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University sues for assurance that light rail won't harm labs

BY JANE McCLURE

The proposed Central Corridor light-rail transit line, now on track for a groundbreaking ceremony in 2010, hit another bump in the road on September 22 when the University of Minnesota filed suit against the Metropolitan Council in Hennepin County District Court.

The light-rail line between the downtowns of St. Paul and Minneapolis would run right through the U of M's East and West Bank campuses along Washington Avenue, and university officials remain concerned about the effect that the train's vibrations and electromagnetic field would have on its sensitive research facilities.

The Met Council approved the final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Center Corridor in August. The bulk of the public comments received

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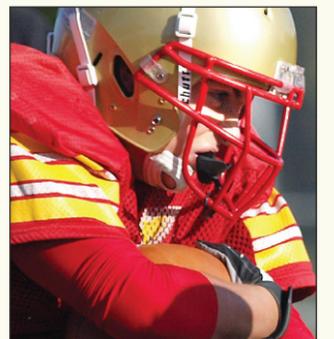
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Newcomer Ng leans into uphill race for mayor

Business troubleshooter by profession, she turns her attention to city gov't

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

As the eldest of seven children, Eva Ng honed her skills as a manager early in life and parlayed that family experience into a long career as a business consultant, troubleshooter and CEO. Now, at age 51, Ng (pronounced *eng*) wants to employ her management skills for the betterment of St. Paul. She is challenging incumbent Mayor Chris Coleman's bid for a second term.

"Friends, business associates and neighbors asked me to step up and run," Ng said. "It was a decision I made after much consideration, knowing that it meant setting aside my career and sacrificing family time as well as privacy."

Ng believes she can lead St. Paul to realizing its potential. "I envision a city teeming with a variety of exciting, leading-edge businesses," she said, "a city where choice jobs are plentiful, a city with sparkling streets, beautiful storefronts and quaint establishments. I envision a city that's a great place to work and play, a safe community to live and raise children, an economically viable city where fees and taxes are fair and reasonable."

Ng is the CEO of Blanda Inc., a machine and specialty tool engineering firm in Eagan. Though

she is running as an independent, Ng has been endorsed by the Republican Party.

Scott Walker, the current chair of the Republican Party in St. Paul, was among those who recruited Ng to run for mayor. "Her business background is stellar," said Walker, who met Ng through work a decade ago. "She has the numbers and people skills to turn this city around. She doesn't play the political game. I think she has just the right personality to pull people together to get things done."

Friend Jan Schneider, who met Ng in 2002 at an independent consultants' association event, also urged Ng to run for mayor and is working on her campaign. "With her leadership skills

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Reading Corps gets kids up to speed

Highland Elementary among schools taking advantage of expanded tutoring program

BY FRANK JOSSI

As a parent of two students at Highland Park Elementary School, Paul Duncan had seen many volunteer tutors working with children in the hallways on their math and reading. His wife, Chris, was one of the tutors and she had struggled with a student who dismissed math as a waste of time.

"He was so uncooperative and completely resisted math," said Duncan, a Highland Park resident. "Then Chris realized that he couldn't read

the math problems. After hearing that, I realized everything starts with reading, even math and science."

This fall, Duncan joined 550 Minnesota volunteers in an AmeriCorps program designed to improve the reading ability and test scores of K-3 students in St. Paul and other cities throughout the state. The 6-year-old program Minnesota Reading Corps currently has 109 volunteers in the St. Paul Public Schools working at 19 pre-kindergarten sites and 28 K-3 sites, according to program director Sheila Piippo.

Corps members receive a small stipend for their work—\$425 every two weeks for full-time volunteers and roughly half that for part-timers

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Volunteer tutor Paul Duncan listens to first-grader Connor McFarland read at Highland Park Elementary School. PHOTO BY ANNE BRANDRUD

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on the EIS prior to its approval came from the U of M. The lawsuit alleges that the EIS and related decisions about the light-rail project have not adequately addressed the adverse effects the rail line could have, according to U of M general counsel Mark Rotenberg.

According to U of M president Robert Bruininks, the university has as many as 80 research laboratories in close proximity to the Washington Avenue stretch of the proposed light-rail line. "We're simply not far enough along in reaching a solution to the very real challenges this light-rail line poses for the university's core research mission," Bruininks said. "The Board of Regents and I have a solemn responsibility to protect the university's core research mission, decades of public investment in research infrastructure and hundreds of millions of dollars in research grants brought into this state each year by faculty research."

The Met Council is named in the lawsuit because it is planning and building the 11-mile light-rail line. Met Council chairman Peter Bell called the lawsuit "premature and without merit. We believe the concerns about the project's impacts on U of M research facilities and our plans to mitigate those impacts were adequately addressed in the EIS, as required by federal and state law."

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and care for the community, she'd do a fabulous job for St. Paul," Schneider said. "Eva may be small in stature, but she's a big thinker who can motivate people, get at the root causes of problems and come up with workable solutions in a short time. That's what she did for many, many companies."

Born in Hong Kong to parents who were adolescents and orphans when they escaped Mao Tse Tung's China, Ng moved with her family to Houston when she was 10. Her six sisters and her mother still live in Texas. Her father died last July.

Ng attained high academic honors in high school, and though she received scholarship offers from some of the best universities in the country, she chose to attend Texas A&M, where she graduated in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering.

Ng spent the next 10 years working for Texaco as one of 65 "presidential fast-trackers." There, she said, she gained experience in engineering, cash-flow analysis, finance, debt restructuring, employee training, personnel management, marketing, manufacturing, environmental health and safety, quality control and negotiations.

Ng left Texaco in 1990 to work for a consulting firm that helped turn around troubled small- and medium-size businesses. One of the companies she helped was Blanda, which was so impressed by the work she did, it asked her to run the company.

Ng moved to Minnesota in 1999 to become CEO of Blanda. In 2005 she moved to St. Paul's West End, where she lives with husband Robert Blanda, who is the founder and owner of Blanda Inc., a 30-year-old firm that employs about 15 people.

"Eva was a powerhouse to work with," said Robin Lane, a fellow presidential fast-tracker at Texaco now living in Seattle. "We met in 1989. She was a petite woman, but she had outstanding people skills. She was able to, with grace, get the old boys' network to move mountains for her. Rather than shake the apple tree to get apples, she was able to get the tree to drop its apples for her. Suffice it to

University officials are expecting a higher level of detail than would normally be included in an EIS, Bell said. According to him, that detail will come as the project moves into the final design stage.

"We hope to receive federal approval to enter final design yet this fall and complete this work by the middle of next year," Bell said, "allowing us to secure federal funding and begin construction."

The plan is to have the light-rail line up and running by 2014.

In his statement, Bell expressed disappointment at the legal action. "Unfortunately, the university once again felt compelled to get the lawyers involved, which we don't believe is particularly helpful," he said. "If the U's lawsuit delays the project schedule one year, inflationary adjustments alone would add at least \$30 million to the project's cost."

Bell and Bruininks both said they are interested in working together to resolve their differences. The university has long been a supporter of the light-rail project, Bruininks said, and is eager to reach agreement with the Met Council on effective mitigations so that the project can move forward. "But the consequences of not protecting our land grant university's research infrastructure along the Washington Avenue corridor from the adverse effects that could result

if this project is not done right are just too great to risk," he said.

"We have said on a number of occasions that our fundamental objective is to identify effective solutions, based on sound science, that will move this transit project forward while protecting our public research mission and resources from potentially serious degradation," Bruininks said.

How to mitigate the Central Corridor's impact on the U of M has been perhaps the single biggest issue confronting planners of the light-rail line. U of M officials originally wanted the train tracks to run through a tunnel beneath Washington Avenue. When that proved to be too costly, U of M officials pushed for the study of an alternative "northern alignment" that would have avoided Washington Avenue and run the trains along an existing railroad corridor through Dinkytown. That route was rejected more than a year ago for several reasons, including added travel time and cost.

Constructing the light-rail line at grade on Washington will require spending more than \$30 million for mitigation measures ranging from added track features that reduce the noise and vibrations of passing trains to redirected motor vehicle traffic around the several blocks of Washington, which would become a pedestrian mall.



Eva Ng

say, if you wanted something done, you went to Eva. She had so many resources to call on without ever exhausting them. St. Paul would be getting a big bang for its buck if she's elected mayor."

In her spare time, Ng said she loves to do organic gardening. "I live in a townhome with no patios, only decks, so my challenge is to be able to grow decorative or fruiting plants in containers without pesticides or artificially manufactured plant foods," she said. "I also love studying about nutrition."

Above all, she said, "I love business, everything about it. I like studying the stock market, currency exchanges, the management of corporations, the successful and unsuccessful organizations, the innovations and creativity of the marketplace, the personalities that run those corporations and the results they deliver. It's all so interesting and complex. Free enterprise is wonderful."

In the four years she has lived in St. Paul, Ng has come to appreciate the city's character as Minnesota's biggest small town. "There's a certain intimacy and neighborliness about the city," she said. "(The residents of St. Paul) are its greatest asset. Rich history and strong traditions envelop this city. Scenic river

views, gorgeous limestone bluffs, quaint shops, serene parks, easy commutes and good cuisine from a plethora of ethnicities make St. Paul a fine place to work and play. Even the long winters can be a positive feature. They make life less distracting, giving one incentive to stay indoors and focus on accomplishing longer projects."

Though her residency in St. Paul is brief compared to Chris Coleman's, "this election is not about tenure as much as it is about having the right intentions to serve the citizens of St. Paul," she said. "I'll steer clear of the partisan bickering and focus on arresting the downward spiral St. Paul has embarked upon, the vicious cycle of residents leaving and businesses fleeing. It's imperative that I bring order to a budget that went up 20-plus percent in three years and stability to a city government facing uncertainty."

"I know how to finance projects, restructure debt and manage cash flow," Ng said. "I'll work to reshape the city's budget and balance the city's revenue streams while ensuring that we're able to attract new businesses, grow jobs and keep our neighborhoods safe. I'm quite good at leveraging technology, and I'll bring a sensible level of automation to city government functions without breaking the bank. I'm a good communicator and I work hard to listen, find common ground and arrive at remedies that are deserving of everyone's buy-in. I've never aspired to run for political office before, nor am I interested in becoming a career politician."

Ng confronted Coleman early in the campaign regarding his aspirations for higher office, challenging him to pledge to serve out his term as mayor should he be re-elected. Coleman dismissed Ng's challenge as "a gimmick," though he has acknowledged considering a run for governor in 2012.

According to Ng, Coleman does not seem to recognize that "St. Paul holds so much more promise. It's a port city waiting for the proper vision. It's an intelligent, hard-working people waiting to be guided by the right principles to actualize its potential. A suitable leader with the proper skill set can transform St. Paul into a preeminent city, a great place to raise a family and grow a business."

Desperately seeking a superintendent

St. Paul Public Schools hope to have a new leader hired by early December

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

The search for a new superintendent of schools for St. Paul shifted into high gear on September 17 with a public listening session conducted by Hazard, Young and Attea, the Chicago firm hired in July by the St. Paul School Board to conduct a nationwide search for qualified applicants for the job. Representatives of the firm are trying to determine the characteristics desired in a new superintendent. They met in August and September with school district administrators, teachers, students, staff and families, and their findings were released on September 22 in a 20-page report that is available at www.spps.org.

Meria Carstarphen stepped down in June after three years as St. Paul's superintendent of schools to become superintendent of the Austin (Texas) school district. However, her tenure in St. Paul continues to influence the selection of a permanent replacement. Among the 25 citizens who took part in the English-speaking portion of the listening session on September 17, the overwhelming sentiment was to hire the next superintendent from the Upper Midwest. Carstarphen, a native of Alabama, came to St. Paul in 2006 from the Washington, D.C., school district, where she had served as chief accountability officer for the previous two years.

"We need someone who knows St. Paul," one man said.

"Someone who'll know what they're getting into, from the make-up of the district to the winter weather," said another,

"so that they don't have to spend the first two years of a three-year contract finding out this may not be what they bargained for."

In meetings with citizens and civic leaders, Hazard, Young and Attea found a strong desire for a superintendent who is committed to a long tenure in St. Paul, "someone with the conviction and courage to lead long-term change," the search firm reported.

Despite only three years in St. Paul—which, according to Diane McCauley of Hazard, Young and Attea, is the average tenure for superintendents in large school districts these days—Carstarphen was praised for her accomplishments.

At the September 17 meeting, a mother of three children in the public schools said she hoped to see the next superintendent "pick up where Carstarphen left off. Too many times in the past, a superintendant comes in and starts big projects, then leaves in the middle. Then another comes in and scraps those plans for their own agenda and nothing ever really gets accomplished."

When Carstarphen left, the St. Paul Public Schools had just embarked on a program called Large Scale System Change. Though the School Board has yet to fully adopt the initiative, it is expected to include the closing of three elementary schools in the summer of 2010, the possible reworking of the district's school choice program and transportation policies by 2011, other academic reforms as well as new employee development programs.

Hazard, Young and Attea's report was drawn from interviews with 330 people

in a variety of settings. The report lays out the findings from each of the various groups regarding the strengths of the St. Paul Public Schools, the challenges it faces and the type of superintendent needed to address those challenges.

Last March the School Board said it had no plans to conduct a national search for Carstarphen's replacement and would limit its search to the Upper Midwest. However, those plans changed following the appointment of Carstarphen chief of staff Suzanne Kelly as the interim superintendent.

Several School Board members declined to comment for this story, referring all questions on the superintendent search to School Board chairwoman Kazoua Kong-Thao. According to Kong-Thao, the School Board is aware of the sentiments for the hiring of a local candidate. "We're obviously expecting some great local candidates to apply," she said. "But we're also expecting that this position and the opportunity to lead the St. Paul Public Schools will attract some very qualified national candidates. We're seeking to find the best possible candidate to lead the district to the next level while building on the foundations of success that already exist. Our families and communities are doing a nice job of telling us what should be important in the next superintendent."

As of last week, the school district had received about 20 applications for the superintendent's job, according to St. Paul Public Schools' spokesman Howie Padilla. The School Board has said it would like a new superintendent hired by early December. Once the pool of candidates has been narrowed to three or four finalists, the board intends to hold a hearing to allow the public to assess the finalists.



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such as Duncan. Many of the schools chosen for the program have a high population of students in poverty who have been identified by teachers as struggling with reading.

The program was launched locally at a time when interim Superintendent Suzanne Kelly has asked the schools to raise math and reading scores at least 10 percent by the end of this school year, an aggressive goal that the Reading Corps hopes to help the district achieve.

The idea behind the Reading Corps, which is sponsored by the Minnesota Literacy Council and other public and private entities, is to get to children early enough so that reading becomes a habit. If students do not learn to read well before third grade, they almost invariably struggle for the rest of their school years— and sometimes for the rest of their lives.

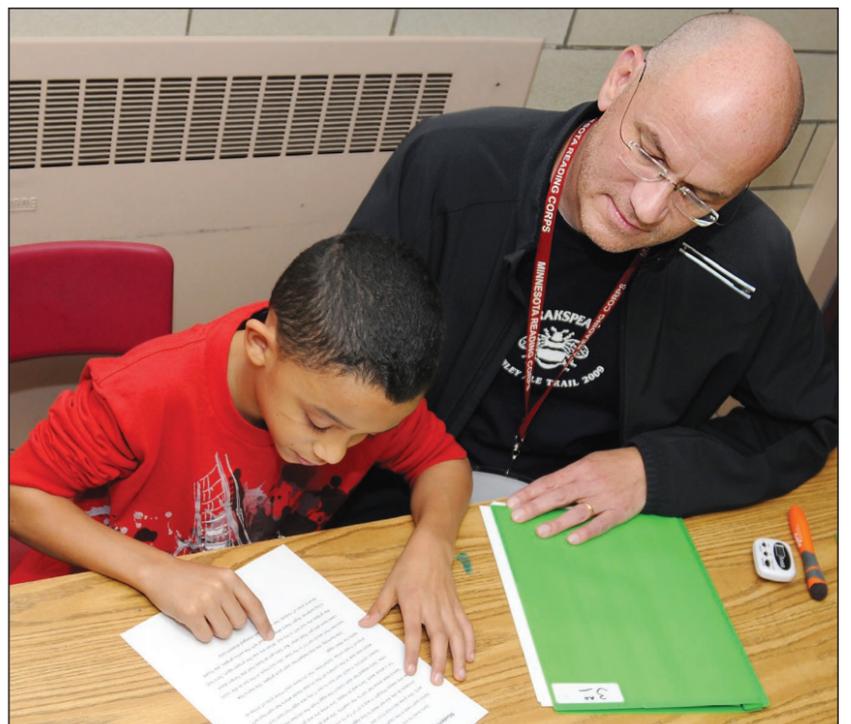
"This is a turning point in a child's life," Piippo said. "That's why the program exists and why we expanded it this year (last year's program had 367 volunteers). We know the needs are great for students to get up to grade level at an early age."

Tutors have internal coaches within schools who work with them in getting students up to speed, she said. Full-time tutors work with as many as 15 to 17 students a day, offering each of them up to an hour a week in 20-minute tutoring sessions. "But we don't take kids away from key instructional time," Piippo said.

Highland Elementary, which has a Primary Years International Baccalaureate program, is the only local school that asked to be part of Minnesota Reading Corps. Principal Teresa Ciccarelli said the school wrote a grant to fund two volunteers for the program and so far about 20 students have been identified for tutoring in grades 1-3.

"We have two wonderful volunteers who are working with students in the hallways and every nook and cranny of the building," she said. "We're targeting kids who need a boost."

The initial round of tutoring is focusing on "bubble kids" who are near grade-level standards for reading but in need of some additional attention, said Colleen Kelly, the Reading Corps literacy coach at Highland Elementary. "We want to move the bubble kids up to grade level and then work down the list to students



Third-grader Wesley Lindsay reads with Minnesota Reading Corps volunteer Paul Duncan at Highland Elementary. PHOTO BY ANNE BRANDRUD

who need even more help," she said.

The reading tutors received intense training prior to their arrival in the schools, Duncan recalled. During the training, he met grandmothers and college students and found great racial and ethnic diversity.

He has already had success tutoring kids using the step-by-step process. "I can see it working," he said. "I can see the impact almost immediately."

The strategy has been to concentrate on third-graders and get them to grade level, since they will be too old for program next year, Duncan said. He is working with six third-graders and three first-graders now. As they pass through the program he will move on to other grades.

Tutors will no longer work with students who have passed a weekly grade level reading test at least three times. Once they graduate out of the program, they must pass the test another two weeks to ensure they have absorbed the material, Duncan said. If they fail, they will once again receive tutoring.

A journalist and entrepreneur, Duncan found the early weeks trying as he shuffled between his home and Highland Elementary several times a day as teachers sought to iron out the schedules of the students in need of tutoring. Eventually, he arrived at a daily schedule of

mainly working mornings for 20 hours a week.

During that time, he moves around the school to offer tutoring sessions to students. He speaks to teachers, the principal and fellow volunteer Julie Pelowitz of St. Louis Park about issues involving the kids and the progress being made. It's a busy morning. In the afternoon, he returns to his home office before returning again to pick up his own children after school.

At some point, the journalist in him would love to take a stab at editing the fat instruction manual for tutors to make it friendlier for parents who want a more effective way to teach their children to read. Parents, he said, play an extremely important role in teaching and encouraging reading.

To Duncan, the ability to read is of paramount importance in a person's life.

"I've been a reasonably successful journalist who happens to be poor at math, although I can balance a check-book," Duncan said. "Not knowing math well hasn't hurt my career, but I couldn't have accomplished anything in life without being able to read."

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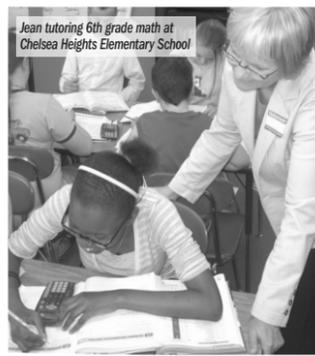
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Council weighing \$500,000 plan to restore some hours to libraries

By JANE McCLURE

The St. Paul City Council will meet on Wednesday, October 21, to discuss a plan to restore 28.5 of the 51.5 hours that Mayor Chris Coleman has proposed cutting from the weekly operations of the various St. Paul Public Library branches in 2010.

Coleman's plan would cut library hours by 7 percent systemwide, saving the city about \$929,000 a year, mostly through the loss of 26.4 full-time-equivalent positions from a total library staff of 187.9. The City Council's plan would cut only 15.8 of those positions. The City Council's plan would save the city \$429,000. However, because the council has already set the city's maximum property tax levy for 2010, the additional \$500,000 in expense over Coleman's proposed city budget for 2010 would have to be made up elsewhere.

The Merriam Park Library would be especially affected under Coleman's plan, losing its Sunday hours and some evening hours. The library's Sunday hours have been on the chopping block before, in 2008, until neighborhood opposition convinced city officials to restore them.

Under Coleman's proposed city budget, the public libraries' operating budget would be reduced 6.7 percent, from \$18.456 million in 2009 to \$17.216 million in 2010. Coleman's budget calls for 678.5 library hours per week systemwide in 2010. The City Council's plan would increase that to 707 hours. In 2009 the libraries were open a total of 730 hours a week. Coleman would also cut the libraries' materials budget by 15 percent, from \$1.6 million in 2009 to \$1.36 million in 2010.

"I don't want to see us make that much of a

cut to the materials budget," said Ward 3 City Council member Pat Harris, who chairs the city's Library Board. "But in a priority situation, let's try to restore library hours."

Other City Council members agreed that restoring at least some of the library hours is important. "We've all heard from constituents who are worried about losing (library) hours," said City Council president Kathy Lantry.

Under Coleman's budget, the hours at the Central Library, the bookmobile and the West 7th Library in 2010 would be the same as in 2009 or slightly longer—at 52.5, 32 and 33.5 hours, respectively. However, every other library would see some cuts in hours. The Hamline-Midway, Arlington Hills, Riverview and Dayton's Bluff libraries would be open 45 hours a week. The Merriam Park, St. Anthony Park, Hayden Heights and Rice Street libraries would be open 48 hours a week. The Highland, Rondo and Sunray libraries would be open 63 hours a week, including Sundays.

Under the City Council's plan, all branch libraries would be open three evenings a week—on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays until 8:00. The Highland, Sunray and Rondo would be open Mondays through Thursdays until 9:00 p.m. under both plans.

