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Ayd Mill debate intensifies over linear park alternative

by Jane McClure

Advocates for replacing Ayd Mill Road with a linear park made their case loud and clear at the Snelling-Hamline Community Council's annual meeting on October 22. Snelling-Hamline residents and business people voted 101 to 47 that evening in favor of the linear park.

The vote was viewed as a victory for Neighborhoods First!, a citizens group that draws much of its membership from the Snelling-Hamline area. However, feelings were high on both sides of the debate. Snelling-Hamline Community Council vice president Shirley Reider was among those who said that demands for a linear park will put Snelling-Hamline at odds with the far greater number of neighborhood organizations that are likely to favor a roadway in the Ayd Mill corridor.

"We're setting ourselves up to be the NIMBYs (Not in My Back Yards)," Reider said. "We'll be alone, isolated (in supporting the park)."

Mary McEvoy disagreed. According to her, supporting the linear park does not tie the community's hands. On the contrary, she said, "if we start in the middle, we lose any bargaining position."

"We can force the city to look at other alternatives," said Jacque Venchi.

"To build the road is just to enable more sprawl," said Suzanne Lechtman. "Why do we have to self-destruct for the convenience of people from the suburbs?"

"I just don't understand how we got to the point where cars have gotten to be so much more important than people," said Jamie Cloyd.

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Restriping plan seeks to make Fairview safer north of Summit

by Jane McClure

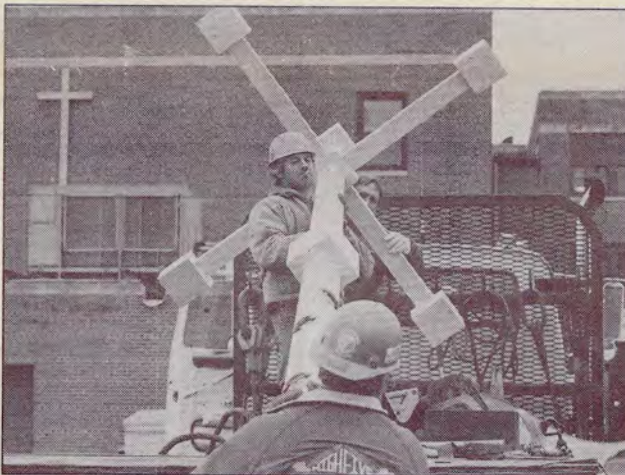
The restriping of Fairview Avenue has been praised for slowing down traffic and making the street safer through the Highland Park and Macalester-Groveland neighborhoods. Now Merriam Park wants its turn.

The Merriam Park Community Council will consider street restriping on Fairview between Summit and University avenues when it meets at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 11, at the Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St.

Anthony Ave. If a restriping plan is approved, the request will be sent to the St. Paul Public Works Department for street work in 1999 or 2000.

On October 19, the council's Transportation Committee voted to recommend testing the restriping project on Fairview between Marshall and Summit avenues, conducting a parking and traffic study in the area, and increasing enforcement of the posted speed limits. Those recommendations were for-

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Up on the roof. A new cross was erected at St. Leo's Church in Highland last week to replace the one damaged during the May 30 windstorm. At top, a dent is hammered out of the orb that rests below the cross. Above, workers carry the new cross from a flatbed truck. At right, ironworker Steve Theis stands with arms outstretched to guide the assembled symbol to its final resting place. Photos by Mike Long.



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Activists step up protest of Highway 55 reroute

Hunger strike, other efforts begin in attempt to change MnDOT's mind

by Dave Page

Environmental activists squatting along Riverview Road in South Minneapolis have been enjoying the unseasonably warm fall at the camp they established in August to block construction crews from demolishing houses and destroying trees along the proposed new route for Highway 55. But in recent weeks, the activists have stepped up their protest and they intend to step it up even more before cold weather makes life at the "Minnehaha Liberated Zone" a whole lot less comfortable.

"Right now we're stuck back here where MnDOT (Minnesota Department of Transportation) officials don't have to deal with us," said Bill Berri of Earth First! on October 24. "We plan to engage in more visible civil

disobedience."

Two days later, four men were arrested during rush hour while trying to unfurl a large banner on a parking ramp across from Minneapolis' City Hall.

The protesters were also planning a mass civil disobedience for Monday, November 2, as this edition of the Villager went to press. Organizer Bob Greenberg would not provide any details. However, he said, "it will be the largest direct action that has happened in the Twin Cities since the 1960s."

A rally at the state Capitol on October 14 backfired slightly. While most of the protesters were in St. Paul, about five dozen Minneapolis police officers and Hennepin County sheriff's deputies descended on Riverview Road. They formed a cordon

around utility workers who shut off water and gas service to the houses that are slated for demolition. The protesters rushed back from the Capitol to confront the officers and six people were arrested.

Attempts by utility crews to disconnect the gas and water earlier this fall failed when protesters locked themselves to back hoes.

MnDOT officials said concerns about public safety led to the most recent shutoff. The officials said the protesters had reconnected the gas service after it was initially shut off in July. Berri would not say whether or not the protesters had reconnected the gas service, but Minnegasco records indicate that one of the homes used a typical month's worth of gas

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Public meeting set on plans for rebuilding Ford Bridge

Plans for rehabilitating the Ford Bridge will be presented at a public meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Officials from the departments of public works of Hennepin and Ramsey counties will present the plans and explain how they will affect neighborhoods on both sides of the Mississippi River.

The plan is to widen the bridge from 65 feet to 79.5 feet, providing enough room for four 11-foot traffic lanes, a 6-foot bicycle lane and two 8-foot sidewalks. A guardrail would separate pedestrians from vehicular traffic.

Deteriorated concrete below the bridge deck will be replaced, along with any girders and beams that need to be removed.

The project has an estimated cost of \$8.3 million to \$9 million and would take one to two years to complete. Rehabilitation of the bridge is scheduled to start in 2000. At least one lane of traffic in each direction will remain open during construction.

Part of the rehabilitation work calls for restoring historic art deco features of the 71-year-old bridge, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Such features include lantern-style lighting, decorative railings and river overlooks. Those features were removed during previous bridge rehabilitation projects, most recently in 1973.

City grants non-conforming use for Grand Ave. house

The St. Paul Planning Commission approved a request on October 23 to establish a non-conforming use for the property at 607 Grand Ave. The building, which had housed a chiropractic clinic for more than a decade, was recently purchased by Matthew Krustitz. He plans to lease the property to Bridgeport Inc., which wants to open a family law center on the first floor. An employee would live on the second and third floors.

The house, which is zoned for multi-family residential use, has been used as a residence and a business since the early 1980s. However, since no business has operated there for more than a year, the non-conforming use designation had to be re-established.

The Summit Hill Association recommended approval of the request on October 10. Some board members argued that the non-conforming use should be denied and the house converted to strictly residential use again. The city planning staff recommended that the non-conforming use continue, since the building's first floor had been extensively



That Old Man River. Plans for rehabilitating the Ford Bridge include restoring art deco features of the historic structure, shown here during its early days as a span across the Mighty Mississippi.

renovated for office use.

Some neighbors questioned whether the law center would add to the parking shortage at Grand and Dale. However, the property's eight off-street parking spaces meet the city's requirements for office use.

Board lays over variances for Merriam Park garage

The St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) voted 4-3 on October 26 to lay over two variance requests from the owner of a garage at 1904 Ashland Ave. that was built without the required building permit.

The layover was sought by the Merriam Park Community Council so it could meet with property owner Peter Maranda and his neighbors. The community council will discuss the matter at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 11, at the Merriam Park Community Center. Any recommendation would then be forwarded to the BZA.

Maranda is seeking a 4-foot variance from the required 9-foot sideyard setback, and a 152-square-foot variance from the maximum 1,000-square-foot floor area allowed.

BZA staff recommended denying the variances, stating that Maranda could have built a smaller garage. Variances are usually sought

before a structure is built. Because the garage is already up, John Hardwick of the BZA staff said the city could require Maranda to tear it down.

Maranda's old garage was crushed by a falling tree during last summer's windstorm. He said he was not aware he needed a building permit to replace it. He also pointed out that the new garage was built on the same foundation as the original.

Commission approves plans to lengthen airport runways

Plans for extending two runways at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport are moving ahead despite the ailing Asian economy and the reduced demand for flights to Hong Kong. The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) voted 15-1 to approve the runway extensions on October 19.

Crosswind Runway 4-22, which sends planes over St. Paul and Bloomington, will be extended to the northeast by 1,000 feet in 2000. Northwest representatives said the airline needs a 12,000-foot runway to accommodate fully loaded flights to Asia. The south parallel runway, which sends planes over South Minneapolis and Mendota Heights, will be temporarily extended next year to ac-

commodate those flights. MAC has agreed to take the temporary extension out of service once 4-22 is lengthened. The estimated cost is \$2.5 million for the temporary extension and \$4.2 million for 4-22.

St. Paul OKs ballot question on setting council salaries

After weeks of debate, the St. Paul City Council agreed on October 21 to let voters decide next fall whether council members should be allowed to set their own salaries.

A 1999 ballot question was unanimously approved by the council. It states: "In 1991, St. Paul voters passed a Charter amendment setting the City Council salaries at \$30,000 per year. Shall that 1991 amendment be removed from the Charter and allow City Council members to set their own salaries?"

The ballot language was ironed out by City Council and Charter Commission members with the help of attorney and former Deputy Mayor Ray Faricy.

The October 21 vote ended a debate that began in September when the Charter Commission asked that the salary question be placed on this year's ballot. Some council members objected, arguing that it would appear that the council was trying to raise its own salaries. In the face of opposition, council president Dan Bostrom withdrew the ballot question.

That angered Charter Commission members, who claimed the City Council acted improperly. Charter Commission chair Robert Butterbrodt said the council's role is to approve the wording of ballot questions submitted by the commission, not to reject proposals outright.

At one point this fall, the commission discussed filing a lawsuit against the council to force the question on the ballot. Instead, Faricy worked with the City Attorney's Office and City Council to prepare the ballot question for next year.

The salary cap became part of the City Charter after the 1991 election when St. Paul voters approved part-time terms for the City Council. The salary cap went into effect in 1993 when the part-time City Council took office.

After a series of meetings this year, Charter Commission members agreed that the salary cap should not be part of the charter. Butterbrodt indicated that in most cities and counties, elected officials either set their own salaries or have an outside commission or committee make salary recommendations.

News briefs compiled by Jane McClure.

CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH CARE

Chiropractic Care May Be the Answer for Your Headaches

More than 90 percent of all headache problems are either the tension or muscle contraction type or the migraine variety. Treatment of these two types of headaches has been the focus of research by doctors at Northwestern College of Chiropractic's Wolfe-Harris Center for Clinical Studies for the last several years. Results from these studies are being incorporated into the treatment program for headache patients at Northwestern College of Chiropractic Clinics.

Muscle contraction headaches

The most common headache doctors of chiropractic treat is the muscle tension or muscle contraction headache. The patient with this type of headache often describes a tight band around the head and a constant dull ache and tightness involving the back of the neck and shoulders. Although many patients have attributed their headaches to stress, this is seldom the direct cause. The real cause is that the muscles of the neck and upper spine are abnormally contracted. This is often brought on by mechanical and postural faults—causes of headache that can be helped. The abnormalities cause "built in" abnormal muscle tightness

so that even additional "life stress" can bring on a headache. Doctors of chiropractic report good results in the treatment of muscle tension headaches by attending to the underlying causes of the headache condition.

Migraine headaches

Migraine headaches are particularly severe headaches that often begin to occur in childhood or adolescence. Migraines often affect one side of the head, with the vision being disturbed and the patient feeling nauseous and vomiting. Migraines are two times more common in women than men and often run in families. The throbbing pain is a result of the expansion (dilatation) of blood vessels in the head.

The doctor of chiropractic gives special attention to stresses placed on the nervous system in areas vital to control of these blood vessels, specifically the upper back and neck. Relief from migraine headaches is often brought about by correction of problem in these areas, along with adjusting the patient's dietary habits and lifestyle choices.



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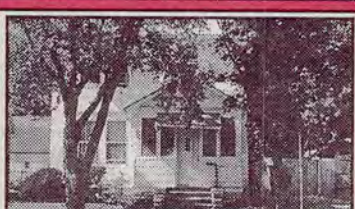


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Fairview restriping

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warded to the full council.

The test would ban parking on the west side of the 40-foot-wide street. Fairview would be restriped with an 8-foot parking lane on the east side of the street, an 11-foot traffic lane in each direction and a 10-foot center turn lane. Unlike Fairview south of Summit, there would be no 4-foot-wide bicycle lane. South of Summit, parking is banned on both sides of Fairview in most places.

Al Shetka of Public Works said city officials would not oppose the committee's recommendations. He estimated that the test project could cost as much as \$60,000.

More than 30 neighbors and business owners attended the October 19 meeting. Many of those present complained about speeding traffic. "The motor vehicle speed on Fairview is frightening," said Heidi Kriesel White. "They treat Fairview north of Summit like a freeway. It's just crazy."

Several people described the difficulty they have trying to cross Fairview—on foot and in vehicles—and others noted the danger to students who cross the street to get to Longfellow and St. Mark's schools.

However, not everyone agreed that reducing the number of traffic lanes will make Fairview safer. "It's bad enough now trying to get across Fairview," said Greg Malush. "If you collapse it to one lane in each direction you're just going to make crossing that much more difficult."

Shetka said all of the calls the city has received on the previous Fairview restriping projects have been positive. However, he said the situation is different on the stretch north of Summit. There are

several apartment buildings on and near Fairview in Merriam Park that have little or no off-street parking. Shetka said eliminating parking on one side of the street could add to the congestion that already exists in that area.

