a significant government interest in regulating the appear-

ance, size and location of such signs."

Coleman has not yet indicated whether he will support the latest billboard proposal. According to deputy mayor Tom Fabel, the administration has been working closely with Benanav on the issue. Fabel noted that the proposed ordinance allows the city to review its billboard regulations without imposing the citywide moratorium that Coleman is opposed to.

The City Council voted on February 4 to set up an 11-member task force to study current billboard regulations in St. Paul. The task force also will look at the effectiveness of special sign districts, make an inventory of all advertising signs in the city and clarify the city's current policy of allowing billboard companies that take down signs in one area to put up new signs in other areas.

The task force, which will be appointed by the City Council, will include representatives of the billboard industry, unions, neighborhood groups, the city's licensing office and Department of Planning and Economic Development, and the St. Paul Planning Commission.

The task force will be charged with submitting a report to the City Council by August 1. Following a review by the Planning Commission, the recommendations the task force makes will be forwarded to the City Council by November 1.

Water main breaks

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restored to most of the area by the following morning, though a few homes on Palace Avenue had to wait an additional day.

"When the street fell in, it broke a lot of the pipe, so we had to replace a pretty good length of it," Gleason said. "The temporary patch will be replaced with a permanent fix once they get hot asphalt again in the spring."

Cleanup of the basements took considerably longer. "City and utility people were here all night Monday, working to make sure the water didn't get any higher and helping clear out the sewer pipe," said Margie Trojan, who got only about 3 inches of water but

had to deal with sand and silt all over her finished basement. "We'll have to replace the carpet and the molding probably. At least it didn't smell too bad. I was afraid of that. I guess it was mostly water from the main that rushed in through there."

Videen was just getting back into his house last Wednesday night. He said it was still too early to tell how much work would have to be done. Although he said it was an "awful mess," he insisted on keeping the incident in perspective. "I'm not thrilled about it, of course," he said. "But nobody got hurt or killed. There's a lot that could have been worse."

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MSP gears up for \$17 million runway reconstruction work

Metropolitan Airports Commission officials reported on February 5 that the \$17 million reconstruction and extension of the south parallel runway at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport will begin on April 12. The project is expected to be finished sometime in August.

The northwestern 3,400 feet of Runway 12R-30 will be rebuilt and extended by 900 feet to temporarily accommodate long-distance flights to Hong Kong. The southeastern 3,000 feet will be rebuilt in 1999.

The runway was built in the 1950s and has deteriorated with age and use by today's heavier aircraft. MAC said smaller planes will be able to use the runway during the reconstruction.

The project is expected to increase air traffic on crosswind Runway 4-22 by 100 to 200 flights a day. MAC aviation noise program manager Roy Fuhrmann said most of the additional flights will head to the south over Bloomington and Richfield. A smaller amount will be sent over St. Paul to the north or be redirected to the north parallel runway, which sends planes over South Minneapolis and Mendota Heights.

The rebuilt south parallel runway will be used for longer flights until Runway 4-22 is permanently extended to the north by 1,000 feet. Work on that project will begin in 1999 or 2000. That extension is expected to send more planes over the Veterans Administration complex and St. Paul. It will require the acquisition of 70 acres of federal property for a runway protection zone.

School Board bumps up its efforts to handle complaints

The St. Paul School Board decided on January 20 to hire a full-time employee to investigate complaints and respond to concerns by the public.

"People have identified the need for an ombudsman simply because of the difficulty they've had getting through the system," said board member Becky Montgomery.

Complaints are often fielded by the district phone operator now and are not always resolved quickly, board members said.

"We need staffing so parents don't have to wait to get a response," said board chair Mary Thorton Phillips. "One mother called and said that her daughter had been out of school

for 10 days because she was trying to get a particular matter resolved."

Board vice chair Greg Filice said an ombudsman will be able to identify a pattern of complaints, which would indicate an administrative problem.

Besides receiving complaints and questions from parents, the media and others, the ombudsman will be responsible for mediating disputes between the public and district staff members, reporting findings of inappropriate actions, and making recommendations regarding school district policies and procedures. The ombudsman also will interact with the city's Information and Complaint Office.

Starting salary for the 12-month position will be about \$38,000. The school district is hoping to have the ombudsman on board by next fall.

City grants height variance for sign at Snelling and I-94

Despite the opposition of neighbors and the Snelling-Hamline Community Council, the Citgo service station at Snelling and Concordia avenues has been granted a variance to erect a 50-foot-high sign.

The city's zoning code limits freestanding signs in a general business zone to 37 feet, 6 inches. City staff recommended the variance so that the sign would be visible from I-94. The St. Paul Planning Commission granted the variance on a 12-3 vote on January 30.

The service station had been a Union 76 station for more than a decade. Owner Jerry Showalter wants to replace the existing 50-foot-high Union 76 sign with a 50-foot-high Citgo sign. The size of the sign would increase from 113 to 196 square feet.

Neighbor Adam Clift told the Planning Commission that the larger sign would intrude on the Snelling Park neighborhood. Commissioner Stephen Gordon agreed, questioning why such a large sign is needed at one of the city's busiest intersections.

"To enlarge this sign this much doesn't make any sense," said planning commissioner Anne Geisser.

However, the majority of planning commissioners saw things differently. "This is clearly not a neighborhood in the purest sense," said commissioner Litton Field. "It's a busy commercial neighborhood."

News briefs were compiled by Jane McClure and Elizabeth O'Sullivan.

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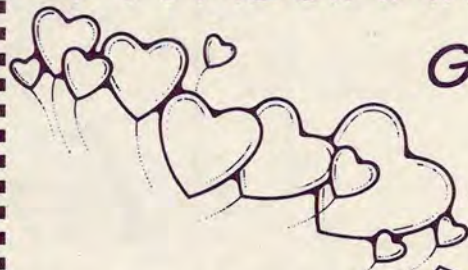
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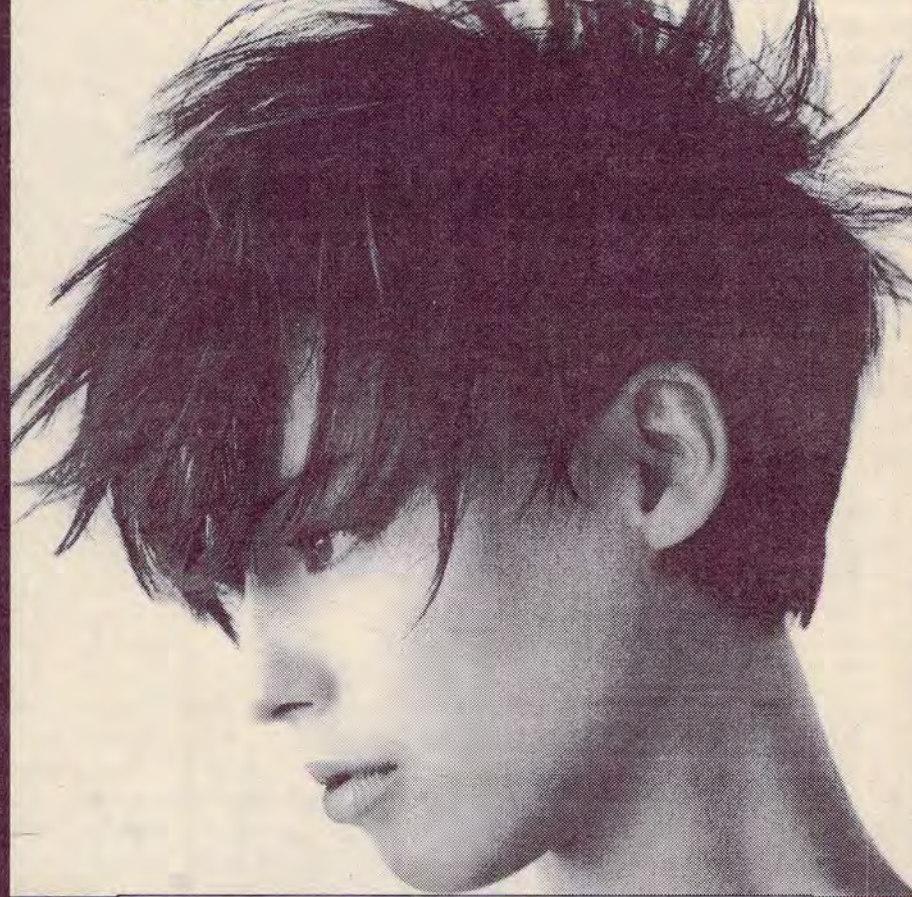
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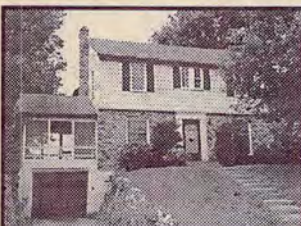
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MICHAEL MISCHKE

The rush to print, broadcast and post

The allegations of a sexual relationship between the president of the United States and a former White House intern and the rush to judgment that has ensued—from the bar stools of the corner tavern to the board rooms of the largest media conglomerates—don't say as much about presidential peccadillos as they do about the rapidly changing nature of the dissemination of information today.

By now, it's safe to say, nearly everyone has adopted a personal opinion about the truth and significance of the allegations, even though they are still only that: allegations. The avalanche of information that has been printed, broadcast and posted on the Internet concerning the alleged affair has taken on a life of its own, transforming what two people *may* have done in private into what Leonard Witt of Minnesota Public Radio referred to in the *StarTribune* of Minneapolis as "a very public *ménage à trois*, with the press playing the part of the voyeur."

Tellingly, it wasn't technically the press, but rather a Hollywood-based gossip Web site—the aptly named Drudge Report—that detonated the bomb heard 'round the world. Three days later, *Newsweek*, whose editor had earlier decided to kill the story because the magazine's reporters had "never seen (Lewinski), talked with her or done enough independent reporting to assess the young woman's credibility," was rushing to get its own version online. A *Newsweek* spokeswoman explained that "we released it because everyone was jumping on the story."

The rest, as they say, is history. But whether it's historically accurate or not, the reverberations generated by this increasingly competitive and fractionalized informational marketplace are likely to be felt for a long, long time.

"The distinction between tabloid and mainstream journalism has almost dissolved," said Bill Keller, managing editor of the *New York Times*, in the independent trade journal *Editor & Publisher*. "That makes me uncomfortable."

Keller also pointed to the plethora of 24-hour TV news programs as contributing to a breakdown in journalistic standards. "I've seen print reporters (say) on TV the kinds of things they'd only have said five years ago to a friend over a beer after the newspaper had closed," he said.

Other industry observers believe that the nature of news coverage will never be the same. The Web is turning "every newspaper into a wire service, delivering news accounts when they're written, not when the paper is printed," said Steve Geimann of the Society of Professional Journalists.

The rush to print, broadcast or post in the Information Age may be delivering the news in an increasingly timely fashion, but it can't help but increasingly call into question the accuracy of that information as well. And that doesn't bode well for an industry already suffering from a lack of credibility among the public it purports to serve.

The city sales tax sop

Readers of this column know the reservations I've harbored about the extra half-percent sales tax St. Paul has been collecting since 1993. The Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) program was born of a bribe to secure public support for a tax hike to pay for the Civic Center's expansion. In the past five years, the neighborhood portion of that pool of money has proven to be little more than an ongoing sop for city officials to reward those who are deemed deserving of political patronage.

With the changes recently proposed for the STAR program, I'm more convinced than ever that it's time to blow the whistle on this little insiders' game. The city is proposing to eliminate the annual competitive process for STAR loans and empower the director of Planning and Economic Development (PED) to approve loans of \$100,000 or less that get the blessing of a mayor-appointed board.

The effect will be to gut the centerpiece of STAR—the competitive process designed to reward the very best projects—while paring political accountability. Though it was never intended as such, the half-percent sales tax would become little more than pocket change doled out by PED.



Paving paradise for commuter convenience

To the editors:

When we moved to Highland Park in 1979, our Minneapolis friends told us that the view from our front porch looked like an illustration of heaven from a Sunday school book. Two decades later it still does, but perhaps not for long. Consider the following proposed projects:

1. Expanding the I-35E bridge from four lanes to eight lanes to accommodate the increased number of cars.
2. Relocating rental car facilities and parking lots from the airport to the Shepard-Davern area.
3. Constructing new hotels in Highland Park to serve the airport area once existing Bloomington hotel sites are vacated to create an expanded runway protection zone.
4. Building a new bridge over the Mississippi River and through Hidden Falls Park as part of the Riverview Transit Corridor connecting the airport, Mall of America and the two downtowns.
5. Extending airport Runway 4-22 to accommodate increased jumbo jet traffic over Highland Park.
6. Constructing a new six- to eight-lane roadway along the river bluff at Minnehaha Park from Highway 62 to downtown Minneapolis.

Any one of these projects could have a detrimental effect on the residents of Highland Park. Not one of these projects serves the needs or interests of the immediate community. They exist primarily to facilitate the movement of suburban commuters and air travelers to and from other areas of the city. The introduction of such a large transient population, noise, pollution and traffic congestion into our community will transform it and I believe destroy it.

Remember Rondo?

Often the decisions on these projects are being made, and in some cases implemented, by non-elected commissions or agencies whose primary purpose is to capture federal or state transportation dollars.