With the restoration of Tuesday evening hours, the Hamline-Midway, Arlington Hills, Hayden Heights, Riverview and Dayton's Bluff libraries would be open an additional 3.5 hours a week under the City Council's plan. The Merriam Park, St. Anthony Park and Rice Street libraries would be open 52.5 hours a week with the restoration of Tuesday evening and Sunday afternoon hours. The City Council's plan would also open the libraries' homework centers on Saturday afternoons.

Mac-Groveland committee asks city for Jefferson Ave. traffic study

By JANE McCLURE

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council's Transportation Committee has tabled making any recommendations on a proposed bicycle boulevard on Jefferson Avenue until more studies can be conducted about the effect those changes are likely to have on local pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

The St. Paul Department of Public Works has agreed to work with the Macalester-Groveland Community Council on a new traffic study along Jefferson in the spring of 2010. "We'd like to create a study that is specific to this corridor," said Jay MacBride, a member of the council's Transportation Committee.

More than 70 people attended the Transportation Committee's September 22 meeting to discuss the bicycle boulevard. The \$1 million project, which would be paid for with a \$750,000 federal grant administered by Transit for Livable Communities and \$250,000 from the city's Capital Improvement Budget, is intended to improve bicycle safety on Jefferson from Mississippi River Boulevard to West 7th Street.

The project would involve new signage and pavement striping and possibly corner bumpouts and traffic circles at intersections to calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety. Between Lexington and West 7th Street, the speed limit would be lowered from 40 to 30 mph near the I-35E overpass, new bike lanes a new sidewalk would be added, and lantern-style streetlights would be installed with 30 percent of the cost assessed to abutting property owners.

The West 7th/Fort Road Federation approved the concept of the bicycle boulevard in August, but asked that the plans for that portion of the boulevard between I-35E and

West 7th be refined.

The project has met more opposition in Macalester-Groveland. Proponents say it would provide a much needed east-west bike route through the neighborhood. Opponents are worried about the effect it would have on property values, parking and motor-vehicle traffic.

Most of the debate on September 22 centered on the stretch of Jefferson between Cleveland and Fairview avenues. Residents in that area want more information on traffic volumes and speeds, bicycle traffic counts, and pedestrian safety because of the elementary schools in the area.

Between Mississippi River Boulevard and Cleveland, residents are concerned about traffic speeds. To slow cars, a speed table or broadened speed bump could be added at Woodlawn Avenue and a traffic circle could be installed at Mount Curve Boulevard, according to David Kuebler of the city's Department of Public Works.

Between Snelling and Fairview avenues, local residents had mixed reactions to the proposal to restore on-street parking on both sides of Jefferson.

Between Snelling and Lexington, local residents are pushing for new traffic-calming measures to make it safer for children traveling to and from Randolph Heights Elementary School and the Edgcombe Recreation Center. There, on-street parking would be eliminated.

The Grand Avenue Business Association (GABA) board voted unanimously on September 17 to support the Jefferson bike boulevard project. According to GABA executive director David Regan, creation of the bike boulevard is in line with several initiatives GABA is pursuing, including the installation of 60-plus bike racks on Grand.

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St. Paul ordinance targets adults who allow underage drinking

By JANE McCLURE

An ordinance that would make it a misdemeanor to host a party where underage drinking takes place was introduced by St. Paul City Council member Russ Stark last month. A public hearing on the ordinance is set for October 7 in City Hall.

"The ordinance came out of ongoing complaints about house parties where there's often underage drinking and a significant number of citations issued," said Stark, whose Ward 4 includes the St. Thomas, Macalester, Hamline and the University of Minnesota-St. Paul campuses.

If the ordinance is adopted, the adult who hosts or allows a party where underage drinking takes place could face up to 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine. The adult would neither have to be home nor have supplied the alcohol to be charged with the misdemeanor.

"This will be a help to police when cracking down on underage drinking off-campus," said Scott Banas, co-chair of the West Summit Neighborhood Advisory Committee (WSNAC), which addresses issues around the St. Thomas campus. He said there has been a greater number of complaints this fall about underage students drinking in the neighborhoods surrounding the school.

Buying alcohol for someone under age 21 is

already a crime, as is the underage consumption, possession and purchase of alcohol with a fake ID. However, state law is not clear on whether it is a crime to provide underage people with a place where alcohol is consumed. An increasing number of cities are considering so-called social host ordinances as a result.

If adopted, the ordinance would close loopholes that police and prosecutors currently face with underage drinking, said Stark's legislative aide, Samantha Henningson, who recently presented the ordinance to WSNAC.

The ordinance not only targets college students, but all underage people who throw parties where drinking is allowed and where a parent or guardian may or may not be present. The ordinance defines the person having control of the party location as the owner of a property, a tenant or lessee of the property, or the person who accepts responsibility for the event. The ordinance would cover parties in houses, apartments, condominiums, hotel rooms, halls, meeting rooms, yards, fields, parks and other places where three or more people are gathered.

It would be a violation of the ordinance if at least one underage person is present and that person has consumed alcohol, is in possession of a beverage container, or a container of alcoholic beverages is present. Having the party

promoted via invitations, flyers or posting on social networks such as MySpace, Facebook, Twitter or mobile phone texting would be considered as evidence when criminal citations are issued.

The ordinance does take into account "reasonable steps" to discourage underage drinking, such as carding guests or controlling access to liquor. It also exempts parents who serve alcohol to their own children in the family home and to alcohol that is served in conjunction with a religious ceremony.

"One issue that comes up when we talk about reasonable steps is, if you're a parent, is it reasonable for you to know what goes on in your home while you're away?" Stark said. "That can be a judgment call."

St. Paul police already use a variety of measures to crack down on underage drinking around colleges. In the past two years, the City Attorney's Office has handled more than 900 underage consumption cases, many as a result of its Zero Adult Providers program. However, ZAP has faced funding cuts in recent years.

Police have suggested that targeting hosts may be more effective in addressing underage consumption due to the sheer number of people involved in some parties. Breaking up some parties can mean booking 100 or more people, which takes considerable time and ef-

fort for the police.

Police and prosecutors also sometimes find it difficult to prove where alcohol came from at parties where underage people are served. Stark said that is where the social host ordinance would help.

"Colleges and neighborhoods often struggle with the issue of who's responsible when there's underage drinking at a party," Stark said. "This ordinance should clarify that."

Jim Sachs, assistant dean of students at St. Thomas, said the ordinance could address problems created by off-campus parties, but he said its effectiveness could be hampered without meaningful sanctions against the hosts.

The ordinance was reviewed on September 8 by WSNAC and was generally supported by the members who represent the Macalester-Groveland and Union Park district councils, the Summit Avenue Residential Preservation Association, Neighbors United, as well as St. Thomas.

However, there were questions about how the ordinance would be enforced and whether it is practical, given the few people who need to be present before the regulations apply. Some committee members said more needs to be done to target landlords whose tenants regularly throw parties where alcohol is consumed by underage people.

HRA approves \$1M loan for PPL apartment project on West 7th

By JANE McCLURE

The St. Paul City Council, acting as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA), unanimously approved a \$1 million loan in Invest St. Paul supportive housing funds on September 23 for Project for Pride in Living's proposed 44-unit apartment building in Highland Park. The vote came just two weeks after the City Council approved setback and lot coverage variances for the building, which would be constructed at 2236 W. 7th St. at the base of the Snelling Avenue hill.

The project has been the subject of debate in Highland Park for more than a year. Sup-

porters say it would bring needed affordable housing to the neighborhood. Opponents contend the building would be too large for the site and would generate too much additional traffic and parking.

"This is a fabulous project," said Ward 3 City Council member Pat Harris, who has long been a proponent of more affordable housing in the area.

PPL is drawing on a variety of public and private financing sources for the \$11 million project. The city's approval of the \$1 million loan is contingent on PPL obtaining Low Income Housing Tax Credits and other financing no later than December 31, 2010. Cecile Bedor, director of the St. Paul

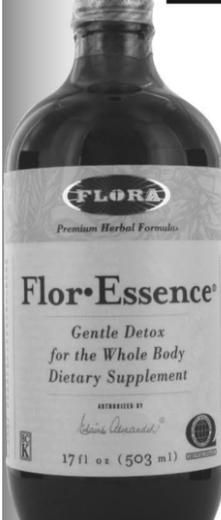
Department of Planning and Economic Development, said the loan will be brought back to the HRA for final approval when all the other financing has been secured.

PPL executive director Steve Cramer said he was pleased with the HRA's action. "It's a big step and an important step," he said. The organization hopes to break ground for the project next year.

Last year, the HRA also approved \$100,000 in Invest St. Paul funds to allow PPL to extend its purchase options for the properties it needed to acquire before constructing the building. PPL plans to demolish five homes and a video rental business to make way for the development.

The three-story building would provide one-, two- and three-bedroom units of affordable housing, including 10 units for families who are transitioning out of homelessness. It would also provide supportive services and indoor activity space, as well as a small outdoor playground. There would be eight surface parking spaces and 58 underground spaces for residents.

Rents for the 44 apartments would range from \$680 to \$1,025 per month. The units will be nearly equally divided among families whose household incomes are at or below 30, 50 and 60 percent of the metropolitan area's median, which is currently about \$83,900 for a family of four.



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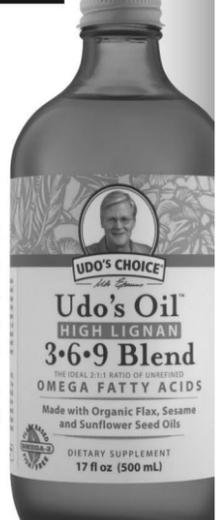
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Five-story mixed-use development proposed for Grand and Cleveland

By Jane McClure

Plans for a five-story residential and commercial development on the southeast corner of Grand and Cleveland avenues were reviewed September 23 by the Macalester-Groveland Community Council's Housing and Land Use Committee. The developer, Johnson Companies of Minnetonka, has discussed the project with city staff members but has not yet submitted a site plan.

Johnson Companies is considering constructing an L-shaped building with underground parking, retail shops on the first floor and 55 efficiency and one- and two-bedroom apartments on the second through fifth floors. The building would occupy a 160-by-160-foot lot, replacing a vacant service station at the corner and the house immediately to its east.

Designed by Elness Swenson Graham Architects (ESG), the building would be similar in design to Oxford Hill, a mixed-use development on the southwest corner of Grand Avenue and Oxford Street that ESG also designed. That building's upper floors are stepped back from the floors beneath in what has been described as a wedding-cake design, masking its height from the sidewalk. Unlike Oxford Hill, the proposed building would not have balconies.

The development would require a rezoning to the mixed-use traditional neighborhoods designation, since it would occupy lots that are currently zoned for commercial or residential use only. Because the building would be more than three stories, the developers would also need a height variance.

The stepped-back design of the proposed building would make it appear less massive from the street, according to the developer. Members of the St. Paul Planning Commission have agreed with that contention in the past.

Planning Commission approval is required for height variances, and City Council approval is needed for rezonings. If the necessary approvals are obtained, the developer said, ground could be broken as early as the spring of 2010.

The new building would be similar in height to the Grand Avenue apartment buildings to the east, according to architect David Graham. The building would be placed at the Grand-Cleveland corner, with surface parking for retail customers between the building and alley. Access to the underground parking for residents would be off of Cleveland.

Macalester-Groveland Housing and Land Use Committee members had mixed reactions to the proposal. "I welcome developer interest in the corner," said Joel Clemmer, a member of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council's board of directors. He praised the building's design and its residential-commercial mix, but expressed concern about its mass.

"(The mass) is what makes it financially viable," said Steve Matysik, another member of the Macalester-Groveland board. "Without a certain number of units, the development can't happen."

"You do need a certain amount of density," Graham said, referring to the number of units required to make an urban development with underground parking financially feasible. If the development is done well, he said, it could be an asset to the neighborhood.

Some members of the Housing and Land Use Committee were concerned that with its proximity to the University of St. Thomas, the building could become a de facto college dorm. According to Graham and Robert Johnson of Johnson Companies, that is not likely to happen given the lease rates they are considering.

Johnson's proposed mixed-use development is similar to the one that was discussed by the Macalester-Groveland Housing and Land Use Committee last January. That building would have had retail shops on the first floor and 19 condominium units on the second through fifth floors. However, it never materialized.

A Holiday gas station and convenience store was proposed for the same corner in 2008. However, most neighbors said they did not want a second convenience store at the intersection, which already has a Super-America.



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Viewpoint

Making 'the state that works' better

BY DANE SMITH

Having worked for many years as a reporter, I know better than to complain about the news media's decisions on what is and isn't newsworthy. Especially at an event that offers a full hour of meaty material from distinguished, independent-minded speakers.

Good that the reporters come. Good too that they spell the names right, which isn't hard when they're former U.S. Senator and Vice President Walter Mondale and former Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson.

So I wasn't too concerned when, at a recent discussion on "Recapturing Minnesota's Edge," the media were all over the remarks of Carlson when he sharply advised Governor Tim Pawlenty to come home from presidential politicking and get a grip on the state's gargantuan long-term budget problem. However, the essence of the event was constructive ideas about what Minnesota needs to do to get back on track.

Two of the main things, according to one or the other or both men, are making smart public investments that foster prosperity in the long run, and focusing on how to make government work better.

"Keep education up front," Mondale counseled. He emphasized that Minnesota became an overachiever among the states in economic performance because "we looked upon wise public investment as the ideal."

A generation of anti-government, anti-tax conservatism designed to "starve the beast," along with deregulation and less oversight, has delivered an economic crisis, causing even former Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan to admit he was wrong about the ability of the market to police itself, Mondale said. He called for both spending cuts and revenue increases to be on the table as Minnesota struggles with its budget. And he repeatedly made the point that investments in education, transportation and health were critical components of Minnesota's past success.

Carlson, recalling the 1973 *Time* magazine cover that celebrated Minnesota as "The state that works," advised that we get serious about harnessing our talents in business and government to make it work better.

"I remember," Carlson said, "when Republicans and Democrats stumbled over each other to carry good-government bills." Suggesting that business leadership in particular needs to make a comeback in civic affairs, Carlson said Minnesota succeeded because of the "willingness of all its leaders...to anticipate problems and then to tackle them."

Carlson and other state leaders in the early 1990s provided a classic model, crafting MinnesotaCare for the health coverage of low-income working families—a "public option" that has worked very well.

Both men offered specific ideas for improvements. Mondale called for reforms that would take partisan politics out of the judicial selection process and out of redrawing political boundaries. Carlson suggested dividing the state budget into an "investment piece" and a "maintenance piece," with education and transportation in the former, and care for the aged and economic security initiatives in the latter.

The two men arguably have been the dominant leaders of their respective parties in Minnesota over the last 50 years. One might have expected them to lament the passing of the good old days and to be pessimistic about the future.

However, each exuded vigorous optimism, despite the signs that we're slipping. Mondale drew laughs with his story about how he often told Japanese audiences, in describing his home state, that Minnesota is a special place because all the smartest and nicest people end up here.

That's one way of describing a state that has always valued fairness and communitarian problem-solving and innovation, rather than hidebound individualism and capitalistic and religious fundamentalism. Few people embody that spirit more clearly than Mondale and Carlson. We're blessed that they're still involved, and that they "don't know when to leave the stage," as a Pawlenty spokesperson huffed last week.

Dane Smith is a resident of Highland Park and president of St. Paul-based Growth & Justice, an organization that focuses on economics and state and local budget issues. He also was a writer for the Star Tribune and Pioneer Press for 30 years.



Inbox

Trashing everyday liberties

Two local issues make me uncomfortable, and I doubt I'm alone. Some St. Paul residents don't like the number of garbage trucks rolling down their streets and alleys. Others oppose a new Walgreens store at Ford Parkway and Finn Street. In both cases, when people don't get things their way, they're mistakenly running to government to fix things for them.

The garbage collection "solution" being asked for, incredibly, is to create a city-operated hauling operation and prohibit private residential collection. In the case of Walgreens, the pleas are for both elected and unelected officials to "do something" to prevent a legal business from entering the neighborhood.

How many citizens would prefer a single, central, city-run grocery store instead of all the options we now enjoy? Of course, people don't seek the same nuance of service and choice from garbage collection that they do from a restaurant or salon, but there's no fundamental difference. In the matter of "too many" pharmacies, we don't have too many in a market economy until there are no longer any efforts to build more. One need only follow the viral spread and retreat of coffee shops to know this.

Simply put, it's not the role of government to create a municipal monopoly in response to a minor nuisance, nor is it the role of government to choose winners and losers in the marketplace. I'm surprised and disappointed to see so many residents willing to cede everyday liberties to governmental entities which, historically, offer unappealing levels of service compared to private vendors and frequently force compromises that please very few.

*Chris Long
Macalester-Groveland*

PPL project belongs up the hill

I live within 100 feet of the proposed Project for Pride in Living (PPL) apartment building on West 7th Street. I have heard a lot of people comment on how great it is that they are going to build this project in Highland Park among the \$500,000 homes because every neighborhood needs low-income housing. This is ridiculous. Down the hill off West 7th is not really Highland Park. Call it the West End or Homecroft, but we have no shortage of low-income housing here.

Conveniently, the PPL neighborhood needs survey left all that low-income housing out of its report. The neighbors of

this project are not the wealthy but working poor who don't need the tax assessment and property value hits that go with this project.

There is a need for low-income housing in Highland Park, so build it up the hill in the heart of Highland Park where all those supporters live, because we are saturated down here. Even better, build it next door to City Council member Pat Harris' house and let's see how "phenomenal" he thinks this terrible project really is.

*Julie Walters
Highland Park*

Snyders' fate is in our hands

When a friend of mine told me that Walgreens would be allowed to build a drug store next to Snyders in Highland Village, he added, "and they'll run Snyders out of business because they're a national chain and Snyders is just a Minnesota chain." I disagree. We, the residents of Highland Park, will run Snyders out of business because ours will be the feet trudging into Walgreens' door instead of Snyders. There's nothing national about it; it's local and it's us. If we don't want Walgreens to run Snyders out of business, we have to not go to Walgreens. Period.

*P.J. Endres
Highland Park*

How pure is brewery's water?

I remember the lines of people filling their jugs with water from the former Schmidt Brewery tap. Conversations were often about how pure the water was. In your article about the reopening of the tap (*Villager*, September 23), Dave Kreitzer of BHGDN was quoted as saying, "Nowhere else in the area can you get such pure water." Drinkers of this water should be aware that it isn't as pure as they may think.

A 58-page report by R.S. Lively, "Radium in the Mt. Simon-Hinckley Aquifer, East-Central and Southeastern Minnesota (University of Minnesota, 1992), documents the presence of radium in the Mt. Simon aquifer, which is the source of water for this public tap. Several wells were sampled in and near the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Many of the sampled wells had concentrations of radium that exceeded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) maximum contaminant level (MCL). Some were slightly below the MCL. I don't remember the exact

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concentration of radium in the Schmidt public tap, but it was slightly less than the MCL.

In the last decade, several local communities have begun using water from the Mt. Simon aquifer. In many if not most cases, these communities have resorted to diluting water from the Mt. Simon aquifer with water from other sources to bring this contaminant below the MCL, or they have installed special filters to remove the radium.

According to a report by the city of Wyoming, "some people who drink water containing radium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer." The EPA calculates the cancer mortality risk from a lifetime of drinking water with radium at the MCL to be 1 in 20,000. I don't offer this information to scare anyone, but rather to inform those who choose to obtain their drinking water from the former Schmidt Brewery tap. I was also concerned when I read that the West 7th/Fort Road Federation was getting involved with the sale and marketing of this water. It needs to be aware of potential liabilities.

Tom Gullett
Hamline-Midway

Editor's note: According to West 7th/Fort Road Federation executive director Ed Johnson, work on getting the public water taps flowing again at the former Schmidt Brewery is continuing with the installation of new piping in the well, a new water pump and additional electrical work. While the federation waits for new dispensing machines to arrive, MVTL Laboratories is testing the water for any impurities and Robert B. Hill Company has been retained to install any filtration system necessary to meet Minnesota Department of Health requirements for drinking water. The facility is expected to open on November 1.

Korte's is keeping these customers

We have been faithful shoppers at Korte's Super Market for as long as the store has been there. We have always felt blessed to have such a clean, friendly grocery store in our neighborhood, and feel that Katrina Budde was unjustly critical of comments made about her Trader Joe's bag (*Villager* Inbox, September 23). Nancy and Marge are just two of the many friendly faces greeting customers, and we can visualize them "teasing" someone about their Trader Joe's bag. The key word here is "teasing." Korte's can count the Millers as continued loyal customers.

Dave and Renee Miller
Macalester-Groveland

In defense of Korte's Market

I was very dismayed to read the letter from Kristin Budde regarding Korte's Market (*Villager* Inbox, September 23). I know that Steve Korte would never condone any form of rudeness on the part of his employees. Why not bring the problem directly to him rather than bashing his store in the *Villager*? I found that very uncalled for. Steve is a longtime business owner in this area and is extremely generous in the surrounding community. We treasure the fact that there are still stores and businesses like his in our neighborhood. There is a saying: "If you like it, tell others; if you don't, tell us." Maybe Ms. Budde could try that next time to actually resolve the issue.

Mary Beth Stupka
Macalester-Groveland

Money well spent at Korte's

A letter writer in the September 23 *Villager* tells how she felt insulted when a Korte's Super Market employee called attention to her using a Trader Joe's bag. The second time it happened, she chose to drop Korte's completely and take her business to Whole Foods. The writer states that she understands that "Korte's is concerned about losing business to Trader Joe's." However, we all would do well to consider just how difficult the competition of both Trader Joe's and Whole Foods must be for the two stores the Korte family runs—Korte's and Widmer's Super Markets.

It's no secret that maintaining an independent business in the face of national and international giants is very much a David and Goliath challenge. Money spent at Korte's stays in the neighborhood. By supporting Korte's, we ensure that a variety of business models exist, allowing us the luxury of choosing where to shop.

We are very lucky to be one of the few neighborhoods to still have small, friendly, family-owned food markets. Let's do what we can to keep them viable.

Miriam Simons
Macalester-Groveland

Eye the friendly skies

I read Mr. Nayman's letter ("Beauty of airplanes up close," *Villager* Inbox, August 19) and got a little excited. Once in a while I roam the area of Fairview Avenue and Ford Parkway hoping to see passenger jets on their way to landing on crosswind Runway 4/22 at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. So far, the only jumbo jet I have not seen land is the Boeing 747. Maybe someday, hopefully soon.