Neighbors did not agree on October 19 how to resolve parking issues on Fairview between Marshall and Summit. Fairview resident Ed O'Connor suggested narrowing Fairview to two lanes and providing unrestricted parking on both sides. Currently, parking is banned on that stretch of Fairview during rush hour. Shetka said O'Connor's suggestion would make it more difficult for motorists to make turns east or west off Fairview and could back up traffic.

"Parking on just one side of the street sounds good, until we get a snow emergency on a weekend," said Gerald Mulcahy. "We have problems with snow emergencies now because we can't get college kids to move their cars."

Shetka suggested that neighbors request a tagging and towing program in the area as a way to reduce snow emergency violations.

Business owners also raised concerns about parking. "I'd favor anything that slows the traffic down," said Bill Poynton, owner of the Mall of St. Paul at Selby and Fairview. However, he and other antique dealers at that corner said that banning parking on the street could drive customers away.

Correction

The person helping Jim Burt shave the head of the Reverend Mike Papesch was incorrectly identified in the October 21 *Villager*. Mike Flood shared in the shearing of the Holy Spirit pastor.

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Highway 55 protest/

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in the most recent meter period.

Cut off from gas, the protesters have been stockpiling firewood, hoarding warm clothes and blankets and seeking donations of wood stoves, according to Berri. "Winter is a lot worse up north on logging roads," Berri said, in reference to Earth First! protests against the cutting of old-growth forests in Northern Minnesota. "Here we have lots of supporters around us."

Some of the activists were "storing up fat by eating a lot of nuts," joked Leia, who would only give her first name. Leia herself claimed to be on a hunger strike that she and three other protesters started following the October 14 police action. Although she, like Berri, has been at the protest site since the first day, she just recently quit her job in order to take part in the hunger strike. "I feel great," she said as she weaved a garland for her hair out of twigs and flowers from the nearby woods.

Sunshine, another of the hunger strikers, first came to the protest site at the recommendation of a friend. She quit her job and dropped out of the University of Wisconsin in Stout to live on Riverview Road. "I think we'll win the protest before winter hits," she said.

State officials would not disclose if there are any plans to forcibly evict the squatters. Construction of the last stretch of the Highway 55 parkway is slated to begin in the spring, and according to MnDOT spokesman Kent

Barnard, the agency "is still hoping for a peaceful resolution of the situation." An initial meeting with the protesters did not produce any results, Barnard said, and there are no plans for another meeting.

Carol and Al Kratz, the only legal residents of the seven doomed houses east of Riverview Road, will close the sale on their new home November 30. A judge had ordered the couple to be out of their house by October 17, but according to Carol, MnDOT officials gave them an extension. "I'm afraid of what's going to happen when we leave," she said. "What the police did on October 14 was just overkill."

The residents of the neighborhood west of Riverview Road have mixed feelings about the protest. One woman, who lives at the far end of the street with her 8-year-old son, said, "I've lived here a year and a half and I just love it." The protesters, she said, "have been very quiet and very respectful."

However, another neighbor who lives closer to the protest site and also wished to remain anonymous, said, "a highway would be better than what I'm looking at now. Number one, (the camp) is an eyesore. They bang their tom-toms until 10:00 or 11:00 at night, and they burn stuff that stinks up the neighborhood."

She blamed MnDOT for not taking more forceful action.

Barnard of MnDOT said that he had re-



Protesters Leia, Sky and Marshall Day say they will only end their hunger strike, which began October 14, with the cancellation of the Highway 55 reroute. Photo by Terry Faust.

ceived an earful from irate neighbors. "I've talked to at least 10 of them," he said. "They want the camp removed and the protesters dispersed."

A half dozen local residents said they agreed with the objectives of the protesters, but several of them indicated that they were

tired of the increased traffic and noise in their secluded neighborhood.

"I wish they'd go away," one neighbor said. "I was against the highway, but the protesters have soured my thinking. If they want to protest the removal of trees, they can protest at the Veterans Hospital."

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Others said the linear park would give their children a place to play. Snelling-Hamline, though it is only one-third as big as most planning districts in St. Paul, is the only one without a park.

Other alternatives for Ayd Mill Road include leaving the roadway as is or reconstructing it as 1) a two-lane road with a direct connection to I-35E on the south and an extension to the I-94 frontage roads on the north, 2) a four-lane road with similar freeway connections, or 3) a four-lane road with similar freeway connections but additional exit and entrance ramps to I-94.

Opposition to the extension of Ayd Mill Road to I-94 has stalled the roadway's completion for more than 30 years.

As the support for the linear park option has grown, so has opposition. Residents and business owners along Lexington Parkway, Hamline and Snelling avenues contend that they will be overwhelmed by the diverted traffic if Ayd Mill Road is removed.

Michael Cline of Neighborhoods First! disagrees. Rebuilding Ayd Mill Road and connecting it to I-94 and I-35E "just means there won't be as much traffic on four blocks of Lexington Parkway," he said, referring to the stretch between Randolph and Jefferson avenues that many motorists use to get between I-35E and Ayd Mill Road.

Although none of the roadway alternatives would require the demolition of houses in Snelling-Hamline, any connection to I-94 would involve the removal of some commercial buildings and would likely increase traffic and noise on Snelling-Hamline's north end.

Supporting the linear park puts the Snelling-Hamline Community Council at odds with two local business groups, the Snelling-Selby Area Business Association and the Midway Chamber of Commerce. Both business groups favor connecting Ayd Mill Road to I-35E and I-94. Some businesses have estimated that as many as one-third of their customers use Ayd Mill Road.

The Snelling-Selby association, which provides financial and volunteer support for numerous projects in the Snelling-Hamline area, is also lobbying hard to retain Ayd Mill Road's Selby Avenue access.

Reider and other linear park opponents argue that Snelling-Hamline would be better off pushing for measures to mitigate the negative impacts of a reconstructed Ayd Mill Road. The Ayd Mill Road Coalition, for example, has proposed building a deck park over the roadway between the Summit and Hamline Avenue overpasses.

The coalition was set up a few years ago by the Snelling-Hamline council to monitor the Ayd Mill Road study, bring more people into the discussion and find alternatives that all neighborhoods could support.

Snelling-Hamline Community Council members are now disagreeing over whether the October 22 vote stands as the council's official position on Ayd Mill Road. Many of those in attendance complained about how

the meeting was run and how area residents were notified—or not notified—of the meeting. Those concerns and others will be brought up at the first meeting of the new Snelling-Hamline Community Council board at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, at Liberty State Bank. The board also will elect officers at the meeting.

The next group scheduled to vote on Ayd Mill Road is the Merriam Park Community Council. A public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 9, and the full community council will vote on the matter at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 11. Both meetings will be held at the Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave.

An environmental impact study (EIS) of the Ayd Mill Road alternatives will be released to the public later this fall. The St. Paul City Council and Planning Commission are expected to hold a public hearing on the EIS in January or February, with a City Council decision expected sometime next spring.

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When bigger isn't necessarily better

Last month's sale of Highland Crossing would seem to put its new owner in the right place at the right time. Highland Crossing LLC, the limited liability corporation headed up by Jim Stolpestad of Highland Park, has purchased the 3-year-old retail center located at the southwest corner of Ford Parkway and Cleveland Avenue, at a time when the well-documented trend away from enclosed shopping malls and toward neighborhood retail strips and "power centers" appears to be gaining momentum.

On the other hand, the 44,000-square-foot Highland Crossing was miniscule by the standards of its developer and former owner, Minnetonka-based Opus Corporation. Opus, which is now in the process of developing 300 acres of new retail in the rapidly growing northwestern suburb of Maple Grove, clearly has bigger fish to fry.

What is driving the trend away from large-scale, enclosed malls is, of course, the increasingly time-pressured shopper for whom getting there, getting in, getting out and getting back are of increasing value. Convenience is the big reason that so many major national retailers are opening smaller stores with ready parking and easy access from the street—witness Restoration Hardware on Grand Avenue—or larger stores with loads of parking and easy access from the lot—witness Borders Books in Midway Marketplace.

Convenience is also the big reason that smaller, independent operators—whether on Ford Parkway, Grand Avenue, West 7th Street or Snelling Avenue—continue to thrive despite increasing competition from the national chains and large chains continually swallowing smaller chains.

Stolpestad himself has been witnessing the trend to smaller, neighborhood retail centers for quite a while. The former downtown St. Paul attorney is a principal in Exeter Holdings LLC, which owns Victoria Crossing South, Victoria Crossing West, Milton Mall and its most recent Grand Avenue acquisition, Avon Place. Stolpestad's Exeter Realty manages all four Grand Avenue commercial properties as well as Highland Crossing.

The addition of a fifth neighborhood retail center under the same ownership may have little bearing on what types of businesses enter the local market—that is largely a function of the financial soundness of the interested tenants—but the ownership and management of commercial property by local people sensitive to the needs and desires of local consumers ought to work in the neighborhood's favor.

The changing media landscape

The newspaper industry, relying as it does on advertising revenue to pay the bills, is hardly immune from this trend toward consolidation. In fact, to a large degree, that is what is driving the changes in newspapering today.

Dual daily papers in a single market and independent smaller newspapers such as the one you're reading now continue to quietly disappear here and across the country, reflecting changes that are national and even international in scope. That's not necessarily all bad; the greater resources of large media companies that buy up smaller ones often result in significant improvements to the local newspaper.

However, the danger of increasing concentration in other industries is largely limited to abuses of market power; the danger of increasing concentration in the media includes the potential to alter what we think, how we vote and, ultimately, who we believe ourselves as a society to be.

Ironically, it may be the extraordinary growth in new alternatives to the print media—the so-called "new media"—and the splintering of the audience for those exploding sources of information that offer the greatest hope for the survival of independent newspapers.

In our own case, by doing the best job we can as a small, neighborhood-focused newspaper with closer ties to our readers and advertisers than larger, more broadly focused media can ever hope to enjoy, we at the *Villager* expect to be around for a long, long time.

NICE TO SEE FOLKS TAKING A STAND AGAINST THE PROLIFERATION OF AUTOMOBILES!



All neighborhoods matter in Ayd Mill debate

by Shirley A. Reider

The people of St. Paul have been hearing a great deal from Neighborhoods First! and its position on the future of Ayd Mill Road. However, long before Neighborhoods First! arrived—in July of 1993 to be precise—the Snelling-Hamline Community Council (SHCC) began to build a grassroots coalition through an open, informed and balanced process to address the future use of that roadway: The SHCC formed the Ayd Mill Road Coalition.

Membership in the coalition included a broad cross section of groups that would be affected by the future use of the road. Those groups included the community councils from the Snelling-Hamline, Lexington-Hamline, Merriam Park, Macalester-Groveland, Highland Park, West 7th Street and Hamline-Midway neighborhoods; University Avenue UNITED; the business associations from Snelling-Selby and the Midway; the Selby Area Community Development Corporation; Macalester College; Concordia University; Liberty State Bank; Immanuel Lutheran Church; Bethel Christian Fellowship; the Wilder Park Association; the Snelling Park Block Club; Aldine Park; and the St. Paul Bicycle Advisory Board.

Once the commitment was made, the coalition defined the following goals:

- Identify the transportation issues in our neighborhoods.
- Ensure that our delegates to the city's Ayd Mill Road Task Force represent the interests of our constituencies.
- Develop alternative roadway alignments, designs and mitigative measures for inclusion in the environmental impact statement (EIS).
- Reach a consensus on the issues and, potentially, a preferred roadway alternative.

The coalition next established one comprehensive principle: to build a consensus on the use of Ayd Mill Road that would enhance our neighborhoods and not make any neighborhood expendable without fair compensation.

The coalition recognized that citizens were at a disadvantage in the city's formal process of producing an EIS. In past studies, citizens had been suspicious of the statistical models used for determining traffic projections. They felt their voices were not heard by those in power. Clearly, citizens needed their own transportation consultant to challenge the process so the results would be more credible. The SHCC subsequently sought and obtained two grants from the Minneapolis Foundation. With that money, the coalition hired consultant Bill Smith of Biko Associates.

From 1993-1996 the coalition held monthly meetings that were open to the public. Sometimes there were as few as six or eight people in attendance, but periodically there were more than 40. The coalition also met separately with each member group to understand its concerns. The coalition continued to maintain contact with city planners and consultants working with the Ayd Mill Road Task Force. It also met with City Council members to get significant changes made to the scoping document of the EIS.

The most important part of the coalition's work was identifying the issues that concerned each member group. Through this process we slowly realized that the only way to address everyone's needs was to find a way in which the road could continue to be used and, if needed, to allow expansion in such a way that our neighborhoods would be enhanced rather than degraded. Two enhancement concepts evolved: a "deck park" covering the roadway from Hamline to Summit avenues, and a green space concept to buffer Snelling Park, the small residential neighborhood northeast of Marshall and Snelling avenues.

Groups such as Neighborhoods First! are just the most recent NIMBYs (Not In My Back Yards). They have chosen to ignore or dismiss the concerns of all the other interests around us. Relief from traffic congestion is needed on Lexington Parkway and Randolph Avenue for our neighbors to the south, on Lexington for our neighbors to the east and on Snelling Avenue for our neighbors to the west. Those to the north also need relief from traffic as well as road access for their jobs. Our neighborhood colleges and businesses need road access to compete and survive.

The Midway Chamber of Commerce recently issued a well-reasoned position after investing a great deal of time and effort in the decision process. The chamber acknowledged the importance of and supported mitigation measures for the neighborhood. Midway businesses were clearly trying to be good members of our neighborhood, but they also have a legitimate need for road access. Local businesses and colleges have provided generous support to our neighborhood's interests and activities.

At the SHCC's annual meeting on October 22, we were told by a number of Neighborhoods First! supporters that we—individuals and businesses—are the problem because we use and depend on motor vehicles. Approximately two-thirds of the 150 people in attendance voted for the position held by Neighborhoods First! Most of those in attendance drove to the meeting.