As citizens and neighbors, we must act before the neighborhood we all love becomes one more chapter of *Lost Twin Cities*. We live here, not in Lakeville or Maple Grove, because we appreciate the sanity and grace of a well-designed urban community: front porches, quiet tree-lined streets, sidewalks, talks over the back fence, neighborhood shops and a density that is scaled for pedestrians, not cars. This is about protecting all those reasons we choose to live here and not in the suburbs.

Please talk to your representatives on the City Council, the County Board, the state Legislature and Congress. Come to Highland Area Community Council meetings and get involved. We've made such progress in protecting our natural

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environment. It's time to start protecting our urban environment as well.

Kristine Thompson and Brian Merchant
Highland Park

Billboard ban is bad policy

Dear editor,

As is usually the case in matters of personal interest, Michael Mischke's column (*Villager*, January 21) reflects a lack of research or a blatant disregard for the facts. Of course, it's easy to reflect after the St. Paul City Council refused to override Mayor Coleman's veto of the sign ordinance, but the fact remains that the proposed billboard moratorium is bad public policy. To its credit, the new City Council realized that blanketing the whole city with a moratorium was not the answer to the problem.

Concerning Mr. Mischke's allegation that the Business Review Council (BRC) acted on behalf of the mayor, that simply is not true. The BRC has been addressing the issue of signs and their impact on businesses and neighborhoods for the past year. Worse yet, Mr. Mischke's assertion that members of the BRC "apparently believe that any governmental limitation imposed on the lucrative outdoor advertising industry is a far greater evil" does not hold water. True, the BRC opposed the use of a moratorium to address the issue, but it has in fact supported a review of the citywide sign ordinance and has volunteered its resources to help review and update the current plan. Stay tuned.

Mark P. Moeller
Highland Park

Editor's note: Mr. Moeller chairs the General Legislative Committee of the St. Paul Business Review Council.

Michael Mischke replies: I'm not sure what facts Mr. Moeller is accusing me of blatantly disregarding. In stating that the BRC apparently believes any governmental limitation on outdoor advertising is a greater evil than billboards themselves, I was

The national debt makes personal credit card debt look like peanuts

by Darrell McKigney

Every year at this time news organizations across the country carry stories about holiday shoppers who are worried about large charges they have put on their credit cards and high interest payments they will be saddled with for the rest of the year. The stories often describe people who carry \$10,000 or more in credit charges as "out of control" and in the hole so deeply they may never get out.

What the media do not report—and most people do not realize—is that the interest they will pay on their share of the national debt this year dwarfs the interest paid on even the largest credit card bills. It is estimated that the national debt will be about \$5.4 trillion in 1998, or about \$20,000 for every person in the United States. At 7 percent interest, a family of five will be responsible for \$7,000 in interest payments on the national debt in 1998, or about \$580 per month.

Compare that with someone who has \$10,000 in credit card charges at 18 percent interest. They would have \$1,800 in interest charges this year, or about \$150 per month. Someone with that much credit card debt might well be encouraged to see a credit counselor.

And these figures are simply for paying the interest, not for paying any of the principal and reducing the debt. For a family of five to pay back its share of the national debt in 30 years, it would have to make payments roughly equal to the mortgage on a \$100,000 home.

Interest on the national debt amounts to roughly 15 percent of the federal budget. If the budget is actually balanced this year, as some predict, the amount of money you pay in interest on the national debt this year will be equal to

Reducing the national debt is one of the biggest tax breaks that Congress could possibly give.

about 15 percent of the total federal taxes you pay—plus 15 percent of the hidden federal taxes you pay with everything you purchase.

That's if the budget is balanced. For years the federal deficit has mirrored the amount of interest we have been paying on the national debt. In other words, we have been essentially borrowing money to pay the interest on the national debt, thus burying ourselves even deeper. If the federal budget is

balanced, it only stops the piling on. It does not begin to reduce either the national debt or the amount of interest we owe on it.

Many Minnesota families may owe more as their share of the national debt than they owe on their homes, student loans and automobiles combined.

Given the enormous burden that interest on the national debt puts on average Minnesotans, Minnesota's congressional delegation must make reduction of the national debt its top priority. Balancing the budget is an important first step, but it does nothing to address the outrageous burden that the national debt places on the backs of all taxpayers.

Every dollar reduction in the national debt will reduce the interest owed on that dollar for decades to come. Reducing the national debt is one of the biggest tax breaks that Congress could possibly give.

Editor's note: Darrell McKigney, a former congressional aide to Rod Grams, Jim Ramstad and Vin Weber, is president of the newly formed Taxpayers League of Minnesota, which is based in St. Paul. He is also the former executive director of the Minnesota Christian Coalition.

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merely restating what Mr. Moeller said when he testified before the City Council against the proposed billboard moratorium:

"The BRC is basically opposed to additional regulation of business." I never stated that the BRC acted on behalf of the mayor. I merely noted that the BRC had "the full support of St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman, who appointed its members." I remain convinced that new billboards ought to be banned not only in Highland Village, as they are now thanks to the work of people like Mr. Moeller who helped create Highland Village's special sign district, but all across St. Paul.

Junk food for the mind

To the editor:

As a pediatrician, I counsel my patients daily on the correct diet for their children. I have a 12-month-old boy and I carefully choose his food. There is also a diet for the mind. I am careful that my boy is protected from violent images on TV or in magazines.

Brian Bates, at the City Council's public hearing on billboards (*Villager*, January 21), made me aware that billboards are like no other form of advertising. Unlike television or magazines, one cannot turn them off. My boy and I are force-fed this junk food for the mind.

Nobel Peace Prize nominee Thich Nhat Hanh says in his book, *Peace If Every Step*, "Television... is a form of pollution for us and our children. (It) sows seeds of violence and anxiety in our children and pollutes their consciousness... We need to protect the ecology of the mind or this kind of violence and recklessness will spill over into many other areas of life."

I walk with my boy to the corner of Ford Parkway and Cleveland Avenue. He smiles as I look into his eyes. I look up and see large, remote corporate interests pushing a frantic, overconsuming lifestyle. I strive against the values many of these signs push. I would like my community to support me as I strive to teach other values to my child. Please support the moratorium on new billboards.

John Garcia
Highland Park

Crossing a bridge we've come to

To the editor:

The I-35E bridge over the Mississippi River needs to be replaced. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has proposed constructing a new bridge adjacent to it so that traffic patterns are not altered during reconstruction. Last week the entire St. Paul delegation to the state Legislature signed on to a letter to MnDOT disagreeing with that plan. The delegation requested that MnDOT explore reconstruction alternatives that will not encroach on Crosby Lake or have a negative impact on the Mississippi River. In addition, Ward 3 City Council member Mike Harris has brought together representatives of government and concerned organizations to ensure that MnDOT crafts an acceptable plan.

MnDOT has a responsibility to build roads and bridges and it does its job well. However, the solution to our transportation problems must move beyond building massive freeways that ultimately exacerbate congestion and

promote urban sprawl. Transit funding per capita in Minnesota is 59 percent below the national average. This must change. It is imperative that transportation alternatives such as commuter rail, light-rail transit and efficient bus service become part of all future land planning.

Projects like the I-35E bridge are the result of myopic thinking and over-reliance on the automobile. People will use mass transit if it is efficient and convenient. All units of government, including the Metropolitan Council, are beginning to see the need for transit alternatives, but there is limited action. Now is the time to seize the opportunity and make mass transit a real priority in the metro area.

Michael Paymar
Macalester-Groveland

Editor's note: Mr. Paymar is the state representative for District 64B.

Misplaced fear derails transit

To the editor:

I perused the January 21 *Villager* and discovered that on page 4 a parent declares, "there is no way I'm going to let (my daughters) ride (Metro Transit) with pedophiles and drug users," and on page 10 I read that "St. Paul seeks slower pace for Riverview Corridor transit study." I wonder if St. Paul policy-makers seeking the slower pace have ridden the bus recently with me and my fellow drug users and pedophiles?

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The issues of public school busing and mass transit corridors are separate. However, our fear and mistrust of mass transit unites the two issues in a troubling way. We cannot continue to run away from alternatives to the car because we fear the people who are already using the alternatives.

St. Paul School Board member Greg Filice asks, "How many (students) will have to start earlier in the morning (to catch the city bus)? If they have to get up 15 minutes earlier, that's a concern." It is a concern for the kids and the parents. Citing the lack of a timely mass transit alternative, both of my parents wake up an hour before they commute to work by automobile.

During the 1998 legislative session, money that has already been taken out of our wallets is available to improve mass transit in this region. Our state legislators have the opportunity to receive \$200 million in federal dollars for mass transit. If matched by an additional \$106 million of state money, the Twin Cities could build light-rail transit in the Hiawatha Corridor very soon.

The gas taxes on all of the miles we have driven in this city alone have bought and paid for rail transit systems across the country. Existing mass transit systems in Atlanta, Dallas and San Diego have taken away and will continue to take away the Olympics, conventions and the Super Bowl.

Some may argue that \$106 million is too expensive for one project. However, this one-time expense to build the necessary infrastructure for the system is exactly that—a one-time cost. A route to the airport, the mall, downtown and the Veterans Administration campus will move travelers, shoppers and employees in an inexpensive and timely manner.

Private buses may get our kids to school now, but in 10 to 20 years all of the buses will be stuck in traffic.

Matthew J. Clark
University of Minnesota

A bad rap for bus riders

To the editor,

Without question, there are many legitimate concerns around the legislatively mandated proposal to convert Minneapolis and St. Paul high schoolers from school buses to city buses. However, it is quite possible that an unnamed parent engaged in some disingenuous hyperbole with his comment in the January 21 *Villager* about not allowing his daughters to ride with pedophiles and drug users on Metro Transit buses.

The Minneapolis and St. Paul school districts already spend between \$800,000 and \$1 million a year on Metro Transit bus tickets used by students for school-related travel. Thousands of other young people use our buses without

incident every day for work and social trips. Ours is a solid and safe public transit network. To sully its reputation without understanding the facts is a disservice.

Robert J. Gibbons
Director of Customer Services
Metro Transit

Dear editor,

It was inappropriate to highlight the quote from the person saying bus riders are drug users and pedophiles (*Villager*, January 21). The person who said that has probably never been on a bus. I have ridden the bus to work for four years and have never had a problem and have witnessed and been the recipient of many acts of kindness. The people on the bus are going to work and school just as the people in cars. The only problem with the buses currently is how underfunded the system is so that the service has been cut back.

Jane Reiland
Merriam Park

Riding city bus helps teens grow

Dear editor,

As a 14-year-old city bus rider, I would like to respond to the article in the January 21 *Villager*. The article focused on the negative aspects of busing high school kids on Metro Transit. I ride the city bus home almost every day because of after-school sports and activities. It makes me feel like a responsible young adult because I don't have to rely on my parents to drive me everywhere.

In the article, a parent of two teen-age daughters informed the School Board that "there's no way I'm going to let them ride (Metro Transit) with pedophiles and drug users." How would she know all this? She probably hasn't ridden a bus in 20 years.

Her fear of the bus is probably a hidden form of racism. There are many types of people who ride the bus. People who don't own a car ride the bus along with people who have certain disabilities that make them unable to drive cars. Normal working people ride the bus. If she thinks of these people as scary, she's got a problem.

In my experience, Metro Transit buses are safe, quiet places where one can sit and relax. You can't keep treating teen-agers like babies. Letting us ride the city bus gives us independence and helps us develop as mature citizens.

Becky Alper
Macalester-Groveland

Editor's note: The writer is an 8th-grader at Capitol Hill Magnet School.

Short memories, not distances

To the editor:

The mindset of the typical sport utility vehicle (SUV) owner was revealed in Jay Hughes' letter to the editor in the January 21 *Villager*, in which he states that his SUV driven 5,000 miles would use less gas and cause less air pollution than an ordinary car driven 12,000 miles. How's that for simple logic? Where has it been established that SUV owners drive fewer miles than everyone else?

Too many people driving these gas guzzlers have forgotten about the long lines at the gas pumps when supplies were cut back not so long ago. Gasoline supplies are finite. Scientists say it takes a million years to produce the raw material for a gallon of gasoline. Most of us just can't wait that long.

As far as Hughes blaming the political left for the attack on SUVs, that doesn't hold water because there's an unseemly number of Democrats careening around in them also.

Bob Benson
Merriam Park

Thanks for the coverage

Dear editor,

I was extremely impressed by the response I received from the story you ran about my new business and fitness program (*Villager*, January 7). Because of Kate Havelin's well-written, well-rounded story about WalkShaping, my office has spent the last few days compiling information packets to send to potential clients. Thank you for taking an interest in WalkShaping and my story.