Jane Kjeseth
Highland Park

Let's elect a full-time mayor

What a record! During his tenure as St. Paul's mayor, Chris Coleman has taken the long view to managing our city. His long view was get in, spend as much money as possible on bicycle coordinators, flowers on lampposts, the devastating train down University Avenue and a myriad of other expensive but unnecessary projects, and then head for the governor's mansion. He is not at all concerned that St. Paul's property taxpayers (i.e., residents and businesses) are being crushed under his massive tax increases.

Every year that Coleman has been mayor, he has raised taxes. In 2007, it was 9 percent; in 2008, 15.1 percent; in 2009, 8.6 percent; and now for 2010, a 6 percent proposed hike. In addition, he has dramatically hiked the fees for sewers, building permits, security alarms, etc. It's no wonder downtown St. Paul looks like a ghost town. All we have there are city and state offices, which pay no taxes, and empty storefronts.

Before someone has to turn out the lights on our beautiful city, let's elect Eva Ng as our next mayor. She brings a strong business background and knows how to turn a failing operation around. After all, that's what she did for a living, and has now stepped up to rescue St. Paul. She has proposed to freeze or decrease property taxes as her first action as mayor. We need Eva's positive leadership, not a part-time mayor who wants to be governor.

Roger Maulik
Highland Park

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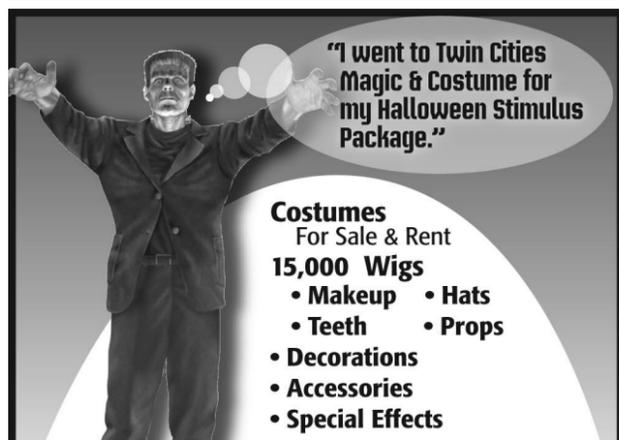
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Hold School Board accountable

Let's see if I have this straight: The St. Paul Public Schools are making painful classroom cuts in the aftermath of substantial budget increases with another increase on the way. The result: a property tax levy bump of 4.5 percent in the face of a declining customer base (i.e., reduced student population). The one word that describes this record is incompetence.

My household income increased 0 percent during the same period, while the value of my IRA declined 30 percent. I'm all too familiar with the meaning of painful cuts.

One measure of insanity is doing what we have always done and expecting a different result. The responsibility for such an explicit lack of performance has to reside with the school district administration that orchestrated it and the School Board that permitted it. Both must be held accountable with their jobs.

While we seek the next superfluous, superstar superintendent in St. Paul and reflect on candidates for the next School Board, we have the opportunity to vote accordingly in November.

*Stephen Miller
Merriam Park*

Speaking of achievement gap...

In the booklet for the St. Paul School Board's September 22 meeting, the Superintendent's Report states as "urgent" the fact that only Caucasian students are above the 50 percent proficiency level in math and reading in the St. Paul Public Schools. It says the achievement gap between white students and others is not acceptable. Next year's goal is to increase reading and math proficiency by 10 points. The report even cites two schools in the U.S. that have achieved high-scoring results with low-income students and students of color.

There are two reasons why I don't hold out much hope for many public school students in St. Paul. The first is that this same Superintendent's Report cites a 1994 study that found "a discernible gap" between white students and low-income and minority students in St. Paul. This study recommended "immediate action," but the same findings are being presented 15 years later. Nothing has changed in 15 years.

The second reason is that the good citizens of St. Paul choose to elect School Board members who are politically beholden to special interest groups, School Board members who tell us we should vote for them so they can do something about the achievement gap. Then four years later, we should re-elect them so they can do something about the achievement gap.

How can we logically expect different results from the same people? How can we expect these same School Board members to suddenly see the light? We can't. Therefore we, ourselves, must see the light.

As the School Board booklet says: We must hold everyone "accountable." Please vote for Chris Conner, John Krenik and Pat Igo on November 3.

*Georgia Dietz
Highland Park*

Vote 'yes' for instant runoff

This November St. Paul voters have a chance to decide if we will use instant runoff voting (IRV) in future elections for mayor and City Council. I encourage them to vote "yes" for two simple reasons.

First, I believe IRV will increase the number of voters who participate in elections. In our current system, a turnout of 5 percent is not uncommon for the primary election. This means that only 1 in 20 eligible voters are participating in a process that narrows the final field to two candidates. With IRV, we would eliminate the September primary and have an "instant runoff" election in November when voter turnout is typically higher.

The second reason I support IRV is that I believe it will encourage more good people to run for office. This system allows voters to rank the candidates in the order of preference, allowing people to vote their conscience without feeling like that vote will be wasted if their candidate of choice seems unlikely to win. This will not only be more satisfying to voters, but will encourage more good people to run for office because it will reduce the perception that only one or two candidates have a real chance of winning. With more good candidates to choose from, chances are even more voters will participate in local elections.

I have had members of my own DFL Party refer to me as stupid for supporting IRV, apparently because the current system worked for me and adds to the value of incumbency. I think their cynical, bottom-line approach is a big part of what turns people off to politics and politicians. Some have expressed concerns that IRV will be too confusing or complicated for voters. I disagree. Though we will need

to educate voters about the new system and how it works, ranking candidates on a well-designed ballot is pretty straightforward.

*Russ Stark
Hamline-Midway*

Editor's note: Russ Stark represents Ward 4 on the St. Paul City Council.

Don't gum up the election

Instant runoff voting is too confusing. It's like trying to run on a field of bubble gum. At a Chamber of Commerce meeting, a promoter of instant runoff voting was asked how the counting will be done. The answer was, "We will let the legislators figure that out." That isn't their job. Besides, I think that would confuse them too much.

*Gene Cilek
Macalester-Groveland*

The benefits of IRV

Thank you for publishing the guest editorial on instant runoff voting (IRV) by Ellen Brown (Villager Viewpoint, September 23). A striking confirmation that we need this fair and practical voting system struck my eye as I turned the page: There was the story on the pathetic 6 percent turnout in the September 15 primary election. By eliminating the need for a primary, IRV would have saved all of the money spent on this useless exercise. Yet even the perennial candidates would have their names on the ballot and their chance for a hearing.

In more contentious years, like the mayoral campaign of 2005 when a staggering 15 percent of voters turned out for the primary, the field is narrowed by a small fraction of voters, many of whom are party regulars with an interest in seeing that those in office remain there.

Elizabeth Dickinson was a strong candidate for mayor in 2005. She may have had a lot of support among the 85 percent of St. Paulites who didn't make it to the primary. Even among those who did, many might have voted for her if they had not feared that by doing so they would eliminate Chris Coleman and throw the final election to Randy Kelly. With IRV, there would have been no such risk.

*Rhoda Gilman
West End*

In the interest of democracy

A low-turnout primary such as we saw on September 15 is just another in a long list of reasons that instant runoff voting should be adopted by St. Paul voters in November. Having all the candidates on the ballot when most voters are at the polls is likely to attract even more than the usual general election turnout, a goal to which we should all subscribe. Having more citizens participate in elections is good for our democracy. Add to this the certainty that the winner will be supported by a majority of voters, and it's clear: We need to vote "yes" for instant runoff voting on November 3.

*William C. Moyers
Summit Hill*

Solution to Snelling traffic woes

The construction of a median on Snelling Avenue between Grand and St. Clair avenues would not be necessary if and when the Ayd Mill freeway is completed with direct connections to I-35E and I-94. This would eliminate much of the traffic now using Snelling and Hamline avenues, as most of this automobile and truck traffic would be using the Ayd Mill Freeway. This would also reduce pollution by eliminating much stop-and-go traffic. Lower traffic volumes would make it much easier to cross these streets.

*W. G. Strub,
Lexington-Hamline*

Hats off to Target Field

Target Field looks like a gem of a new ballpark. Hats off to the architects and engineers who patterned the Twins' new ballpark after Wrigley Field. The neighborhood should benefit from this aesthetically pleasing building. Now if they could find a way to tear down the eyesore of a building called the Fur Trading Co., this would start the renaissance.

*Steven Hubbell
Downtown St. Paul*

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News Briefs

City Council hears appeal on Walgreens' site plan

The battle over a site plan for a proposed Walgreens drugstore in Highland Village will enter the chambers of the St. Paul City Council on Wednesday, October 21. An appeal by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW) challenging the St. Paul Planning Commission's previous approval of the site plan will be heard at 5:30 p.m.

The controversy over Walgreens' plan to build a store on the northeast corner of Ford Parkway and Finn Street appears to be rooted in its proximity to the Snyders drugstore next door. The UFCW represents the workers at Snyders, and Walgreens is a nonunion shop. However, Walgreens is not asking for any zoning changes or variances, and city officials may not otherwise dictate what kind of business locates there.

One key point in the UFCW's appeal is the placement of the building on the site. Walgreens wants to construct a parking lot at the Finn corner and place its building toward the middle of the block, abutting Snyders' parking lot. Design guidelines for Highland Village call for new buildings to be constructed at the corner. The UFCW has submitted its own site plan for the development that does just that.

Walgreens did consider constructing its building or a second smaller building at the Finn corner, but decided against it due to traffic sight lines, the loss of parking and the unsightliness of having two large parking lots side by side in the middle of the block. Instead, Walgreens agreed to add landscaping, seating and



The Ford Parkway facade of the proposed Highland Village Walgreens store.

other public amenities at the corner of Ford and Finn.

At its meeting October 1, several members of the Highland District Council's board of directors argued that while building at the corner may well be a goal of the district plan, they would rather not see two parking lots side by side in the middle of the block. The full board then voted unanimously to send the City Council a letter explaining why it is not feasible to place the Walgreens building at the corner.

Groundwater levels in and around St. Kate's discussed

The latest findings in a study of groundwater levels near the intersection of Randolph and Cleveland avenues will be reviewed on Monday, October 12, at a meeting of the Capitol Region Watershed District. The public meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

At the request of the city of St. Paul, the watershed district has been tracking groundwater levels in an area bounded by Cretin Avenue, Highland Parkway, Macalester Street and James Avenue.

Groundwater in the area has been a problem for years. Neighbors have complained about wet basements and water ponding in yards. Some of the problems appeared to grow worse following the separation of the city's storm and septic sewers two decades ago.

The study came on the heels of the discovery of high groundwater when work began on new housing and a parking lot for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The watershed district installed 10 test wells throughout the area to monitor groundwater levels and has been checking the levels since March. This fall residents of the area are being asked to fill out a survey describing the groundwater conditions on their properties.

According to Forrest Hjelle of the Capitol Region Watershed District, the purpose of the study is to document what is happening with groundwater in the area, to identify specific areas where the infiltration of groundwater into the soil is not viable, and to determine if any measures can be taken to manage groundwater now and in the case of future development.

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Whether it is sitting on a committee, or serving on a Board of Directors, his leadership is one of the driving forces behind the success of any issue. He is absolutely committed to growing the community's culture and economy. Pat sees the education system of Saint Paul as an investment in the future of our city and our future leaders.

I ask that you support Pat, as he offers his counsel and wisdom to the Saint Paul School Board, by voting for him in this upcoming election. I would be proud to have him fill my seat on the Board—he holds the same fiscal conservative values as I.

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Council pushes ahead with Ayd Mill Road bike trail, study

By JANE McCLURE

The ongoing debate over Ayd Mill Road is revving up again. The St. Paul City Council unanimously approved two resolutions last month. One calls for the St. Paul Public Works Department to acquire land along the roadway for a 2-mile bike and pedestrian trail. The other calls for updating an environmental study of how Ayd Mill Road should ultimately be rebuilt.

Both resolutions were brought forward by Ward 4 council member Russ Stark after hearing concerns from constituents about the future of the roadway. One concern was how the pending reconstruction of the Hamline Avenue bridge will affect options for rebuilding Ayd Mill Road.

City officials would like to acquire land along Ayd Mill Road this winter and build a bicycle and pedestrian trail in 2013-2014. The off-road trail would extend from Marshall Avenue to Victoria Street in a 25-foot-wide area between the roadway and the Canadian Pacific Railroad tracks. The council's resolution authorizes Public Works to use condemnation if necessary to acquire the land.

Most of the land eyed for the trail is owned

by CP Rail. Some belongs to Associated Bank and a small slice belongs to a private individual. The estimated cost of acquiring the property is \$1.7 million. The purchase would be covered through \$994,415 in Municipal State Aid funds and \$705,585 in city Capital Improvement Budget funds. Earlier this year, the city lost a federal grant for the project because it failed to meet the deadline.

CP Rail officials were quick to respond to the proposal, filing a complaint against the city in U.S. District Court in St. Paul. CP Rail has long opposed the bike and pedestrian trail, citing safety concerns. The tracks are used daily by trains moving at 40 mph. Rail officials also fear condemnation could be just the first step in taking more railroad land north of Marshall Avenue as part of a trail connection to the Midtown Greenway.

The key issue for the railroad is its contention that federal laws governing railroads supersede the city's ability to condemn land and develop the trail, especially if the trail would present a safety risk and interfere with railroad operations. In correspondence with the city, CP Rail officials indicated the possibility of building a second set of tracks in the future. They are asking the district court to either bar

the city from taking the land or require approval from the federal Surface Transportation Board prior to condemnation.

The resolution approving the updated study of Ayd Mill Road calls for rebuilding the street as a two-lane parkway, considering both four- and two-lane connections north to St. Anthony Avenue, looking at possible changes to the Grand Avenue ramps and closing the ramps on the south side of St. Clair Avenue. The resolution also calls for Public Works to immediately remove signs prohibiting bicycles on Ayd Mill Road between Jefferson and Selby avenues.

How an updated supplemental environmental impact statement would be conducted for Ayd Mill Road has not been fully worked out, said city engineer John Maczko. The resolution calls for a public review process on the roadway's reconstruction, but that would not start until January at the earliest, he said, since city staff are tied up with the Central Corridor light-rail project.

Ayd Mill Road options were studied by two neighborhood task forces in the 1980s and 1990s. Maczko said he does not envision a similar task force this time around, but said steps will be taken to gather public comment.

It is unclear how long the study will take.

In 2000, the City Council approved a draft EIS calling for Ayd Mill Road to be rebuilt as a two-lane parkway with off-street bike and pedestrian trails. That decision followed years of debate, votes by eight district councils, a vote by the second incarnation of the Ayd Mill Road Task Force and a review by the St. Paul Planning Commission. The task force recommended replacing the road with a linear park. The Planning Commission called for constructing a four-lane roadway.

After he was elected mayor in 2002, Randy Kelly declared he would connect Ayd Mill Road directly to I-35E at its south end and redo the environmental studies for a four-lane roadway. That drew vehement protests and an effort by foes to physically block the road.

Various lane configuration tests were done and a final EIS was completed in 2004 to reflect the mayor's preference for a four-lane roadway.

Ward 3 City Council member Pat Harris, who co-authored the two-lane parkway resolution in 2000, said he appreciated Stark's leadership to complete the study of a two-lane parkway. Ayd Mill Road has been "an extremely difficult issue," Harris said.

Business Briefs

Living Bread Catholic Goods has opened on the corner of Selby Avenue and Dale Street. Owners Amy and Jeff Stariha are no strangers to the neighborhood, having owned and operated Amy Jane Bridal at Selby and Grotto Street for a decade. They sold the bridal shop two years ago and started Living Bread, a Christian book and gift store with an emphasis on Catholic materials. The couple operated the store at Hamline and Randolph avenues before moving to Selby and Dale.

"Export Essentials: International Market Research" will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, October 15, at the Minnesota Trade Office, 332 Minnesota St. The program is intended for business people who want to learn which markets are the most promising for their products and services, what modifications and regulations apply, and where to find distributors and resellers. The cost is \$85. Contact Mary Jo Stangl at

651-259-7495 or mary.jo.stangl@state.mn.us.

Cadenza Music, 149 N. Snelling Ave., will celebrate its 35th anniversary with a birthday party on Sunday, October 25, benefiting the St. Paul Public Schools' instrumental music program. Scheduled from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at nearby O'Gara's Garage, the free family event will feature performances by local musicians who shop, teach or play at Cadenza. Headlining the event will be saxophonist Irv Williams with guitarist Steve Blons.

"Working Effectively Across Global Cultures" will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, October 22, at the Minnesota Trade Office, 332 Minnesota St. Robert Cuerden, owner of RCC International, will lead a program on understanding international business practices. The cost is \$55 in advance and \$75 for walk-ins, and includes lunch. Contact Mary Jo Stangl at 651-259-7495 or mary.jo.stangl@state.mn.us.

Rob Tautges of Merriam Park has been named the new CEO of HLB International, the 12th largest network of independent professional accounting firms worldwide. He will remain an officer at HLB Tautges Redpath in White Bear Lake until November 1.

Felhaber Larson Fenlon & Vogt, a Twin Cities law firm, has announced that Jim Dawson of Highland Park and Jan Halverson and Penny Phillips of Summit Hill have been selected as leaders in the labor and employment practice field by *Chambers USA Directory*.

Sue Johnson, a sales associate with Coldwell Banker Burnet's Crocus Hill office, has been awarded the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation by the Council of Residential Specialists, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

Shawn Bartsh of Highland Park has been elected president of the Warren E. Burger Inn

of Court, a professional organization made up of judges and attorneys. Bartsh is a personal injury attorney, mediator and arbitrator in addition to having served as a conciliation court referee in Ramsey County since 1991. She is a former president of both the Highland Business Association and Highland District Council, and currently chairs the St. Paul Tree Advisory panel and serves on the Ford Planning Task Force.

Lillians recently announced that it has expanded the hours of six of its existing locations, including the one at 841 Grand Ave. Starting in October and continuing through the end of the year, those shops will be open the first two weekends (Thursday through Sundays) of each month instead of just one.

Penny Phillips, a Summit Hill resident and member of the Felhaber Law Firm, has been named to the 2009 list of Top 100 Women Super Lawyers by *Minnesota Law & Politics*.

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Johnny Leininger, 10, of Macalester-Groveland wore a Halloween mask while riding shotgun on a haywagon during the Boo Bash on Grand Avenue. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Catch the Halloween spirit

Stuff the scarecrows and stretch out the fake spider webs. It won't be long before the little monsters come knocking on the door looking for Halloween handouts. For those looking to scare up even more fun, here's a rundown of some of the local events being held in honor of All Hallow's Eve:

Ghost hunting basics will be explained by Jeanne Kretchmer of the Ghost Hunter Society of Minnesota at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 11, at the John H. Stevens House, 4901 Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis. The cost is \$10. Call 952-896-0919.

Shadows and spirits will stalk the dimly lit halls of the state Capitol during special tours leaving on the half-hour from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. October 15-17 and 22-24. Tour-goers will meet historical "spirits" who will tell tales of the Capitol's early years. The cost is \$7.00-\$10. Call 651-296-2881.

The Como ZooBoo will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on October 17-18 and 23-25. The kid-friendly event offers families a trick-or-treating alternative that includes activity stations, live entertainment and more than 200 costumed characters. Children are encouraged to wear costumes and bring their own trick-or-treat bags. Admission is \$6.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the gate. A free shuttle to the zoo is available from the State Fair parking lot on Como Avenue. Call 651-487-8229.

Victorian ghost stories, including some that purportedly took place in Summit Avenue mansions, will be told by costumed actors at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, October 18, 25 and November 1, in the dimly lit parlor of the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Tours of the mansion will follow and hot cider will be served. The cost is \$8.00-\$10. The event is not recommended for children under 10. Call 651-297-2555.

Ghost hunting basics will be taught by Rick Hagen, founder of the Minnesota Ghost Hunter Society, at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 23, at the John H. Stevens House, 4901 Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis. Participants will learn about Hagen's research and the tools used to identify "hot spots" as they explore the historic house. The cost is \$10. Call 952-896-0919 for reservations.

A Halloween party for children living in the neighborhoods served by recreation centers in the southwest area of St. Paul will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 24, at the Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. Kids are asked to come in costume and take part in a carnival of games, a craft project, moon walk and more. Concessions will be sold. Call 651-695-3711.

A fall festival will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 24, at Gateway Bank, Dodd Road and Highway 110, Mendota Heights. The fourth annual festival will feature balloons, refreshments and free pumpkins while supplies last. Call 651-209-4800.

Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) will be celebrated from noon to 4:00 p.m. Sunday,

October 25, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Music, dancing, beautifully decorated altars (ofrendas), a puppet show, hands-on activities and games will all be part of the colorful Latin American holiday, which is celebrated annually to honor friends and family members who have died. Admission is \$5.00-\$10. Call 651-259-3000.

Chad Lewis, author of *The Minnesota Road Guide to Haunted Locations*, will talk about some of the most haunted places in Minnesota—from the wandering ghosts of the North Woods to a haunted bed and breakfast in Wabasha, at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 25, at the Central Library, 90 W. 4th St. The program is free. Call 651-266-7000, ext. 5.

The Boo Bash will be presented by the Grand Avenue Business Association from noon to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 25. Kids can trick-or-treat along Grand Avenue and enjoy a variety of fall-themed activities hosted by local businesses. Highlights will include a blood drive, a children's costume contest, petting zoos, fall food and drink specials, inflatable bounce houses, face painting and crafts. Call 651-699-0029 or visit www.grandave.com.

The Great Pumpkin Festival will take place at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 25, at Landmark Center. There will be a costume parade, storytelling, music, art projects and more. Admission is free. Call 651-292-3276.

"The Minneapolis Horror: Tales from the Night Shift" will be presented at 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, October 26-28, at the Mill City Museum, 704 2nd St. S., Minneapolis. Costumed actors will re-live the dangers of working the night shift and the horrific disasters that befell the Washburn A Mill over the years. The cost is \$10-\$14. Call 612-341-7555.

A Masquerade Ball and fundraiser will be presented by St. Paul City Ballet on Friday, October 30, at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave. A silent auction begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 and the presentation of Camille Saint-Saëns' *A Danse Macabre* and a newly commissioned work *Tiny Dancer* to follow. Tickets are \$65. Call 651-690-1588.