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The road not taken: Remove Ayd Mill Road for everyone's benefit

Dear Mr. Mischke:

Your editorial regarding Ayd Mill Road ("Misch-Masch," October 21 *Villager*) struck me as being out of character with your usual sense of fair debate among representatives of all interests involved in a neighborhood issue.

Others involved in this debate have selected one of the roadway options, made a case for that option and must defend their selection. You, however, speak only against one option, the linear park. And rather than simply speaking against the linear park you rather arrogantly suggest the linear park should be no option and that its proponents should have no voice in the debate.

Replacing Ayd Mill Road with a linear park will have a tremendously positive effect on area residents and the value of their residential properties, and it need not create congestion on other streets. Congestion problems on Lexington or Hamline could be handled as they were with Summit, Grand and Fairview avenues: Convert four-lane roads to two-lane roads with bike lanes and center turn lanes.

St. Paul could enhance its reputation as a place of neighborhood amenities—a place where you might want to leave five minutes early if you want to visit.

I understand that Midway businesses do not see themselves as "neighborhood" businesses in the same sense as do shops on Grand or Selby, but Midway businesses already have access to vast reaches of the metropolitan area via I-94, I-35E and Highway 280. I suggest the Midway Chamber of Commerce revisit the University Avenue Corridor study to improve the Midway's appeal as a destination rather than insist on another link to the suburbs.

Brian Bates
Macalester-Groveland

Railroaded in Snelling-Hamline

To the editor:

I was under the impression that the Snelling-Hamline Community Council's annual meeting on October 22 was to be a democratic meeting where you could present your views. Unfortunately, it wasn't. When you raised your hand, if you weren't in the Neighborhoods First! group, you were invisible. Shirley Reider was finally able to speak, but just as she was about to explain the Ayd Mill Road Coalition's position, the council's president tried to cut her off and then grudgingly granted her three minutes to finish. The consultant the coalition hired wasn't able to present his facts on Ayd Mill Road. He could've explained a lot about the street, but people just got a one-sided view. (The linear park, in fact, was my idea five years ago. I petitioned the Snelling-

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Park area at the time, but when I tried to solicit other Snelling-Hamline neighborhood residents, there wasn't a shred of interest.)

There has been no consideration given by Neighborhoods First! for our wonderful Concordia University, which lets many organizations use its facilities. Concordia needs road access to its campus. Midway businesses need access. Snelling-Selby businesses need access. We also need to consider our neighbors to the south, especially on Lexington, Hamline and Snelling.

If freeway connections at the north and south ends of Ayd Mill Road are to be made, city, county, state and federal governments have to give something back to our communities. These benefits could include a deck park over the road, eliminating the Hamline Avenue exit off Ayd Mill Road, connecting the green spaces at Ashland and Summit avenues, moving the roadway to the east to create more green space, or adding walking paths and pedestrian bridges.

John Galatowitsch
Snelling-Hamline

Snelling-Hamline's big snafu

Dear editor:

We were greatly disappointed with the lack of planning for the annual meeting of the Snelling-Hamline Community Council on October 22. Not all Ayd Mill Road alternatives were presented. The Ayd Mill Road Task Force was given time for its presentation, including a question-and-answer time. The Ayd Mill Road Coalition was not! We couldn't vote on all the alternatives; we were only given the choice to vote for or against the linear park.

Fred and Jan Schuler
Snelling-Hamline

Heaven on wheels

To the editor:

I like the idea of a linear park (in the Ayd Mill Road corridor), but let's go beyond that and create a "rolling park." The road could be resurfaced and stay right where it is. The current on-off ramps could be used for parking and access to the park. The south end has terrain that would lend itself to

an incredible skateboard section. People who bike, rollerblade or skateboard would have a beautiful tract of land to enjoy their sport.

This would help decrease the dangerous mix of wheels and pedestrians on the river road. It also has the potential for future bike path tie-ins to downtown and the river corridor. I would especially like to see a place where families with small children could bike together safely. This park would be an economic winner, a boon to the area and maybe the first of its kind. If it gets turned into a highway, it's gone for good and every bit of neighborhood it touches will never be the same.

E.A. Gerth
Merriam Park

A bum rap for Sibley Manor

To the editor:

I was concerned and shocked when I read (a quote) about the Sibley Manor Apartments complex being a "major drain" on the Shepard-Davern area (September 23 *Villager*). Can there be anything more ugly than blacktop and cars—hundreds of parked cars? And speaking of immigrants, are not nearly all of us descendants of immigrants? Let us be considerate and supportive of those who have limited incomes and have found a home at Sibley Manor Apartments.

Sister Mary Lucy Scheffler, Executive Director
Francis Basket Food Shelf, Sibley Manor Apartments

Editor's note: Carolyn Krall of AStudio, the design team leader for the Shepard-Davern Gateway Small Area Plan, replies:

"I was incorrectly quoted in the *Villager* article on the Shepard-Davern area. I actually said that the Sibley Manor Apartments are "perceived as a major drain" on development in the area. I apologize to the owners of Sibley Manor if anything I have said contributed to these misperceptions.

"At the meeting that the article reported on, we were reviewing the results of interviews with local landowners and developers about the potential for developing new housing in the area. Their views on market perceptions are one of many factors to be considered in making recommendations for area improvements.

"The Highland District Council members who serve on the task force frequently note that, contrary to perceptions, Sibley Manor is not a problem area based on police calls and crime

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We must begin to be honest with ourselves and with each other in this debate or we will destroy our neighborhood. We must work together to find solutions that respect all concerns. Resolutions must be reached through reasoned discussion and not by manipulation and intimidation by any one group. That is why these issues should not be decided in only one vote and why the work of the coalition must continue. As there was no authority from the Snelling-Hamline board of directors that the vote would be binding, it will stand as a straw vote—representative of those who attended the meeting.

The Snelling-Hamline neighborhood cannot claim any special standing for protective legal status. The only "claim" it can make is by building political unity so it can insist on being treated special. If not, Snelling-Hamline will be completely isolated without the support of its surrounding neighbors, businesses or colleges.

"Not in My Back Yard" is not a new idea. However, taking the position that if the road needs to be expanded, then the cost must include mitigation to the neighborhood is a revolutionary one. Our neighborhood should accept nothing less.

To make sure that happens will take more hard work, more time and more personal commitment from all of us throughout the affected St. Paul neighborhoods. It can only be done through reason and consensus while protecting all interests. We cannot allow those in power to continue to pit each interest against the other, nor can we allow intimidation by any group to silence the interests of others. Only when we all stand together will all our neighborhoods win.

The writer is a Snelling-Hamline resident and former chair of the Ayd Mill Road Coalition.

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statistics. We continue to acknowledge the value of Sibley Manor's postwar apartments as one of the city's best examples of affordable housing. This complex makes a significant contribution to the economy and stability of this neighborhood. We hope that the recommendations that come out of the small area planning process will promote improvements to the urban environment and public perceptions of this part of the city."

The Villager stands behind the accuracy of the quote as recorded and reported by writer Jane McClure.

Bike lane does improve safety

To the editor:

As a dedicated bike rider who regularly pedals south on Mississippi River Boulevard feeling relatively safe behind the fading white line that channels traffic past me, I ask: Can anything be done to placate the "Village Post" letter writers who somehow feel a little white line painted in the road is indecorous and an affront to all they hold dear?

John Kaplan is right when he writes that we need more driver education and better law enforcement (October 7 Villager). As time goes by, we may see some improvement, but removing the white line won't necessarily make it happen. Kaplan is wrong when he says motorists regularly cross the white line. I've never seen it happen.

As for Jack Maloney's claim that there is no improvement in congestion on the combined bike and pedestrian path

(October 7 Villager), every bike that uses the bike lane reduces by one the congestion on the path.

Mr. Kaplan stresses that southbound cars and bikes shared 15 feet of space on the old road and they are confined to the same all-too-narrow 15 feet today. Given those numbers, boulevard homeowners who must travel that narrow road every day have a right to be unhappy. If only the engineers who designed the new road had lopped off 5 or 10 feet from the spacious land fronting their property, the road would be safer and more user-friendly today.

Bob Benson
Merriam Park

An invitation deferred

To the editor:

Seven and a half years ago I met a woman briefly on the sidewalk of the Highland Shopping Center. I was walking with my nearly adult step-daughter and carrying my 5-month-old daughter. The woman was alone. She stopped to say a warm "hello" and admire my little one. She then stated that although she had always wanted children, her husband had not. She had honored his wishes, but now he was gone and she had no one.

She was so gracious, simply stating the facts. I had an immediate impulse to ask her if she would like to be my children's honorary grandma and be part of our family, but foolishly, I quelled it. I don't know why I let the opportunity for such a blessing pass, but I have regretted it ever since. Minutes after we said our good-byes that day I started searching for her in each of the stores, knowing I should never have let her go without posing my question, but I could not find her.

If she reads this letter and remembers that day in the early summer of 1991, I hope she would consider finding me. I ask that she please call the Villager at 651-699-1462 so they can contact me. I would love to see her again and have the opportunity to invite her into our lives.

Sandra Kiel
Macalester-Groveland

Hi-C kids give and get a hand

Dear editor:

We at the Hillcrest Recreation Center have been fighting a losing battle with the rocks that cover most of our fields. When Hillcrest was being built a few years ago, an underground tributary to the Mississippi River was discovered beneath the fields. Periodically, massive amounts of rocks surface on the fields. It has been more than the recreation center and city maintenance staffs have been able to keep up with, and it has become a nuisance for everyone who uses the fields.

This September Craig Schewe, the athletic director at Highland Catholic School, organized an enormous rock pickup. Every student at Highland Catholic gave up his or her recess time and gathered over a ton of rocks from the fields. It

was an amazing sight to behold these children volunteering to remove the rocks.

The city of St. Paul, the Division of Parks and Recreation maintenance staff and especially the staff of the Hillcrest Recreation Center want to acknowledge the thoughtfulness of these wonderful children for their great act of volunteerism and kindness. Thanks for all your help, kids!

Hillcrest Recreation Center staff
Highland Park

Spirited coverage

Dear editor,

Many heartfelt thanks for the incredible coverage of Jim Cunningham's *Hauntings* (Villager, October 7). The article written by Dave Page was marvelous. He captured the spirit, essence and magic that Jim re-creates and his passion for this work. It was especially fun to read the reference to Paul Maccabee's book and his own passion for our famous hometown gangsters.

Melissa R. Cohen
MRC Public Relations
Golden Valley

A hypocritical nation

To the editor:

Before the mock outrage over President Clinton's sexual habits goes any further, I think it is necessary to acknowledge how we the people have contributed to this crisis. To do that, simply look back a few years to Senator Orrin Hatch's comments during Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' hearings. Hatch said that some of Thomas' alleged sexual harassment was inconceivable to anyone but a sex fiend.

If truth be told, the behavior in question may have been quirky, but was hardly that of a sex fiend, whatever that may mean. Hatch, like today's political moralizers, was playing to a national audience that viewed extramarital sex as immoral—an audience that simultaneously consumes hours of sexy sitcoms, soaps, movies and bestsellers each day.

In such a hypocritical nation like this, where Ms. Lewinski's underwear can be presented as news, how could Clinton tell the truth? How could he tell the truth to a people who aren't truthful to themselves?

Paul Paulos
Macalester-Groveland

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Opus Corporation has sold the two-building Highland Crossing retail center that it developed four years ago at Ford Parkway and Cleveland Avenue.

Grand Avenue developer Stolpestad and partners buy Highland Crossing

by Dale Mischke

Highland Crossing has been sold by Opus Corporation, the developer that built the 44,000-square-foot Highland Village shopping center four years ago.

The two-building retail development, which includes the Barnes & Noble bookstore, Old Country Buffet and a half dozen smaller tenants, was purchased by Highland Crossing LLC, an entity that includes Jim Stolpestad of Highland Park and several other investors.

Stolpestad's Exeter Holdings LLC shares in the ownership of four Grand Avenue commercial buildings—the Victoria Crossing West and South malls, Milton Mall and Avon Place—and the Kamstra Center at 1080 Montreal Ave. Exeter Realty Corporation, which manages the properties, will also manage Highland Crossing.

"Highland Crossing was a good property for us, but it was smaller than most of our developments," said Tim Murnane, vice president for real estate development at Opus. "We saw it as an opportunity to sell to a local investor who's interested in the day-to-day operations of the property."

Minnetonka-based Opus recently opened the 400,000-square-foot Eagan Promenade on Yankee Doodle Road and I-35E and will be starting work soon on a 300-acre retail development in Maple Grove. In addition to

Highland Crossing, Opus is selling Golden Valley Commons, a small shopping center that it opened in 1995 in Golden Valley.

Stolpestad said his group approached Opus after learning that it might be interested in selling Highland Crossing. The retail development fit in well with "our overall game plan," Stolpestad said. "Our intention from day one was to develop a substantial business, and Highland Crossing seemed like a logical steppingstone."

"We understand and know street retail property," Stolpestad said. "It's a whole different animal from suburban shopping malls."

Stolpestad likes the mix of tenants at Highland Crossing. "Opus did an outstanding job in designing and leasing the properties," he said. "There's a good combination of food and non-food tenants. The credit of tenants is strong, and many of the leases are long-term—10 to 15 years."

Stolpestad said he has no plans to make any changes at Highland Crossing other than to fill the vacancies left by Chesapeake Bagel and Boston Market. As of last week, Exeter had done nothing to lease the spaces other than put up a for-rent sign in one, Stolpestad said, but the company had already received 10 calls about the Boston Market space and two calls for the Chesapeake location.

"I'd say we're off to a pretty good start," Stolpestad said. "The Highland area is a strong area. It sells itself."