Marilyn Bach
Summit Hill

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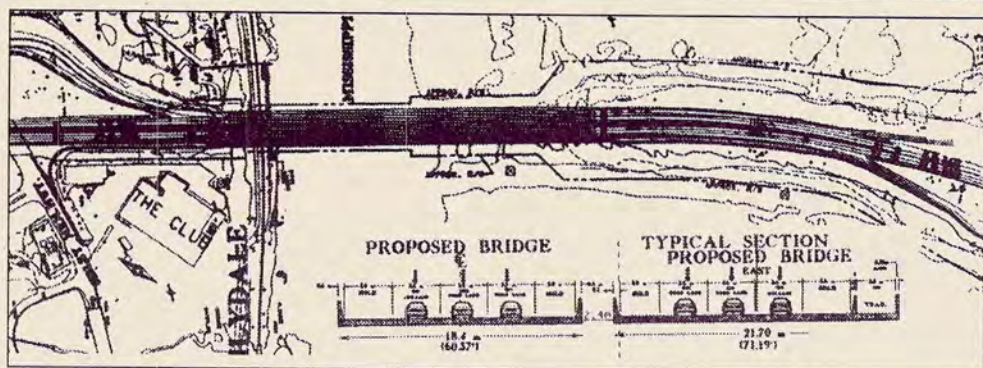


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A sketch of Alternative No. 4 for reconstructing the I-35E bridge over the Mississippi River shows a span 164-feet wide, providing room for six lanes of traffic, separate entrance and exit lanes for Shepard Road and Highway 13 and bicycle and pedestrian lanes. The state Department of Transportation considers this the safest of the roadway alternatives.

MnDOT wants an agreement on 35E bridge design by spring

by Jane McClure

Five alternatives are now on the table for rebuilding the I-35E bridge over the Mississippi River. The options range from a four-lane bridge 81 feet in width to an eight-lane bridge 164 feet in width. All options involve either building a new bridge next to the existing structure or expanding the existing one.

However, Ward 3 City Council member Mike Harris, area residents and the Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County would like to see one more alternative considered. They are asking the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to consider closing and tearing down the existing bridge and replacing it with one of the same size and in the same place with possibly an additional lane for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The latest bridge option was brought up in December and again on February 3 at a Non-Traditional Transportation Stakeholders Committee meeting at MnDOT's offices in Roseville. It also was discussed by the Highland Area Community Council (HACC) on February 5.

The existing bridge is 67.3 feet wide. It has four 12-foot traffic lanes and two 3-foot shoulders. MnDOT officials said at the February 3 meeting that the new bridge has to be wider than that. "We have a very strong need for auxiliary lanes when the bridge is rebuilt," said project manager Muktar Thakur. "Those lanes would give vehicles room to merge and safely get on and off the freeway."

Thakur said the lanes are needed to handle the many cars that enter and exit I-35E on both sides of the river. An average of 5,284 southbound motorists a day enter the freeway from Shepard Road in Highland Park, and 6,744 exit the freeway at Highway 13 in Lilydale. In the northbound lanes, an average of 5,275 motorists enter the freeway from Highway 13 and 5,436 exit at Shepard Road.

MnDOT would like the Stakeholders' Committee to reach an agreement on a bridge alternative by this spring. The committee is composed of city and county officials, environmental groups, representatives of trucking associations and others. MnDOT wants to complete pre-design work on the new bridge by September and have the final design completed by early 2000. Construction would begin shortly thereafter.

However, the fast schedule worries some area residents. "We're running out of time," said HACC member Paul Heinerscheid.

For his part, Harris said he is running out of patience with MnDOT's bridge planning process. "We'll have a six- or eight-lane bridge going into a four-lane road (the I-35E Parkway)," he said. "My philosophy is that if you build it, they will come."

MnDOT staff say the deteriorated condition of the bridge, coupled with growth in Dakota County and the increasing number of motorists who travel on I-35E to get to work, are pushing the project along. The bridge car-

ried about 15,000 vehicles a day when it opened in 1965. The traffic count is now at 72,000 a day and it is projected to jump to 115,000 by 2015 and to 131,000 by 2024.

The I-35E bridge is actually two separate bridges. The two-girder design was popular when it was built, according to Dan Dorgan of MnDOT's bridge division. However, the design is no longer used in Minnesota because of the problems such bridges have experienced. In the case of the I-35E bridge, the weight of motor vehicles has caused the beams to twist. More than 100 cracks have been discovered in the bridge structure.

"What it tells us is that this bridge is at the end of its useful life," Dorgan said.

MnDOT has estimated that reconstruction or replacement of the bridge will cost between \$23 million and \$28 million. The five options now being discussed include:

- Building a new 81-foot-wide bridge downstream, keeping the option of using the existing bridge piers for additional lanes in the future. The new bridge would have room for 4- and 6-foot shoulders, but no space for a bicycle or pedestrian lane. The bridge would have to be built close to overhead power lines and would require the loss of a half-acre of land in Crosby Farm Regional Park.

- Building a new 67.3-foot-wide bridge upstream, keeping the option of using the existing bridge piers for additional lanes in the future. The new bridge would have four traffic lanes and 4- to 6-foot shoulders. No space would be available for a bicycle or pedestrian lane.

- Building two two-lane bridges, each of which would be 60-feet wide. Both bridges would have entrance and exit lanes. One of the structures would be built atop the existing bridge piers, and the other would be constructed upstream. This plan would allow for expansion to a six-lane roadway in the future, to a width of 139.6 feet, and would provide room for a bicycle/pedestrian lane. The Shiely gravel operation on the south side of the river would lose about half an acre of property, but Crosby Farm Park would not lose any acreage. A sub-alternative to this plan calls for a four-lane bridge without the bicycle/pedestrian lane.

- Widening the existing bridge both upstream and downstream to as much as 164 feet to accommodate eight lanes of traffic. MnDOT officials believe this is the safest option, since the bridge would have wider shoulders and lanes for entering and exiting Shepard Road and Highway 13. The design also could include a bicycle/pedestrian lane. Crosby Farm Park would not have to give up any acreage, but the gravel operation would lose some property.

- A fifth alternative, unveiled on February 3, would provide for the expansion of the existing bridge to eight lanes, but not until at least 2008. The bridge would have three lanes of traffic and an auxiliary or entrance/exit lane in each direction. The bridge design also includes space for a bicycle/pedestrian path.

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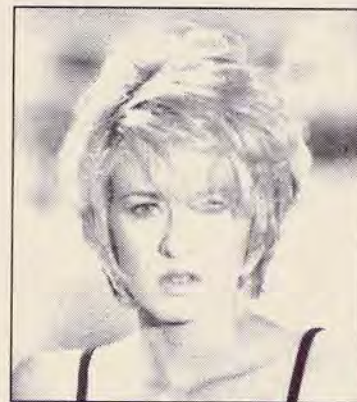
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Virtual valentine

Internet technology comes full bloom for Grand Avenue florist

by Christy Rain

At first blush, A. Johnson & Sons Florists seems like virtually any other flower shop. Those who walk through the front door of the Grand Avenue store are greeted with the sights and smells of freshly cut roses, azaleas and tulips, just as they have for more than 60 years.

But just a few feet beyond the floor space, in an office behind the shop, computers and modems offer customers a technological alternative to picking out bouquets in person. That's where Virtual Florist, an Internet site for sending free virtual flower bouquets, takes the floral shop out of real world and into that of cyberspace.

"It's a popular site," said A. Johnson & Sons vice president Tom Johnson, who helped start the Internet Florist Association and launched the Virtual Florist website in July 1996. "There are over 35,000 virtual bouquets being sent daily. We've been listed in *USA Today* as one of the top virtual sites, recognized in the *Wall Street Journal* and listed in a national women's magazine as a site to visit for great, last-minute gift ideas."

A. Johnson & Sons has been operating at 1738 Grand Ave. for three generations. Aaron

Johnson started the business in 1936. It is now owned by Tom and his wife, Heidi, and Tom's parents Ruby and Gerald.

Virtual Florist (www.virtualflorist.com) allows Internet users to select color images of floral arrangements from the comfort of their home or office and send them to anyone in the world. Among the current selections are a dozen roses, a sunflower vase, a carnation soda, balloons, a knight in shining armor and a character dressed like a Hershey's Kiss. People can even send someone they aren't so enamored with a bouquet of "Morticia's Finest," which has the heads of all the flowers lopped off.

Arrangements are changed frequently. Past selections include junk food baskets full of cookies, candy and potato chips; a tattooed man; "Over the Hill" balloons and a virtual fruitcake (guaranteed never to spoil or cause indigestion). The website also allows users to send an e-mail message along with the arrangement.

Johnson said his brother, Jerry, who was employed in a computer-related business, came up with the Internet idea for Virtual Florist. The company, which is run by the two brothers and Heidi, has 22 other Internet domain names, including Virtual Roses, which



Tom Johnson of A. Johnson & Sons Florists shows off a virtual bouquet next to a real arrangement of miniature pink carnations. More than 35,000 virtual bouquets are being sent daily from the shop's Virtual Florist website. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

was designed specifically with Valentine's Day in mind.

Those who log on to Virtual Florist also may order real flowers over the Internet using a credit card. Tom Johnson said Internet orders are growing substantially.

"I think customers get a better value on the Internet," he said. "They see what they're going to get, unlike phone orders. Ten percent of our real flower orders are from people overseas, because customers save about \$20 per

order. The second day that we were online, we received our first real flower order from a customer in England."

Johnson said he expects "fantastic growth" as the number of Internet users continues to increase. "Over the past year, we've updated our systems and added phone lines to meet the demand," he said. "We're a secure site and the first Minnesota company to be listed on the Better Business Bureau's online site."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

The Crazy Carrot Juice Bar & Cafe has opened at 1577 Grand Ave., serving fresh-squeezed fruit and vegetable juices, fruit smoothies and vegetarian sandwiches. Owners Eric P. Strauss, 26, and Tony Barranco, 23, are graduates of the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management and former employees of U.S. Satellite Broadcasting. Barranco said Strauss came up with the idea for the business while traveling the East and West Coasts, where juice bars

are proliferating. "It's a trend similar to coffee shops and bagel shops, but one yet to hit the Twin Cities," Barranco said. Strauss and Barranco are now looking to open similar operations at other Twin Cities locations.

U.S. Hair Force, a hair salon that has been operating at 1850 Grand Ave. for the past 14 years, has been awarded a \$7,100 loan from the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development

to aid in the business' expansion. Owner Jaymes Taylor is planning to add chairs, increase the number of stylists from three to five, and develop a line of hair care products.

The Snelling-Selby Area Business Association has elected new officers. Eva Oswald of Garden of Eva Florist was elected president. Other officers include Priscilla St. Aubin of Standish-St. Aubin, vice president; and Gerald Sognesand of Liberty State

Bank, secretary/treasurer. Board members include Ed Boehm of Boehm Heating; Jim Bergstrom, Liberty State Bank; George Carlson, Tennis 5.0; Mat Hollinshead, *Merriam Park Post*; George Jurgenson, citizen at large; Peg LaBore, Family Tree; Dan O'Gara, O'Gara's Bar and Grill; Tom Wichelman, Boehm's Schwinn Cycle Center; Gayle Winegar, the Sweatshop; and Sue Richardson, Oh Sew Special.

Minnesota Women's Press recognized four area women as "Newsmakers for 1997." Honored were chiropractors **Danielle Olson** and **Colleen Hathaway**, who operate the

IN8 clinic at 1036 S. Cleveland Ave.; **Gayle Winegar**, president of the Sweatshop, 171 N. Snelling Ave.; and the **Reverend Ricky Rask** of Macalester-Plymouth United Church. Rask founded Kids First, an organization that has challenged proposals to spend public money on a Minnesota Twins stadium.

Business Network International has started a new chapter for business professionals that meets for breakfast from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. every Thursday at 1036 S. Cleveland Ave. Membership in the group is open to one person from each profession. An annual fee of

\$125 is charged along with the weekly cost of breakfast. For more information, call Bev at 330-9152 or Nancy at 925-9850.

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Snelling-Hamline COUNCIL CAPSULE

NEW STAFF MEMBER

The Snelling-Hamline Community Council has hired Sherilyn Young as its new housing coordinator and community organizer. Young lives on St. Paul's West Side where she chairs that neighborhood council's Environment Committee and serves as a representative on the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium. She also spearheaded the citizen's group "No Shams," which opposed the proposed automobile shredder on the Mississippi River.

Young most recently worked as a community organizer in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis. One of her responsibilities there was to implement the Neighborhood Revitalization Project's housing program.

In Snelling-Hamline, Young will go right to work coordinating the Pride in Neighborhood Housing program, which will officially begin on February 11. The program will allow Snelling-Hamline and Merriam Park residents to apply for low-interest loans and grants for exterior home improvements such as new roofing, storm windows and tuckpointing. For information, call Young at the council office at 644-1085.

BOARD OPENINGS

There are currently several open seats on the Snelling-Hamline board. The only qualifications for the seats are a desire to help build a strong neighborhood and a willingness to attend board meetings on the first Thursday of each month. For information, call the council office at 644-1085.

TOWN MEETINGS

The Snelling-Hamline and Merriam Park community councils are embarking on a joint planning process that will involve three town meetings between March and August. The resulting neighborhood plan will be included in St. Paul's Comprehensive Plan and will guide the city on zoning issues for the next 20 years.

The first meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony. For information, call the community council office at 644-1085.

ECOTEAMS FORMING

The community council is looking for people who are interested in forming EcoTeams. The program can help residents simplify their lives and save up to \$1,200 a year in energy costs while also helping the environment. For information on getting an EcoTeam started, call Karen Dalton at 644-1085.