A Halloween Extravaganza will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, October 30, at the Dodge Nature Center in West St. Paul. Children may walk on the trick-or-treat trail or, if they dare, venture out onto the scary trail along the pond and prairie where ghosts and goblins await. Family activities throughout the evening include educational skits, face painting, music and a costume contest for various age levels. Admission is \$5.00-\$7.00. Guests are encouraged to bring their own trick-or-treat bags. Call 651-455-4531.

Trick or Treat in Highland will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 31. Children are invited to dress in costume and visit participating shops in Highland Village that will be handing out treats that day. Call 651-699-9042.

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Crime Report

The following calls were gathered from recent Community Watch reports by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department. For weekly crime reports by neighborhood from the St. Paul Police Department, visit <http://stpaul.gov/index.asp?NID=2399>.

Highland Park

Burglary—Jiffy Lube, 2379 W. 7th St., was burglarized between 9:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday, September 12-13.

—Cash was taken from a home on the 1900 block of Bayard Avenue between September 14-25.

—An office at St. Catherine University was broken into between 1:00 and 7:00 a.m. Sunday, September 20.

—A television was taken from a home on the 500 block of South Cretin Avenue between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday, September 21.

Theft—A car was stolen from in front of Highland Park Senior High School between 7:00 and 10:45 a.m. Thursday, September 10.

—A student's bicycle was stolen at Cretin-Derham Hall between 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 11.

—An Eva Ng lawn sign was stolen from a front yard on the 1800 block of Hillcrest Avenue between September 14-22.

—Outdoor furniture was stolen from the backyard of a home on the 1200 block of Niles Avenue between 4:00 p.m. Friday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 18-20.

—Police tried to stop the driver of a 2004 Chevy Silverado that was seen speeding eastbound on Shepard Road at Davern Street at about 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 19. The driver ignored traffic signs and lights and reached speeds of over 100 mph before hitting a vehicle at Shepard and Jackson Street. The driver was arrested for auto theft, fleeing police and traffic violations.

—A trailer and ATV were stolen from a home on the 1600 block of Hartford Avenue between 4:00 p.m. Sunday and 1:00 p.m. Monday, September 20-21.

—A cell phone was stolen from the AT&T store, 2132 Ford Pkwy., between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 22.

—A theft from auto occurred at Crosby Park around 6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 27.

Miscellaneous—An intoxicated Brooklyn Park woman stumbled off the walking path and fell down the wooded hill on the 600 block of South Mississippi River Boulevard around 8:45 p.m. Thursday, September 10. A passerby noticed her and firefighters helped her up out of the woods. She was arrested after police learned she was wanted on a Wright County warrant for DWI.

Lexington-Hamline

Burglary—Witnesses reported three men burglarizing the Common Bond Communities building, 375 N. Lexington Pkwy., around 2:45 a.m. Tuesday, September 22. Two Summit-University men, ages 19 and 54, were arrested soon after. A 46-year-old man from the same address was arrested for aiding an offender.

—A home on the 1100 block of Laurel Avenue was burglarized around 5:30 p.m. Sunday, September 27.

Theft—A teacher's purse was stolen from a classroom at the Dunning Recreation Center before 9:45 a.m. Saturday, September 12.

—A car was stolen at Concordia University between 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 23-24. The car was later recovered in Iowa.

Macalester-Groveland

Robbery—The Subway restaurant at Grand and Fairview avenues was robbed at gunpoint at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 22.

Burglary—St. Paul Skin & Laser Clinic, 2050 St. Clair Ave., was broken into at 4:15 a.m. Friday, September 25.

Theft—Personal property was stolen at Macalester College between 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 18.

—A theft occurred at Bon Appétit on the Macalester College campus between 12:30 p.m. Friday and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, September 18-19.

—A bicycle was stolen at Macalester College between 10:00 a.m. Friday and 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 18-22.

—A truck was stolen on the 400 block of South Fry Street between September 23-28.

Merriam Park

Robbery—A man was robbed at gunpoint aboard a bus at Fairview and University avenues at 10:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19.

—A man was robbed and assaulted on Snelling Avenue and I-94 at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, September 27.

Burglary—Three cancelled credit cards were stolen from a home on the 1800 block of Roblyn Avenue between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Friday, September 18.

—A DVD player and game system were taken from a home on the 1600 block of Marshall Avenue between 1:00 and 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 22.

Theft—A theft from auto occurred on the 1800 block of St. Anthony Avenue between September 7-23.

—A laptop computer was stolen from the Box Shop, 1828 Feronia Ave., on Saturday, September 19.

—Items were stolen from storage contain-

ers while the victim was at the gym at the University of St. Thomas at 8:00 a.m. Monday, September 21.

—Items were stolen from a purse in the victim's office at the University of St. Thomas at 8:45 a.m. Friday, September 25.

—A license plate was stolen off a parked car on the 100 block of North Snelling Avenue between 9:00 a.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday, September 25-26.

Assault—A man sliced another man's hand with a knife during a fight on Lynnhurst and University avenues at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, September 12.

Sex crime—A man was arrested for indecent exposure in front of the main door of the Golden Living Center, 471 W. Lynnhurst Ave., at 12:30 a.m. Thursday, September 24.

—Three men were arrested for indecent exposure in an undercover sting between noon and 1:00 p.m. Thursday, September 24, at Meeker Island Park on Mississippi River Boulevard. The men ranged in age from 27-59.

Snelling-Hamline

Burglary—The Neighborhood Cafe, 1570 Selby Ave., was broken into between 4:30 and 5:30 a.m. Saturday, September 19.

Assault—A woman reported that a co-worker assaulted her at Higher Ground Academy, 1381 Marshall Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Monday, September 28.

Summit Hill

Burglary—A camera and cash were taken from a home on the 1000 block of Lincoln Avenue between 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 21.

—Jewelry was taken from a home on the 700 block of Lincoln Avenue between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 22.

—An attempted burglary occurred at Ten Thousand Villages, 867 Grand Ave., between 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 22-23.

—Police responded to a burglary in progress at Karma, 867 Grand Ave., at 12:15 a.m. Wednesday, September 23. Witnesses saw a male run out of the store carrying a white plastic box. He fled north on foot.

—Electronics and jewelry were taken from a home on Chatsworth Street and Summit Avenue between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, September 27.

Theft—Three suspects stole three pieces of furniture and two pillows at Pier 1, 733 Grand Ave., at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 15. The loss was valued at more than \$1,000.

Summit-University

Robbery—Three males robbed a man on the 300 block of Marshall Avenue at 10:30

p.m. Thursday, September 10. A knife was implied, but not actually seen. The victim, who injured his leg in the incident, required hospitalization.

—A man was robbed on the 900 block of Carroll Avenue at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, September 27.

Burglary—A laptop computer was taken from a home on the 200 block of North Oxford Street between 9:30 and 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 15.

—A 49-year-old man was arrested for burglary after he was found breaking into a home on the 500 block of Ashland Avenue at 12:15 a.m. Saturday, September 19. The suspect was also booked for obstruction after he fought with police.

—A home on the 900 block of Ashland Avenue was burglarized between 10:30 and 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, September 22.

Assault—An aggravated assault occurred on the 200 block of Dayton Avenue at 1:00 a.m. Friday, September 11. A man told six boys they were making too much noise. The boys jumped and pistol-whipped the man. The victim was treated for head lacerations.

—A man was stabbed in the during an aggravated assault on the 1000 block of Iglehart Avenue at 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 11.

Weapons—A woman reported that she and her son were shot at while walking on Selby Avenue at Fisk Street at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 15.

West End

Burglary—Police responded to a burglary in progress on the 900 block of James Avenue at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 15. A screen was cut, but a suspect could not be found.

—Tools were stolen from a home on the 1200 block of West 7th Street between 4:00 p.m. Friday and 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 18-22.

—Tavern on the Avenue, 825 Jefferson Ave., was burglarized at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 22.

Theft—Two bicycles were stolen from Irvine Park Towers, 291 W. 7th St., between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 23.

—A theft from auto occurred at DeGidio's Bar and Restaurant, 425 W. 7th St., between 11:30 p.m. Thursday and noon Friday, September 24-25.

Assault—A man was riding his bicycle when he was shot with a pellet gun on the 1700 block of West 7th Street at 3:45 a.m. Monday, September 21. A dark blue car was seen fleeing the scene.

Sex crime—A 56-year-old West End man was arrested for rape on the 700 block of Stewart Avenue at 5:30 p.m. Friday, September 25. The assault occurred two days earlier.

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A Memory Club is being offered by the Wilder Foundation Community Services for the Elderly from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays, October 7-December 16, at Wilder Center, 451 N. Lexington Pkwy. The 11-week support group is for persons who with early stage memory changes and their care partners. Admission is free, though donations will be accepted. Screening and registration is required. Call Kathryn Ringham at 651-280-2295.

A flu vaccination clinic will be provided by Homeland Health Specialists from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, October 8, at Pro Pharmacy, 242 S. Cleveland Ave. The cost is \$25-\$30. Insurance will be accepted from major health plans. Call 651-698-0825.

An aquatic class to help reduce arthritis pain will be offered by the Sholom Community Alliance, in conjunction with the Arthritis Foundation, from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday beginning in October in the aquatics center on the Sholom East Campus, 730 Kay Ave. The cost is \$50 per six-week session. Call 651-328-2051 or visit www.sholom.com.

Becketwood, a 210-unit housing cooperative on West River Parkway in Minneapolis for people 55 and older, has hired Michael Sedwick as its new manager. Sedwick has more than 25 years of property management experience and holds the professional designation of Certified Property Manager through the

Institute of Real Estate Management.

Macalester-Groveland Seniors: A Living at Home/Block Nurse Program is seeking volunteers to pay weekly visits to seniors in the neighborhood, provide rides to medical appointments, do grocery shopping and other errands, and help with handyman or yard projects. The program also is seeking volunteers to help in the Macalester-Groveland Seniors office, 1600 Grand Ave., and to promote public awareness in the area of hearing loss to the public two or three times per year. Call 651-696-6882.

The Thompson Park Activity Center, 1200 Stassen Lane, West St Paul, will offer the following events for older adults: a waffle breakfast fundraiser from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 18 (\$4.00-\$6.50); a guardianship and conservatorship presentation with Pat McMurray of Dakota Conservator Inc. at 1:00 p.m. Monday, October 19 (free); a Socrates Café: Philosophers Club meeting from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 20; a trip to see *Church Basement Ladies* at the Plymouth Playhouse at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, October 29 (\$54, includes transportation, lunch and show); A trip to the Science Museum of Minnesota to see the Titanic exhibit and *Titanica* in the Omnitheater on Tuesday, November 3. Call 651-403-8300.

Seminars for Inquiring Minds will be offered this fall at the Thompson Park Activity Center in West St. Paul. The schedule includes comedians in pre-1960s movies from 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursdays, October 8-29 (\$29); how the U.S. Supreme Court has interpreted the Constitution over the years from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, October 13-November 3 (\$29); a new perspective on Alzheimer's disease from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, October 19 (\$6.00); comical poetry from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, October 26, (\$6.00). Call 651-403-8300.

Fire Calls

The following calls were gathered from recent reports by the St. Paul Fire Department.

Highland Park—Firefighters responded to a house fire on the 1200 block of Niles Avenue at 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 28. The cause of the fire is still being investigated. Damage was estimated at \$125,000.

Merriam Park—A 21-year-old woman was struck by an automobile at the intersection of Selby and Snelling avenues at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, September 3.

—A 16-year-old male suffered an electrical shock when he touched a downed power line

on the 400 block of Otis Avenue at 4:50 p.m. Sunday, September 27.

Summit-University—St. Paul paramedics responded to an emergency call about a 2-month-old boy who had taken ill on the 900 block of Carroll Avenue on Sunday, September 13. When they arrived at 4:49 a.m., the paramedics found elevated levels of carbon monoxide in the home caused by an improperly vented dryer.

West End—Paramedics aided a 49-year-old man who was stabbed in an apartment on the 200 block of South Western Avenue at 12:50 a.m. Sunday, September 6.

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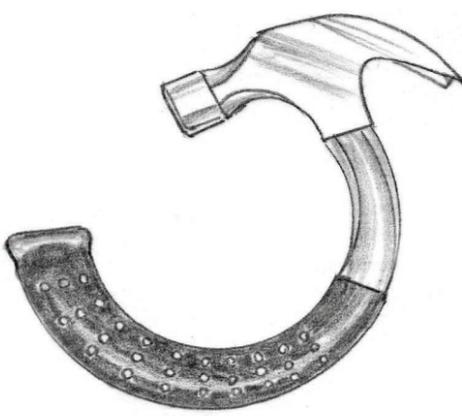
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District Council News

Highland Park

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Community development update—The St. Paul Planning Commission voted 11-6 on September 18 to approve the site plan for a new Walgreens store in Highland Village. There was much discussion over whether the building should be placed at the corner of Finn Street and Ford Parkway. The UFCW Local 189 subsequently filed an appeal with the City Council. The hearing date has not yet been set.

Crosby Park deer hunts—Crosby Farm Regional Park will be closed for a deer hunt on October 19-21 and again on November 9-11. The St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation is partnering with the Metro Bowhunters Resource Base to reduce the park's deer herd. This will be the second year a hunt has been conducted in Crosby. Archers have already been selected for this year's hunt. For information on how to apply for next year, visit www.mbrb.org. For other questions regarding the hunt, contact Adam Robbins at environment@ci.stpaul.mn.us or 651-632-2457. For questions regarding the Highland Park neighborhood's overall deer management plan, contact Kathy Carruth at the HDC office.

Mark your calendar—Fall neighborhood cleanup, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 10, Ford Plant parking lot; Community Services Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 14, Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.; deer hunt, October 19-21, Crosby Park; and Community Development Committee meeting to discuss the rezoning of Highland Village, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 20, Hillcrest.

Macalester-Groveland

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Great Pumpkin Drop—Macalester-Groveland residents are welcome to bring their unpainted, wax-free pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns to the parking lot of Immanuel Lutheran Church, 104 S. Snelling Ave., from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, November 7. The pumpkins will be used to feed pigs on a Minnesota farm. The Great Pumpkin Drop is co-sponsored by the Macalester-Groveland Community Council and the Highland Park High School Student Council. For information, call Karmann Peters at the district council's office.

Neighborhood rep meeting—The community council's Community Outreach Committee will host a neighborhood rep meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 20, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. Anyone interested in becoming a neighbor rep is invited to attend a fire safety presentation by the St. Paul Fire Department. There will also be information available on job transition resources. Snacks and refreshments will be served. For details, call the community council's office.

Tangletown tutors—Residents of the Tangletown neighborhood of Macalester-Groveland residents are being sought to tutor St. Paul children at least one hour a week. Community council board member Rosa Maria de la Cueva Peterson and a group of neighbors are starting a pilot tutoring program with volunteers the area bounded by Summit, Snelling, St. Clair and Fairview avenues. The primary goal is to achieve grade-level reading by third grade. Contact Cueva Peterson at rmdelacp@umn.edu or 651-699-4286.

Crime notification updates—The Macalester-Groveland Community Council offers e-mailed updates on crime in the

neighborhood. The information is based on news releases, tips and information received from the St. Paul Police Department. To be added to the e-mail list, contact Afton Martens at afton@macgrove.org.

Summit Hill

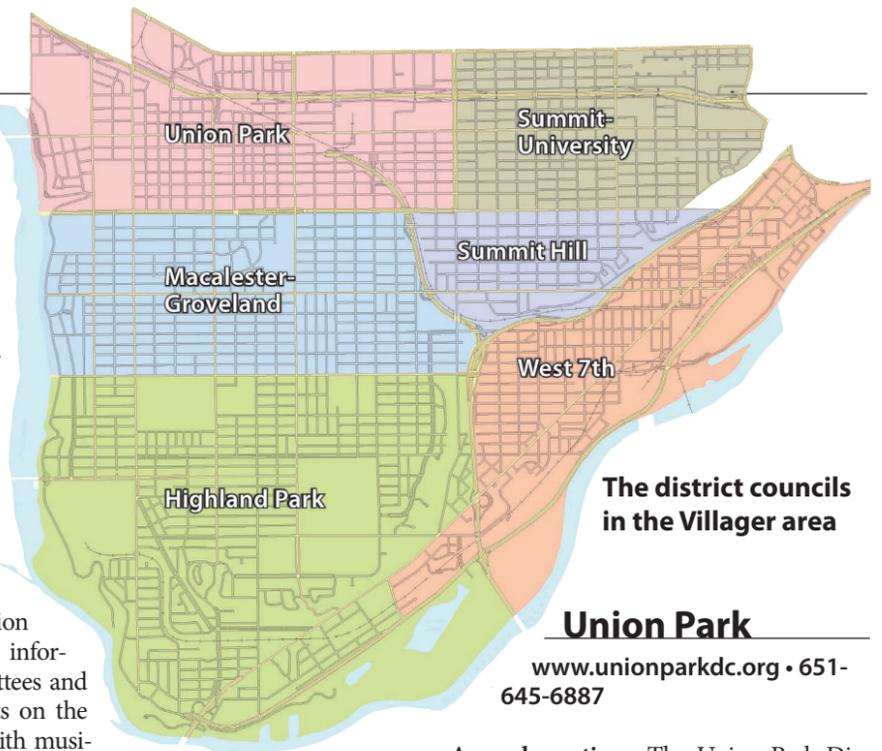
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Summit Hill celebrates—The Summit Hill Association will hold a neighborhood celebration and board elections at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 8, at the Linwood Recreation Center gym, 860 St. Clair Ave. The celebration will include volunteer recognitions, informational tables featuring SHA committees and events, elections for several open seats on the SHA board, and a dessert reception with musical accompaniment. All Summit Hill neighbors and business people are invited to attend. For information, call Jeff Roy or Diane Hilden the SHA office or e-mail summithill@visi.com.

HourCar hub proposed—An HourCar hub is being considered for the Summit Hill neighborhood. HourCar is a car-sharing program of the Neighborhood Energy Connection. Tax-deductible donations for the collaborative project may be made out to the Summit Hill Association and mailed to 860 St. Clair Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105. Call the SHA office for details.

Worm composting workshop—The SHA's Environment Committee is sponsoring another free worm composting workshop at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 7, at the Linwood Recreation Center. Participants will learn how to set up a worm composting bin and how to keep the worms healthy. One winner will receive a ready-to-use worm bin during the evening.

Keep in touch—Check out the SHA's website for updates on neighborhood happenings, volunteer opportunities and information on how to sign up for the association's electronic newsletter. To receive crime updates for the neighborhood as well as crime prevention tips, e-mail cpcsummithill@visi.com.



The district councils in the Villager area

Union Park

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Annual meeting—The Union Park District Council will adopt a "green" theme for its annual meeting and barbecue that will be held from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, October 8, at Bethel Christian Fellowship, 1466 Portland Ave. The free event will include updates from city representatives and information on coordinated garbage hauling and worm composting. For information, call the district council office.

Flu shot clinic—The Merriam Park Block Nurse Program and Keystone Senior Services will host a seasonal flu shot clinic from 10:00 a.m. to noon Wednesday, October 21, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1895 Laurel Ave. Shots cost \$25, unless you present a Medicare Part B card or an insurance card. The best time to arrive to avoid the early bird line is between 10:30 and 11:20 a.m.

Social host ordinance—A public hearing on the city of St. Paul's proposed social host ordinance will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 7, at City Hall. The ordinance would make it a crime to host an event where alcohol is being served or consumed by people under age 21. Those who cannot make the hearing may still weigh in on the ordinance by e-mailing ward1-7@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Highland, Macalester-Groveland clean up on Oct. 10

The Highland and Macalester-Groveland community councils' annual fall cleanup will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 10, in the parking lot of Ford Motor Company's Twin Cities Assembly Plant.

The neighborhoods conduct cleanups in the fall and spring. Last year, more than 100 tons of material were collected, of which more than half was reused or recycled. Proof of residence in the Highland or Macalester-Groveland neighborhood is required to drop off items at the cleanup site.

Items that will be accepted at the cleanup should be packed in this order, starting from the bottom of the vehicle: concrete and rock, construction debris, carpets and mattresses, snow blowers and lawn mowers, metals, bikes, tires, electronic products, reusable household goods, children's items and fluorescent bulbs.

Appliances will be accepted at the cleanup site this year at a cost of \$10 per appliance. Curbside pickup will also be

available on Monday, October 12, for \$25 for the first appliance and \$10 for each additional one. (Call JR Appliance at 651-454-9215 to schedule a pickup.)

Items that will not be accepted at the cleanup site include recyclables, household hazardous waste, brush and compost.

The cost to enter the cleanup site is \$15 per car; \$20 per truck, trailer or minivan; and \$30 for larger vehicles. Additional charges include \$5.00 per electronic item (keyboards and computer mice are free), \$10 for console TVs, \$2.00 per car tire, \$3.00 per truck tire and \$10 per mattress or box spring.

Volunteers who work one shift—8:30 a.m. to noon or 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—will be provided with lunch and beverages and will also receive a voucher good for dropping off one carload of items for free. For more information or to volunteer, call 651-695-4005 or 651-695-4000.

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Food



Home Fires By Jo Marshall

Alphabet soup: Words to simmer by

Do you have a kinder, more adaptable friend in the world than soup? Who soothes you when you're ill? You don't catch steak hanging around when you're poor and sick, do you?

— Judith Martin (aka Miss Manners)

Over the years, a veritable chorus has risen up in praise of soup. Count me as part of the chorus. But most of us singers have gotten it only half right: Soup does more than comfort the eater; it also calms the cook.

Of all the things you can do in the kitchen with fire and a pan, it's hard to imagine one that is more forgiving than soup. Unlike sautés or stir-fries, soup doesn't demand constant vigilance. You can stir up a pot of soup while quizzing your third-grader on multiplication tables or chiseling away at the mountain of mail on the counter. Some recipes are relatively speedy. Others let you linger for hours. Soup expands or contracts to fit your crowd. And if someone is late for dinner, soup doesn't mind waiting.

If that's not enough to jolt you into hauling out the stockpot, soup can also clear your conscience: It's a great way to use up those carrots that are going limp or the spuds that are starting to sprout. And if you'd like to limit your intake of meat, be it for ethical or financial reasons, soup turns small bits of flesh into flavorful abundance.

Soup recipes are guides, not gods. They practically beg for improvisation. Once you've mastered a few fundamental techniques, you never need to consult a cookbook again but for



Smoky Corn Chowder made with corn, smoked salmon and red bell pepper.

PHOTO BY JANET HOSTETTER

To add body to a creamy soup without actually using cream, create a roux by cooking a little flour into the hot, fatty mixture. Many a stout New Englander has launched a clam chowder by sautéing bacon with onion, adding flour and stirring until it has lost its "floury" taste, which is the key to making a roux that doesn't make your soup taste like paste.