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Shepard-Davern plan gets mixed review

by Jane McClure

The grand designs for the redevelopment of the Shepard-Davern area contained in the first draft of a land-use plan have failed to impress residents of the neighborhood. The plan, which was drawn up by consultants from AStudio, was reviewed by a citizens task force on October 20.

The plan calls for redesigning the major thoroughfares in the Shepard-Davern area and encouraging the building of high-quality office buildings, retail stores, hotels, conference facilities and a health club there. New housing, possibly in the form of high-density market-rate condominiums and apartments, would be encouraged along a newly aligned Edgumbe Parkway and middle-income townhouses would be constructed beside a new "village green" on Stewart Avenue.

Shepard Road would be reconstructed in the image of Mississippi River Boulevard with more curves, traditional lighting and pedestrian amenities. The Highway 5 entrance and exit ramps for Edgumbe Road would be replaced with an at-grade

intersection, and a new Edgumbe Parkway would extend across West 7th Street to Stewart Avenue and Shepard Road. West 7th Street would be redesigned as a gateway to St. Paul with lantern-style lighting, directional signs and roadway features designed to slow traffic.

Although most Shepard-Davern Task Force members support the improvements to Shepard Road and West 7th Street, they are concerned about the loss of housing in the area of the proposed Edgumbe Parkway. Some task force members contend that the plan puts too much emphasis on the Edgumbe extension.

"This plan doesn't do it," said Cliff Nash, a Graham Avenue resident. He suggested the task force resurrect a 1993 land-use plan, which he said provided more protection to residents of the Shepard-Davern area.

When Shepard-Davern residents and the Highland District Council first sought the city's assistance in creating a new land-use plan nearly two years ago, one goal was to preserve the area's existing housing and promote the development of

new housing. Neighbors were especially interested in housing to accommodate those who wanted to remain living in the area after their children had grown up and moved away.

However, the consultants have contended that large-scale residential development is unlikely to occur in the area. According to them, the decision to expand rather than relocate Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport has made the Shepard-Davern area more attractive to airport-related businesses and has driven up the value of land beyond what housing can support.

"The key to redevelopment of the sites around Davern—now occupied by Hertz, Alamo and Park 'n' Jet—is the joining of the reconfigured River Road Parkway (Shepard Road) and Edgumbe Parkway," the plan states. "This new parkway provides a premier address as well as the access necessary for successful development."

The plan recommends the removal of some garages and about 50 apartments from the West 7th Street side of the 550-unit Sibley Manor Apartments. These would



An early draft of the Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan envisions a more boulevard-like appearance for Shepard Road and a new Edgumbe Parkway that intersects with West 7th Street and then curves east along present-day Stewart Avenue before ending at Shepard Road.

be replaced by buildings with retail stores on the first floor and apartments above. The plan also recommends the addition of a tot lot and family recreation area at Sibley Manor along with bike and pedestrian trail connections to Crosby Farm Park and the Mississippi River.

The plan calls for the addition of 1,000 units of housing for persons

of all income levels. It also states that "it is important that (Sibley Manor) continue to provide housing for a diverse mix of families."

The Shepard-Davern Task Force will continue its review of the small area plan at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 18, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. A hearing on the plan will be held in January.

City Council takes a shine to six area projects seeking STAR funds

by Jane McClure

Six area housing and streetscape improvement projects will receive 1998 Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) funds as a result of action taken on October 28 by the St. Paul City Council. If any of the 27 ap-

proved projects does not materialize, a seventh local project may also be in the money. A total of \$2.3 million in grants and \$3.35 million in loans won approval.

However, changes in the way the city's extra half-cent sales tax is doled out are in the offing. Several City Council members said they

do not favor all of the projects recommended for approval by the Neighborhood STAR Board this year. That is likely to prompt a review of the program's guidelines, which are set by the City Council.

Although the council unanimously approved the mayor-appointed Neighborhood

STAR Board's recommendations, there was disagreement over a proposal from the Snelling-Selby Area Business Association. The association was seeking a \$75,000 grant to replace deteriorated globe street lights with

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Planning districts seek more city dollars to compensate extra duties

by Jane McClure

Representatives of more than a dozen of St. Paul's 19 district planning councils attended a City Council budget session on October 28 to make their case for boosting the city's 1999 outlay for citizen participation. District councils have not seen a funding increase from the city in eight years.

"We're asking district councils to do more and the city has to ask how it should compensate the councils for that," said Macalester-Groveland Community Council president Sara Pillow. She said district councils have had to field a lot more calls from citizens since the City Council became part-time in 1993.

"I think you can make a lot of reasonable arguments for an increase," said outgoing Snelling-Hamline Community Council president John Van Hecke. "We've been getting by without an increase, but you have to ask how long that can continue."

City Council members Mike Harris and Kathy Lantry said they would see if an additional \$40,000 could be found to split between the district councils. Last summer, representatives of the District Council Presidents' Forum asked Mayor Norm Coleman for a similar increase in the 1999 budget, which will be adopted in December. Coleman rejected the request.

Coleman aide Megan Ryan said the mayor did tell district councils that he would work with them to identify other funding. One idea Coleman raised was to use a portion of the city's half-percent sales tax to support district council operations. However, Ryan said that would take a change in the enabling legislation that permitted the city to collect an extra half-percent sales tax.

Coleman is not proposing a property tax levy increase for the sixth straight year. He also is proposing to keep the city's 1999 citi-

zen participation budget at its current level. That budget includes \$94,548 in federal Community Development Block Grants and \$564,170 in general property tax funds. The type of funding used depends on the median income level of a planning district's residents. Districts with a higher median income level such as Highland, Macalester-Groveland, Merriam Park and Summit Hill are not eligible for federal funds.

Each planning district receives a base of \$30,000 from the city. That amount is then adjusted upward depending on the district's population, level of poverty and other factors. The three planning councils in District 13—Merriam Park, Lexington-Hamline and Snelling-Hamline—split one allocation.

Harris and Lantry said a budget increase is justified in light of the work district councils do for the city. The councils host community meetings on land-use and licensing issues, oversee recycling and crime prevention programs, organize neighborhood clean-ups and handle numerous other tasks.

"As city departments have cut their budgets, we've seen a shift of some activities from city departments to the district councils," said Highland community organizer Gayle Summers.

She cited boulevard stump removal as an example. Lack of city staff has meant that district councils were required to collect residents' fees and contract with private companies to remove the stumps from city boulevards.

District councils also need more money to pay for increased costs in salaries and health insurance. The inability to compensate staff adequately has led to a higher rate of turnovers lately. During the past three years, 14 of the city's 19 district councils have hired new directors. "It's becoming more of an issue," said Summit Hill Association president Molly Coskran.

STAR funds approved

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traditional lantern-style fixtures.

The association's project was one of seven not recommended for funding. However, on a 4-2 vote the City Council agreed that the Snelling-Selby project will be funded if one of the approved projects drops out.

The October 28 vote ended a week of controversy over the 1998 Neighborhood STAR program. The council postponed any action on October 21, prompting a flurry of phone calls, letters and visits to City Hall. "The next time I want a few visitors to my office, I'll pull the STAR recommendations," said council member Kathy Lantry. "This seems to have caused angst all around the city."

Questions were raised about the public funding of several commercial projects that have been recommended for STAR grants and loans. City Council members also questioned the use of half-percent sales tax funds to make building improvements for charter schools.

Harris objected to a \$65,775 loan to assist a dentist in moving his office from one floor of the Lowry Medical Arts Building to another, and to a \$235,000 grant to former Applebaum's employees seeking a new location for a downtown grocery store.

"I don't like these projects," said Harris. "I don't think they're a good use of public money."

Other council members disagreed, arguing that the projects meet the current STAR guidelines.

Villager area projects recommended for funding include:

- The Macalester-Groveland Community Council Middle-Income Fix-Up Program—a \$75,000 grant and a \$125,000 loan. The program offers low-interest home improvement loans for low- and moderate-income neigh-

borhood residents. The new money will help continue a program that the community council started with Neighborhood STAR funds in 1995.

- The Macalester-Groveland Lead Water Service Replacement program—a \$100,000 grant. The community council will use the money to provide \$200 grants to homeowners who replace lead water service pipes. Replacing the pipes can cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

- Dancers Studio—a \$25,000 grant and a \$250,000 loan. Dancers Studio, 91 N. Snelling Ave., will use the money to purchase and renovate a warehouse north of the studio for use as a multi-purpose social center.

- The West 7th Commercial Revitalization project—a \$50,000 grant and a \$150,000 loan. The West End Business Revitalization Corporation, an arm of the West End Business and Professional Association, sought the funds to continue a loan and grant program established in 1996.

- The United Auto Workers, Ford Motor Company and the Minnesota State College and University System—a \$198,500 grant. The money will be used for landscaping and new fencing at Ford Motor Company's Twin Cities Assembly Plant. The three project sponsors are building a cooperative technical training facility at the Ford plant.

- Pride in Neighborhood Housing—a \$150,000 grant. The money will fund the continuation of an exterior home improvement program that the Merriam Park and Snelling-Hamline community councils and Liberty State Bank launched with STAR funds in 1997. The partners had hoped to stretch their 1997 allocation over a two-year period, but all of the loans and grants were allocated by last summer.

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Legal profession gets put on stand when Rosenbaum hits the airwaves

by Bob Gilbert

Why do lawyers take themselves so seriously? Ask Ron Rosenbaum and he'll tell you that the answer is similar to that of a more famous question: Which came first, the chicken or the egg?

It may be that the more serious-minded are drawn into the legal profession or that the pressures of the profession make them so serious, Rosenbaum said. Regardless, it is one of the topics that the Macalester-Groveland lawyer and his associates have fun with on "Holding Court," his Saturday morning radio talk show.

Rosenbaum recently moved the show to KSTP radio. Though he enjoyed the past several months on WCCO, Rosenbaum said the folks at 1500AM made him an offer he could not refuse. "Holding Court" will make its debut on KSTP at noon on November 7, following "Sports Talk" with Pat Reusse and Joe Southeray.

On WCCO, breaks for news, weather and commercials limited "Holding Court" to only 26 minutes of air time in its one-hour time slot, Rosenbaum said. KSTP has promised him 49 minutes. "It's nice to have a radio format that isn't so broken up," he said.

Two of Rosenbaum's barrister cronies, Mark Gehan and Joe Friedberg, will continue to join him weekly for irreverent conversation about legal matters. The show is something of a cross between "Geraldo" and "You Bet Your Life," with Rosenbaum playing the role of Groucho Marx. It is not intended to inform the public, but to make them laugh.

All three men are experienced trial lawyers who are often appalled at the incompetence displayed by other attorneys who periodically stand in the glare of the media. Many of those lawyers are, in their opinion, bumbler. And while lawyer jokes are not allowed on their show, there is not a pettifogger in America who escapes their wit.

"There are a lot of phony lawyers doing commentary in the news today who've never tried a case," Rosenbaum said. "The first time I saw Marcia Clark, the prosecuting attorney in the O.J. Simpson case, she appeared to be the most incompetent nitwit I'd ever seen. Even though she screwed up the whole case, the media decided she was a great attorney."

"If an attorney is trying a national case and is doing something dumb, we're sure to talk about it," said Gehan, a fellow Macalester-Groveland resident and president of the Minnesota State Bar Association. "For instance, William Ginsburg, who represented Monica Lewinsky, didn't have a clue what he was doing. He was so busy enjoying his 15 min-

utes of fame that he was on five talk shows in one weekend. The only thing that Lewinsky had to trade was information and he was giving it away for free."

Weekly guests on "Holding Court" have included Sister Rita Steinhagen, who was recently released from jail for protesting the School of the Americas, a Fort Benning institution that allegedly trains South American army officers to commit human rights violations; Michael Ciresi, who successfully led the prosecuting team in Minnesota's lawsuit against tobacco companies; the new U.S. Attorney for Minnesota, Todd Jones; and Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page.

Rosenbaum, Gehan and Friedberg never make fun of their guests, but they do laugh at each other. "Mark worked for the judge in the tobacco trial," Rosenbaum said. "Because he couldn't talk about the case publicly, Joe and I would stick it to him on every show. We had a radio charade where Mark would leave the room and put his hands over his ears and hum while we were talking about the case. Of course, he was just sitting in the studio."

Rosenbaum came to the legal profession comparatively late in life. Before graduating from law school at Northeastern University in Boston, he taught a course at Central High School for teen-agers who had been in trouble with the law. When violence erupted in South Boston over desegregation, he was recruited by federal Judge Arthur Garrity to serve as assistant head master at a troubled high school there. Later he was a correspondent for the *Boston Globe* and hosted a television talk show in Massachusetts called "Forum 38."

His achievements as a defense attorney include winning an out-of-court settlement in Karen Dziedzic's sexual harassment suit against former Minnesota North Stars owner Norm Green. He also successfully represented Alonzo Newby in his case against Dayton's for false arrest and imprisonment, and secured one of the largest personal injury verdicts in the state in 1988 for gunshot victim Earl Olson in his suit against the Overtime Bar.

"Holding Court" has become so popular that members of the legal profession call Rosenbaum asking to be on the show. Gehan said the callers are typically the kind of people that the show does not want because they are usually trying to sell their cause, blow their own horn or gain political office.

"We're not doing this show to educate anybody," Rosenbaum said. "We're doing it as entertainment and we don't ever lose sight of that. We're here to have a good time and hopefully take people along with us for the ride."

Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

BOARD MEETING SET

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. The board will discuss a recommendation by its Transportation Committee to support a proposal to construct planted medians on Fairview Avenue between Summit and Randolph avenues.