BLOCK LEADER DINNER

Snelling-Hamline held its block leader recognition dinner at O'Gara's on January 29. Block leaders were updated on current crime prevention strategies by Nancy Howard of the St. Paul Police Department. Snelling-Hamline staff members shared information on current community initiatives, including Safe Apartments and Pride in Neighborhood Housing.

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Pop goes the culture

Jungian analyst believes much can be learned by examining what captures America's imagination

by Bob Gilbert

After eight years studying Jungian analysis in Zurich, Merriam Park psychologist Mary Lynn Kittelson suffered culture shock when she returned to the States in 1990. While the Swiss culture was quiet and introspective, Kittelson found America to be so commercialized, extroverted and success-oriented that it overwhelmed her.

"Listening to one's culture is important if we're to ascertain the meaning of it all," Kittelson said. "But if you listen to American culture, you go crazy. It's an irritant. When I first returned from Switzerland, the chattering and selling on television and radio were so horrible I could hardly bear it."

Kittelson's culture shock provided the impetus for the newly published book, *The Soul Of Popular Culture: Looking at Contemporary Heroes, Myths and Monsters*. The book examines the television shows, Hollywood films and news stories that have captured America's imagination and reflects on what they say about the condition of the nation's collective psyche. Kittelson edited the book, contributed one of its 24 essays and wrote the introduction.

The book includes essays on such figures as O.J. Simpson, Elvis Presley and Clarice Starling, the female

protagonist in *Silence of the Lambs*. It also delves into vampires and the movie *Pulp Fiction*. There is even an essay on the significance of Minnesota storyteller Garrison Keillor.

The essays are expressions of how the nation's consciousness has changed with the times, Kittelson said. Take heroes, for example. In an earlier part of this century, the hero was often portrayed as a cowboy taming the Wild West. Today's heroes are most often athletes or billionaires.

"In America today," Kittelson said, "we've embraced a hero image that has made the need to accomplish something an obsession. If you're not accomplishing something, there's the feeling that something's wrong with you. It's astounding that the only way we seem to define the hero is through money. We don't ever consider what we want or need or feel as individuals."

Many of the essays featured in the book are written by members of the Minnesota Jung Association, which is headquartered at 1550 Summit Ave. All but one of the contributors subscribe to Jungian principles, which seek to interpret the unconscious mind from a spiritual perspective.

"This book offers a different lens by which to look at cultural and so-

cietal events," said association president Vera Kovacovic. "People may dismiss many of the topics as superficial, but one can acquire a much deeper meaning when looking at them in terms of mythology and what it says about us as a culture."

Kittelson and several contributors to *The Soul Of Popular Culture* will be teaching a six-week course, "Undercurrents of the Culture," beginning at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 12, at the Minnesota Jung Association. The course will look at what movies, radio and TV programs, the Internet, fads and political issues say about America as a whole. Kittelson also will conduct a salon on "The Cultural Unconscious" at 7:15 p.m. Friday, February 20. Registration information is available by calling 698-8533.

Kittelson said she has noticed changes in the individuals who come to her for therapy since she resumed her private practice eight years ago. For one thing, she said, more men are coming for analysis. For another, much of the discussion with her patients seems to be centered around the impact the media are having on their lives.

Kittelson, who also is the author of *Sounding the Soul: The Art Of Listening*, claims that Americans are losing their ability to listen because of the constant bombardment of



According to Mary Lynn Kittelson, movies, television shows and news stories offer a wealth of information about the condition of the nation's collective psyche. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

the media. It is difficult for people to tune in, she said, when television and radios are always turned on and someone is always trying to manipulate them, scare them or get them to buy something.

"The topic of child abuse was the national obsession when I returned

to America," Kittelson said. "The current obsession is President Clinton's sex life. There are waves of obsessions and people have to ask themselves, 'What's going on here?' To blame it on the media isn't right. We have to ask ourselves what part we play in this."

NAMES in the NEWS

Lawrence Perlman, chairman and CEO of Ceridian Corporation, an information services and defense electronics company, recently donated \$500,000 to the St. Paul Jewish Community Center's Capital Completion Campaign. With the gift, which was made in honor of

his parents, the JCC plans to name its expanded athletic facility the Ruth and Irving Perlman Fitness and Athletic Wing. Perlman's father, Irving, served as the first athletic director of the JCC in the 1930s. He was a star athlete at Central, a member of the Gopher baseball team and

played semi-pro ball. His mother, Ruth, immigrated to the United States from Russia when she was 4 years old and grew up on St. Paul's West Side. The couple retired to Palm Springs, but after Irving's death in 1988 Ruth moved back to St. Paul. She was involved with the JCC

and worked with Russian immigrants until her death in 1991.

Philip Jungwirth of Highland Park was crowned the King Boreas Rex LXII for the 1998 St. Paul Winter Carnival. Jungwirth, who has been involved with the carnival for 20 years, is senior vice president of administration for Brown and Bigelow. **Danielle Radke**, a 1996 graduate of the College of St. Catherine,

was named Queen of the Snows, and **Jody Lingofelt** of Macalester-Groveland was chosen as Prime Minister.

John Hagman of Mendota Heights, former principal of Henry Sibley High School, has been named state president of the American Association of Retired Persons. Hagman served as president of the Retired Educators Association of Minnesota from 1994 to 1996.

Don Irish, a Fairmount Avenue resident and professor emeritus at Hamline University, is participating in a fact-finding delegation to Puerto Rico from now through February 16. This year marks the centennial of the United States military take-over of Puerto Rico. During his stay, Irish will visit military bases, interview environmental activists and meet with Puerto Rican and U.S. officials.

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Its permit denied, Lex Commons developer returns with new design

by Jane McClure

Traffic safety on Lexington Parkway and the appearance of a proposed townhome development prompted the St. Paul City Council to uphold a neighborhood appeal and deny a special condition use permit for Lexington Commons on January 28.

The unanimous vote overturned a St. Paul Planning Commission recommendation to allow Mendota Homes to build 10 townhomes on a 3-acre vacant lot near the southwest corner of Lexington Parkway and St. Clair Avenue. The permit was needed to construct a cluster development, which was intended to leave as much open space as possible around the perimeter of the lot.

However, the council decision does not mean that the long-running debate over Lexington Commons is over. Mendota Homes submitted a revised site plan and permit request to the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development last week. Several changes were made to the project in an attempt to meet the concerns of the neighborhood, according to Erin Mathern of Mendota Homes.

As of last week, neighborhood residents said they had not had a chance to review the changes. The new proposal is expected to go back to the Summit Hill Association and its Zoning and Land Use Committee for review in the weeks ahead.

The new proposal calls for 12 townhomes, including two facing Lexington Parkway. The remainder would be clustered together to the west. The two townhomes on Lexington would share a short driveway off of that

street, and the remainder would use the Lexington-St. Clair alley, Mathern said. The previous plan called for all of the townhomes to use a private service road off Lexington.

According to Mathern, Mendota Homes would pave the alley and widen it where possible, and the townhome association would handle snowplowing and alley maintenance.

Previous plans for the townhomes called for the dwellings to have vinyl siding. The new design, Mathern said, calls for Prairie-style townhomes with stucco exteriors. "We think it'll be more compatible with the appearance of other homes in the area," she said.

City Council member Chris Coleman, whose Ward 2 includes the affected property, said safety concerns were one factor in his decision to uphold the neighborhood's appeal. The Planning Commission had stipulated that a "No Left Turn" sign be posted at the private driveway's exit onto Lexington. "I think everyone understands that that's not enforceable," Coleman said.

The appearance of the townhomes also concerned Coleman. "Compatibility is an issue," he said. "This is pretty much a Woodbury-style development in an old St. Paul neighborhood."

The Planning Commission granted Mendota Homes a special condition use permit in November. Neighbors appealed the decision in December, citing density, increased traffic, unstable soil, the impact on property values, and the size of the new units compared to surrounding homes as arguments to deny the permit. Canadian Pacific Railroad also opposed the project because of its proximity to the company's railroad tracks.

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More than 880 gifts were received, surpassing the campaign goal by \$62,000. The money will be used to renovate the school library, cafeteria, gymnasium and kitchen, develop additional instructional space and upgrade the school's computer technology. An elevator and handicapped-accessible restrooms also will be added.

More than 200 volunteers were recruited

to personally call on more than 1,000 parishioners to support the campaign. "The Highland Catholic Community truly responded with a giving heart," said campaign chair Don Nowak.

Highland Catholic is an elementary school sponsored by the parishes of St. Leo, St. Therese and St. Gregory, which together make up the Highland Catholic Community. School principal Peter Noll said he was overwhelmed by the generosity of the community. "The students and staff are grateful for this sign of belief in the importance of a Catholic education," he said.

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All God's children

Highland pastor builds her church upon belief in God's unrelenting love

by Leslie Walters

There is a new spirit to recreation at the Hillcrest Community Center. Every Sunday some 20 people gather in Hillcrest's Village View Room for a novel religious experience.

Despite the unorthodox setting, the Joyful Church of Christ conducts a service that is fairly traditional with prayers, a sermon, music and communion. But the similarity with more formal congregations ends there. The Sunday service begins at noon. Fresh-brewed coffee, smiles and hugs abound. Blue jeans are welcome attire. And most important, everyone, no matter what color, creed or sexual orientation, is welcomed—warmly.

The Joyful Church even shies away from calling its congregants members. "We don't want to do anything that would make a newcomer feel excluded," said Linda Roddis, pastor and founder of the year-old church.

It is that inclusiveness that appeals to most of Joyful Church's regulars, many of whom have had trouble finding a place in a larger congregation, have drifted away from traditional churches or are new residents of the area.

"It's for real," said David Simmons, the church's resident composer whose experience with larger, more formal congregations led him to answer the church's ad that asked, "Religion Got You Down?" Delighted with Joyful Church's divergent culture and what he calls its lack of an ulterior motive, Simmons became a regular and began writing music for the church.

Jill Lafferty-Pierce of Macalester-Groveland was also attracted by the Joyful Church's mix of congregants, which she said reflects society at large.

"The existence of Joyful Church just makes a lot of sense," said Charlie Hencier, who recently returned to Highland Park after 25 years in Southern California. A longtime church-goer, Hencier said he felt alienated and misunderstood in a traditional Catholic setting. Under Roddis' guidance, he said he is making tremendous strides spiritually.

Roddis, 40, an associate pastor for the past nine years at Anoka's 8,000-member Zion Lutheran Church, started the Joyful Church for those people who have had difficulty be-

coming full members of a congregation. "Most (mainstream) churches are at some level exclusive," she said, "whether that be women, gay people, divorced people.... It's like, 'yes, God loves you, but He expects you to live a certain way. And, if you don't live that way, we have to discipline you.'"

Though Roddis herself remains rooted in the Lutheran tradition, Joyful Church is non-denominational. "A lot of models don't fit us because we're striving so hard to be inclusive," she said.

Roddis chose Hillcrest for the services because she lives in Highland Park and she thought the less traditional setting would be more comfortable for people estranged from organized religion. "Hillcrest is very open, clean, safe and handicapped-accessible," she said.

Roddis calls the Joyful Church an outgrowth of her personal theology, which varies slightly from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in which she was ordained. "God expressed God's true self in the death of God's son," she said. "God went all out for us and has nothing but love for us, (and) nothing that we do will make God let go of us."

Roddis likens God's love to that between a couple she knows and the couple's adopted daughter from Bangladesh. Initially, when friends and family tried to hug the child, she would push them away. The family's doctor urged the parents to hug the child daily until she accepted the love, which eventually she did.

"God loves you; God won't let go," Roddis said. "It rings true for most people."

At the Joyful Church, it is that belief that "binds together an otherwise diverse group of people," Hencier said.

"Linda has a way of presenting her sermons with a different slant," Simmons said. During the service Roddis is open to the responses and ideas of congregants. Simmons described her as a devout Christian who subscribes to the belief that "Christ died for our sins, not our minds. And she's the first person I've met to make the (Bible's) Book of Revelation interesting, not scary."

Roddis' work at the Joyful Church, including her Thursday evening Bible discussion



The Reverend Linda Roddis of the Joyful Church of Christ conducts services every week in the Village View Room of Hillcrest Recreation Center. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

groups, is voluntary. "Since I don't have children, I felt the need to volunteer my time in something else," she said.

Roddis relies on volunteers to help her run the church, including purchasing and setting up communion ware, organizing special events and producing the weekly bulletin. Some Joyful Church regulars have even been inspired to begin ministry work of their own. Hencier, for one, is trying to get more young people involved in the church. "We're all trying to steer the church and develop a strong sense of belonging," he said.

The Sunday service lasts from 45 minutes to an hour, and afterward the congregation gathers to talk about their week, describe what they call a personal "God moment" and

pray. Roddis makes it a point to chat with visitors and invite them out for coffee during the week. The church has the Hillcrest space for two hours, and Roddis usually has to remind her congregation when it is time to leave.

The congregation will present a Jesus Loves You AIDS Benefit at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, February 14, at Hillcrest, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Billed as a healing concert, the free, public performance will feature music that its composer, Simmons, said is based on the belief that God loves everyone "because of who you are, not in spite of what you are."

That message resonates, according to Roddis. "People really do want to overlook their differences and be united," she said.