Lots of creamy soups, fish-based or not, follow this basic formula. But you don't need flour to thicken soup. The classic French potato soup, vichyssoise, is often made with just potatoes, leeks and water. And other puréed vegetable soups get plenty thick on their own.

I live on good soup, not on fine words.

— Molière (1622-73)

You can make a garden's worth of creamy vegetable soups (think cream of broccoli, cream of asparagus, cream of cauliflower, corn chowder) by sautéing a little onion, celery, etc.,

then adding the main vegetable along with enough broth to cover. Simmer until the vegetables are soft. Purée. Then add milk, cream or half-and-half to taste. In some cases, cheese is also nice. Season with the herbs of your choice, and call the crew to dinner.

Mark Bittman, author of the syndicated column "The Minimalist," boils it down to a 3-2-1 formula: Simmer two cups of

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inspiration. You stir, you taste, you tweak. Substitutions and enhancements serve to make the soup your own.

A first-rate soup is more creative than a second-rate painting.

— Abraham Maslow (1908-70)

Many soups start out with a sauté of aromatic vegetables, akin to what the French call *mirepoix* and the Italians call *soffritto*.

Soup tips, tricks and staples

Stock up: If you love soup, you're probably making and freezing homemade stock every chance you get. All bones are fair game, including the carcass from that rotisserie chicken you bought last Tuesday. On the other hand, now that celebrity chefs are rushing to endorse the commercial stuff, I figure the rest of us can stop pretending we never use it. I also keep a stash of powdered and refrigerated soup bases. They're usually high in sodium, so they're probably inappropriate for soups that require a lot of stock. But they're great when you need just a little broth or as last-minute resuscitation for a soup that tastes anemic.

Oh, and for those who've questioned the difference between

stock and broth, technically stock is made with bones and broth is made with bones and meat, so broth tastes richer than stock. For the purposes of most recipes, where additional flavors are added, the terms are used interchangeably.

Soup staples: I'd never argue that frozen vegetables are as good as fresh, but they make quick work of soups. In some cases, as in spinach and broccoli, the chopping is already done for you. Canned beans are also handy when you don't have time for soaking and cooking, and lentils add a lot of protein without a lot of time.

Miracle cures: It may take a whole chicken to throw off a pot of broth, but cured meats like ham, prosciutto and bacon can do the trick with less. Just a quarter pound or so goes a long way toward flavoring a pot of soup.

Cream vs. milk: Can you substitute half-and-half or milk when a soup recipe calls for cream? The simple answer is no. Unless a soup contains starch—as in a roux or a lot of potatoes—milk and half-and-half can curdle when heated. Only cream can be boiled without separating. But then, you might not care. I often make tomato soup using canned tomatoes and half-and-half, and it tastes so much better than Campbell's, I'll gladly put up with a little curdling.

Tool of the trade: The immersion blender, which lets you purée right in the pot, is the best thing to happen to soup since the grilled-cheese sandwich. It's well worth the small investment, although a standard blender also does the trick.

— Jo Marshall



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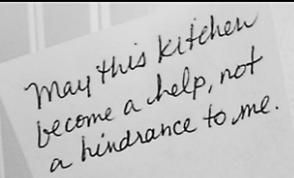
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vegetables in three cups of stock, then add one cup of dairy (milk, cream, yogurt, sour cream, cheese, etc.) That's a simpler approach than I'd take, but then he is the minimalist.

Worries go down better with soup than without.
- Yiddish proverb

Speaking of ease, we haven't even touched on what you can do with a family-size can of chicken broth: Turn it into a pot of chicken vegetable, chicken noodle, chicken dumpling, chicken matzo ball, chicken rice or chicken tortellini soup, or create such simple chicken-and-egg soups as Greek avgolemono, Chinese egg drop or Italian stracciatella.

Winter squash and root vegetables like celeriac and turnips are prime candidates for the soup pot. Soups made with lentils or beans are cheap but rich in protein. Soup is also a great way to work more whole grains into your diet: Brown rice, quinoa and barley are a just a few that leap to mind.

Since improvisation is one of the great joys of soup making, "soup recipe" seems like an oxymoron, but here are three that are quick enough to have you stirring away on a weeknight. Happy slurping.

Vegetarian Lentil Soup

Chop a stalk of celery, an onion and a carrot. Sauté the vegetables in a little oil until tender. Add a clove of chopped garlic, and stir until fragrant. Add a large can of diced tomatoes and 4 cups of vegetable broth. Heat until boiling, then add a cup of lentils, reduce the heat and simmer until the lentils are done. Season with herbs like oregano, basil and thyme. (Carnivores can add more flavor by sautéing a little bacon, ham or Italian sausage with the vegetables.)

Broccoli & Cheddar Soup

Chop a medium onion and a stalk of celery. Sauté the vegetables in a couple of tablespoons of butter until tender. Add 1/4 cup flour and continue to cook, stirring for about another minute. Then gradually stir in about a quart of chicken broth. Bring to a simmer. Add about a tablespoon of lemon juice and a 1 lb. bag of frozen broccoli. Continue simmering until the broccoli is tender. Purée. Add 2 cups of milk and a cup or more of shredded cheddar and season to taste with oregano or thyme, salt and pepper. Cook and stir over medium heat until melted and warmed through.



A bowl of Smoky Corn Chowder can be as calming for the cook as for the crew who eats it.

PHOTO BY JANET HOSTETTER

Smoky Corn Chowder

Sauté a chopped onion in a couple of tablespoons of butter until translucent. Add 1 chopped red bell pepper and continue to sauté until the vegetables are tender. Add 1 can (14.5 oz.) of chicken broth and a 1 lb. bag of frozen corn. Simmer, covered, for about 15 minutes or until the corn is tender. Purée. Add 1 cup of half-and-half. Break a 4 oz. fillet of smoked salmon into flakes, add to the soup and warm to serving temperature. Garnish with parsley or chives.



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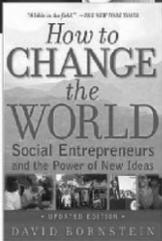
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The Václav Havel Civil Society Symposium was established in 1999 to encourage discussion on the rights and responsibilities of citizens. President Václav Havel of the Czech Republic gave the inaugural address. It is a partnership of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, the University of St. Thomas, and the Minnesota Czech and Slovak communities. Co-sponsors of the 2009 symposium are Compatible Technology International, Ten Thousand Villages, African Development Center of Minnesota and Minnesota International Center.

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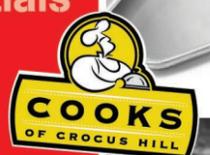


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Wednesday/October 7

RENEWING LIFE, a program that provides practical tools and guidance for transforming one's life following illness, will be offered from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays this fall at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. An informational meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. today. The eight-session program is free, but the materials cost \$15. Contact Penny Schumacher at 651-255-4732 or pschumacher@stpauljcc.org.

RED CROSS AQUATICS CLASSES for young children and their parents will be offered at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays in October beginning today at the new Sholom East Campus, 730 Kay Ave. The cost for the eight classes is \$ 72. Call 651-328-2051.

A PANEL DISCUSSION on ovarian cancer by the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Call 651-698-0751.

Thursday/October 8

AN INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE on "Global Environment: The Eleventh Hour?" will feature a talk on creating a sustainable future at 4:40 this afternoon in the campus center at Macalester College. The discussion will continue tomorrow with a talk about China's environmental challenges at 9:40 a.m. and on global agriculture at 1:40 p.m., and will finish up on Saturday with a discussion featuring the three keynote speakers. Admission is free. Call 651-696-6332.

A WORLD WAR II HISTORY roundtable discussion on "The History of Hitler Youth" will be held at 7:00 this evening at the Fort Snelling Visitors Center. Guests will include Don Gregory, co-author of *Jungvolk*, and Wilhelm Gehlen, co-author and a former Hitler Youth member. The cost is \$5.00. Call 612-726-1171.

Friday/October 9

A FAMILY-FRIENDLY BIKE RIDE will be offered by Union Park's Smart Trips program at 4:00 this afternoon from the Dunning Recreation Center, 1221 Marshall Ave. Bikers will travel to Como Park, stopping along the way for hot chocolate or coffee and a flat-tire repair demonstration. Free bike lights will be given to the first 20 people. Call 651-224-8555.

Saturday/October 10

THE HISTORIC HIGHLAND WATER Tower will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today and tomorrow. Visitors are invited to climb the 151-step staircase inside the tower to the observation deck and view the fall colors. Admission is free.

BLACKSMITHING will be demonstrated from 1:00 to 4:00 this afternoon at historic Fort Snelling. Participants will select a project, work the forge, pound out the hot metal and bring a finished project home. The cost is \$30-\$33. Call 612-726-1171.

A TOUR of St. Paul's homes of the 1920s will be offered by the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota at 1:00 this afternoon. The walking tour will focus on homes in Highland Park and elsewhere along the Mississippi River and will be narrated by



All creatures, great and small. Frank Mooney, 4, got a close look at the animals in the petting zoo at the Cathedral of St. Paul Parish Festival, which made its return on September 27 after an 11-year hiatus. PHOTO BY ANNE BRANDRUD

architectural historian Paul Clifford Larson. The cost is \$15. Call 651-293-9047.

A FALL BAZAAR will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1807 Field Ave. The 25th annual event will feature homemade crafts, Christmas items, a white elephant sale, bake sale, raffle and food. Call 651-698-9443.

AN AUTUMN WALK to take in the fall foliage will be offered by Union Park's Smart Trips program at 1:00 this afternoon beginning at Trotter's Cafe, 232 N. Cleveland Ave. Free coffee or cocoa will be served to the first 20 people. Call 651-224-8555.

GEOCACHING will be taught during a program that begins at 10:00 this morning at Fort Snelling State Park. A limited number of GPS units will be available. Call 612-725-2724.

THE FALL APPLE HARVEST will be celebrated from 1:00 to 2:30 this afternoon at the orchards of the Dodge Nature Center in West St. Paul. Participants will pick apples to crank out fresh-pressed cider. The cost is \$5.00-\$7.00 for individuals and \$15-\$20 for families. Call 651-455-4531.

Sunday/October 11

A "BANDCAKE BREAKFAST" will be served between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. today in the cafeteria of Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. The event will feature live music and a raffle. The cost is \$4.00-\$5.00, with discounts for families. Proceeds will benefit the CDH band.

Tuesday/October 13

A FRENCH CONVERSATION CIRCLE meets at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy. Participants work together and with a native

French speaker on developing their French language skills. Activities include quizzes, dialogs, conversation and reading.

THE COMO-MIDWAY LA LECHE League will meet at 7:00 this evening to discuss "Baby Arrives: The Family and the Breastfed Baby." Current and expectant mothers are invited to attend with their infants and toddlers. Call 651-659-9527.

LEON LEYSON, the youngest survivor of Schindler's List, will share his story at 7:15 this evening in the auditorium at St. Paul College, 235 Marshall Ave. The event is being organized by Lubavitch Learning Center of Minnesota. Admission is \$20.

Wednesday/October 14

THE LONGFELLOW GARDEN CLUB will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave. S., Minneapolis. Club members will demonstrate holiday gifts and projects that can be created from garden materials. Club meetings are free.

A RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today at Lumen Christi Catholic Church, 2055 Bohland Ave. Call Mary Kay Brinkmeyer at 651-690-3130.

A FREE LECTURE on how immigrant communities are faring in finding access to high-quality, affordable health care will be delivered at 7:00 this evening in Jeanne d'Arc Auditorium at St. Catherine University. Call 651-690-7700.

Thursday/October 15

MICHAEL PATRICK MACDONALD, author of *All Souls*, the common text being read and studied at the University of St. Thomas this semester, will speak at 11:45 this morning in the O'Shaughnessy

Educational Center. Admission is free.

THE ST. PAUL METRO LA LECHE League will meet at 7:00 this evening. All expectant and nursing mothers and their babies are welcome. Call 651-645-8516.

Saturday/October 17

A HISTORY FORUM on Chief Justice John Marshall will be held from 2:00 to 3:15 this afternoon at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The forum will be led by R. Kent Newmyer of the University of Connecticut Law School. The cost is \$10-\$14. Call 651-259-3000.

A RIVERBANK BUCKTHORN BUST will take place from 9:30 to 11:30 this morning near West River Parkway and 44th Street in Minneapolis. Volunteers will help the Mississippi River Gorge Stewards remove the invasive plant in the Longfellow neighborhood. Tools and gloves will be provided. Contact Sue Rich at 651-222-2193, ext. 14 or srich@fmr.org.

A BUS RIDE to the St. Paul Children's Museum will be offered by Union Park's Smart Trips program at 1:00 this afternoon from the corner of Marshall and Fairview avenues. Participants will learn about Metro Transit and learn how to place a bike on the front of the bus. Free museum tickets and \$10 Go-To bus cards will be given to the first 20 people. Call 651-224-8555.

A WALK AROUND PIKE ISLAND will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at Fort Snelling State Park. Walkers will join a naturalist to traverse the trail and view wildlife on the river. Call 612-725-2724.

A FOOD SHELF DRIVE will be conducted by the St. Paul Midway Lions Club from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today at Rainbow Foods on University Avenue and R.C. Dicks on Dodd Road in West St. Paul.

Sunday/October 18

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet at 2:30 this afternoon at the west end of Summit Avenue for a hike on both sides of the Mississippi River. Call 651-455-0052 or visit stpaulhike.org.

Monday/October 19

THE GARDEN CLUB of Ramsey County will meet at 7:25 this evening at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Visit www.ramseygardeners.org.

Tuesday/October 20

A PANEL OF EXPERTS will discuss the real story behind racial profiling in America at 6:30 this evening in O'Shaughnessy Educational Center at the University of St. Thomas. Admission is free.

A HISTORY LOUNGE discussion on Abraham Lincoln's legacy in Minnesota will take place at 7:00 this evening at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The conversation will include Minneapolis Public Schools Superintendent Bill Green, Dakota elder David Larsen and University of Minnesota professor emeritus Hy Berman. The program is free. Call 651-259-3000.

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet at 7:30 this evening at Summit Avenue and Dale Street for a hike in the neighborhood. Call 651-455-0052 or visit stpaulhike.org.

School Notes

Inver Hills Community College will hold an open house from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 8, in the College Center. Visitors will be able to learn about career degrees, transfer programs, admission processes and financial aid, and take a campus tour. The college is located on Highway 52 and 80th Street East in Inver Grove Heights. Visit www.inverhills.edu/openhouse.

Bill Fallon, a member of St. Thomas Academy's class of 1949, will be presented with the school's 2009 Edward G. Hames Alumni Award during a ceremony on Friday, October 9. Fallon is a former academy trustee and president of the Alumni Association and Fathers' Club. His own father, former St. Paul Mayor William H. Fallon (class of 1915), received the award in 1970. They are the first father and son to receive the honor, which recognizes alumni who exemplify the ideals of STA.

The University of St. Thomas will hold its annual homecoming celebration on Saturday, October 10. The homecoming parade steps out at 10:00 a.m. on Summit Avenue between Fry Street and Cretin Avenue. The Taste of Saints food fest will follow from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the campus quadrangle. At 1:00 p.m., the Tommies will take on Concordia College pf Moorhead in football. Tickets are \$3.00-\$7.00. Call 651-962-6430.

Alison Flamm, a 2005 graduate of Highland Park Senior High School and a student at Swarthmore College, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research on water pollution abatement in China.

Twin Cities Youth Band, an extracurricular concert band for students in grades 6-9, is

seeking new members. TCYB is geared to students with limited band opportunities, homeschoolers or those who want a bit more of a musical challenge. For more information, visit twincitiesyouthband.net.

St. Mark's Grade School students, decked out in T-shirts that proclaim "We Care," will fan out across the neighborhood on Wednesday, October 14, assisting residents with raking leaves, sweeping sidewalks and driveways and otherwise sprucing up their yards. While the students in grades 3-8 assist neighbors, the children in grades K-2 will walk over to the Episcopal Church Home to visit with the elderly residents and entertain them with songs. Dubbed the CARE-a-thon (after Community Action Reaches Everyone), the effort is aimed at instilling school pride and a sense of community service in students while raising money for the school at 1983 Dayton Ave. St. Mark's goal is to donate more than 1,000 hours of community service through the event while raising \$40,000 from school families, friends and neighbors. To sign up to receive the students' help on October 14, neighbors are asked to call the school at 651-644-3380.

A St. Paul School Board candidates forum will be presented by the Highland Park Senior High School PTA from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. Monday, October 19, at the high school, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. The League of Women Voters will moderate.

Jim Keane received St. Thomas Academy's highest honor, the Opus Sancti Thomae Award, on September 29. Keane, 88, taught English at STA from 1947 to 1986. He has also volunteered as a reader to the blind for nearly 30 years. Keane is one of three living mem-

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The \$7.5 million Markim Hall was dedicated following a campus convocation on October 1. The 17,000-square-foot facility houses the Institute for Global Citizenship, along with the university's study abroad and



Macalester College's energy-efficient Markim Hall at Grand and Snelling.

international programs, faculty and staff offices, meeting rooms and an open atrium for campus events.

Energy simulation models predict that Markim Hall will use about 80 percent less energy than a standard building at the school. Some of the hall's energy-efficient features include triple-glazed and low-e glass, super-insulated roof and walls, radiant heat, low-flow shower heads and faucets, recycled building materials, sensors that turn off lights when a room is unoccupied, external sunshades and native plants.

Markim Hall has won a Building of America Award and is scheduled to be featured in the upcoming Green Building of America's *Midwest Green* publication.

bers of the "Old Guard," a group of professors who came to the academy in the 1940s and devoted their careers to the school.

The Highland Park High School class of '88 will hold its 21-year reunion from 6:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Saturday, October 24, at Solera Restaurant, 900 Hennepin Ave. S., Minneapolis. The evening will include tapas, sweets and coffee, dancing and a cash bar.

The cost is \$60, or \$50 in advance. Visit www.solera-restaurant.com/HPI1988.html.

Central High School seniors Laura Johnson and Steve Quam placed second as a team in the Mid-America Cup Invitational debate tournament in West Des Moines, Iowa, on September 26-28. That achievement earned them a bid to the national high school Tournament of Champions debate in May.



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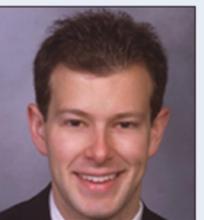
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The Cameroonian Choir of St. Peter Claver Church and the Youth Choir of Muenster, Germany, will present their unique interpretations of traditional music in concert at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 11, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. The family-friendly event will be followed by a reception. Call 651-224-5809.

The Temple of Aaron Synagogue, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd., will offer the following events in the coming weeks: a "Noshing on Noodles" fundraiser from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 7, at Noodles & Company in Highland Village, with 25 percent of the sales that evening going to the temple; a "S'mores in the Sukkah" gathering from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 7, at the temple, sponsored by the Young Mensch Club for adults in their 20s and 30s; a Simchat Torah celebration for all ages featuring Torah readings, dancing, live music and caramel apples at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 10, at the temple; a discussion on "Financial Issues for Baby Boomers" at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 13, at the temple (register by October 9); and a Young Mensch Club discussion on "Jewish Sexual Ethics Today" from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 14, at the temple. Call 651-698-8874.

An 11th Day Prayer for Peace program will be presented by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, October 11, in Presentation of Our Lady Chapel on the campus of St. Catherine University. The public is invited to take part in the program, which will focus on domestic violence. Participants will include retired Ramsey County Judge Mary Louise Klas, state Representative Michael Paymar, Anne Marie Bartlett of Cornerstone, women's advocate Bernice Sisson and a representative of the North St. Paul Police Department.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1935 St. Clair Ave., continues to host Celtic and Nordic contemplative worship services at 6:51 p.m. every other Sunday. "A Dance is Dancing Me" will be the theme for the Celtic service on October 11. "An Altar in the World" will be the theme for the Nordic service on October 25. Call 651-699-6886.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1895 Laurel Ave., will host a dinner and talent show at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, October 10 (\$6.00, \$24 per family); an Armchair Theologians discussion about the roles of church and state in blessing same-sex relationships at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, October 11; guest preacher Lauren Winner of the Duke University Divinity School at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, October 11; Theology and a Pint with members of the Rivendell Community at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 13, at O'Gar's Bar & Grill, 164 N. Snelling Ave.; and a meeting of the Heretics Group at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 14. Call 651-646-6175.

"Taking Your Meds Safely, Making Your Meds Work" will be discussed at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 15, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 700 Wesley Lane, Mendota Heights. A local Snyder's Drug pharmacist will outline the latest tips on taking medications safely and effectively, including multiple prescriptions. Call 651-452-5683 or e-mail stpaulsmn@qwest.net.

Women of Faith will bring its "A Grand New Day" tour to the Xcel Energy Center on Friday and Saturday, October 16-17. The event will feature a diverse lineup of musicians, speakers and special guests, including Grammy Award-winner Steven Curtis Chapman, "American Idol" finalist Mandisa, and Lisa Whelchel from TV's "Facts of Life." Visit www.womenoffaith.com or call 1-888-493-2484.

The St. Paul Interfaith Network will present a five-week series on "Family Feuds: How We Deal With Difference" on Mondays this fall. Weekly panel discussions will be followed by small group conversations. The sessions will run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on October 19 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, on October 26 at the Islamic Center of Minnesota, on November 2 at the Klas Center at Hamline University, on November 9 at the Temple of Aaron and on November 16 at Central Baptist Church. The sessions are free. Visit www.spacc.org/spin.

The St. Francis Prayer Group, which meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday, invites the public to join in a Mass for healing

on Monday, October 19, at Lumen Christi Catholic Church, 2055 Bohland Ave. The Rosary will be said at 7:15 p.m. and the Mass will follow at 7:30 with the Reverend Terry Rasmussen as celebrant. Call 651-699-7098 or 651-690-2553.

"With Heart and Voice: Spirituality for the Final Journey" will be presented by chaplain and spiritual director Joan Olson and music therapist David Melbye from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, at the Carondelet Center, 1890 Randolph Ave. The program will address the issues most important to those in the final years of their lives. The cost is \$10-\$25. Call 651-696-2798.