The board also will review the committee's recommendation to oppose the state's preferred design for a new I-35E bridge over the Mississippi River. That design calls for two 12-foot-wide traffic lanes, a 12-foot-wide service lane and two 10-foot-wide shoulders in each direction, along with an 8- to 12-foot bicycle-pedestrian path. The committee is concerned that the new bridge would eventually be used as a three-lane road and cause increased traffic congestion in the southwest section of St. Paul.

Also at the meeting, the board will discuss the ongoing noise coming from the exhaust fans on top of the new science building at the University of St. Thomas, the complaints by neighbors regarding the parking lot behind the Subway restaurant on Grand and Fairview, and the expansion of the police substation at 2029 Grand Ave. to include the department's bicycle patrol and the city's code enforcement staff. For information, call 651-698-7973.

AIRPORT NOISE COMMITTEE

The community council's Airport Noise Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, November 30. The committee will discuss airport noise with state Senator Richard Cohen, state Representative Michael Paymar and staff from the Metropolitan Airports Commission. The two MAC representatives from St. Paul also will be invited to attend. For information, call 651-698-7973.

STAR FUNDS AWARDED

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council has been awarded a \$100,000 Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) grant to help residents replace the lead service pipes that bring water from the boulevard to their house. Grants of

\$200 will be awarded to the first 500 households to sign a contract with Piperight Plumbing.

The City Council also awarded STAR funds to the community council to expand its Middle Income Fix-Up Program. With the new funds, residents of moderate-income households in Macalester-Groveland will be able to apply for part of a pool of \$125,000 in loans and \$75,000 in grants. Loans will be made through Firststar Bank.

For more information on the community council's lead pipe replacement or fix-up programs, call 651-698-7973.

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The Macalester-Groveland Community Council is looking for elderly and disabled homeowners whose homes are in need of a fresh coat of paint. The council is gearing up for the 1999 Paint-A-Thon and needs to know how many people are interested. For information, call 651-698-7973.

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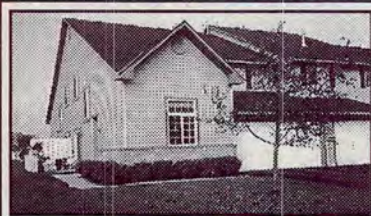
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Family settles out of court to regain control of elderly relative's estate

by Leslie Walters

When Lynda Mathison was denied the conservatorship of her 79-year-old aunt's \$1 million estate, she was skeptical that any court-appointed professional could protect Dorothy O'Keefe's financial interests any better than she.

However, she and her mother Wanda Mathison were flabbergasted when they received a report of the conservator's charges for 1996-97. The conservator of the estate had charged \$17,229 in fees and \$2,069 in expenses in that first year of the conservatorship. Attorney fees and court costs amounted to \$18,268 more.

The Mathisons, who live in Highland Park, petitioned the court for the removal of the professional conservator and for reimbursement of what they alleged to be unnecessary charges. Their case was heard last month in Ramsey County District Court. Last week the conservator agreed to resign if they agreed to drop their claims for reimbursement.

A conservator is a person or other party appointed by the court to protect the interests of

someone deemed to be incompetent. A conservator of the estate is responsible for all financial matters. A conservator of the person looks after the individual and his or her personal belongings. Often one conservator is appointed to handle both tasks.

O'Keefe, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease, was healthy and living alone in her Highland Park home until a few years ago. When her dementia grew worse, the Mathisons called Ramsey County Adult Protection, which advised them to contact the police. Instead the Mathisons decided to bring O'Keefe to Regions Hospital.

O'Keefe was later admitted to a nursing home, but she complained about her treatment there, so the Mathisons brought her home. A court hearing later determined that O'Keefe, though incompetent, could live at home as long as she was not left alone for more than three or four hours at a time.

Though O'Keefe had a will, she had not granted anyone power of attorney prior to being deemed incompetent. Thus, the court was called in to appoint a conservator. The judge granted the Mathisons personal conservator-



Lynda and Wanda Mathison examined a stack of documents and billing reports in preparation for court last month. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

ship, but denied them conservatorship of the estate because they could not afford to pay the required \$10,000 bond premium. A conservator of a large estate must be bonded, which usually requires coming up with one-half to one percent of the value of the estate, according to Dan Halvorsen of Ramsey County

Adult Protection.

The Mathisons interviewed two professional conservators before selecting Karl Bushmaker, also a Highland Park resident. Bushmaker has been a professional conserva-

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Costly court-appointed conservatorships can be easily avoided

by Leslie Walters

When dealing with the estate of an incompetent person, nothing functions with quite the ease of power of attorney.

"It's less costly, simpler and more straightforward," said Dan Steinhagen, attorney and president of the Minnesota Association of Guardians and Conservators.

A person may grant power of attorney to a trusted family member or associate, Steinhagen said. "It can be set up as a health care power of attorney, financial power of attorney or a trust," he said.

Unfortunately, many people don't take the simple steps to grant power of attorney until it's too late. Without power of attorney, conservatorships are required under Minnesota law for all those who are "unable to make or communicate responsible decisions regard-

ing their person or estate," Steinhagen said. Conservatorship of the person involves the medical and placement concerns of the conservatee. Conservatorship of the estate involves his or her financial affairs.

A person or institution generally petitions the court for a conservatorship for an individual, according to Bruce Krueger, Hennepin County District Court referee. The court may also get involved following a call from a nursing home, hospital or clinic on behalf of a person in need of protection.

When assigning a conservator, the court generally selects the most qualified among those willing to serve, including family members, friends and professional conservators. The court considers the best interest of the conservatee, the relationship between the conservatee and conservator and the conservator's understanding of the physical and

mental status of the conservatee.

"The court will generally try to appoint a family member unless there are disputes within a family," Steinhagen said.

When a significant estate is involved, state law requires that bond be set to protect the interests of the conservatee, according to Nick Newton of the Patrick Thomas Bonding Agency. The size of the bond depends on the judge. Ramsey County usually sets bond between 75 and 100 percent of total liquid assets, he said. Hennepin County sets bond between 50 and 75 percent. The cost of the bond premium is between half a percent and 1 percent of that amount, Newton said.

Rates for professional conservators range from \$25 to \$40 an hour, according to Mary McGurran, a social worker for Fairview Senior Services. Hourly charges may include everything from on-site visits and meetings

to telephone conversations and errands.

The probate section of district court oversees all conservator files. If the court determines that a conservator is mispending funds, it has the authority to cut the bills. Conservators are required to submit annual reports for each conservatee, and conservatees have the right to petition the court for review at any time.

According to Dan Halvorsen of Ramsey County Adult Protection, there are no specific qualifications for professional conservators. "There's a perception across the country that many probate courts don't monitor conservators adequately," he said.

"It is expensive," Steinhagen said of a professional conservatorship. "You have attorneys on all fronts, and it shouldn't come as a huge shock that attorneys are expensive. It's best to find some other alternative first."

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Bus garage relocation spawns plan for redeveloping Snelling Ave. site

by Jane McClure

The Metropolitan Council voted on October 22 to build a new Metro Transit bus garage at the intersection of Mississippi and Cayuga streets just north of downtown St. Paul. The site was chosen from a list of four finalists, including the current site at Snelling and St. Anthony avenues, property west of I-35E on St. Paul's North End and a site in the University Avenue-Mississippi Street area northeast of downtown.

Metro Transit staff had preferred the University-Mississippi site, but the Minnesota Legislature and St. Paul City Council favored the Mississippi-Cayuga site. Only one business will have to relocate from Mississippi and Cayuga; a dozen businesses would have been forced out by selecting the University-Mississippi site.

Metro Transit spokesperson Bob Gibbons said the current bus garage desperately needs replacement. Parts of the building were used for the Twin Cities streetcar system and are 91 years old. The building can only hold 177 buses because of its deteriorated condition, Gibbons said, which is 43 less than it could originally hold. The building also fails to meet federal air quality guidelines. Making the needed repairs has been estimated to cost \$15 million.

When Metro Transit officials began studying new garage sites several months ago, they focused on locations closer to downtown St. Paul. The prospect of a relocated garage got Midway Chamber of Commerce members and neighborhood residents thinking about how the 9.9-acre site at Snelling Avenue and I-94 could be redeveloped. A proposal was brought forward this fall by RK Midway Management, the company that manages Midway Shopping Center.

Conceptual plans by RK Midway include a mid-rise office building, a 14-screen movie theater and a 150- to 200-room hotel on the current garage property and the 5-acre vacant lot to the east that RK Midway owns. The development, which would extend from Snelling Avenue to Pascal Street, would also include a

Metro Transit bus hub. As part of the plan, Midway Center would be refurbished and new businesses would be added. The property would also be extensively landscaped.

"There's a unique opportunity to redevelop the property there," said Paula Maccabee, a Merriam Park resident and former City Council member who is now serving as a consultant for RK Midway. She said the development could bring up to \$70 million in investment to the area and create as many as 1,000 jobs. According to her, the development would generate an additional \$3 million to \$3.75 million in annual property taxes and \$128,000 to \$170,000 in annual hotel-motel taxes for local government coffers.

"I think this is a wonderful opportunity, not just for Ward 4 but for the entire city of St. Paul," said City Council member Jay Benanav. "The development opportunities on this site are enormous."

The Merriam Park Community Council supports redevelopment of the site, provided that a transit facility is part of the proposal.

Midway Chamber of Commerce executive director Ellen Watters said that other developers may also be interested in the current bus garage site. It will be up to the Metropolitan Council and Metro Transit to decide how the site is redeveloped. One possibility is that Metro Transit will continue to own the site.

Construction of the new Metro Transit bus garage is expected to take two years. Depending on the capacity of the new facility, some buses may have to remain at Snelling and St. Anthony. Two options will be drawn up for the new garage: one that would house 150 buses at a cost of \$37.2 million, and one that would house 185 buses at a cost of \$40.3 million.

The bus garage proposal also calls for a plan to address the long-range needs of Metro Transit. It is estimated that the transit agency will need space for a total of 280 buses by the year 2010, which would require the construction of a second bus garage.

Conservatorship settled

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tor for 10 years. Besides sitting on the board of the Minnesota Association of Guardians and Conservators, he trains new conservators for Ebenezer Protective Services in Minneapolis. He charges \$40 an hour for his services plus expenses.

The Mathisons had hoped that O'Keefe would be able to continue living at home, but they eventually agreed with Bushmaker that she would be better off being admitted to another nursing home. Though the Mathisons said they never agreed to many services for which Bushmaker charged the estate, by law Bushmaker did not need their agreement.

Lynda questioned Bushmaker's itemized report that listed three, four and sometimes five hours to pay O'Keefe's monthly bills. She also balked at a bill to the estate for 2 1/4 hours to shop for Christmas presents for O'Keefe, 1 1/4 hours to wrap the gifts and 1 1/4 hours to deliver them and meet with O'Keefe. Not counting mileage or the cost of the gifts themselves, that amounted to \$210 for shopping services that, according to Lynda, neither the Mathisons nor O'Keefe requested.

But what really irked the Mathisons was Bushmaker's outlay of \$6,000 for a funeral trust. "Why would he be doing that one month after meeting her?" Lynda asked. "No one asked for that. She is perfectly healthy for a woman her age."

"All I wanted to do was to protect Ms. O'Keefe and her assets," Bushmaker said. "I have a very good, very successful reputation."

Bushmaker said his ability to secure a bond for O'Keefe's \$1 million estate is evidence that he is one of the most trusted professional conservators in Ramsey County. "I'm managing the estate to the best of my ability and

doing all I can for her fiduciary interests," he said before agreeing to resign.

All conservatorships are complicated, Bushmaker said, but O'Keefe's was especially so. Among her assets were several houses that were cleaned up and sold in that first year.

"This conservatorship is three times the work that most are," he said.

"The expenditures of the conservator are always subject to the review and approval (of the court)," said Bill Kronschnabel, Bushmaker's attorney. However, he added, Bushmaker's efforts did increase O'Keefe's estate.

"Karl took passbook accounts and savings bonds and invested them at a much higher yield in brokerage houses," Kronschnabel said. "The first annual review showed (earnings on those investments of) \$28,000."

Lynda credited the help of an ombudsman from the Advocacy Center for Long-Term Care for the eventual settlement of the case. The ombudsman suggested they ask the court for an attorney to represent O'Keefe, a move that helped set in motion the final agreement.

The settlement has left Lynda with mixed feelings. She is happy to have her brother, Bradley Mathison, as O'Keefe's new court-appointed financial conservator. Bradley was able to pay a \$3,000 bond premium to secure access to \$300,000 of the estate—enough to carry out his duties.

Though she would have liked to hear the court rule on the disputed expenses, Lynda said she is happier yet to conclude the lengthy—and expensive—litigation, which involved five lawyers all drawing their fees from her aunt's estate.

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Parents make pitch for \$2 million field house at Highland

by Dave Page

A dozen parents attended the St. Paul School Board meeting on October 20 to support the building of a new field house at Highland Park Senior High School. Many of them believe the school is a victim of its own success and suffers from the perception that because it is located in a relatively wealthy neighborhood it does not need any help.

But according to Joann and Kevin Petersen, whose son Ryan attends Highland Senior, the school's physical education facilities are no larger today than when they attended Highland in 1969—long before the growth in girls athletics brought about by the federal Title IX program.

LeeAnn Mahoney of Highland, who also has a son at the school, pointed out that since she attended Highland Park in 1968, freshmen have been moved into the building, further straining the school's limited facilities.

"Now nine different teams vie for gym space at Highland during the winter," Kevin Petersen said, including freshmen, junior varsity and varsity basketball teams for boys and girls, and the wrestling, gymnastics, cheerleading and dance-line teams.

Highland has a single large gym that can be divided into two full basketball courts plus an auxiliary room for gymnastics. With so many teams, the coaches are forced to schedule practices before school or well into the evening. As a result, students are practicing sports when they should be studying or sleeping, Petersen said.