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Book tells story behind chapel's art

The theological themes found in the art and architecture of the 80-year-old University of St. Thomas chapel are laid out in a new book, *The Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas: Discovering its Message*. The 90-page book was commissioned by the university to serve as a guide for tourists and to preserve the story behind the chapel's art before it was lost to time.

The principal architect of the chapel was Emmanuel Masqueray, who also designed the Cathedral of St. Paul and the Basilica of St. Mary. Although the chapel was dedicated in 1919, its interior was sparsely decorated until the early 1940s, when the Reverend Walter LeBeau was given the task of filling the chapel from floor to ceiling with art.

To write the book, the university tapped Monsignor James Lavin, 79, a longtime faculty member whose life has been closely connected to the chapel. As a student in the 1930s, Lavin served as the chapel's sacristan, a job that paid \$100 a year and included sweeping, dusting, laying out the vestments and preparing the altars for the 22 priests who said Mass there each day. Lavin was a student and later a friend and colleague of LeBeau. For more than 50 years he has lived in Ireland Hall, a student residence a few steps from the chapel, and continues to say Mass there almost daily.

One of Lavin's sources for the book was a 26-page document that LeBeau wrote from memory while stationed at the Norfolk Navy Yard in Virginia in 1943 awaiting ship-



The Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas' painted dome frames the pipes of the organ.

ment to the South Pacific. LeBeau had enlisted as a Navy chaplain shortly after completing the chapel's interior and composed the document at the request of the Reverend Vincent Flynn, St. Thomas' president at the time. Flynn feared that because many details of the chapel's interior plan had never been written down, they would be lost forever if LeBeau did not return from World War II.

Lavin's text is augmented by maps of the interior and 54 color photographs of the chapel's windows, paintings and architectural details. It is on sale for \$24.95 at the university's bookstores in St. Paul and Minneapolis. For information, call 962-6850.

The St. Paul Interfaith in Action will take place at 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 20, at the Temple of Aaron Synagogue, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. The event is a collaboration of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish women's organizations in St. Paul. The community is invited to tour the temple and attend Sabbath services. For information, call 698-8874.

The Temple of Aaron Synagogue, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd., will offer a Sabbath service for parents and young children at 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 13. For information, call 698-8874.

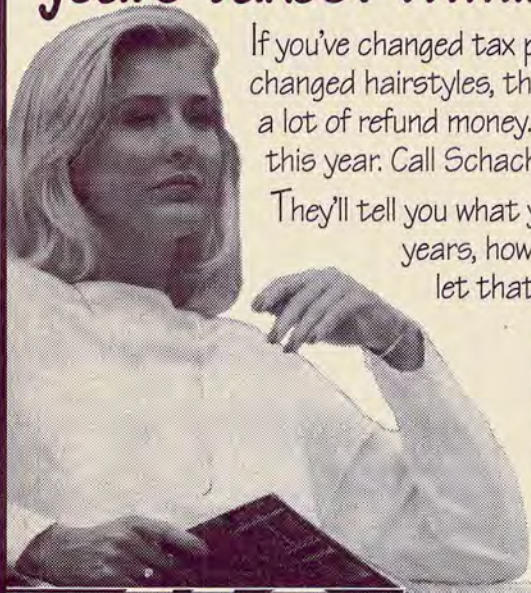
Dr. Rachel Adler will present a free reading from her book, *Engendering Judaism: A New Theology and Ethics*, at noon on Friday, Feb-

ruary 20, in O'Shaughnessy Educational Center at the University of St. Thomas. For information, call 962-5788.

The Reverend John Echert will lead a five-part series on the Book of Revelation at 7:30 p.m. on five Mondays, beginning February 16, at the Church of St. Helena, 3204 E. 43rd St., Minneapolis. The cost is \$3.00 per class. For information, call 729-7321.

"Offering the Gospel to Children," a workshop for parents and grandparents of young children, will be presented by Dr. Gretchen Pritchard from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 14, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 60 N. Kent St. The cost is \$15, which includes lunch. To register, call 228-1172.

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Committee criticizes district council, changes conditions for Grand salon

by Jane McClure

Charging that the Macalester-Groveland Community Council was trying to "micro-manage" a business, the St. Paul Planning Commission's Zoning Committee voted on February 5 to recommend changes to permit conditions for Andre/Franca Studio, 1472 Grand Ave. The permit will go before the full Planning Commission on February 13.

Andre Gambino and Franca Lipari are seeking a change in a non-conforming use permit to move their Snelling Avenue hair salon to Grand. Their plan is to use the building's first floor for the salon and convert the second floor into two apartments. The building is zoned for multi-family residential use, but it was used as an antique store when the city's zoning code was adopted in 1976. It was designated a non-conforming use at that time, which permitted continued retail operation despite the residential zoning.

Five years ago Irmiter Construction moved in after obtaining a change in non-conforming use so the building could be used as an office. However, as Irmiter grew, so did the complaints about employee parking, noise and storage of construction materials. Last year, Irmiter decided to move elsewhere.

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council sought to attach conditions to the salon's permit in the wake of the complaints about Irmiter. However, planning commissioner Mark Vaught harshly criticized those conditions. According to him, the salon owners were being "held hostage" by the community council review process.

The conditions as amended by the Zoning Committee are as follows:

- The salon will only have to be closed on Sundays. The community council recommended the salon also be closed on Mondays.
- The salon will be allowed to operate from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday—an hour longer on weekdays and a half-hour longer on Saturday than the community council had requested.

• Ventilation systems must meet state and city codes. The community council had asked

for an additional stipulation that any fumes be vented toward the rear of the building.

• No restrictions will be placed on who uses the parking spaces behind the salon. The community council wanted the parking lot available only to apartment tenants, employees and handicapped customers.

Vaught also tried to eliminate the community council's request that the salon be limited to eight work stations. However, commissioners Carole Faricy and Litton Field argued that other beauty salons have similar limitations placed on them.

Faricy cast the lone vote against the amended permit. She said the community council's conditions were consistent with how the city has handled similar permit requests in the past.

The community council, neighborhood residents and salon owners had agreed to the conditions in January. The salon owners said at that time that they were willing to meet the conditions to be good neighbors.

However, Gambino stated at the Zoning Committee meeting that he would rather do without the extra rules and regulations. "Do I want conditions placed on me? Of course not—I'm a businessman," he said. He added that the neighbors were "delusional" about the traffic impact the salon would have on the area. "They think we're Kmart or something," he said.

However, neighbor Harriet Arend said the conditions were needed because another nearby hair salon is causing parking and traffic problems in the area.

Community council president Bill Connors was not able to attend the meeting, but he said afterward that he had no inkling that there was going to be a problem with the conditions set out for the salon. "We're disappointed that the business owners indicated to us that they had no problem with the conditions and then went to the city and complained," he said.

The community council and neighbors have the right to appeal a Planning Commission decision to the City Council. Connors said the council will discuss its options when it meets on Thursday, February 19.

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Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETS

The board of directors of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 19, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. The agenda will include presentations on historic preservation and airport noise.

MAC-GROVE GETS THE LEAD OUT

The community council's Environment Committee is now working on a project to encourage Macalester-Groveland homeowners to replace their lead water service pipes when their streets are repaved in upcoming years. As recently as three years ago, 2,300 households in the neighborhood received their water through lead pipes from the water main. Lead in pipes can leach into the water and, if ingested, may cause lead poisoning, which can result in brain damage or death.

During street repaving, city crews will replace the lead pipes from the water main to the edge of the right-of-way. The Environment Committee is developing a program that provides incentives for homeowners to replace lead pipes from the right-of-way to their homes.

Streets in the area bounded by St. Clair, Snelling, Randolph and Hamline avenues will be repaved in 1999. Streets in the area bounded by St. Clair, Cleveland, Randolph and Fairview avenues will be repaved in 2000.

The Environment Committee will next convene at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 12, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center.

NEW KIDSPARK DIRECTOR HIRED

Heidi Hallsten of Minneapolis has been hired as the new director of KidsPark, the community council's drop-in child care center. KidsPark has been operating for the past 10 years out of the former warming house at the Groveland Recreation Center. The program provides licensed child care Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the school year, and on a slightly reduced schedule during the summer.

Families who use the service pay \$10 per morning for infant care and \$2.75 an hour for

children age 16 months and older in addition to a membership fee. Reservations may be made up to one week in advance by calling KidsPark at 698-7841.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

Area residents who are interested in working on upgrading Mattocks Park are invited to meet at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 24, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center. For information, call Kathie Tarnowski at 698-7973.

TRAFFIC CALMING CONSIDERED

The community council's Transportation Committee, which is working on various ways to calm vehicular traffic in the neighborhood, will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 26, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center.

ELECT KIDSPARK BAKER FOR DAY

The KidsPark Parent Advisory Committee is one of several organizations in the running for "Baker of the Day" at Great Harvest Bread Company, 1049 Grand Ave. The group that receives the most votes from customers who stop by the store between February 16 and 20 will be chosen to run the store on March 15 and reap the profits from the day.

IMPROVEMENT LOANS OFFERED

The owners of single-family homes and owner-occupied duplexes in Macalester-Groveland may borrow up to \$10,000 through the community council's Middle Income Fix-Up Fund. There is no household income limit. The interest rate is the prime rate. For information, call Kate Schultz at the community council office at 698-7973.

TEEN COUNCIL SEEKS MEMBERS

The community council is looking for motivated teen-agers to implement new programs for their peers. Two years ago the Mac-Groveland Teen Council planned and put on Minor Mono Mania, a series of dances to the live music of local teen-age bands. To join the Teen Council or obtain more information, call Lee Wallace at 698-7973.



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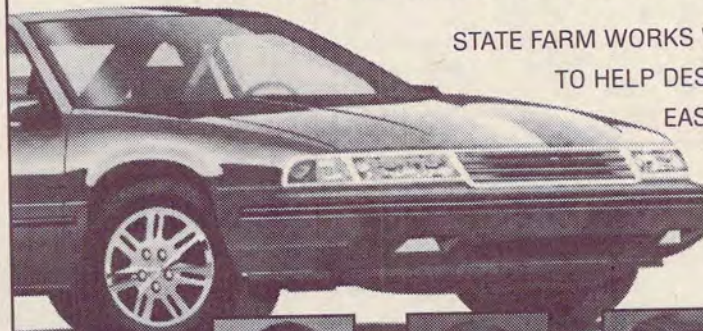
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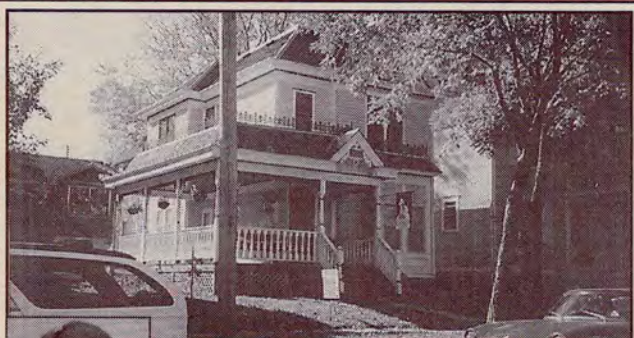
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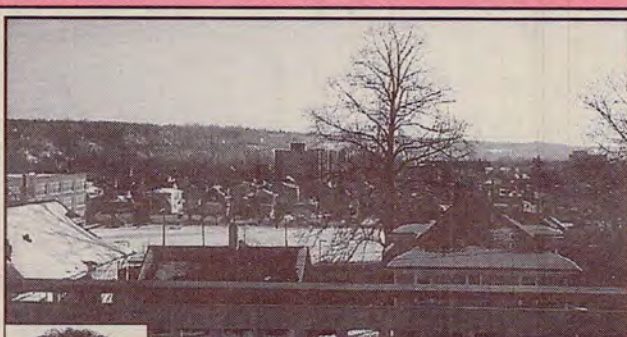
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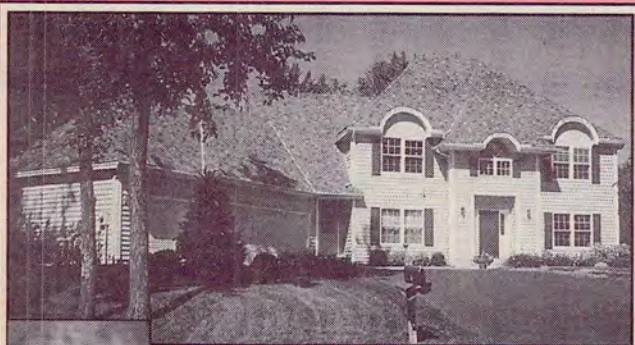


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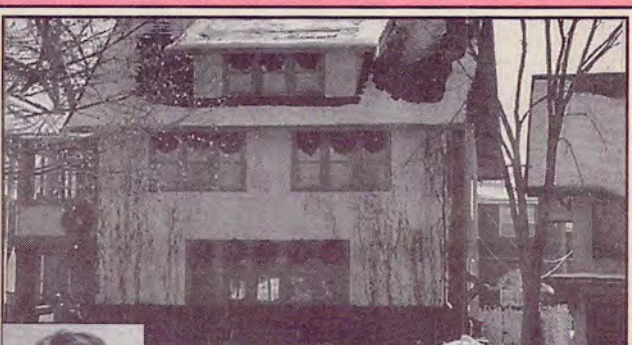


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BOARD NOTES

At its February 5 meeting, the Highland Area Community Council recommended approval of the landscaping plan for the Hertz Corporation's new maintenance facility on Davern Street between Shepard Road and West 7th Street. Construction is scheduled to begin soon.