The University of St. Thomas' Catholic Studies department will present the second annual fall disputation from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, October 22, in the Great Room of McNeely Hall, which is located at Summit and Cleveland avenues. Paul Wojda and Mathew Lu will discuss whether or not execution is a legitimate form of punishment. Visit www.stthomas.edu/cathstudies/masters/disputation.html.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet's St. Paul Province has selected Sisters Margaret (Meg) Gillespie, Katherine Rossini and Jean Wincek as the order's new leadership team. Gillespie most recently served as the manager of library services and partnerships for the Hennepin County Library. Rossini has served as an administrator and teacher in schools throughout the Twin Cities. Wincek is a consultant and an adjunct professor of graduate education at St. Mary's University in Minneapolis.

The University of St. Thomas has received a rare, fine-art Heritage Edition of the *St. John's Bible* from St. John's University. The gift was made possible by Robert Ulrich on behalf of Target Corp. Ulrich, Target's former chairman and CEO, is a member of UST's board of trustees. The fine-art reproduction is one of only 299 copies of the *St. John's Bible* and the eighth to be publicly presented. The first was presented to Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican in April 2008. St. Thomas' edition will be housed in the special collections area in the campus library.

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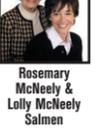



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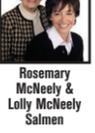



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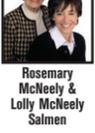
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BY BILL STIEGER

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— Carol Connolly

St. Paul poet laureate Carol Connolly has a tendency to ask more questions than she answers. As a result, one does not interview Connolly so much as engage in a conversation with her.

"Throughout my life, I've been mainly an observer of people," she said. "I think that's where any talent I may have comes from. I'm interested in other people's stories as much as my own. People who've read my work think I'm only writing from my personal experiences, but that's not true. A lot of stories that I've heard and read about show up in my poetry."

Connolly's latest collection, *All This And More: New and Selected Poems*, was published this year by Nodin Press. Her previous collection, *Payments Due*, came out in 1985 and is now in its fifth printing.

But writing poetry is only one of many enterprises that continue to engage Connolly. The seventy-something poet has emceed the monthly "Reading by Writers" series at St. Paul's University Club for

years, serves on the editorial board of the *St. Paul Almanac* and writes a monthly column called "Hear-say" for *Minnesota Law & Politics*. Named St. Paul's poet laureate by Mayor Chris Coleman in 2006, Connolly has composed a poem for each of Coleman's annual State of the City addresses.

"Everybody in the Twin Cities knows Carol," said Steve Kaplan, Connolly's editor at *Minnesota Law & Politics*. "She's one of the most popular women in the metro area. We once went to lunch in a large restaurant in Minneapolis. The place was packed, and I swear she knew everyone in the restaurant. She went from table to table for about an hour."

Connolly, who recently moved to Highland Park from her longtime home in Ramsey Hill, has worn many hats over the years, including those of peace activist, feminist, Minnesota horseracing commissioner, radio host, mother and grandmother. Despite her many accomplishments, she comes across as humble and self-deprecating—a reflection, perhaps, of her Irish Catholic childhood.

Born Carol McLellan, Connolly grew up in the Midway and Summit Hill neighborhoods of St. Paul. Her father was a carpenter and building contractor. Her mother, though she



St. Paul poet laureate Carol Connolly. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

stayed at home to raise the children, also worked as an activist in what Connolly described as the Republican Party of old. "My mother was a Lincoln Republican," she said emphatically. "Back then, a lot of Minnesota Republicans were liberals."

Connolly attended St. Luke's Grade School, boarded at a Catholic high school in Illinois, then enrolled at the College of St. Catherine where she lasted "for one quarter and three days," she said. "Truthfully, I didn't see the point of college. College just seemed like high school all over again. I worked as a secretary up until I was married."

She married attorney John Connolly, now a Ramsey County judge, and the couple raised eight children.

Despite the furious pace of motherhood, Connolly found time to become active in local DFL politics. Her husband ran for county attorney, judge and Congress over the years, and during those campaigns Carol got to know many Minnesota politicians. She developed a special friendship with the late U.S. Senator Eugene McCarthy. She also became an active feminist and co-chaired the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus.

"John and I both worked for Gene (McCarthy) during his run for the presidency in 1968," Connolly said. "In later years, our lives took similar paths. Gene and I both left our marriages. We both became poets. I still miss him terribly."

After 20 years of marriage, the Connollys divorced—a harrowing experience for Carol that later found expression in her poetry. "Oh, God, I wasn't thinking about poetry at the time," she said. "It was just a tough time. I had to use a hatchet and a backhoe to get out of that deal." But it was during that time that Connolly discovered poetry. At the urging of a friend, she took a writing class at the Loft in Minneapolis. She later took a poetry class from Candace Clayton at the Loft and discovered she had a gift.

"I don't think you choose poetry as much as poetry chooses you," Connolly said. "I just started in

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Block Nurse programs speak up about ways to tackle hearing loss

BY LARRY ENGLUND

The West 7th, Highland, Macalester-Groveland and Summit Hill Living at Home/Block Nurse programs want older adults to listen closely to their message about hearing loss.

"A lot of people have hearing loss and are not dealing with it," said Kathleen Arneson, executive director of Macalester-Groveland Seniors. "There are about seven years of denial before action is taken."

"It's a major problem," added Paula Fischer, director of the Highland Block Nurse Program. "People who need the service put it off as long as they can."

In an effort to educate older adults and their caregivers about hearing loss and ways to address the problem, the four neighborhoods have formed the Elder-Friendly Hearing Technology Assistance (EFHTA) program, which is now in its second year. The Block Nurse programs are partnering with the University of Minnesota's School of Audiology to provide screenings and workshops on hearing loss as part of their services to help seniors continue living at home. The pilot program, which goes by the more informal name "Hear Ye, Hear Me" in written material, is funded by a grant from the Minnesota Department of Deaf and Hearing Services.

According to Arneson, one-third of Minnesotans over age 65 and one-half of those over 75 have hearing loss. For the nearly 8,000 adults over age 65 who live in the West 7th, Highland Park, Macalester-Groveland and Summit Hill neighborhoods, that translates to a potential client pool of around 2,640 seniors.

The aging of the Baby Boom generation is bringing the issue to the forefront even more. "Boomers are experiencing hearing loss earlier, from rock concerts and noise pollution," Arneson said.

Some individuals with mild to moderate hearing loss may be unaware of the problem, since it takes place over a long period of time. The Block Nurse directors said other factors, such as pride or concerns about the cost of hearing aids, may preclude people from seeking assistance.

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And the impact can be significant. Arneson said depression, anxiety, defensiveness, negativity and inappropriate responses can be often found in people with hearing loss. "The symptoms have some similarities to Alzheimer's disease and people feel isolated," she said.

"Imagine, people think it's dementia and it's just hearing loss."

Maureen Davidson, director of senior services at the West 7th Community Center, knows the value of hearing screenings. "I ended up being one of those with hearing loss and now I have a hearing aid," she said. "It's helped immensely. My husband is definitely happier."

Individual home assessments are offered by the Block Nurse programs to determine what improvements could help seniors hear better. "We have a home modification checklist," Davidson said. "There are 13 questions and a series of solutions for each question."

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The EFHTA program is also sponsoring workshops to educate the public on technical aids that can help seniors cope with hearing loss, such as using telephone amplifiers, adjusting the acoustics of a room and installing doorbells with lights that blink or fire alarms that use light to wake someone up.

Davidson noted that pocket talkers, which are relatively inexpensive, are successful for people who have not yet accepted the need for wearing a hearing aid. Pocket talkers are essentially small amplifiers with earphones.

"Our social workers use them when visiting," she said. "We have a couple of seniors who really like them."

Amplified telephones are also helpful. "We were able to give out a few of them using money from a program for people with hearing loss," Davidson said. "The amplification phone is free if people qualify."

Simple things can also help to improve hearing, such as removing earwax (Block Nurse staff carry otoscopes to check for buildup when visiting seniors in their homes), lowering your voice and maintaining eye contact. Arneson said the latter includes something as simple as taking your head out of the refrigerator before asking someone a question. "It's amazing what we overlook," she said.

The participating Block Nurse programs will continue to hold workshops and screenings throughout the year to reach out to the

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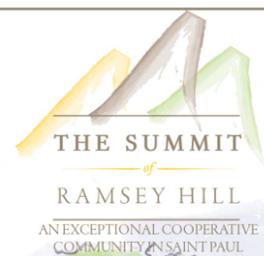
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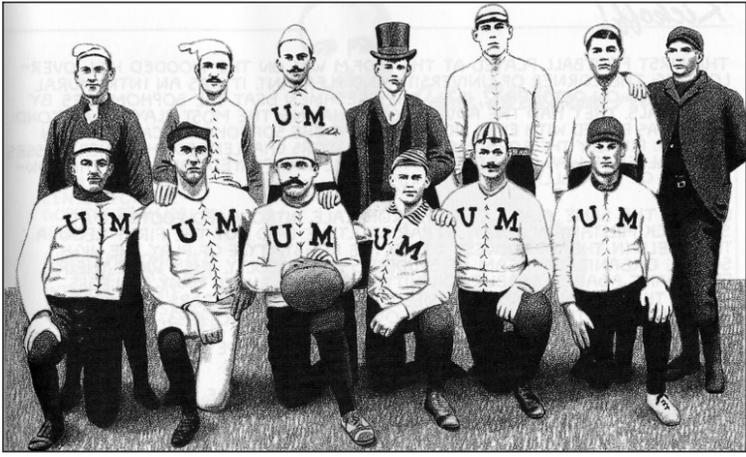
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Gophers Illustrated

Papas draws intricate picture of century of U of M football

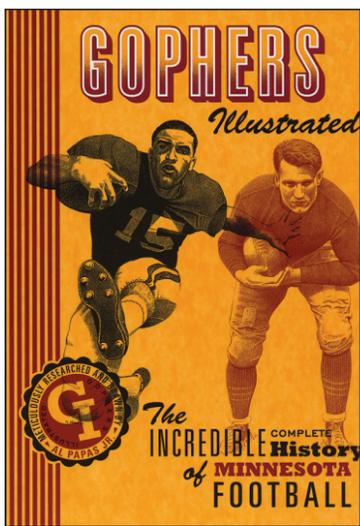
BY DAVE WRIGHT

Al Papas Jr. is a big fan of the Golden Gophers and it shows in his newly published paean to the University of Minnesota football program. Titled *Gophers Illustrated: The Incredible Complete History of Minnesota Football* (September 2009, University of Minnesota Press), the book lives up to its title.

Papas, 65, an illustrator by trade whose father played for U of M coach Bernie Bierman in the early 1930s, does more than just tell tales about one of college football's oldest programs. He has also illustrated the pages with lifelike sketches of U of M gridiron greats from the 1880s to the present.

Papas' handwritten copy surrounding his meticulous drawings of players such as Bert Baston—the school's first two-time Walter Camp all-American—is just one of the unique aspects of the book. Nearly everything in *Gophers Illustrated* was either sketched or inscribed by Papas, who once served as a sports cartoonist and newsroom artist for the Minneapolis-based *Star Tribune*.

Papas said he was drawn to the



project for several reasons. "My dad died when I was very young and, frankly, I wanted to learn more about his playing career," said Papas, a resident of Minneapolis' Longfellow neighborhood. "I started looking through archives for stuff on him. In the process, I discovered amazing things about the program that rarely, if ever, get mentioned. Minnesota was quite the trailblazer in college football. The program was responsible for several firsts."

Some of those firsts, such as the first homecoming bonfire (1915) and the first electric scoreboard

(1937), are well-known. However, *Gophers Illustrated* also features some long-forgotten tales, including some that led to rule changes.

A prime example is the so-called "Talking Play" that was used by the Gophers in a 1941 game against Northwestern. Led by legendary quarterback Otto Graham, the Wildcats were nursing a 7-2 lead late in the third quarter of that game. Minnesota running back Bob Sweigert ran a first down play and felt he was punched on his way to the ground. A verbal argument ensued and continued as the Gophers stood at the line of scrimmage. Suddenly, the ball was snapped to Bud Higgins, who was subbing for the injured Bruce Smith. Higgins took off and ran past unprepared defenders for the winning touchdown.

The verbal argument was a perfectly legal ploy, but as a result of the play, a rule was later instituted requiring offensive linemen to be stationary—and silent—for at least a second prior to the snap.

The play was brought up in the now defunct *Minneapolis Times* two months later. Reporting on the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, the *Times* observed, "(Gopher head coach) Bernie

Bierman's efforts to conceal the fine points of that play his team pulled to defeat Northwestern—the play nobody saw—were in vain. The Japanese got the idea all right. They engaged us in conversation and snapped the ball while we weren't looking."

In addition to the sketches and descriptions of such early players as Smith (the school's only Heisman Trophy winner), Paul Giel and Bud Grant, and latter day stars like Tony Dungy, Ron Johnson and Tyrone Carter, Papas painstakingly draws out several plays that led to big Gopher victories. For example, there is a full page of big plays from the memorable 1986 upset at Michigan and a two-page diagram of key plays from the 2002 Music City Bowl victory over Arkansas. Some, such as the drawings from a 1934 game against Pittsburgh, came from the days when newspapers used to print the entire play-by-play of games.

"The newspapers at that time had a lot of charts of games," Papas said. "I redid the drawings to look like diagrammed plays."

Gophers Illustrated also includes a section with old scores and listings of the university's all-Americans.

There are stories about the Little Brown Jug and the Governor's Victory Bell, as well as notes on well-known older alums such as Pudge Heffelfinger, Bronco Nagurski and Clayton Tonnemaker. Papas also included a sketch and story on current head coach Tim Brewster.

One of the more intriguing stories in the book is about the Gophers' first home field when they began playing in 1882 on what was known as the State Fairgrounds near 26th Street and Franklin Avenue in Minneapolis.

"At the time there were two state fairgrounds, that one and the one we know today," Papas said.

Later, the Gophers played games at Midway Park, the Minnehaha Driving Club and Lexington Park before settling in at Memorial Stadium in 1924.

On October 10, the U of M will play its inaugural homecoming football game in its new \$288.5 million, 50,000-seat, on-campus stadium. To mark that milestone, Papas will read from *Gophers Illustrated* and sign copies at 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 9, at the university bookstore in Coffman Union. For more information, call 612-625-6000.



Al Papas Jr., author of a new illustrated history of Gopher football, stands outside the university's new TCF Bank Stadium.

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22 ◀ CONNOLLY

without using the classic forms. A poem has to make sense and have a certain rhythm, but I don't follow a set formula."

In a few short years, Connolly had filled scads of notebooks with her poetry. She read a few of them to her friend, the late feminist writer Meridel Le Sueur, and Le Sueur's daughter, Rachel Tilsen. "Rachel and Meridel were just starting up a publishing company, Midwest Village and Voices, and I was startled when they told me they wanted to publish my poems," Connolly said. "I refused at first. I wanted to keep the poems for myself."

The first edition of *Payments Due* drew critical praise. Dave Wood, who reviewed books for the Minneapolis *Star-Tribune*, received an early copy from a friend. "I thought, 'Oh yeah, just what we need, another poet,'" Wood recalled. "But Carol had written a terrific book, and we later became friends. She's a gutsy woman, and that gutsiness shows up in her poetry. Carol is also a great wit, as anyone who knows her can attest."

The ensuing years for Connolly have been filled with accomplishment as well as hardship. Fourteen years ago, her longtime companion, composer and pianist Bill Eden, was hit by a speeding car in New York City and was badly hurt. "Bill was brain-injured," Connolly said. "At the time, I thought he'd get better. But people with severe brain injuries only get worse. He's now in assisted living in a Battle Creek nursing home. I'm now his legal guardian, which is a downgrade from his partner. It's been 30 years that we've been together."

Over the past 24 years, Connolly has seen her poems made into a play and read on television by an admiring Oprah Winfrey. She has toured Ireland as a poet, worked tirelessly

ALL THIS AND MORE
New and Selected Poems

CAROL CONNOLLY

as a supporter of the arts in the Twin Cities, and remains politically active in liberal and feminist causes.

"It was never really my intention to become a poet," Connolly said. "But I was a woman who was open to everything that happened. And poetry was one of them."

Connolly will read from *All This And More: New and Selected Poems* at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 17, at the Loft, 1011 Washington Ave. S. in Minneapolis; at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 20, at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave.; at 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 26, at Barnes & Noble in Har Mar Mall, 2100 N. Snelling Ave. in Roseville; and at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, November 8, at Magers and Quinn, 3038 Hennepin Ave. S. in Minneapolis.

23 ◀ ELDER HEARING

elderly. "Last year there were five screenings in four neighborhoods, with a total of 150 people attending," Davidson said.

"In Highland, we had more than 30 people at a screening and 45-50 for a workshop on demystifying hearing loss," Fischer said.

Given the number of people who potentially have hearing loss, the Block Nurse programs have their work cut out for them.

Fischer was realistic, but hopeful. "Getting the word out and getting folks to acknowledge their hearing loss takes a while," she said, "but we're chipping away."

For more information on the hearing program, call the Block Nurse program in West 7th at 651-298-5493, Highland at 651-696-8425, Macalester-Groveland at 651-696-6882

or Summit Hill at 651-222-7884.

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Hearing screenings will be offered as part of the Senior Health & Wellness Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 24, at the West 7th Community Center, 265 Oneida St. The screenings will be conducted by students and faculty from the U of M's School of Audiology. A Hearing House hosted by the Minnesota Department of Deaf and Hearing Services will demonstrate new technologies that are available for those with hearing impairments.

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Highland forum focuses on senior services

By Jason Phelps

A newly formed subcommittee of the Highland District Council's (HDC) Community Service Committee held a public forum on senior services on September 23 at the Jewish Community Center. The forum was intended to elicit ideas on what kind of services older residents would like to see offered in the neighborhood. Attendance was expected to be around 30 that sunny afternoon. However, while service providers for the elderly turned out in force, only two residents showed up.

Some questioned whether enough was done to promote the forum. Others wondered whether residents need a specific plan before they weigh in. Whatever the reason for the low turnout, the committee's attention continues to focus on getting people talking.

HDC community organizer Kathy Carruth said the forum was held as part of the district council's effort to ensure that the level of services for seniors remains adequate as the neighborhood's population ages. More than 25 percent of Highland Park residents are 55 or older and nearly one-fifth are 65 or older.

According to Carruth, many urban neighborhoods have faced declines as their older adults left for other areas better suited to meet their housing, transportation, health care, recreation, social and other needs. The HDC wants to proactively stem such an exodus by working to provide older residents with what they need, she said.

In addition to Carruth, the subcommittee includes Phil Lederman, Tim Puffer, Jennifer Taylor James and Gary Thompson. The group grew out of a



A social was hosted at the Wellington on September 29 to share ideas on how to better serve seniors. Pictured from left are Inga Tynuv of American Bank, Kathy Carruth of the HDC, Chris Rosenthal of Jewish Family Service, Gary Thompson of the HDC and Sherry Gregor of the Wellington. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

conversation that Carruth had last January with Kristin Kopp, owner of At Home Solutions. They discussed what it would take to emulate the efforts that Boston's Beacon Hill neighborhood has taken to step up senior services for its own aging population.

"We studied the local statistics for seniors and thought we should look into it," Lederman said. "We don't have any money, but what we do have is the power to bring people together."

Thompson said he also has a personal stake in the issue. "I just reached Medicare age," he said.

The subcommittee's work officially began in June. The following month, they met with local senior care professionals. "Basically, a bunch of us sat down and brainstormed on what communities need," said Trenton Henspeter, senior program coordinator for the city of St. Paul.

According to Carruth, many senior services are already being provided in Highland Park. The trick, she said, is to get them all working from the same playbook. "At our very first meeting, providers in the room may have known what some of the others did, but not all of them," she said. "There are a lot of services, but not a lot of education going on."

The subcommittee will hold its next meeting 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Speakers will include Bob Roepke, who will discuss what Chaska is doing to accommodate its senior population, and LaRhae Knatterud of Communities for a Lifetime, which provides strategies to support older populations.

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From ruin to redemption

As Mama Nadi in Mixed Blood's 'Ruined,' Regina Williams tackles perhaps her biggest role to date

BY BOB GILBERT

Before director Aditi Kapil offered Regina Marie Williams the lead in Mixed Blood Theatre's upcoming production of *Ruined*, she asked the seasoned Twin Cities actress and singer if she was capable of portraying the emotional pain the role required without it interfering in her personal life.

Ruined is set in a mining town in the war-torn central African nation of the Congo. Its protagonist, Mama Nadi, is a tough, shadowy woman who operates a brothel frequented by soldiers from both sides of the conflict. They leave their weapons at the door to spend their money on alcohol and sex with Mama Nadi's "girls," all of whom began working for her after being raped by the same soldiers.

"Mama is selling flesh and seems like a real hard-ass," said Williams, a resident of Minneapolis' Nokomis East neighborhood and the mother of two children. "I had to think hard about whether I wanted to spend seven weeks summoning up those emotions night after night on stage."

The emotional fallout from the play was a concern for all 11 members of the cast, according to Kapil, a Macalester College graduate who gave birth to her third child just a month ago. "The question for all of us was whether we can navigate between the horror and the beauty of this play," she said. "Collectively, we've embraced the idea that to perform the play well we must focus on its artistry and not its horror."

The play "needs to go through these dark places to tell a story of hope and survival," Kapil said. "Only by going there does it reach a point of redemption. Ultimately, it's an uplifting play. It's not about indulging in violence or the dark side of human nature."

Written by Lynn Nottage, *Ruined* won the Pulitzer Prize for drama in 2009 as well as an Obie Award for Best New American Play. In preparation for its Minnesota premiere on October 16, Kapil's cast immersed themselves in every facet of the play. They even attended

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— Director Aditi Kapil

a lecture on the trauma of sexual violence by a representative of the Center for Victims of Torture.

Despite the security warnings of the U.S. State Department, Nottage traveled to the Congo to interview the women she portrays in preparation for writing the play.

"There's so much to understand when you're doing a show like this," Williams said. "Finding out where the Congo is on the map and who the people are, how they move, how they dance, how they talk and what specific mannerisms they use to accentuate their speech are all important."

Williams grew up in central Los Angeles, the middle child in a family of seven children. She moved to Minnesota in 1981 to take a job as a dancer in the touring production of *Sesame Street Live*. Jack Reuler, the founder and artistic director of Mixed Blood, met Williams shortly after her *Sesame Street* stint. He cast her immediately. Since then, she has appeared in half a dozen shows at Mixed Blood, including major roles in such productions as *Yellowman* and *Pure Confidence*.