Steven Rosenthal, who has a 7th-grader at Highland Park Junior High, pointed out that many Highland students are bused to school from distant neighborhoods and if their parents don't have cars, they can't get to and from practice. "Athletics breeds great citizens, and the message we send to students is they can't



Players practice their volleyball skills at Highland, which has the least gym space per student of all the public high schools in St. Paul. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

participate if they're poor," he said.

Como, Johnson and Harding high schools have all seen additions to their athletic facilities in the last six years, according to John Heller, the athletic director at Highland. Highland now has the least gym space per student of all the public high schools in St. Paul, he said. The St. Paul School District's communications office confirmed the fact.

"Five years ago, many of the parents in the area did not want to send their kids to the school," said Elana Stern of Highland. "Now that the school has turned its reputation around, we require better facilities to serve

the needs of the students who now want to go there."

St. Paul School Board member Tom Conlon said he has raised the issue of expanding the athletic facilities at Highland several times in the past few years. According to him, the School Board has not supported a new gym before because the school's enrollment was down. Conlon said a majority of board members may not support one now because of other needed capital improvement projects.

"However, since Highland Park is nearly at capacity and some bond money is available,

we need to do what's right for the kids," Conlon said.

Highland's enrollment now stands at 1,400, which is 200 fewer students than in 1964 when the school first opened but close to 400 more than in 1992.

According to School Board chair Mary Thornton Phillips, the Citizens Long-Range Space Planning Committee ranks the building projects that have been requested from across the district. The request for a new field house at Highland "has validity and they made a good case, but it won't make the cut this year," she said. "It probably will next year."

Gary Fields, an economic development consultant who lives in Highland, said he has witnessed the decline of urban public schools firsthand in his work with more than 300 cities across the country. "St. Paul is one of the few cities in the country to retain its middle class," Fields said. He said he worries about "the flight of middle-income families in Highland Park if nothing is done to improve the physical facilities at the school."

"Some people may think Highland Park can make do because of the neighborhood's perceived economic status and because we have in the past," Stern said, "but we're tired of getting by. We just want what the other schools have."

Stern credited Judith Rangel, a West St. Paul resident with children at Highland Park, for getting parents fired up about the issue by writing letters and making phone calls. Parents have also been in contact with their state legislators, including Senator Dick Cohen, who has expressed support for the \$2 million request for a new field house.

"Ultimately, people vote with their feet," Fields told the board. "No one in the Highland Park neighborhood has ever suggested we deserve more, but Highland doesn't deserve less."

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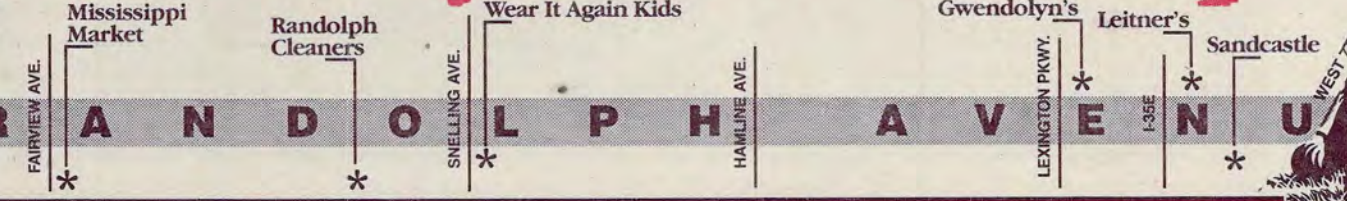
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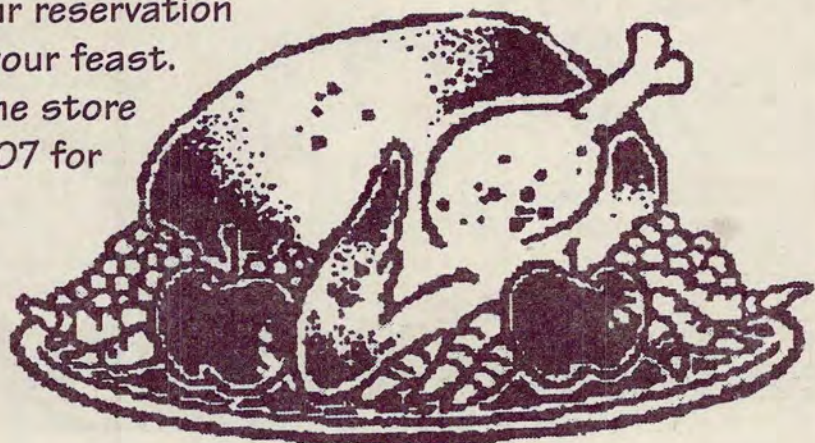
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Newly published at age 99, poet has special cause to give thanks

by Catherine Condon

Nearly every Monday for 15 years, Myrtle Hunstiger rode the bus to Red E Print in downtown St. Paul to have her handwritten poems typed and copied. Many of her poems were written for children, such as "Thank You, God," a series of four-line poems acknowledging hugs, food, a mother's singing and other simplicities of childhood.

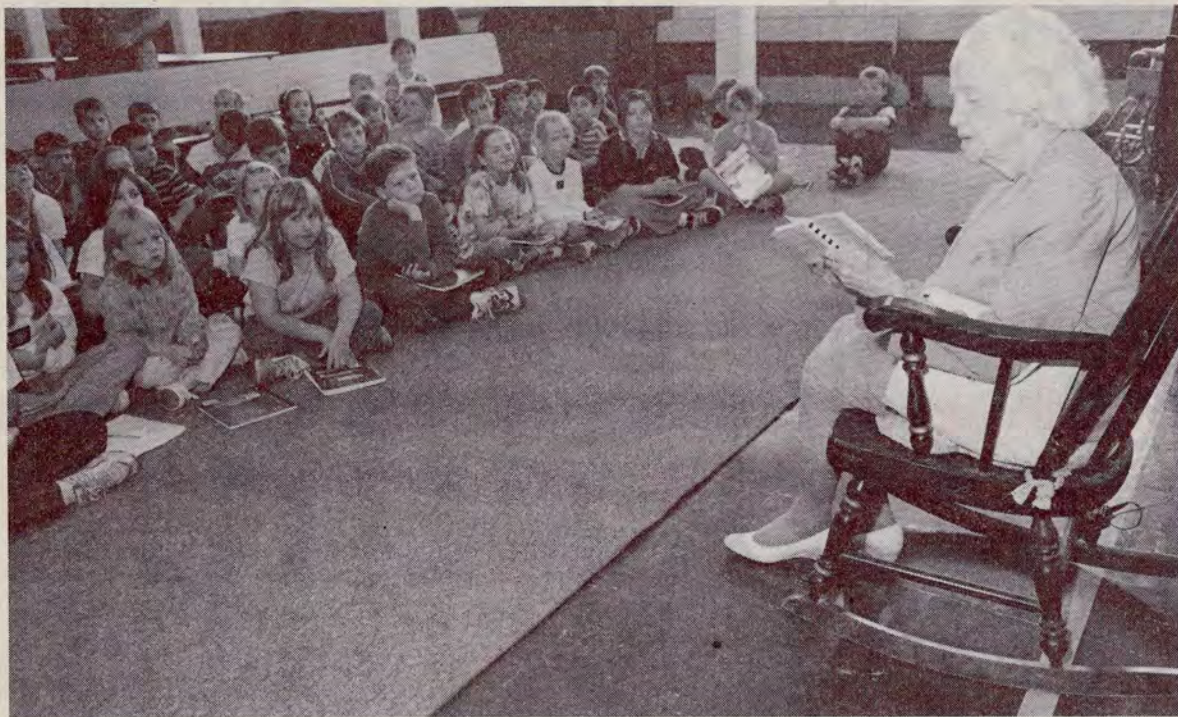
"When I wrote 'Thank You, God,' I was around 50 years old," said Hunstiger, a longtime Macalester-Groveland and Summit Hill resident who turned 99 last May. "When I came across it I sent it to Chris to retype it."

Instead, Red E Print owner Chris Hartmann typed and bound the 30 poems into a book, slipped in a half-dozen illustrations drawn by a friend of Hunstiger, then presented it to the author for her birthday.

Hartmann gave extra copies to Hunstiger, who distributed them to her friends and family. Then Hunstiger had an idea. "I got thinking, 'Gee, we have to sell it someplace,'" she said.

Her marketing efforts paid off. The little yellow book is now available for \$6.95 at the newly expanded St. Patrick's Guild on Randolph Avenue, and at the Bibelot Shop and the Red Balloon Bookstore on Grand Avenue.

"Thank You, God" is getting exposure in area schools as well. Last month, Hunstiger read selections from the book to students at St. Michael's School in Stillwater and Highland Catholic School in Highland Park. Her son, the Reverend Tom Hunstiger, co-pastor of



Myrtle Hunstiger reads from *Thank You, God* to 3rd-graders at Highland Catholic. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

the Highland Catholic Community, also helped schedule an appearance by her from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 13, at St. Patrick's Guild as a prelude to the following week's grand reopening activities there.

"She's a person you can never keep down," the Reverend Hunstiger said. "She loves to live. One of her great quotes is something she told my sister at her wedding: 'Make sure you keep dancing.'"

Myrtle Hunstiger was born and raised in Stillwater, where she taught 35 students in grades 1-8 in a one-room school. She started teaching right out of high school, riding in an ox cart to the schoolhouse every morning.

"We had one year of work toward teaching (in high school), so that was my education," Hunstiger said. "But that first year of teaching taught me more than I could ever have learned in college."

Hunstiger married in 1926 and moved to St. Paul three years later. She spent the next 50 years living in the Tangletown neighborhood and in an apartment at Grand and Avon. She sewed her own clothes and the uniforms of her three children, who attended St. Luke's School. Her work was so impeccable that others often hired her to sew for them.

Her interest in children led her to start writing stories and poems. Before that, family responsibilities

consumed her, as did her invention of Petty Point Pals, bedsores-preventing cotton pads for which she received a patent in 1961.

"I write about everything that happened to me," Hunstiger said. One of her favorite stories is about her first year of teaching. "The name of the story is 'Minus Degrees,' because I didn't go to college," she said.

After her husband's death in 1978, Hunstiger moved to North St. Paul. Last December, after a bout with shingles, she moved into the Good Samaritan Home in Roseville. There, a blue box labeled "Poetry" sits on her bed and folders of her writing spill from her nightstand. Among her files are ac-

knowledge letters from President John F. Kennedy, First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and actress Loretta Young—all of whom she sent poems to, many in prayer form.

Now dependent on a walker and, at times, a wheelchair, Hunstiger doesn't write as often these days. Hartmann, whom Hunstiger describes as "the angel in my life," said one of her last poems was written two years ago to her dying sister. Unsure she would see her before she died, Hunstiger phoned the nursing station near her sister's room to dictate the poem she had written.

"It was about how they'd slip a little gin into root beer," said Hartmann with a laugh. "The nurses said, 'We've got to get a copy of that!'"

The poem, titled "Our Secret," follows:

*A little root beer for you and me
that no one else will have to see.
We'll put that something special in
to give us pep, it must be gin!
Or else we'd drink the plain stuff
that with our love would be enough.*

Hunstiger is adamant about the purpose of *Thank You, God*. The superintendent of a large Twin Cities school district said she could not allow Hunstiger to promote the book in the public schools because of its religious theme.

"She was sorry. She just loved the book," Hunstiger said. "She asked if I could change the cover. I said, 'No way.' That's what I wrote it for—for little children to get close to God. I wouldn't change it for anything."

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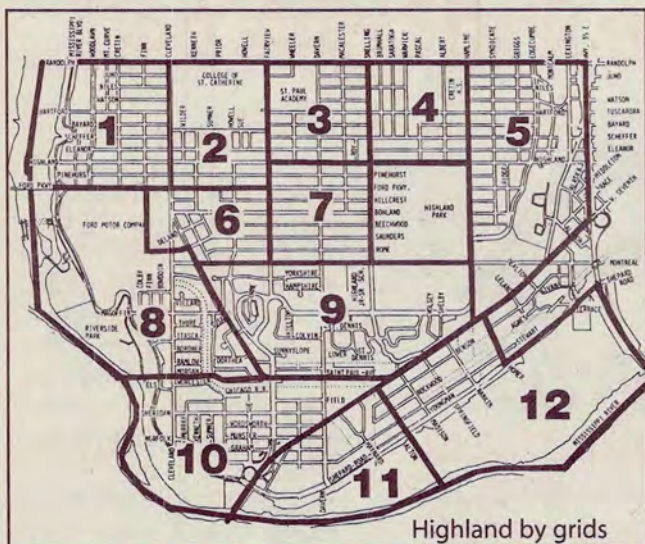
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BOARD MEETING

The Highland District Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The agenda will include an update on the first draft of the Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan. A portion of each meeting also is set aside to give residents an opportunity to bring items of concern to the board's attention. For information, call the district council office at 651-298-5138.

DEER MANAGEMENT AND CROSBY PARK

The Highland District Council will hold two public meetings on Thursday, November 12, in the Village View Room at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

At 6:30 p.m., representatives from the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will discuss plans for reducing the deer population in the bluff area of Highland Park. The city will soon be applying for a permit to trap deer this winter after a deer count is completed.

At approximately 7:15 p.m., a meeting will be held to discuss improvements to Crosby Park. The Highland District Council hopes to submit a Capital Improvement Budget request to the city of St. Paul early next year to make improvements to the park. For information on either meeting, call the district council office at 651-298-5138.

FORD BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION

For the past year, members of the Highland District Council, the Highland Business Association and the Longfellow neighborhood of Minneapolis have been meeting with Ramsey and Hennepin county commissioners and bridge engineers to discuss the renovation of the Ford Bridge. A meeting on the final reconstruction plans will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center.