The board also concurred with a recommendation from its Transportation Committee that the city set a uniform speed limit of 35 mph on West 7th Street from Highway 5 to Homer Street. It also recommended approval of a petition from neighbors to create a four-way stop at Yorkshire Avenue and Howell Street.

THEFT FROM CARS

An unusually high number of thefts from automobiles has been reported in the Highland area this winter. The thefts have occurred while cars were parked on the street as well as in parking lots. Everything from loose change to compact discs to laptop computers has been reported stolen. In almost every case, the car windows have been broken and the dashboards have been damaged when tape decks and CD players were removed.

Motorists are encouraged to refrain from leaving valuables in their cars. Tapes and CDs should be kept out of view. Additional crime prevention tips are available by calling the HACC office at 298-5138.

HOMECROFT EXPANSION

A committee is now being formed to develop plans for an addition to the Homecroft Recreation Center, 1845 Sheridan Ave. Those who are interested in serving on the committee may call the HACC office at 298-5138 for more information.

PROJECT INSULATE

The Neighborhood Energy Consortium can help area residents with their home insulation projects. Proper insulation can help reduce energy bills and cut down on ice dams. Rebates of up to \$150 are available. For details, call 644-5436.

SHEPARD-DAVERN

The Shepard-Davern Task Force will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave.

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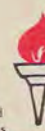
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Wednesday/February 11

THE LONGFELLOW GARDEN CLUB will meet at 7:00 this evening at the Mother Earth Garden Center, at 42nd Ave. and 38th St., Minneapolis. The topic will be "Using Color in Garden Design."

"HEALING OUR RELATIONSHIPS" will be offered by Rokelle Lerner, a nationally known lecturer and consultant, beginning today from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The workshop will continue with "Nurturing the Ecology of the Family" on March 4. The cost is \$7.50 per couple and \$5.00 per person. To register, call 698-0751.

AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING on the proposed Hiawatha Avenue Transitway linking downtown Minneapolis with the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. today at South High School, 3131 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis. A brief program on the proposal will be presented hourly.

Thursday/February 12

"RAISING CAREFUL, CONFIDENT Kids in a Crazy World" will be discussed by author and educator Paula Stratman from 7:30 to 8:30 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Participants in the free program will learn how to teach caution without creating fear, empower kids with healthy, accurate information, teach safety tips and encourage good judgment and responsible behavior. To register, call 698-0751.

Saturday/February 14

A FAMILY SNOWSHOE HIKE will take place from 1:00 to 2:30 this afternoon and again on February 21 at the Dodge Nature Center, 365 W. Marie St., West St. Paul. The cost is \$5.00, or \$3.00 for Dodge Nature Center members. For reservations, call 455-4531.

Sunday/February 15

MACALESTER COLLEGE will offer a four-session spring training baseball camp on Sundays beginning today and continuing through March 8 in the college field-house. The camp is for ballplayers ages 7-18. For information or an application, call Matt Parrington at 696-6770.



Cross-cultural framework. Homecroft School 2nd-graders recently took time from their school day to view "Family Tapestries," an exhibit of photographs of African-American and Jewish families in Minnesota on view at the Jewish Community Center. The display is part of the "Intersecting Rhythms" series of art being presented across the Twin Cities throughout the month to promote understanding between the two minority groups. Discussing the photos with the youngsters is exhibit co-curator Judy Cavanaugh. *Photo by Kristine Heykants.*

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet at 2:30 this afternoon on the campus of Hamline University, at the southeast corner of Snelling and Hewitt avenues for a walk around the neighborhood. Afterwards walkers can meet at Embers, 1664 University Ave. For information, call Chuck at 644-7502.

Monday/February 16

THE GARDEN CLUB of Ramsey County will meet at 7:15 this evening in the Theater Room at the Hillcrest Community Center, 1974 Ford Pkwy. A slide presentation on "The Castles and Gardens of Southern England" will be shown.

Tuesday/February 17

A FAMILY ISSUES PARENTING GROUP will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The topic of this month's meeting will be setting limits and boundaries. The cost is

\$12 per person or \$18 per couple. To register, call 698-0751.

INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS for the University of St. Thomas' FastTrac II program will be held at 6:00 this evening, and at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, February 21, on its St. Paul campus. FastTrac II is an 11-week class for entrepreneurs who want to develop an existing business and are looking for the tools to help make it grow. Classes start the week of March 9. Information sessions for FastTrac I will be held at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 24, and at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, February 28, on the university's Minneapolis campus. FastTrac I is a nine-week course designed for those who want to start a business. Classes start the week of March 16. For information, call 962-4408.

Wednesday/February 18

A COURSE for those who wish to insure a financially secure retirement but do not know how much they need to put aside to reach their goal will be offered from 6:30 to

8:00 this evening at Central Community Education, 275 N. Lexington Pkwy. The cost is \$10 per couple. To register, call 293-8708.

WHOLE FOODS, 30 S. Fairview Ave., will offer a class on aromatherapy from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening. The cost is \$16. Two other free classes also will be offered in February: a class on balancing hormones the natural way on February 18 and a class on introducing more whole foods into your diet on February 23. For information, call 690-0197.

ISSUES CONFRONTING the Mississippi River will be discussed by the Mississippi River Coordinating Commission during a program beginning at 6:30 this evening in the Metropolitan Council Chambers in Mears Park Center, 230 E. 5th St.

Thursday/February 19

A PUBLIC FORUM on environmental issues for Democratic and Reform Party candidates will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening in the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center at the University of St. Thomas. For information, call 379-3853.

LA LECHE LEAGUE (St. Paul Metro chapter) will meet at 7:00 this evening. The discussion will focus on nutrition and weaning. All expectant and nursing mothers and their babies are welcome. For meeting location information, call Gail at 227-3887.

THE NATIVITY COUNCIL of Catholic Women will host an evening of entertainment at 6:30 this evening in Steiner Hall at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, 324 S. Prior Ave. The guest speaker will be Paul Maccabee, author of *John Dillinger Slept Here*. Light refreshments will be served.

PARENTS WILL EXPLORE the issues typically faced by children ages 10-15 in a group that will meet at 7:00 this evening at Sanford Middle School, 3524 S. 42nd Ave., Minneapolis. The group, which is sponsored by the Hiawatha YMCA and the Minneapolis Public Schools, will also meet on March 19, April 16 and May 21. The cost is \$5.00 per night or \$15 for the series. To register, call 627-7192 or 729-7397.

Friday/February 20

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Out of the blue

Unexpected Grammy nomination is feather in Kate MacKenzie's cap

by Tom Surowicz

The queen of Minnesota bluegrass, Merriam Park's own Kate MacKenzie, was stunned last month by the Grammy Award nomination for her 1997 album "Age of Innocence." With the February 25 awards ceremony fast approaching, the unassuming singer-songwriter, former Stoney Lonesome frontwoman and longtime "A Prairie Home Companion" favorite said she couldn't be more thrilled.

"The nomination was completely out of the blue," MacKenzie said. "It was absolutely the last thing on my mind. It's amazing how many phone calls and letters it's generated. The whole thing's just a stunner."

"Age of Innocence," an intimate collection of traditional folk tunes and contemporary ballads produced by Red House Records of St. Paul, faces some stiff competition for "Best Bluegrass Album." Grammy voters generally favor high-profile money-makers like nominee Alison Krauss' million-selling smash "So Long, So Wrong."

"She really does have the Midas touch," MacKenzie said of her friend Krauss. "Alison wins every competition she's in. But bluegrass is one area where the Grammy nomination and the recognition (it brings) are almost as good as the win."

The sentimental favorite for the best bluegrass album this year may be "Short Life of Trouble" by Ralph Stanley, one of MacKenzie's early heroes. "Ralph Stanley is the reason I wanted to be a bluegrass singer in the first place," MacKenzie said. "I couldn't be happier for him."

Also in the running are Richard Greene & the Grass is Greener for "Sales Tax Toddler" and Claire Lynch for "Silver and Gold." Lynch, who was recently named Female Vocalist of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA), "has been doing really well since she announced

her retirement this year," MacKenzie said. "She's been putting out wonderful records since about 1980, but she's never won anything before. Garrison Keillor, who's also nominated for a Grammy this year, says we should both announce our own retirements. That might help us win."

MacKenzie's fortunes have long been tied to Keillor and his public radio show. In fact, she believes her nomination was due, at least in part, to the huge, nationwide fan base of "A Prairie Home Companion."

"Anytime you have a national audience of several million people, it's a blessing," MacKenzie said from Keillor's home on the east bank of the St. Croix River, where she is housesitting while gathering material for her next album. "Garrison is on the Grammy list nearly every year and he hasn't been going to the event. But he said this year, since I'm going, he's going. He bought a bunch of extra tickets. There's going to be a big gang of us there."

But MacKenzie and Keillor aren't kidding themselves about their chances. "The bluegrass rank and file is a small group and the 'Prairie Home' audience is a larger, somewhat different demographic," MacKenzie said. "Garrison says we're dark horses, but he promises there'll be great people watching."

MacKenzie has received some advice from veteran Grammy nominee Michael Doucet, leader of the Cajun band Beausoleil.

"Michael has been nominated seven times now and Beausoleil's never won," she said. "But he told me there's a terrific party for all the nominees beforehand where everybody is really happy because nobody has lost yet. Michael said to be sure not to miss that party."

Official recognition has been a long time coming for MacKenzie. In 18 years as a professional singer, songwriter and guitarist, she has not been nominated for a single award by the IBMA. "I showcased at their awards ceremony last year and got very good



Though she is a long shot to win, Merriam Park singer-songwriter Kate MacKenzie realizes that her age of innocence may change now that she has received a Grammy nomination for "Best Bluegrass Album."

feedback from the artists," she said. "But the hardcore bluegrass audience was a bit less enthused. I think they find me too folksy, not pure enough, not exactly the sound they're looking for from a female. I'm not a little young thing with a high sweet voice. I'm a full-grown woman, and I'm trying to put some sex and sensuality into bluegrass."

In "Age of Innocence," MacKenzie makes her case with such casually steamy tunes as "Past the Point of Rescue," "I Can't Stop Myself," and her renditions of the age-old "Single Girl" and the Greg Brown cover

"Driftless."

"A Grammy nomination is a much bigger deal than any award in the bluegrass world," she said. "I always thought it was a good album that could appeal to a wider audience."

"This nomination is something that will be there for the rest of my life," MacKenzie said, "but it also raises the bar for me. Not that I wouldn't push myself artistically anyway, but the Grammy attention brings with it more of a challenge—to make sure my next CD is even better."

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"Images of Chopin," featuring Polish pianist Tadeusz Majewski, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday, February 13, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. Admission is free. For information, call 699-1378.

A **free organ recital** will be given by Rudolf Zuiderveld, the chair of the music department at Illinois College in Jacksonville, at 8:00 p.m. Friday, February 13, in the Buetow Music Center auditorium at Concordia University. For details, call 641-8201.

The **St. Paul Chamber Orchestra** will perform three versions of Beethoven's *Leonore* at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, February 13 and 14, at the Ordway Music Theatre and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 15, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced from \$16.50 to \$47.50, call 291-1144.

Beth Nielsen Chapman and **Guy Clark** will perform at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, February 14, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced at \$18 and \$22, call 989-5151.

Joe Jackson will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, February 15, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced at \$15, \$18 and \$22.50, call 690-6700.

The **Ahn Trio** will perform at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 15, as part of the Music in the Park Series at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. For ticket information, call 646-5266.

The **Compline Music Series** will present the early music ensemble Tycho's Elk performing "Misse de Nostra Dame" by Machaut at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 15, at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 285 N. Dale St. For information, call 227-8295.

"Music Under Glass," a series of concerts held from noon to 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the Como Park Conservatory, will kick off with the following concert: Skweezergrabbit will perform on February 19. Visitors may bring a bag lunch or order one in advance from the Como Park Lakeside Pavilion by calling 488-4920. Admission is \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for seniors and children. For information, call 487-8240.

Ensemble 392 will perform "The Prince and the Pauper" at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, February 21, at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 901 Portland Ave. Admission is \$15, or \$8.00 for students and seniors. For information, call 699-1808.

A **recital** by Marvin Mills, director of music and organist at All Souls Church, Unitarian, in Washington D.C., will be held at 8:15 p.m. Monday, February 23, in the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas at the University of St. Thomas. Admission is free. For information, call 962-5856.

Orlando Cotto will perform Latin American music on the marimba at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 24, in Sundin Hall at Hamline University. Admission is \$10, or \$5.00 for seniors and students. For information, call 641-2459.