"Regina is at the top of her field," Reuler said. "She has great versatility as an actress, from leading lady to characters of all types and ages. There's an honesty to her acting,



Regina Marie Williams as Mama Nadi in Mixed Blood's *Ruined*. PHOTO BY ANN MARSDEN.

which is what directors look for. She's reliable and loyal. She's just the real deal all the way around."

Williams portrayed blues singer Dinah Washington in Penumbra Theatre's acclaimed 2004 production of *Dinah Was*. She followed that up with "Regina Is: The Songs of Dinah Washington," a CD that she recorded with a jazz combo. In 2006 she released "Feel the Spirit," a collection of gospel songs. In 2007 she received the McKnight Foundation's Theater Artist of the Year award, which came with a \$25,000 prize.

Williams played Dotty Moffitt in the Guthrie Theater's recent production of the Tony Kushner musical *Caroline or Change*, but it is Mama Nadi that could become her defining role as an actress, according

to Kapil. Beautifully crafted and unusually complex, the role of Mama Nadi "allows Regina to spread her wings from the darkest places to the most joyous places," Kapil said. "The character of Mama Nadi is a gorgeous accomplishment. It's the reason this play won the Pulitzer Prize."

"As an actress, you don't get great roles like Mama Nadi very often," Williams said. "Still, I'm not sure if I'll allow my 12-year-old son to see the show."

Ruined will open Mixed Blood Theatre's 34th season at 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 16, on the stage at 1501 S. 4th St. in Minneapolis. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 3:00 p.m. Sundays through November 22. Tickets are \$14-\$28. Call 612-338-6131.

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Local artists open their studios for 28th annual crawl

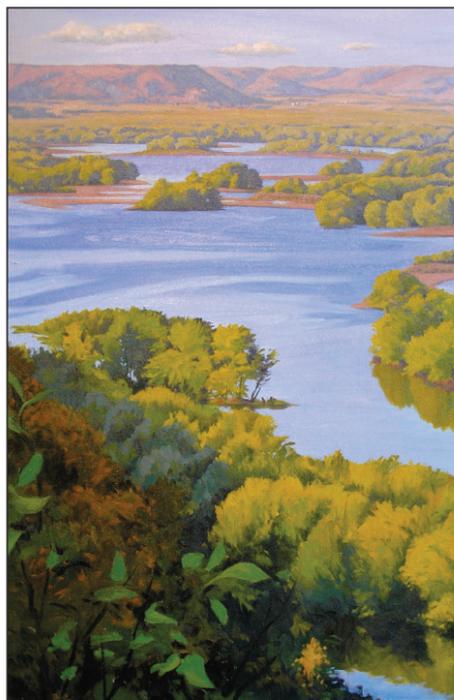
The talents of more than 300 visual and performing artists will be featured in the St. Paul Art Collective's 28th annual Art Crawl on October 9-11. The free, self-guided tour will include stops at studios, galleries, restaurants and coffee shops in downtown and the vicinity of University and Raymond avenues, on Grand Avenue and Harriet Island, and at the old Hamm's Brewery in the Payne-Phalen neighborhood.

Art aficionados on the crawl will find photography, painting, textiles, pottery, ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, bookbinding, computer art and jewelry, among other works. Most of the artwork will be for sale.

Held in conjunction with the crawl will be "15 Minutes of Fame," a live showcase of classical piano, folk guitar, bluegrass, jazz and spoken word running from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. Friday and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday at Studio Z in the Northwestern Building at 4th and Wall streets.

Meanwhile, Lowertown artist Ta-coumba Aiken invites the public to join him in the creation of a mural between 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday in the Public Art St. Paul tent on the 4th Street lawn of the old Union Depot.

Free transportation will be available during the crawl between the various venues in downtown and the Payne-Phalen area. For more information, a complete list of participating artists and galleries, and a map of the tour, visit www.artcrawl.org.



Representing the quality of work featured in the St. Paul Art Crawl from October 9-11 are the oil paintings by participating artists Matthew Rucker ("Autumn," top); Yumi Yokoyama ("Two," above left); and Tom McGregor ("Mississippi Bluffs," above right).

Macalester College. Freeman's art is to engage gallery visitors in a philosophical inquiry into the nature of being and nothingness. Though more than a cerebral exercise, relatively little is visible within the gallery beyond Freeman's words and the wordless activity of his collaborators. Admission is free. For gallery hours, call 651-696-6416.

"Shiny is My Favorite Color," more than 70 works by nine artists ranging from metal and glass sculpture to illuminated manuscripts, is being displayed through November 13 in the Lobby Gallery of the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center at the University of St. Thomas.

"Spirit of the Southwest," a juried exhibit of more than 40 sculptural works in wood, is being displayed through December 21 at the American Association of Woodturners Gallery in Landmark Center. Admission is free. Call 651-484-9094.

A tribute to textile artist Paul O'Connor will be held on Thursday, October 8, at the Textile Center, 3000 University Ave. SE. in Minneapolis. The free reception begins at 5:30 p.m. O'Connor will speak about his work with the double weave at 7:30. An exhibit of O'Connor's work will remain on view through October 28. Call 612-436-0463.

"Hazel Thorson Stoick Stoeckeler," a retrospective featuring 40 of the University of Minnesota professor's small watercolors, will be displayed alongside the poetry of Elizabeth Weber from October 10 through January 17 at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Admission to the gallery is \$2.00 or free with a paid house tour. Call 651-297-2555.

Film

The Devil Came on Horseback, a documentary on the widespread killing taking place in the Darfur region of Sudan presented through the eyes of former U.S. Marine Captain Brian Steidle, will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 7, in Giddens Learning Center at Hamline University, 1536 Hewitt Ave. Admission is free. A discussion will follow.

Most Honorable Son, a film by Bill Kubota about native Midwesterner Ben Kuroki who, despite his Japanese ancestry, enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II and

Exhibits

"Legacy of an Ecocide: Agent Orange Aftermath," photos by Petronella Ytsma of the deformities and maladies suffered by descendants of the Vietnam War generation, is on view through October 28 in the Catherine G. Murphy Gallery at St. Catherine University. Call 651-690-6644.

Landscape paintings of Iceland and Lake Superior by Ruth Donhowe are being shown

through October 31 at Bohlander Arts Gallery, 3011 36th Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Local poets Phebe Hanson and Cary Waterman will read their poems about Iceland and Lake Superior from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, October 24. Call 612-721-6438.

A series of prints by letterpress artist Robyn Stoller Awend that explore the composition of the inner self with references to human biology and the Hebrew alphabet is on view through October 28 at the Jewish Community Center's Gallery Walk, 1375 St.

Paul Ave. An artists' forum with Awend and composer Joe Vass will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 20. Vass will discuss his new suite, "Alef-Bet: Music of the Hebrew Letters," which will have its world premiere on October 24 at the JCC. Admission to the exhibit and forum is free. Call 651-255-4752.

"This Space Occupied by This Time," new work by recent University of Minnesota MFA graduate Travis Freeman that asks the question, What is art?, is being exhibited through November 1 in the Art Gallery at

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Singleton Street featuring Craig Evans (left), Sherri and Chuck Leyda and Jimmy Newkirk will perform bluegrass and gospel music with three- and four-part harmonies at 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 9, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 341 S. Hamline Ave. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for St. Paul's Union Gospel Mission. A reception follows.

earned the Distinguished Service Medal, will be shown on Sunday, October 11. Kubota will attend the free screening, which begins at 2:00 p.m. at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Call 651-259-3000.

A Walk to Beautiful, the award-winning documentary by Mary Olive Smith about five Ethiopian women who suffer from devastating childbirth injuries, will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 15, at the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave. Rejected by their husbands and ostracized by their communities, the women embark on a long and arduous journey to the capital of Addis Ababa in search of a cure and a new life. A discussion led by Cheryl A. Thomas of the Advocates for Human Rights will follow the free screening. Call 651-222-3242.

A "Doctor Who" Discussion Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 17, at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy. The group will watch an episode of the TV show and then discuss it. Call 651-695-3700.

Music

The free-wheeling jazz of the Larry Ochs Sax & Drumming Core will be featured at 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. Thursday, October 8, at the Whole Music Club in Coffman Union on the University of Minnesota's East Bank. Tickets are \$10-\$34. Call 612-624-2345.

An all-Russian program featuring native Russian pianist Kirill Gerstein will be presented October 9-11 by the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. Hans Graf of the Houston Symphony will conduct the concerts at 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Friday and 8:00 p.m. Saturday at the Ordway and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday in the Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 4th St. S. in Minneapolis. The program includes Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Chamber Symphony, Prokofiev's Sinfonietta, and Giya Kanchelli's Night Prayers. Tickets are \$11-\$59, \$5.00 for children. Call 651-291-1144.

Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter Rob Thomas and pop-rockers OneRepublic and Carolina Liar perform at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, October 11, in the Theater at Xcel Energy Center. Tickets are \$42, \$52 and \$62 and available at the Xcel box office or by calling 1-800-745-3000.

Guitarist Steve Haskin and Trio Tipo will celebrate the release of their new CD, "Costa Del Sol," at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, October 11, at the Cedar Cultural Center, 416 Cedar Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Joining Haskin, guitarist Don Sellers and drummer Terry Lee Storhaug will be Karen Thomas on violin and Clint Hoover on harmonica. Hoover and his quartet East Side open the show. Tickets are \$12, \$10 in advance. Call 612-729-2984.

Classical music written about, from and for the city of Venice, Italy, will be performed on October 15-18 by the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra under the baton of Mark Russell Smith. Among the four centuries of compositions on the program are Gabriele's Three Canzoni; Liszt's The Black Gondola II;

Vivaldi's Concerto Grosso in D, Concerto in A for Violin and Three Violins in Echo; Malipiero's Ricercari for 11 Instruments; Stravinsky's Prelude to *The Rake's Progress*; Verdi's Prelude to Act Three of *La Traviata*; and Rossini's Overture to *The Italian Girl in Algiers*. The concerts will begin at 8:00 p.m. Thursday at Temple Israel in Minneapolis, 8:00 p.m. Friday at Wayzata Community Church, 8:00 p.m. Saturday at St. Paul's United Church of Christ at 900 Summit Ave., and 2:00 p.m. Sunday in the Great Hall of Bethel University. Tickets are \$10-\$25, \$5.00 for children. Call 651-291-1144.

The music of Buxtehude, Bach, Abel, Telemann and Handel will be performed on Saturday, October 17, by the Bach Society of Minnesota under the direction of Paul Boehnke. The concert "Strings Attached" will explore the relationships between Buxtehude and the musicians of the next generation who wanted his job. It will begin at 8:00 p.m. in Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University, 1531 Hewitt Ave. Accompanying the singers will be Boehnke on harpsichord, Julie Elhard on viola da gamba, Miriam Scholz-Carlson on violin and guest soprano Carrie Henneman Shaw. Tickets are \$20, \$16 for students and seniors.

Theater

Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story, a musical drama about the rock 'n' roll pioneer whose meteoric rise to stardom ended tragically in 1959 in a plane crash, is being performed through November 1 at the History Theatre, 30 E. 10th St. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$28-\$32, \$25-\$30 for seniors, \$15 for students and \$10 for children. Call 651-292-4323.

Actors Theater draws a bead on your funny bone with *Deer Camp*. The musical comedy tells of four husbands who after decades of hunting trips have yet to bring home a deer. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 5:00 and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays and 5:00 p.m. Sundays through November 22 at the Lowry Theater, 16 W. 5th St. Tickets are \$29-\$39. Call 1-800-982-2787.

Little House on the Prairie, the musical story of an American family forging a new life in a new land, will be performed October 13-25 at the Ordway. Melissa Gilbert, who played Laura Ingalls for 10 years in the television series by the same name, will play Laura's mom. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$39.50-\$80.50. Call 651-224-4222.

Shakespeare's The Tempest will be performed on October 15-18 by the Concordia University Theater Department. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday in Pearson Theatre, 312 N. Hamline Ave. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for seniors and students, \$8.00 for children under age 12. Call 1-866-811-4111.

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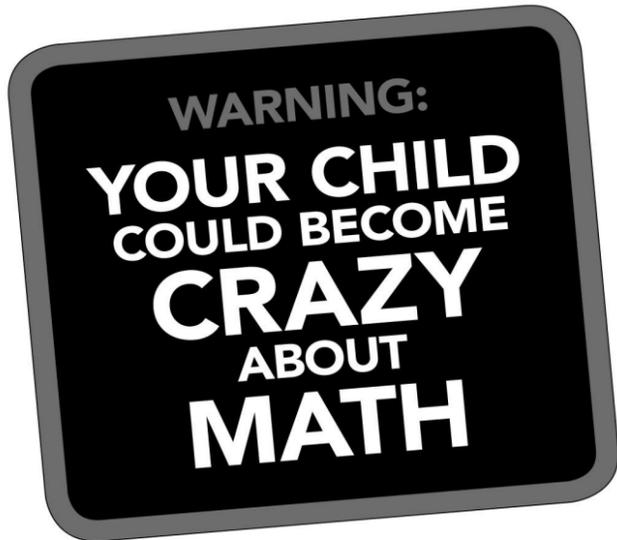
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Aeschylus' Ancient Greek drama *The Suppliant Women*, will be presented October 16-24 by the University of Minnesota Department of Theatre Arts and Dance. Recommended for mature audiences, the play addresses societal norms about marriage and gender and the forces that shape American values. The curtain rises at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:00 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday in the Proscenium Theater of Rarig Center, 330 21st Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$10-\$15 in advance, \$12-\$17 at the door. Call 612-624-2345.

Othello, Shakespeare's tragic tale of love, jealousy and racism, will open a four-week run with preview performances on October 16-22 at Park Square Theatre, 20 W. 7th Place. Directed by Richard Cook, it stars James A. Williams, Stacia Rice, Steve Hendrickson, Virginia Burke, Bruce Bohne and John Catron. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2:00 p.m. Sunday, and 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 29. Tickets are \$15-\$40, 99 cents for the preview on October 20. Call 651-291-7005.

Students from the universities of St. Thomas and St. Catherine compete for laughs in the improvisational "ComedySportz" at 8:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, October 16-24, at St. Thomas. Responding on the spot to suggestions from the audience will be Beth Anderson, Jesse Arch, Paul Blaschko, Renée Cattoor, Allie Cleary, Ruth Heyer and Sam Sorich of St. Thomas and Adara Bryan and Sarah Yaekel of St. Catherine. The first three meets will be held in the auditorium of Brady Educational Center. The last one is in the auditorium of O'Shaughnessy Educational Center. Tickets are \$5.00. Call 651-690-6700.

Rebecca, Daphne Du Maurier's classic thriller about a naive young woman who marries a rich widower only to find that he and his servants are still gripped by the memory of his first wife, will open on Friday, October 16, at Theatre in the Round, 245 Cedar Ave. S. in Minneapolis. The curtain rises at 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:00 p.m. Sundays through November 8. Tickets are \$20, with discounts for seniors and students. Call 612-333-3010.

Books

The Fitzgerald Theater, 10 E. Exchange St., will present historian Bruce Feiler and host Stephen Smith in a discussion about Feiler's latest book, *America's Prophet: Moses and the American Story*, at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 13. Sustainability expert Tim Flannery will discuss his new book, *Now or Never*, with host Kerri Miller at 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 19. Tickets for either program are \$20. Call 651-290-1221.

St. Thomas Academy teacher Donna Isaac will read from *Tommy*, her new collection of 25 poems in honor of her deceased brother, at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 13, at Fischerville Coffee House, 2150 Dodd Road in Mendota Heights. Copies of *Tommy* will be available for \$10 (cash or check only) and 10 percent of the proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

South Minneapolis author Eric Dregni will discuss his new book, *Never Trust a Thin Cook and Other Lessons from Italy's Culinary Capital*, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 15, at Common Good Books, 165 N. Western Ave. This chronicle of Dregni's three years in Italy is a classic American-abroad tale brimming with adventure, awkward social moments and good food. Call 651-225-8989.

2009 Minnesota Book Award winners are being featured this fall in free readings sponsored by the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library. The schedule includes poet Heid Erdrich and her book *National Monuments* at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 15, at the Arlington Hills Library, 1105 Greenbrier St.; and Susan Marie Swanson and her chil-

dren's book *The House in the Night* at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 21, at the Central Library, 90 W. 4th St. Call 651-222-3242.

Author Larry Millett will discuss his series of Sherlock Holmes mysteries and read from his latest unpublished mystery novel in a free program at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 18, at St. Paul's Central Library, 90 W. 4th St. Call 651-266-7000, extension 5.

St. Paul author Jaymee Chanen will read from her book, *Ruby Slippers: Finding Your Way Home from Emotional Abuse*, in a free program at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 21, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

"Exploring Adoption Connections," a writing workshop for adoptees, adoptive parents, birth parents and anyone has been affected by adoption, will be offered on Thursday, October 22, by writers Kate St. Vincent Vogl, Margaret Hasse and Linda Back McKay. The program runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Children's Home Society, 1605 Eustis St. The cost is \$10. Register at https://secure.childrenshomeadopt.org/PAS_Online_Registration.html.

Family

Stories, rhymes, songs and activities will be offered for preschoolers and their families at 10:30 a.m. every Friday in October and for babies and their families at 4:00 p.m. every Tuesday in October at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy. Admission is free. Call 651-695-3700.

The 7th annual La Familia Latino Family Festival and Expo returns to St. Paul's RiverCentre from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, October 10. The free event will feature local and national entertainment, Latino cuisine, more than 100 exhibits on health and the environment and an interactive children's area.

"The Circus Moves by Rail," reportedly the largest display of miniature circus trains to visit the Twin Cities in 20 years, will be shown on October 10 and 11 at the Twin Cities Model Railroad Museum in Bandana Square, Energy Park Drive and Lexington Parkway. Hundreds of miniature elephants, horses, lions, tigers and bears, a cavalcade of toy clowns and other performers will steam past in colorful circus wagons. The museum is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$6.00, free to those age 5 and under. Call 651-647-9628.

Commando Cody flies again every Saturday at noon when the action-packed serial "Radar Men from the Moon" returns to the Parkway Theater, 4814 Chicago Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Superman, Betty Boop, Popeye, Our Gang, the Three Stooges, John Wayne, Roy Rogers, Laurel and Hardy, Flash Gordon, Tarzan, Bela Lugosi, W.C. Fields, Sherlock Holmes and the East Side Kids will all help Cody save the universe from now through December 19. Admission to the Saturday matinee and a date with the celluloid superheroes and great comedians of the past is \$2.00 regardless of age.

"Saturday Live!," free entertainment for children at 11:15 a.m. Saturdays at St. Paul's Central Library, 90 W. 4th St., will feature folk musicians Ten Penny Tunes, October 10, and Brodini's Comedy Magic on October 17.

Join Mickey Mouse and friends in Disney Live, featuring the beloved Disney characters in an original musical storyline beginning at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, October 18, at the Xcel Energy Center. Tickets are \$18, \$22, \$26, \$42 and \$55 and available at the Xcel box office or by calling 1-800-745-3000.

"Bella Italia," the St. Paul Civic Symphony's fall concert featuring soloists Sarah Kwak and William Schrickel of the Minnesota Orchestra, will be held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 18, in Landmark Center.

Sports



The Wright Call By Dave Wright

Redhawks making noise—on the field

About half an hour before Minnehaha Academy was to kick off its 2009 prep football season, a young man approached an older fellow who was walking along 42nd Street in Minneapolis on the south side of the school. "Excuse me," the young man said. "Can you tell me where the football field is?"

The older fellow pointed in the direction he was headed. "That's it," he said. "It's not very fancy."

That was an understatement. Minnehaha plays its home games on a luscious rectangle of grassy real estate known simply as the South Field. The field has no lights and no one-yard markers. The ticket window consists of a person sitting at a card table with a small cash box and a handwritten sheet displaying ticket prices. Spectators sit in a small grandstand behind the Redhawks' bench. The press box is on a platform that looks like it was built to house a camera for a golf tournament. A trailer is used as a concession stand. School sweatshirts, T-shirts and buttons are sold under a tent.

There are no cheerleaders, no pep band and no rock music blaring from the loudspeaker before the game. In fact, it's such a sedate atmosphere that one visiting coach once referred to it as "like playing a football game in a classroom."

Ken Anderson, who has been at Minnehaha for three decades and now serves as the school's athletic director, was asked if someone who came back for the first time in 10 years to see a game would notice anything different today. A kindly and thoughtful man, Anderson paused for a second to survey the field.

"The goalposts have pads on them now," he said.

It's not true that virtually nothing has changed since Minnehaha opened its doors 125 years ago this fall, or even since moving to its current location in 1913. The south campus, which includes the football field and hockey arena, came into existence in 1982. The hockey arena is undergoing its first serious renovation since its construction. Earlier this decade, a new athletic complex was erected on the north campus. The chapel and arts center are just six years old.

However, outside of those few latter-day developments, the school's basic operations have remained the same, which is precisely the way that its alumni and parents prefer things to be.

There's a tendency to dismiss Minnehaha's athletic teams as simply extensions of the school's rigorous academics. But it would be a mistake to assume that, when the lab coats come

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It's Shows' time

Senior fullback sets pace for Sibley football

BY BILL WAGNER

Senior running back Drew Shows has been gaining a lot of ground for the Henry Sibley High School football team. As of last week, the 5-foot-10, 175-pound fullback had led the Warriors to a 3-1 record with 516 all-purpose yards, including a Classic Suburban Conference-leading 395 on the ground and 10 touchdowns. He also had 33 yards in the air and 88 on kickoff returns.

Indeed, there isn't much that Shows can't do on a football field. Sibley co-coach and offensive coordinator Stan Eskierka is well aware of just how much Shows does to help his team, which was looking forward to a big conference battle against St. Thomas Academy on October 2. (The Cadets won 34-0).

"Drew runs low to the ground and moves his feet well," Eskierka said. "He runs well between the tackles. He has good vision and makes the lateral moves. And he has good hands."

Sibley runs a three-man backfield, with Shows teaming up with junior Tyrell Martin and senior Mason Young. The latter two are both speed threats



Drew Shows has been chewing up yardage for the Warriors. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

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Visitation's talented senior goalie Clare Robinson. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Blazer goalie keeps hot hand

BY BILL WAGNER

Senior Clare Robinson has had a meteoric rise as an all-state goalie for the Visitation soccer team. In fact, two years ago she wasn't even a blip on the radar screen.

Robinson, who registered 10 shutouts last fall en route to an all-state season, started her sophomore season as a stopper/sweeper for the Blazers, and she was perfectly content to stay there until the team needed her between the pipes out of sheer desperation.