CAR THEFTS

Highland has experienced an increase in auto thefts over the past few months. Motorists are being urged to lock their cars, even if they will be gone for just a minute. They also should never leave an identification tag on their key ring that could help a thief locate their car or burglarize their home.

Police also encourage motorists to park in well-lit areas, to avoid leaving a vehicle in an unattended parking lot for long periods of time and to leave only the ignition key when parking in a lot where a key must be left.

Those who purchase a new car are encouraged to ask the dealer about anti-theft options. Many insurance companies offer reduced rates to owners who install security devices. Police should be called immediately if a car is broken into or stolen. Quick action may aid in recovering the vehicle and preventing its use in another crime.

RECYCLING BINS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

November 5: Highland District Council meeting.
November 12: Deer management and Crosby Park meetings, 6:30 and 7:15 p.m.
November 18: Shepard-Davern study meeting.
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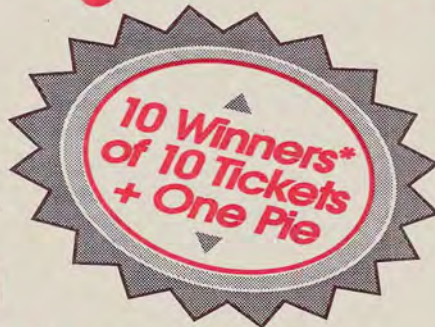
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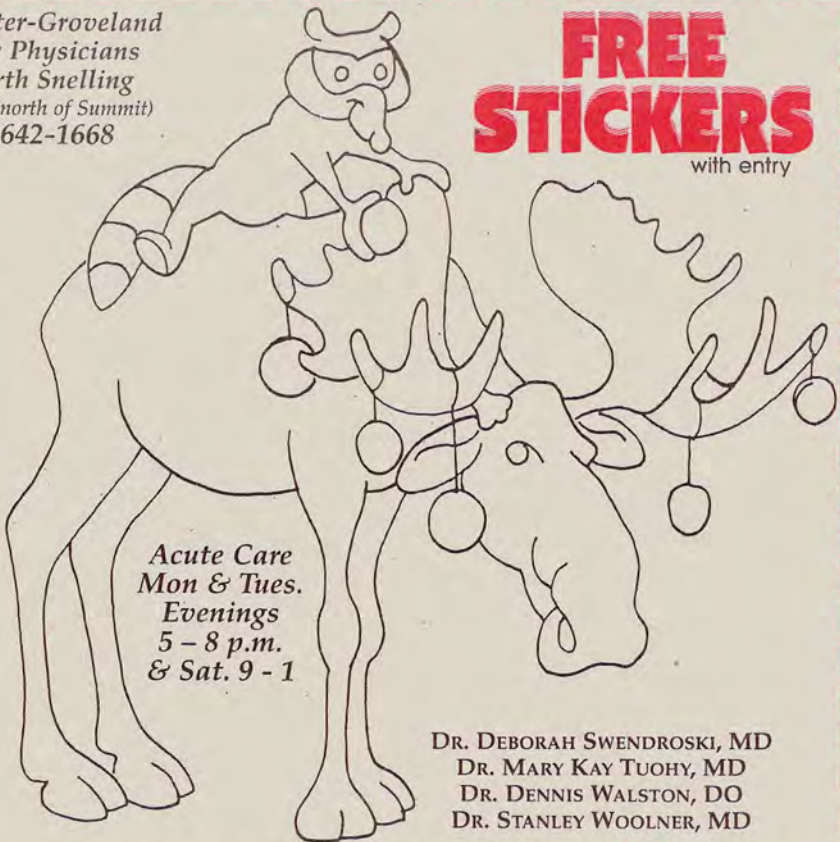


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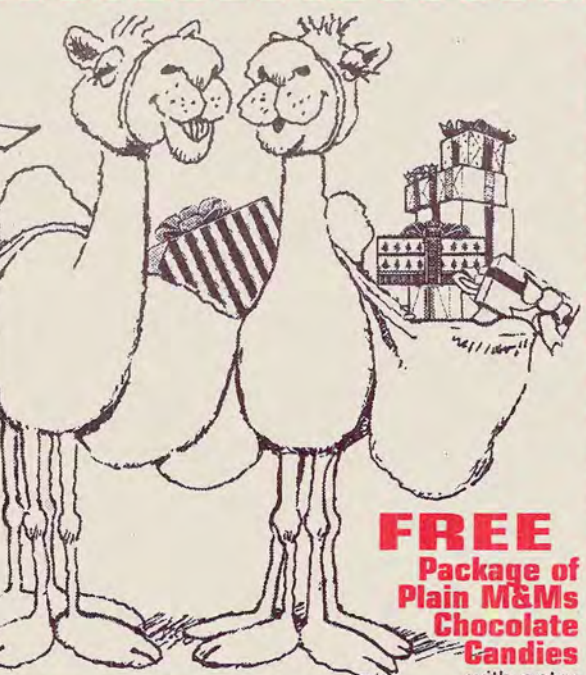
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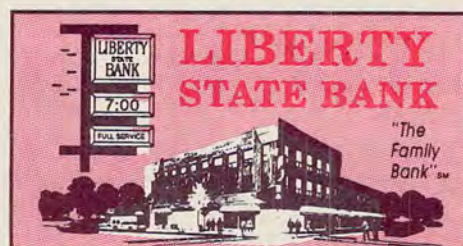
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by Janet Lunder Hanafin

Three years ago, Karle Erickson and a singing colleague were wondering whether there was room for another choral ensemble in the Twin Cities. Their answer at the time was a resounding "no"—at least not unless they could offer something unique.

As it turned out, they could. The result is World Voices of Minnesota, a vibrant 32-member ensemble dedicated to performing choral music from around the globe.

World Voices will kick off its 1998-99 concert season with a trio of performances of sacred and secular Russian music entitled "Narodnost, the

Spirit of Russia." The concerts will be presented in Edina, in Eagan and at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 15, at St. Paul's Church-on-the-Hill, 1524 Summit Ave. The concerts will include selections from Rachmaninoff's "All Night Vigil" and works by Tchaikovsky, Gretchaninov and Kalinnikov.

Some of the pieces will be sung in English and several, such as "O Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul" and the folk song "Kalinka," will be familiar to listeners. The concert will end with a short set entitled "Music of the World."

World Voices strives to present the choral works of diverse cultures as authentically as possible, said Erickson, who holds a doc-

torate in music and serves as the group's artistic director. That means singing in many different languages. The ensemble has performed choral music in Hebrew, Spanish, and several Native American and Asian tongues. Upcoming performances will include a concert of Spanish and English Christmas carols at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in December, music inspired by the dance rhythms of the Caribbean in March and choral works from Nordic cultures in May.

"It's hard enough to deal with one new language at a time," Erickson said. "When we did our Asian concert, we were dealing with Japanese, Chinese, Indonesian and

Korean. It was an incredible challenge. It's a matter of getting the sounds in your vocabulary, being able to articulate them and then being able to sing them, especially if they're quick and have a lot of syllables flying out."

Being faithful to the musical styles of different cultures also means cultivating certain sounds, Erickson said. Russian music, for instance, is marked by the low, rich tones of the basso profundos who are reputed to reach their range with the help of vodka and cigars. Erickson said finding singers who can descend to those deep, almost growling tones is difficult, but he has men who are up to the challenge in World Voices.



Karle Erickson directs the singers in Russian folk songs.



World Voices rehearses at Gloria Dei for its November 15 concert. Photos by Terry Faust.

Maintaining the artistic integrity of the music also requires appropriate accompaniment. The Russian concert, Erickson said, will be mostly a cappella in keeping with that country's tradition. A Hispanic program last season was enhanced by maracas, bongos, conga drums and guitars. Some of those same instruments will be employed in next spring's Caribbean concert.

World Voices invites local ethnic musicians to provide accompaniment and collaborate in planning the concerts. "We're trying to find people who have expertise in the music of these cultures," Erickson said. "We also try to recruit singers from other cultures so we have some diversity within the group."

Members of the ensemble are chosen by audition and rehearse each Monday at Gloria Dei in Highland. The singers range in age from their 20s through 50s. Most have had choral singing experience, but only a few are career musicians.

"The people I audition have to have good

ears, good pitch memory and good reading skills," Erickson said. "They must want to be part of something that is really first class in musical product."

Soprano Suzanne Reyburn, who works at Wild Birds Unlimited in Highland Village, sang for Erickson as a member of the Gustavus Adolphus College Choir. "I was thrilled to get the chance to sing with him again," Reyburn said. "He's really good at bringing out the heart of music from a group of people. We have a good time singing together."

"We're trying to learn about the cultures we're singing about," said Merriam Park resident Meredith Montgomery. "It's caused me to think a lot about mainstream choral music and where it came from. Some cultures don't sing communally or don't sing harmony. The more you discover about a culture's music, the more there is to learn."

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Snelling-Hamline COUNCIL CAPSULE

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Almost 200 people attended the Snelling-Hamline Community Council's annual meeting on October 22. Fourteen new board members were elected and will be seated when the organization holds its next meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, at Liberty State Bank, 176 N. Snelling Ave.

Newly elected board members include: (one-year terms) Anne Bilek, Terry Hearst, Dale Simon, Barbara Simon and Paul Koller; and (two-year terms) Mary McEvoy, Jim Bergstrom, Travis Snider, Brenda Huttie and Todd Lund (the two of whom will share a seat), Beverly Day, Shirley Reider, Scherie Flandrick, David McKnight and Don Lude-mann. Those completing their terms are John Galatowitsch, Eleanor Graham, George Jurgensen, Gordon Meeker, Mike Wilhelmi and Corey Anderson.

AYD MILL ROAD DEBATED

The main topic of discussion at the annual meeting was the redevelopment of Ayd Mill Road. A presentation was made by the two Snelling-Hamline members who represent the neighborhood on the city's Ayd Mill Road Task Force. Questions and concerns were raised by many citizens about the proposed roadway alternatives. Those present voted by

a 101-46 margin to recommend that the linear park option be the preferred alternative of the community council.

RECYCLING

The next recycling day in the Snelling-Hamline neighborhood will be Thursday, November 12. Items should be sorted, bagged and set out on the curb by 7:00 a.m. For information on items that can be recycled, call 651-644-SORT. Those in need of a blue recycling bin may call the community council office at 651-644-1085.

JOIN THE CLUB

Block club leaders are needed for the following streets: Iglehart Avenue between Hamline and Pascal, Summit Avenue between Hamline and Pascal, Ashland Avenue between Hamline and Albert, Ashland between Snelling and Saratoga, and Portland Avenue between Saratoga and Pascal.

Block club leaders serve as the liaison between the community council's crime prevention coordinator and their neighbors. They help distribute flyers, host block meetings and help form a committee to organize block parties. For information, call Christine Yanchar at 651-644-1085.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

Dr. Fernando Cervantes, an author and director of the Center for the Classical Tradition at the University of Bristol in England, will discuss Catholic historian Christopher Dawson at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 4, in the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center at the University of St. Thomas. For information, call 651-962-5700.

The Center for Jewish-Christian Learning at the University of St. Thomas will present a lecture on "The Invention of Paul the Christian" on Thursday, November 5, by professors Paula Fredericksen of Boston University and Vincent Smiles of the College of St. Benedict. Free and open to the public, the lectures will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of O'Shaughnessy Educational Center. For information, call 651-962-5788.

Cleveland Ave. United Methodist Church, 225 S. Cleveland Ave., will kick off its 75th anniversary celebration with a worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, November 8. The service will feature a sermon by Bishop John Hopkins and will introduce a new hymn composed for the occasion by Curt Oliver, organist at Macalester Plymouth United Church. A lunch and program will follow at 12:30 p.m. For information, call 699-2350.

A free class on Talmud, led by Rabbi Morris Allen of Beth Jacob Congregation, is being offered at 7:00 p.m. every Monday at the St. Paul Academy of Jewish Education, 768 S. Hamline Ave. For information, call Holly Brod Farber at 651-698-8807.

"Opening the Window to Our Jewish Soul," a series of lectures by area rabbis, will be presented from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on upcoming Mondays at the St. Paul Academy of Jewish Education, 768 S. Hamline Ave. The schedule includes Rabbi Morris Allen of Beth Jacob Congregation speaking on "Out of Chaos Came..." on November 9; Rabbi Moshe Feller of Merkos Lubavitch House on "Hear O Israel" on November 16; Rabbi Asher Zeilengold of Adath Israel Synagogue on "The 10 Commandments" on November 30; and Rabbi Julie Gordon of Temple of Aaron Synagogue on "Deeds of Loving Kindness" on De-

cember 7. The cost is \$5.00 per lecture. For information, call Holly Brod Farber at 651-698-8807.

"Storytelling and Soulmaking: A Men's Spirituality Series" will continue from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 11, at the Carondelet Center, 1890 Randolph Ave. The topic of discussion will be "Men Relating to Women." The cost is \$25, or \$20 for seniors, and includes dinner. To register, call Wisdom Ways at 651-690-8830.

Broadcast journalist Bill Moyers and his family will address "Spirituality and Addiction" in a panel presentation at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 13, at House of Hope Presbyterian Church, 797 Summit Ave. For tickets, priced at \$10, or \$5.00 for students, call 651-633-4311.

Hirsh Goodman, executive vice president of the *Jerusalem Post* and co-author of *The Future Battlefield and the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, will deliver the Melamed Family Lecture during Shabbat services at 7:30 p.m. Friday, November 13, at Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Ave.

Introduction to Talmud is now being taught by Larry Eisenstadt at 10:00 a.m. Sundays at the Temple of Aaron, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. The cost is \$25 for non-members. For information, call 651-698-8874.