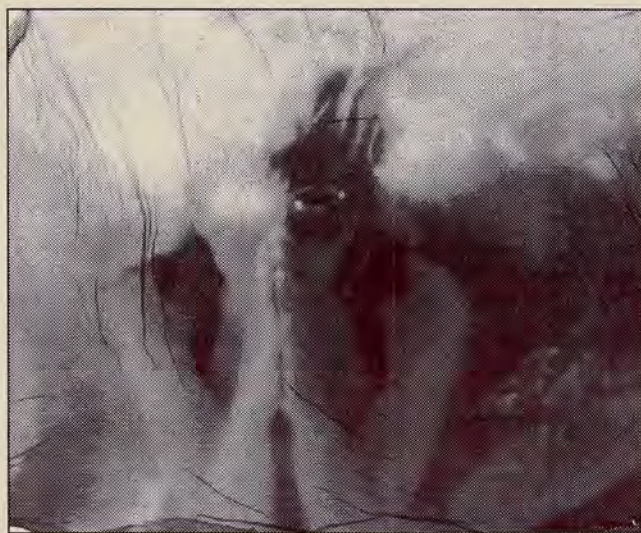
Books



A **bookfair** to benefit students of Highland Park Senior High School who are planning a Spanish class trip to Spain this summer will be held from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 12, at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy. For information, call 690-9443.

A **bookfair** to benefit Mixed Blood Theatre will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, February 14, at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy. There also will be a performance of *Paul Robeson*, a pro-

ON THE TOWN briefly



"Mythos," an exhibit of 20 photographs by Dayton Avenue resident Laurie Schneider, will go on view Sunday, February 15, at the Prairie Star Coffeehouse on Raymond and University avenues. The exhibit features mythological creatures, including a winged woman entitled "Muse" (pictured). An opening reception will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 28. The exhibit will run until March 30. For information, call 224-0882.

duction covering all facets of the life of the multi-talented Black American whose career came to a halt when he refused to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee. Admission is free. For information, call 690-9443.

Leslie Adrienne Miller will read from her new collection of poems *Yesterday Had a Man in It* at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 15, at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy., and at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, in the 3M Auditorium of Owens Science Hall at the University of St. Thomas. Admission is free.

The **Hungry Mind Bookstore**, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted): Marcia Muelder Eaton, Deborah Karasov and Chris Faust will present *Placing Nature: Culture and Landscape Ecology* and discuss their contributions to the book at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 17; Alex Kotlowitz will

read from his new book *The Other Side of the River: A Story of Two Towns, A Death and America's Dilemma* on Tuesday, February 24. Admission is free. For details, call 699-0587.

Family



"Busytown," an interactive exhibit based on the children's books by Richard Scarry, has opened at the Minnesota Children's Museum, 10 W. 7th St. The exhibit will remain on display through May 7. For information, call 225-6000.

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

Schoolhouse Rock Live! an original adaptation of the Emmy Award-winning TV cartoon series which combined

math, history, grammar and science with a raucous sing-along score and snappy animation, has opened at the Music Box Theatre, 1407 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis. Performances will be given through May 24. For tickets, call 989-5151.

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

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

Performances by local actor, storyteller and playwright Danielle Daniel, in honor of Black History Month, will be given at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, February 12, at the Central Library, 90 W. 4th St.; at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, February 12, at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave.; and at 1:40 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, at the Hamline Library, 1558 W. Minnehaha Ave. Performances will include two of Daniel's pieces *The Magic of Laughter* and *Once Upon a Time*. Admission is free. For information, call 222-3242.

A "Pajama Storytime" to benefit First Book, a nonprofit organization that gives disadvantaged children new books of their own, will be held at 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 13, at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy. Admission is free. For details, call 690-9443.

The **Red Balloon Bookshop**, 891 Grand Ave., will offer the following story time activities at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays

and Saturdays: Arthur the aardvark, created by author Marc Brown, will be in the store to greet children on February 14 (also at 2:00 p.m.); and stories about bears will be read on February 21. Admission is free. For information, call 224-8320.

The **Hungry Mind Bookstore**, 1648 Grand Ave., will offer the following programs for children at 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays: Laura Mackenzie and Dugan Mackenzie Magraw on February 14; and Oliver Singleton on February 21. Admission is free. For information, call 699-0587.

A **Scottish Rumble**, the largest indoor Scottish festival in the Upper Midwest, will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, and from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, at Landmark Center. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Children under 6 will be admitted free with a food shelf donation. For information, call Liz at 474-6846.

ArtScraps, 1459 St. Clair Ave., will offer the following classes from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays: children can make their own box for their handmade collection of valentines on Saturday, February 14; and children can create their own finger puppets on February 21. The cost is \$7.00 for a child with a guardian. For information, call 698-2787.

History HiJinx programs for children ages 3-11 will be offered from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The line-up includes the following: families can explore some new territory and create their own maps of the History Center on February 15; and children can sample some authentic soul food from Lucille's Kitchen and then make their own recipe book to take home on February 22. Admission is free. For details, call 296-6126.

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grades at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 19, and Saturday, February 21, and at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, February 22, at the Temple of Aaron, 616 S. Mississippi Rive Blvd. For tickets, call 698-8874.

Galumph Performance

Troupe, an interactive puppet theater, will open *Tales from Tumtumerau* on Friday, February 20, at Avalon Theater, 1500 E. Lake St., Minneapolis. Performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays and at 2:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays until March 8. For tickets, priced at \$12 for adults and \$8.00 for children, call 827-4431.

Reeve Lindbergh will read from her newest picture book *The Circle of Days* at 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 20, at the Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave. For details, call 224-8320.

"Sundays at Landmark" will present the St. Paul Civic Symphony performing the music of artist and composer Gordon Parks, who will be the special guest, at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 22, at Landmark Center. Admission is free. For information, call 292-3225.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo will perform at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 24, at the Ordway Music Theatre. Prior to the concert there will be a Planet Ordway World Party beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the foyer. For tickets, priced from \$18 to \$26, call 224-4222.

Dance



The TGIS Singles Social Club will hold the following smoke-free dances at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays (unless otherwise noted): the Underbeats will provide the music for a dance on February 14 in the Grand Ballroom of the Thunderbird Hotel, 2201 E. 78th St., Bloomington (\$10); and Express will provide the music for a dance



Madde Gibba rehearses for *Good Kids and Peachy Dancers*, a musical by Gerald Stanton, that will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:00 p.m. Sundays, February 20-22, and February 27-March 1, in the IHM-St. Luke's School Auditorium, 1065 Summit Ave. The play is about the bond between sisters—one naughty and one nice—and takes the audience on a tango through the girls' lives. For tickets, priced at \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for students, and \$2.00 for children under 8, call 224-4836.

on February 21 also in the Grand Ballroom of the Thunderbird Hotel (\$19). There will be a \$2.00 discount for those arriving before 9:00 p.m. For information, call 644-3443.

Nritya Jyoti Dance Theatre will perform *Black Candle*, a performance based on the poetry of Chitra Divakaruni, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, February 14, in the St. Paul Student Center at the University of Minnesota. For tickets, priced from \$8.00 to \$12, call 533-0756.

Lines Contemporary Ballet will perform at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, February 20-21, at Northrop Auditorium. The program will feature an eclectic trio of Alonzo King's latest ballets. For tickets, priced at \$19.50, \$27.50 and \$31.50, call 624-2345.

A musical performance for children, featuring the Minnetonka Symphony, ArtStart artists and the Barebones Puppet Troupe, will be offered at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, February 22, at ArtScraps, 1459 St. Clair Ave. Prior to the concert, children can participate in art projects

beginning at 2:00 p.m. Admission is free. For information, call 698-2787.

Film



"Cinema with Passion" continues with weekend showings at the Riverview Theatre, 3800 S. 42nd Ave., Minneapolis, with the following films: *The Victim* at midnight Friday, February 13, at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 14, and at midnight Saturday, February 21; *Enter the Dragon* at midnight Saturday, February 14; and *Young Master* at midnight Friday, February 20, and at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 21. Admission is \$5.00. For information, call 349-2549.

"Changing the Lens: Jewish and African-American Perspectives in Film," a film and discussion series, will continue with the following films: *The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick* will be shown at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, February 15, at the Grandview Theatre I; *The Hatting Pot* will be shown at 7:00

p.m. Monday, February 16, at Intermedia Arts, 2822 S. Lyndale Ave., Minneapolis; *A Litany for Survival: The Life and Times of Audre Lorde* and *In Her Own Time: A Profile of Barbara Myerhoff* will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, at Intermedia Arts; and *Time for Justice* and *One Survivor Remembers* will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, February 21, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Admission is \$6.00. For information, call the JCC at 698-0751.

Hampton Alexander, a 1973 film about evil, revenge and personal justice written and directed by then-St. Paul teenager Tim McKinney, will be shown free at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 19, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The 56-minute film was produced by the Inner City Youth League. It is set in the Summit-University neighborhood and has as a theme the displacement of St. Paul's African-American community by the construction of Interstate 94. Before the screening McKinney will talk about the film, which may be the first non-documentary feature film made independently by African-Americans in Minnesota. The film also may be viewed during regular hours in the History Center's Research Center. For information, call 296-6126.

Etc.



Shape Note Singing Classes will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, February 14-15. The Saturday session will be held at Merriam-Lexington Presbyterian Church, 203 N. Howell St., and the Sunday session will be held at historic Fort Snelling. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. Free child care will be available. For information, call 941-7908.

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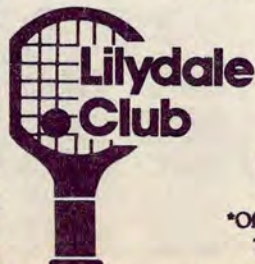
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versity of St. Thomas, at 3:30
p.m. Tuesday, February 24, in
the O'Shaughnessy Educational
Center at the University of St.
Thomas. For information, call
962-6119.

Exhibits



"Material Wealth: The Beautiful
Textile," a national juried
textile show presenting the
works of 13 artists, has opened
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An exhibit of recent works by
Jim Denomie has opened at
Beauxmange Fine Art, 684 Smith
Ave. The exhibit will remain on
display until February 28. For
information, call 221-9868.

"Local Women in Contempo-
rary Art," an exhibit of metal-
work by Marcia McEachron,
paintings by Adu Gindy, Debra
Baxter and Pat Hidson, has
opened at Cafe Latté, 850 Grand
Ave. The exhibit will remain on
view until April 30. For infor-
mation, call 224-5687.

"Considered History," an ex-
hibit of 24 drawings and paint-
ings by St. Paul artist Mary
Sullivan-Rickey, has opened in
the O'Shaughnessy-Frey Li-

brary Center on the St. Paul
campus of the University of St.
Thomas and in the second-
floor gallery on the downtown
Minneapolis campus. Admis-
sion is free. For information,
call 962-5560.

The College of Visual Arts
Gallery, 173 Western Ave., will
feature the work of its students
from February 16 to March 6.
There will be an opening recep-
tion from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Fri-
day, February 20. For
information, call 224-3416.

"Half Past Autumn: The Art of
Gordon Parks," an exhibit of
over 200 major photographs
from 1940 through 1997, com-
bined with his books, music,
paintings, poems and films, will
open Sunday, February 22, at
the Minnesota Museum of
American Art in Landmark
Center. The exhibit will remain
on view until May 17.

Theater



Avenue X, a new a cappella mu-
sical set in 1963 celebrating the
vibrant rhythms of doo-wop,
gospel, blues and jazz, has
opened at the Great American
History Theater, 30 E. 10th St.
Performances will continue un-
til March 7. For ticket informa-
tion, call 292-4323.

Ruthless, a musical about child
stars, stage mothers and pushy
agents, has opened in the Ord-
way's McKnight Theatre. Per-
formances will continue

through May 10. For tickets,
priced from \$20 to \$35, call
224-4222.

The Work of Water, written
and directed by John Orlock,
will open Friday, February 13, at
Theatre in the Round, 245
Cedar Ave., Minneapolis. Per-
formances will be given at 8:00
p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and
at 7:00 p.m. on Sundays (the fi-
nal performance will be given
at 2:00 p.m.) until March 8. For
tickets, priced at \$14, call
333-3010.

Penumbra Theatre Company
will present the world premiere
of Silas Jones' *Canned Goods* be-
ginning on Wednesday, Febru-
ary 18, in their performance
space at 270 N. Kent St. The
play, set in South Central Los
Angeles, is a surreal drama that
chronicles the life of Angel
King, a man of unknown Asian
origin who was orphaned at
birth. Performances continue
through March 29. For ticket in-
formation, call 224-3180.

Mixed Blood Theatre Com-
pany will open *Maria! Maria
Maria!* at 8:00 p.m. Tues-
day, February 24, in their his-
toric firehouse theater, 1501 S.
4th St., Minneapolis. Michael
Tezla, a Highland Park resident,
plays Joe, the Jewish landlord
with a disability. Performances
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To Chuck Knoblauch:

An all-star for the Twins,
Lots of hustle, hard work.
Why is it then
We won't miss you, you jerk?

To Dennis Green:

Come this July, as training camp approaches,
You'll be one of the NFL's unemployed coaches.

To Carl Pohlad:

At some point it doesn't matter
How much money you save.
You can't take your bank roll
When you go to the grave.

To Flip Saunders:

The Wolves turned it around.
You're a great coach and mentor.
Think what you could do
If you had a center!