"We had nobody we could play in goal," said Visitation coach Carle Cheesebrough, "but all the kids on the team were saying, 'Hey, Clare's a great athlete.'"

Robinson remembers not being too keen about the move at first and said she didn't even take the coach seriously when she was told to get in goal. "I just kind of ignored her at first," said Robinson with a laugh. "It wasn't something that appealed to me, but she said it was for the good of the team."

Cheesebrough said it didn't bother her that Robinson was in her first year on the varsity and had never played goalie before. She knew that she was getting an outstanding athlete who was a leader and a great competitor.

Robinson, who also plays softball and basketball for Visitation, got a crash course from the soccer coaching staff on

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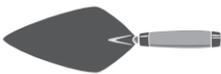
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McMillan remains shining beacon for struggling Spartans

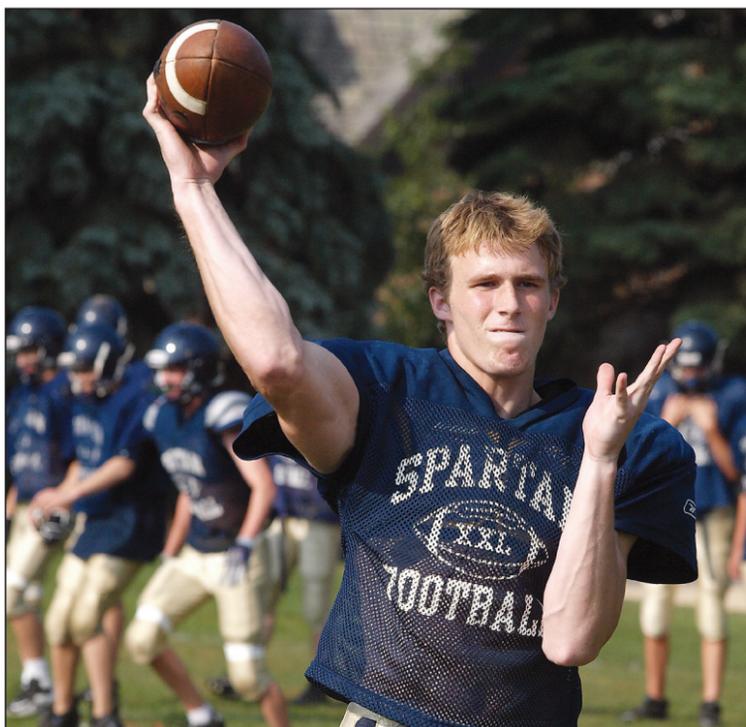
BY BILL WAGNER

You'd think any football team that puts 125 points on the board in four games should have a reasonable chance of winning at least one of those contests. However, that has not been the case for St. Paul Academy and its outstanding quarterback Evan McMillan halfway through their 2009 campaign.

McMillan, a powerful, 6-foot-5, 195-pound senior, has established himself as one of the top local signal-callers to watch this fall. Through the first four games, he was 56 of 105 in passing for a Tri-Metro Conference-leading 1,125 yards and 13 TDs. He also was the team's leading rusher with 428 yards on the ground and two TDs, while averaging 11.6 yards a carry.

In the season opener, McMillan moved the ball well against a good St. Croix Lutheran defense and threw three touchdown passes. However, the SPA defense gave up 82 points, including almost 700 yards on the ground.

His two second-half touchdown passes in week two also couldn't overcome a loss to St. Anthony. He also had stellar games against Minnehaha Academy and St. Bernard's that ended in losses. Still, you won't hear any complaints from McMillan, who also plays defensive back about 75 percent of the game. And



SPA senior quarterback Evan McMillan. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

SPA coach Mike Brown said you won't find a more coachable player or better teammate.

"He's one of the most dedicated athletes in our building," Brown said. "He makes a point of talking to the younger players on the team. He's very vocal in trying to help them."

Any improvement in the team's defense might require some patience, but McMillan remains up-

beat. He predicted after the loss to St. Anthony that the team could still salvage a decent season "if we tighten down our run defense."

McMillan, a Summit Hill resident, is a three-year starter for the Spartans. As a sophomore, he threw for 19 touchdowns and 2,300 yards. Last year he was hampered by a bad shoulder, but still threw for 1,100 yards and 10 TDs, while leading the team with 600 yards rushing.

"I'd like to throw 15-20 touchdown passes this year and rush for 1,000 yards," he said earlier this fall.

He looks to be right on track. Brown believes the sky's the limit when the football's in McMillan's hands. "He's a smart kid who sees the field well," he said. "He's an accurate thrower who can put touch on the ball or drill it in there. And he's an extremely good ball-handler. He gets a play under way and you say, 'Who the heck has the ball?' One of the hardest things for a quarterback to do is to throw on the run while still maintaining accuracy and Evan is able to do that."

Brown thinks that McMillan, who even has some potential as a wide receiver, is a certified Division I college prospect. He said the only thing McMillan needs to learn is how to stand in the pocket a second longer.

"Right now, if we call a play and it doesn't work out, my first instinct is to get out of the pocket," McMillan said. "But I know in college you can't always do that. You have to play a patient game. And in college the game is played at a much, much faster pace."

McMillan's abilities on the gridiron have already attracted the attention of several colleges, including Cornell, Brown, Dartmouth and Iowa. The interest of Ivy League schools should not be surprising since he also is an excellent student.

McMillan even leaves open the possibility of playing college basketball, since he's an outstanding power forward in addition to being a tennis player in the spring. However, for now he's staying focused on the football season.

"I think our offense is capable of consistently putting up 30-40 points a game," he said.

The Spartans' offensive weapons also include 6-foot-6, 220-pound junior tight end Gabe Mast, who is almost unstoppable inside the red zone. "And he has the best hands I've ever seen," McMillan said. Mast has 17 receptions for 375 yards and seven touchdowns halfway through the regular season.

Another big gun is senior running back Santano Rosario. Though he is only 5-foot-6, he is elusive and is a scoring threat when lined up in the slot. "He's strong and really fast," McMillan said. Rosario has 357 yards running and three rushing TDs to go along with catching 10 passes for 246 yards and two TDs.

McMillan is a keen student of the game, logging plenty of time to study film so the Spartans can develop a good game plan. And he doesn't mind helping out by playing defense, too.

"Sometimes it drains you a little," he said about playing both ways, "but I get subbed for often enough. I just want to help my team any way I can."

31 ◀ BLAZERS' ROBINSON

the mechanics of her new position. And by the end of her sophomore year, opponents were having a hard time getting anything past her. That postseason, Robinson stood tall as the seventh-seeded Blazers upset second-seeded Minnehaha Academy in a sectional shootout that took seven rounds to decide.

Since then, she has only continued to improve in the net. Last fall, Robinson shut out nearly half the teams she faced to lead Visitation to a 15-4-2 record. She was at her best late in the year when her stout play keyed a run that took the Blazers all the way to the section finals before they lost 0-1 to Holy Angels.

This year, Visitation has more than its share of good players, but the team has had to fill

some big shoes on defense. That, combined with a rugged early schedule, contributed to the team's 3-5-2 start through the first five weeks of play.

Still, Robinson has been having her customary good year in goal, logging shutouts against two of the state's top-ranked teams in Class A. She had 12 saves in a 2-0 win over Blake and another 14 saves in a scoreless tie against Holy Angels. She also came up with a 20-save performance in a 0-1 loss to St. Paul Academy, recently ranked third in Class A. "And about 16 of those saves were really tough ones," Cheesebrough said.

The Visitation coach said she is amazed at the number of spectacular saves Robinson makes. She recalled one from last year when Robinson made a highlight-film sliding stop

on a breakaway from about 5 feet out. "I asked her, 'Clare, how do you make those saves?'" Cheesebrough said.

Robinson, who maintains a 3.98 grade point average in school, has the innate quickness to be a good goaltender, but she also brings high school geometry to her job—literally. Along with help from Blazer goalie coaches Nick Platter and John Warren, she enlisted the aid of a high school math teacher to help her play the proper angles in the net.

"You have to know where the shot is likely to come from," she said. "I like to be aggressive and challenge the shooter. When you do that, you have to know how far to come out from the net so you can cut down the angle. You have to cover the greatest amount of net possible."

Cheesebrough believes Robinson has all the tools to play Division I college soccer. "She's one of the best goalies in the state," Cheesebrough said. "She always wants to get better and she's such a great competitor. If there's a challenge, she's always up for it."

Robinson said academics will come first when it comes time to choose a college. More than one Ivy League school might be possibilities for her next fall, along with Duke University.

Robinson said that being in the spotlight helps her play better. "I like the challenge of 1-on-1," she said. "I tend to rise to the occasion in the playoffs, too. Right now I'm playing pretty confidently. And I think confidence is the most important quality to have if you want to be a good goaltender."

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31 ◀ WRIGHT CALL

off and the helmets go on, the football players are simply out for a couple of hours of fresh air and exercise.

"Last year we only had five seniors on the team," said head coach Ron Monson, who has worked on the campus for two decades. "When we get that sort of number, we tend to struggle. This year we have more than a dozen seniors, most of them returning starters. We should be ready to go from the start."

When Monson uttered those words a week before the season, it was in the hope that the Redhawks would improve over last year's 3-6 record. It's now past the midway point of the football season and guess who's scoring 40-plus points a game and riding a 5-0 record?

That's right. Minnehaha's gridders are running over, around and through their Tri-Metro Conference foes at such a fierce pace that even the spectators who come to games at the South Field in suits are making noise these days. Granted, it helps when the senior group includes quarterback Dan Doran, running back Patrick McNabb, and receivers Taylor Hanson, Matt Wolpert and Jack Johnson. (Some Minnehaha backers think junior Joel Reinhardt might be the quickest of them all.) But being 5-0 is nothing to sneeze at, whether you're a small school off of West River Parkway or a traditional power at Hamline and Randolph avenues.

"I thought Ron had some pretty good talent coming back," Anderson said, pausing for a second in his golf cart as he rushed around the field before the game. "We're not the type of school that will always be able to contend for conference titles in football, but when we get the right mix together, we can be tough."

The Redhawks play in the aptly named Tri-Metro. Once upon a time, the league was a geographical nightmare, with schools from Orono to Brooklyn Center to Farmington. The small private schools sandwiched in between the big public ones had a rough go of it in those days and—with the exception of Totino Grace—rarely contended for conference titles. Grace and several of the original public school members have since skedaddled to other conferences.

Today, the Tri-Metro is an awkward 10-team football conference with two divisions. Minnehaha is in the west division with a talented group of teams that play a ferocious brand of ball. If the Redhawks can get by Breck and St. Anthony in the next two weeks, they'll run smack into also currently undefeated DeLaSalle in the season finale on October 21.

The game will be played on the South Field at 3:30 p.m. under natural light. In other

words, the biggest battle of the Tri-Metro season would be played at a time of day when Pop (and perhaps Tom) Warner used to play his games. The South Field, which adjoins a residential neighborhood, is one of the last unlit prep football fields in the state.

That game could well be the first of a two-act play. Minnehaha is in Section 4AAA, with its main sectional competitors likely to be either Johnson or DeLaSalle. Should the Redhawks advance in their section, Anderson is prepping to get some heat for not having playoff home games at night.

"I hope we can play on a Saturday, if necessary," he said. When asked whether some well-heeled CEO alum of the school would ever pay to have lights installed on the field, Anderson smiled. "This hasn't been a very good year for CEOs," he replied. "And besides, our neighbors wouldn't stand for it."

With no lights on the horizon, Anderson settles for little things, such as making sure the field is in pristine condition. The early-season football home games start at 4:30 p.m. "so parents can get here after work," Monson said. But Anderson said they've never had to stop a game due to darkness, though "I've picked up the cones in the dark a few times."

One of the tricks to coaching at Minnehaha is learning how to compromise. In the season opener, a 41-18 thumping of St. Bernard's, Monson was required to switch placekickers because junior Spencer Summers had to catch the bus for a soccer game at Brooklyn Center that same night. Hanson was called on to fill in and did his best Fred Cox imitation by kicking extra points straight on. One suspects the lad could also drop kick it if necessary.

Doran, who has already thrown for more than 1,000 yards, is also considered an excellent baseball prospect who will be in demand by several top-notch Division II and III programs. Hanson, meanwhile, is considered such a good basketball player that he's getting serious looks from the sort of Division I colleges that love to pay Minnehaha a visit—Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, etc.

If this pair and their running mates continue at the pace they're currently going, perhaps they'll see their names proudly listed on Minnehaha's Wikipedia page one day, along with Amy Sannes, a 1995 grad who was a speed skater on the 2006 Olympic team. Doran and Hanson would also join such notable alums as Rey Johnson (1925), who invented the videocassette tape; former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Donald Peterson (1935); and current KSTP-TV news anchor Leah McLean (1997).

It might not result in getting lights or even a fancier name for the South Field, but it will do.

31 ◀ SIBLEY'S SHOWS

and it's Shows' job as fullback to do the more physical stuff—running between the tackles, catching the ball out of the backfield and blocking. He was the team's starting wingback last fall, but likes the position change.

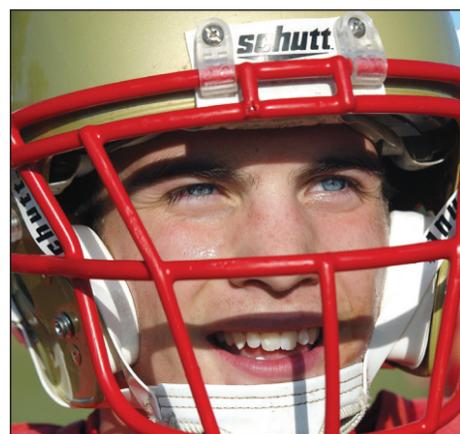
"I'm more comfortable as a fullback," Shows said. "I feel like I'm better going up the middle. I try to run people over."

He also likes to pick off blitzing defenders, ever-mindful of his technique. "You want to hit 'em in the stomach," Shows said. "That way, they tend to keep their hands down."

Shows said his best game of the year so far was in week two against North St. Paul when he chalked up 162 yards on 22 carries and scored on 1-yard, two 5-yard and a 20-yard run. "That's the only time I've had four touchdowns rushing," he said. "It seemed that everything we tried in that game worked."

Shows said he likes playing for Eskierka. "He's obsessed with football," he said of his coach. "You'll be talking to him and all of a sudden he'll be going off to his room and writing up a new play."

After graduation, Shows will be attending college—he's just not sure where yet. He's also



Shows has shown that there's not much he can't do on the gridiron. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

an outstanding pitcher for Sibley's baseball team, so he wants to keep both sports options open, perhaps at an MIAC school.

For now, Shows would enjoy nothing more than seeing the Warriors become a factor in the regular season and beyond. "We're getting pretty good," he said. "We had a tough opener against Mahtomedi (a 7-35 loss). We weren't ready to play and they were. But we've been getting better ever since."

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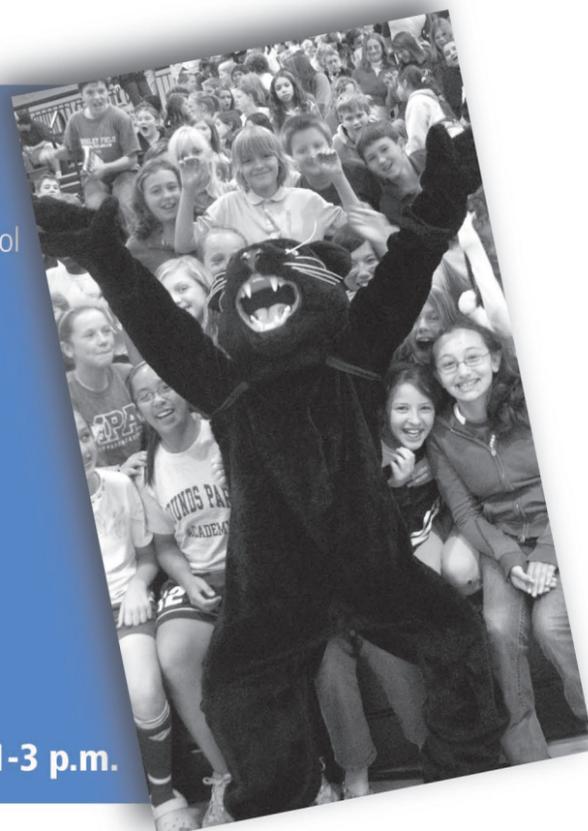
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Sports Shorts

St. Thomas Academy has named five new members to its Athletic Hall of Fame: John "Jack" O'Brien from the class of 1945, John Horan ('51), Dennis Monahan ('53), Richard Swenson ('60) and Andrew "Buster" Brown ('65). All five will be honored during a ceremony at 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 9, and will be introduced during halftime of the Cadets' homecoming football game that evening. The undefeated 1968 conference champion football team and the 1969 state champion football team will also be recognized.

The Highland Park High School Athletic Hall of Fame has five new members following an induction ceremony held earlier this fall. They are Richard Benepe, football and wrestling coach and biology teacher from 1972-84; Laura Haugen George (class of 2000), all-state in soccer, basketball and track; Michael Catlin ('69), a baseball and hockey player who was all-state in football; Michael Funk ('69), a three-sport athlete who was all-conference in football and hockey and 1969 student athlete of the year; and Midge Boland Hernandez ('78), a three-sport athlete who was all-state in volleyball.

A groundbreaking was held last month for a new youth baseball field at the Dunning Recreation Center, 1221 Marshall Ave. The field will feature a new lighting system, in-ground irrigation system, fencing, scoreboard, bleachers and upgraded sod. Surrounding it will be trees, picnic tables and a new pavilion. The project is being made possible by \$250,000 in grants, including half from Major League Baseball's Tomorrow Fund and the rest secured by Friends of St. Paul Baseball.

Concordia University-St. Paul will stream all of its home and select road games this year through www.MnSportsNetwork.com. For a list of fall events that will air on MSBN, visit www.cugoldenbears.com/Athletic_Misc/MSBN.html.

Molly Morrissey, a 2007 graduate of Cretin-Derham Hall, is a member of this fall's Luther College volleyball team. Last fall, Morrissey led the Norse with 924 assists. She currently ranks sixth in Luther's career assists with 1,633 and has 97 career service aces. Luther will provide free live video streaming of home athletic events throughout the 2009-10 season. Visit sports.luther.edu/video/index.html.

Diane Ness, a former U.S. figure skating gold medalist and director of the Learn-to-Skate program at the Highland Ice Arena since 1998, has been named skating coach for the U.S. Women's Olympic Hockey Team. Ness will be working with the team as it prepares to compete in the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Canada, in February. She also spent the summer working with the New Jersey Devils in the NHL.

G Team Snowboarding is now registering students between now and October 20 for the coming season. Team members in grades K-12 at all ability levels will begin preseason training in October. Training on the slopes will follow in November at the Hyland Ski and Snowboard Area. Contact coach Jessica Zalusky at 952-846-4317.

Basketball registration for youths ages 4-18 will be held from now through October 9 at St. Paul recreation centers. Late registration will be accepted only if space is available. Register in person at your local recreation center or on-line at www.stpaul.gov/parks.

Seantrel Henderson, a 6-foot-8, 337-pound senior lineman from Cretin-Derham Hall, has been selected to play in the 10th anniversary U.S. Army All-American Bowl on Saturday, January 9, at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. CDH head coach Mike Scanlan also has been invited to San Antonio to attend the U.S. Army Coaches Academy and participate in the bowl week activities.

High school football roundup

Central (3-2)

Sept. 4 at Shakopee	21-28
Sept. 11 at Harding	32-12
Sept. 18 vs. Fairmount	34-27
Sept. 26 at Highland	19-24
Oct. 1 vs. Como Park	40-0
Oct. 9 vs. Johnson	
Oct. 14 vs. Humboldt	
Oct. 21 at Mpls. team	

Cretin-Derham Hall (5-0)

Sept. 4 at Forest Lake	27-16
Sept. 11 vs. White Bear Lake	34-7
Sept. 17 at Roseville	48-6
Sept. 25 vs. East Ridge	40-14
Oct. 2 vs. Park	42-0
Oct. 9 at Stillwater	
Oct. 14 vs. Mounds View	
Oct. 20 at Woodbury	

Henry Sibley (3-2)

Sept. 4 vs. Mahtomedi	7-35
Sept. 11 at North	42-17
Sept. 17 vs. South St. Paul	34-14
Sept. 25 at Simley	43-6
Oct. 2 vs. St. Thomas Academy	0-34
Oct. 9 at Hill-Murray	
Oct. 14 at New Ulm	
Oct. 21 at Richfield	

Highland Park (4-1)

Sept. 4 vs. Como Park at Griffin	20-26
Sept. 11 vs. Johnson	12-2
Sept. 18 at St. Peter	40-29
Sept. 26 vs. Central	24-19
Oct. 2 at Harding	27-20
Oct. 9 at Humboldt	
Oct. 14 vs. Litchfield	
Oct. 21 at Mpls. team	

Minneapolis Roosevelt (1-4)

Sept. 3 vs. Washburn	0-41
Sept. 11 vs. South	20-21
Sept. 17 vs. Henry at Hamline	20-26
Sept. 25 at North	8-58
Oct. 2 at Edison	48-14
Oct. 9 vs. Southwest	
Oct. at St. James	
Oct. 21 vs. St. Paul team	

Minnehaha Academy (5-0)

Sept. 3 vs. St. Bernard's	41-18
Sept. 11 at Concordia Academy	39-20
Sept. 17 vs. St. Paul Academy	47-40
Sept. 25 at Brooklyn Center	55-26
Oct. 3 vs. Blake	54-20
Oct. 9 at Breck	
Oct. 14 at St. Anthony	
Oct. 20 vs. DeLaSalle	

St. Paul Academy (0-5)

Sept. 3 at St. Croix Lutheran	38-82
Sept. 11 vs. St. Anthony	21-42
Sept. 17 at Minnehaha Academy	40-47
Sept. 25 vs. St. Bernard's	26-31
Oct. 3 at DeLaSalle	14-77
Oct. 9 vs. Brooklyn Center	
Oct. 16 vs. Blake	
Oct. 21 at Breck	

St. Thomas Academy (5-0)

Sept. 3 vs. South St. Paul	42-7
Sept. 11 at Simley	49-7
Sept. 18 vs. Duluth Denfield	35-13
Sept. 25 at Hill-Murray	48-0
Oct. 2 at Henry Sibley	34-0
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