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King of the hill

Dungey leads Central to the top of the City

by Tom Cody

Central junior John Dungey was a little leery about his team's chances when the St. Paul City Conference boys basketball season opened last month.

"We were very shaky," said the 6-foot-6 forward. "We had a lot of new people and we weren't used to playing together. We had a few losses and we weren't coming together as a team."

How quickly things change. As of last week, the Minutemen were ruling the St. Paul Conference roost with an 8-0 league record and were 11-4 overall. Dungey has been a major reason for the success of the team. He is averaging 16 points and eight rebounds a game, and led Central to a 55-53 victory over Harding last weekend.

"John can play inside or outside," said Central coach Steve Lasley. "He has great of-

fensive post moves and a nose for the ball. He's deceptive. He can set up plays from the perimeter. When he's warming up, his opponents look at him and wonder who the skinny (160-pound) kid is. Then after the game, they're wondering how he got 20 points and 12 rebounds."

"Dungey is a very good player," said Cretin-Derham coach Bill McKee. "He's athletic and too quick for a big guy to guard. He's also a good shooter and has good poise. But their whole team is very athletic. Lasley has been playing some of these kids since they were sophomores. They're hard to defend because they've got a bunch of guys who can score."

Dungey led Central to a big road victory over Cretin-Derham on January 23. The Raiders took a nine-point lead into halftime, but the

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The skinny on Central is that forward John Dungey can play much bigger than his 6-foot-6, 160-pound frame would suggest. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

Cadets' run for repeat ski title falls shy

by Bill Wagner

Anyone who has followed alpine skiing at the high school level for the past several seasons was probably shocked to see that St. Thomas Academy, the top-ranked team throughout most of the season, fell short of its goal during last Friday's section meet at Buck Hill.

The Cadets, who finished the regular season with a perfect 14-0 overall record and an 8-0 conference mark, had placed no lower than third at state in the past three years. They won the title in 1993 and 1997.

But the season is now over for them, except for freshman Peter Westbrook, who finished 10th in the section meet

and will go on to compete as an individual at state this weekend.

The Cadets had made a strong run for a repeat title this season, but were doing so without three key performers from last year's team: sophomore Kyle Vassilopoulos, who placed third in the state team competition last year and transferred to Apple Valley; sophomore Alex Bisanz, who placed eighth at state last season and transferred to Cretin-Derham Hall, and Anthony Dalseth, who placed 15th and graduated.

Ironically, Vassilopoulos was the individual winner of the section meet and Bisanz came in fifth.

"We didn't have our best day," said STA coach Bill Miley. "That's ski racing;

it's a very unforgiving sport. But our kids can hold their heads high. They worked hard all year. Sometimes, there's nothing left to do but give credit to your opposition."

The Cadets tied for third with Blake in the section meet, but lost in a tie-breaker and dropped to fourth. Benilde-St. Margaret took first overall.

"Just from the standpoint of talent, we weren't as strong as we were last year," said Miley, "but we were still good enough to be ranked highly in the state. It's just that we had a lot more things that we needed to concentrate on."

Miley said his primary goal this sea-

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St. Thomas Academy downhillers Michael Woell, left, Peter Westbrook, Jake Frenz and Kurt Hinz take a breather before hitting the slopes during the section meet on February 5 at Buck Hill. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

Cadets' run falls short/

son was to have the Cadets ski as a team. "We kept reinforcing the idea that they need to help one another on their runs, to talk about where the problems might be and work to correct them," Miley said. "We need our kids to be able to stay on their feet and think their way through the course."

This year's team may not have possessed the same raw talent as the 1997 one, but the Cadets did have a good mix of experience and youth. Senior captain Kurt Hinz had been leading the charge as the team's top skier. Hinz, who placed fourth in the team competition at last year's state meet, was a consistent performer who knew how to attack a course. "He may not be the most graceful skier, but he goes through everything," Miley said.

Westbrook was skiing second for the Cadets. Though he may not have Hinz's expe-

rience, Westbrook was quick and had been pushing for the distinction of top time-maker all year. Give Westbrook another year or so and he will be a well-rounded skier, Miley said.

Senior Jacob Frenz, who had come on strong toward the end of last season, was skiing third. Miley said Frenz was the top scorer for the Cadets in five meets last month.

Sophomore Mike Woell, who did not necessarily fit the heady Miley blueprint, was skiing fourth. "He's aggressive, a gambler," Miley said. "He skis like a tiger, going for speed. He's small, but very tough."

Behind the top four, the Cadets had junior Matt Mattice, who Miley called the team's most improved skier, and 7th-grader Nelson Carlson, whose determined work ethic cemented his status on the team this year.



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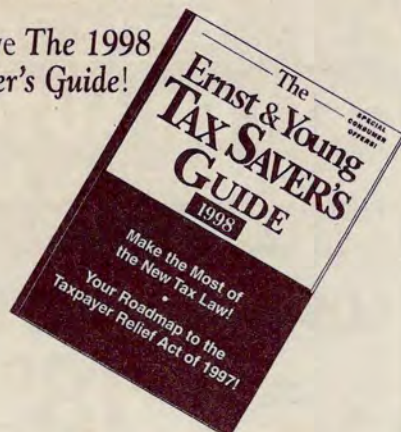
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MORE ON MOORE

The media tribute to Dave Moore following his death earlier this month was richly deserved. Throughout his tenure at WCCO, the news anchor and television host served as Minnesota's unofficial conscience. He had far more impact on the people of this state than he ever realized.

I grew up on Moore's avant-garde late-night program, "The Bedtime Nooz," regularly watching it while babysitting at the Osterbergs' next door. "Saturday Night Live" was never as funny as Dave's show.

When the Metrodome was built, Dave swore he'd never go in there, and he didn't. What better tribute can be paid to a man in his obituary?

I knew Dave only casually until 1993, when he joined a gang of us on a 10-day baseball bus trip to East Coast parks. He was a passionate man who will be remembered by many for a long, long time.

PREPS AT MIDWINTER

Ben Erickson's Minnehaha Academy boys basketball team won 12 of its first 15

games this season to claim first place in the Tri-Metro Conference. "We're getting better," Erickson said. "We won nine in a row. We've had a lot of sickness and injuries. In fact, we're just getting our top eight guys back as a unit. It'll probably come down to us, De La Salle and St. Agnes in the sections."

Senior guard Peter Kiedrowski, who is averaging 16 points a game, recently scored the 1,000th point of his Minnehaha career. "That took some pressure off Peter," Erickson said. "He'll be even better now that that's off his back." Junior center John Breneman is averaging 18 points and 10 rebounds a game, and junior guard Peter Hamburge has been good for 11 points a game.

• Among the area's top girls basketball scorers are Katie Bernabei (Visitation, 18.3 points per game); Katrina Reese (Roosevelt, 17.2); Maureen Smith (Visitation, 15.3); Laura Haugen (Highland Park, 15.1); Duretti Fufa (St. Paul Academy, 15.0); Kate Townley (Cretin-Derham Hall, 14.7); Emilie Troupe (Minnehaha, 14.4); Nikole Mays (Roosevelt, 14.0); Tessa Tritabaugh (Central, 13.7); Natalie Roedler (CDH, 13.5); and Kristin Johnson (Sibley, 13.0).

• The top guns among boy hoopsters are Zach Neren (SPA, 20.6); John Breneman (Minnehaha, 17.9); Lewis Freeman (HP, 17.4); Thaddeus Fly (Roosevelt, 16.6); Peter Kiedrowski (Minnehaha, 15.7); John Dungey (Central, 15.7); Mark Wingo (HP, 15.6); Andy Carter (Central, 15.5); Rob Worthington (St. Thomas Academy, 14.7); and Ben Pearson (STA, 14.7).

• Area girls have wrapped up their regular season in hockey. Among the most prolific scorers were Heather Murphy (St. Paul United, 25 goals, 14 assists); Gina Antonello (Minnehaha, 22 goals, 7 assists); Katie Strassener (Sibley, 14 goals, 7 assists); Heidi Smith (Sibley, 10 goals, 10 assists); Alexa Gollinger (United, 6 goals, 13 assists); and Liz Funk (United, 14 goals, 4 assists). Top girls goalies were Kerry Rollwagen (United, 1.33 goals against per game) and Steffanie Seiler (Sibley, 1.88).

• Among the most prolific scorers in boys hockey so far this season are Brian Gornick (CDH, 17 goals, 19 assists); David Noha (CDH, 12 goals, 12 assists); Mike Strom (Central-Highland Park-Humboldt, 12 goals, 10 assists); Ben Jardine (CDH, 7 goals, 14 assists); and Henric Lindgren (SPA, 7 goals, 14 assists). Top boys goalies include Bob Tallarico (Sibley, 3.14) and Kris Unise (CDH, 3.15).

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Minutemen made a 20-4 run in the fourth quarter to decide the contest 51-47. Dungey had a big steal and dunk late in the game that settled the issue.

"We had a weak practice before the Cretin game," Dungey said. "We took them for granted and got a first half wake-up call." He finished the game with 20 points, 14 rebounds and seven steals.

The week before, Central took home an eight-point win from Highland Park. "It was the bench that won that game," Lasley said. "Our point guard (Rasheem Sharp) was out with a headache and (junior guard) Alfred Harris stepped up for us. He scored 12 points and shook 'em up with a couple of drives and three-pointers." Dungey had his customary game against the Scots: 18 points, nine rebounds and five steals.

"The bench has won at least three games for us," Lasley said. "And we've had good balance in the starting line-up."

Senior guard Andy Carter is averaging 15 points a game. Senior forward Adam Hunkins anchors the post with Dungey. Junior forward Paul Schultz and senior forward Jamie Shavers have filled important roles in the Central attack as well.

"I told the kids that we've got the steering wheel (in the conference race), but we still aren't in the driver's seat," Lasley said. "This league is tough. In the section (2AAAA), the favorite has got to be Minneapolis North. They beat us in December and they understand how to win. Still, we've got a good chance to make it past them to state."

"When we ran up against North earlier this year, it was one of our first games and we were very, very shaky," Dungey said. "But we can play with them as long as we can rebound with them."

Dungey's long and lanky physique might work against him when he is matched up with more physical post players. "I've got the Kevin Garnett build," he said. "I'm working hard to put on weight. I'm lifting and eating a lot of meat and vegetables."

Lasley agreed that Dungey could put on a few pounds. "He'll need to bulk up to reach his potential in college ball," he said. "I still think he might be a sleeper at the Division I level. There's no telling how good John will be. It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog. You don't get this kind of hustle from kids as a rule. John is the finest kid I've coached in quite a while."

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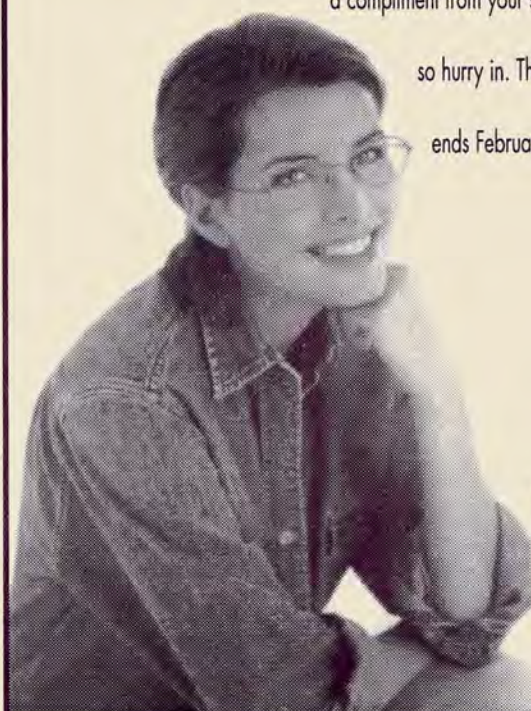
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Leo Cullen, a 1993 St. Paul Academy graduate and a University of Maryland defender, has been chosen by the Miami Fusion expansion team in the first round of the Major League Soccer college draft. He was the 10th pick overall. At SPA, Cullen led the Spartans to a state championship in 1991 and was *Parade* magazine's high school player of the year in 1993. Cullen also was selected as the Min-

nesota Thunder's first pick in the A-League draft, which means the Thunder will have first rights to him if he does not make it with Miami. The Thunder also selected Macalester College goalie **Dan Welch**, an NCAA Division III All-American, as the team's 14th pick. Thunder veterans **Don Gramenz** and **Amos Magee** were selected in the MLS supplemental draft, which took place prior to the A-League picking. Gramenz was chosen by the Fusion and Magee, a forward from SPA who led the Thunder in scoring for the second straight season last year, was taken by the Los Angeles Galaxy.

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Child Care

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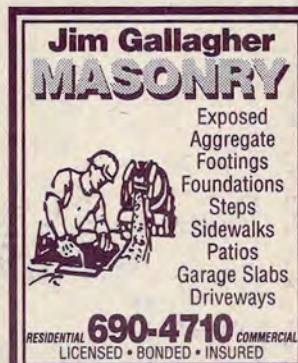

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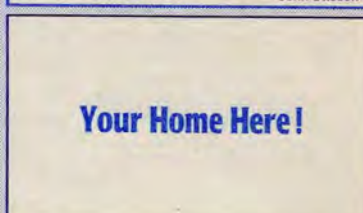
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