The Minnesota Satsang Society will offer a free presentation on "Past Lives, Dreams & Soul Travel" at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 16, at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. For information, call 651-771-1165.

A Simple Living Support Group is meeting monthly at Minnehaha United Church of Christ, 4001 S. 38th Ave., Minneapolis. New members are always welcome. For information, call the church office at 612-729-7596.

Marian icons and mystical theology will be addressed by Brother Anthony Sweere of the Franciscan Brothers of Peace at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 18, in a program sponsored by the Guild of Catholic Women, 1025 Dodd Road, West St. Paul. Admission is \$3.00.

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Wednesday/November 4

A SUPPORT GROUP for people with depression and the support-givers in their lives will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening and on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For information, call 651-698-0751.

Thursday/November 5

PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING author Stanley Karnow will reminisce about Paris in the 1950s in a program presented this evening by the Minnesota International Center. His talk will run from 6:00 to 7:15 at the Commodore, 79 N. Western Ave. The cost is \$15. For reservations, call 612-626-6204.

THE HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB will hold its annual Bob Parnell Sr. Memorial Turkey Bingo from 7:00 to 10:00 this evening in Howley Center, 512 S. Albert St.

A PANEL of successful small-business owners, facilitated by radio personality Ruth Koscielak, will discuss the challenges facing entrepreneurs from 8:00 to 11:00 this morning at the College of St. Catherine. The cost is \$25. To register, call 651-690-6819.

A SPEECH on "The Impact of World War II on Music in the 20th Century" will be given by violinist Joseph Silverstein at 7:30 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Admission is free, but tickets are required. For information, call 651-698-0751.

A THREE-PART SERIES on "Raising Emotionally Competent Children" will continue from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. This session will focus on the emotional lives of early elementary school children. The cost is \$10. To register, call 651-698-0751.

AN INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION on the impact of the media on children's education and development will be led by Marilyn VanOverbeke of The National Institute on Media and the Family from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening in the auditorium at Henry Sibley High School, 1897 Delaware Ave., Mendota Heights. Admission is free.

Saturday/November 7

A NATURAL HEALTH EXPO will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today in the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center at the University of St. Thomas. Julian Whitaker, one of the country's leading natural health physicians, will speak on anti-aging at 9:30 this morning and on natural hormone replacement for women at 1:00 this afternoon. The cost is \$20 per seminar. For information, call 612-781-7494.

Sunday/November 8

A BAZAAR AND APPLEFEST will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 this afternoon at the Danebo Senior Residence, 3030 W. River Parkway, Minneapolis. Apple pie, ice cream and beverages will be served.



Fall sweeps. Joey Griffith, 5, selected a push broom as his leaf gathering implement of choice while working out in the yard with his brother and sister, Charlie and Katie, last week at their Laurel Avenue home. Photo by Mike Long.

Monday/November 9

A COMMUNITY FORUM on metropolitan issues will be led by Metropolitan Council representative Dede Wolfson from 7:30 to 9:00 this evening at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1550 Summit Ave.

A BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE will be offered from noon to 1:00 p.m. today at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Site manager Janet Budak and assistant site manager Dana Heimark will share their recent discoveries of the lesser-known Ramsey House residents. Admission is free. Participants may bring a bag lunch or buy one from Cafe Minnesota. For information, call 651-296-6126.

Tuesday/November 10

FREE WORKSHOPS on starting your own indoor worm compost bin will be given from 7:00 to 8:30 tonight and Thursday, November 12, at the Neighborhood Energy Consortium office, 475 N. Cleveland Ave. A start-up kit may be purchased for \$30. To register, call 651-644-7678.

Wednesday/November 11

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will station a bloodmobile at Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Ave, between 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. today for those who want to donate. The bloodmobile will also be at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 104 S. Snelling Ave., from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. For information, call 651-291-4607.

THE LONGFELLOW GARDEN CLUB will meet at 7:00 this evening at the Mother Earth Garden Center, at 42nd Ave. and 38th St., Minneapolis. Demonstrations making holiday decorations using natural materials will be given.

"CONVERSATIONS ON AGING," a three-part seminar exploring the perils and privileges of the latter years of life, will continue with "Cell Suicide—A Physiological Look at Aging" from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening at the Sweatshop, 167 N. Snelling Ave. Admission is free. For information, call 651-646-8418.

Thursday/November 12

A LUNCHEON will be held by the Minnesota branch of the National League of American Pen Women at 11:00 this morning at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave. The featured speaker will be Bart Schneider from the Hungry Mind Bookstore. The cost is \$14.75. Checks should be made payable to NLAPW and sent to Laurene Tibbets, P.O. Box 14685, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

MINNEAPOLIS MAYOR Sharon Sayles Belton will host a Mayor's Night In from 4:00 to 7:00 this evening in her office at 350 S. 5th St., Room 331. Those wanting to make an appointment to talk with the mayor may call her office at 612-673-2100.

A WORLD WAR II ROUNDTABLE discussion will be held at 7:00 this evening at Historic Fort Snelling. Col. Donald M. Bussey, former Ultra officer for the 7th U.S. Army, will discuss his role in the Rhone Valley Campaign and the Battle of the Bulge. For information, call 612-726-1171.

A SKI SWAP, a sale of new and used skis, winter gear and clothing, will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. today and tomorrow and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday in the St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave., at the University of Minnesota.

Friday/November 13

TURKEY BINGO will be held at 7:00 this evening in the cafeteria at St. Mark's School, 1983 Dayton Ave. The cost is \$5.00 for 20 regular games of bingo. For information, call 651-645-5717.

THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS will hold their annual Veterans' Day services at 8:00 this evening at the Temple of Aaron, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd.

Saturday/November 14

A SYMPOSIUM with theologian and author Larry L. Rasmussen and community leaders will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today at House of Hope Presbyterian Church, 797 Summit Ave. The topic of discussion will be "Can Christianity Speak to Earth's Distress?" Reservations are required and can be made by calling 651-227-6311 by November 10.

A TOUR of the state Capitol will be given at 1:30 this afternoon. The 90-minute tour will focus on Minnesota's role in the Civil War and how it is remembered and portrayed at the Capitol. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children ages 6-15. For reservations, call 651-296-2881.

Sunday/November 15

JAMES P. SHANNON, author of *Reluctant Dissenter*, will give a free talk at 2:00 this afternoon at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Shannon will speak about his life growing up in St. Paul, his love of the Catholic Church and the church politics that compelled him to give up his clerical duties.

A WORKSHOP for teens in grades 7-9 on "There's No Such Thing as a Dumb Question about Sex" will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Admission is free. For information, call 651-698-0751.

Tuesday/November 17

ST. FRANCIS CASINOS will offer turkey bingo to adults at 7:30 this evening in the gymnasium at St. Francis de Sales School, 426 Osceola Ave.

Wednesday/November 18

A LANDMARK SERIES public affairs forum will take place from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. today at Landmark Center. Dr. Jay Rosen, a national expert on civic journalism from New York University, will speak on "Improving Local News Coverage: Who's Responsible?" Admission is free. For information, call 651-292-3285.

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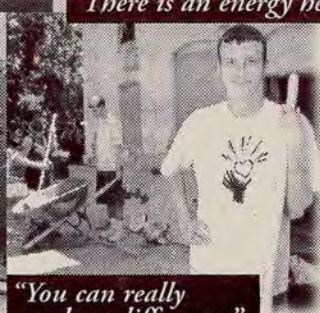
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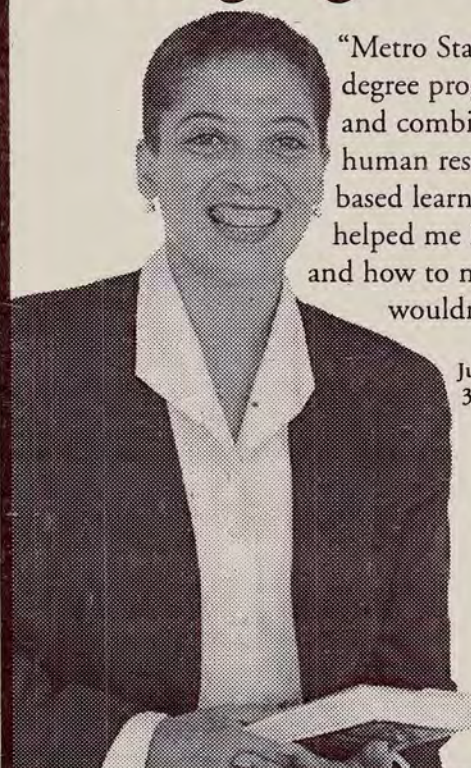


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A bounty of boutiques, bazaars and bake sales are being held in the next few weeks for those who want to get a jump on the holiday shopping season. Here is just a sampling of what is taking place locally:

Summit Hill resident Diane Schultz will present her 21st annual "Schultz is in Stitches" holiday boutique from now through November 8 at the Como Park Lakeside Pavilion. Some 150 artisans will be selling their wares from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

A **Holiday Boutique and Craft Show** will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 7, in the auditorium of St. Columba School, 1330 Blair Ave.

St. Mary's Home will host a craft sale and flea market from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, November 7, in its auditorium at 1925 Norfolk Ave. Holiday decorations, jewelry, wreaths, furniture, clothing, woodwork and other goods will be sold. Patrons should use the back entrance on Graham Avenue.

A **Weinachtsmarkt** will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 7, and from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 8, at the Germanic-American Institute, 301 Summit Ave. Old-World Christmas ornaments and new imported holiday gifts will be featured, along with a wide variety of arts and crafts. Food will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A **fall bazaar** will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, November 7, at Faith Lutheran Church, 499 Charles Ave. There will be crafts, holiday items and a bake sale.

A **"Holiday Blessing" bazaar** will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 7, at Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church, 5011 S. 31st Ave., Minneapolis. There will be Scandinavian baked goods, handicrafts, rose-maling, quilts, collectibles and more. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A **holiday pantry, craft sale and bake sale** will be presented by the Women's Club of St. Luke's Catholic Church from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, November 14, and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, November 15, at IHM-St. Luke's School, 1065 Summit Ave.

Generations, a seasonal gift shop and boutique, will host a holiday open house on Saturday and Sunday, November 14-15, at Diamond Jim's Mall, 801 Sibley Memorial Hwy. More than 125 artists will display hand-crafted gifts. There will also be artist demonstrations, custom floral consulting, a holiday wreath extravaganza, food sampling and photos with Santa. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

The Church of St. Helena, 3204 E. 43rd St., Minneapolis, will host its 12th annual Christmas boutique from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 14. More than 50 craftspeople will show their wares. Bake goods also will be sold.

A **holiday bazaar** will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, November 14, at



A drawing will be held for this doll house on the final day of the "Schultz is in Stitches" holiday boutique. The nearly 4-foot-tall fantasy castle boasts nine turrets, real stained-glass windows, a draw-bridge and moat. It is lighted and comes furnished with hand-dipped candles, canopy bed and a pantry cupboard full of dishes. Tickets cost \$1.00 and proceeds benefit Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity.

Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 E. 50th St., Minneapolis. Holiday crafts and ornaments, antiques, baked goods, lefse and rice pudding will be featured. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Minnehaha United Church of Christ, 4001 S. 38th Ave., Minneapolis, will present a holiday bazaar from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 14. Blueberry muffins will be sold until 11:00 a.m. and lunch will follow until 1:30 p.m. The sale will include handmade Christmas items, candies and baked goods, along with books, collectibles and household items.

A **St. Nicholas Bazaar** will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, November 14, and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 15, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1550 Summit Ave.

A **Holiday Funfest and silent auction** will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 15, at St. Francis de Sales School, 426 S. Osceola Ave. There will be booths for children and adults, and a chance to have a photo taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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Pianist Ellen Lease draws on motherhood and her military training for a concert of original jazz compositions

by Tom Surowicz

You don't have to visit a New York loft to hear avant-garde jazz, and you don't have to sport a beard, beret and dashiki to play it. Just ask Ellen Lease.

The pianist and mother of three will bring her quintet to Macalester College on November 7 for a performance of her own jazz compositions.

Lease is trained in both classical and military music and cites French impressionist Maurice Ravel as her favorite composer. For the past 15 years, she has passed along her knowledge of both mainstream jazz and classical piano to students at Macalester College and Cadenza Music.

Lease's own music is challenging, uncompromising and aggressive. It's avant-garde jazz, all right—sometimes beautiful and nearly always bracing. Lease's work includes plenty of improvisation and a fair share of atonality. She attacks the piano with her fingers, and the result is more often prickly than pretty.

Lease is excited about the upcoming show. "The last time I did a concert like this was in '92 at the Walker Art Center," she said.

In the late 1980s and early '90s, Lease gigged around town with a quintet that included her husband, alto-saxophonist and free-jazz mainstay Pat Moriarty. "But I got

really sick in '93 and couldn't do much except take care of the children and teach," she said.

"For a while I was collecting auto-immune disorders," she smiled. "My thyroid blew up and that was really hard. The potpourri included lupus fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, osteo-arthritis. I started going to acupuncturists, homeopathic physicians and body-work people and I feel pretty good now."

Though Lease had largely disappeared from the stage, she used a backlog of well-crafted compositions to snare a McKnight Foundation grant in 1995. "The grant allowed me to compose freely," she said. "And to practice—to get my chops back. Between raising three kids and being sick, my chops were in *bad* shape."

Lease's chops appeared in better shape than ever at a Dakota Bar & Grill performance a couple of months ago with the Ellen Lease-Pat Moriarty Quintet. She swung harder and drove the band with more authority than in years past. The quintet includes Moriarty on sax, Richard Paske on bass, Kelly Rossum on trumpet and Dave Stanoch on drums.

Lease is the only woman in the band, but that's nothing new. She quietly blazed that trail back in the 1970s as the first woman to play in either the U of M marching band or the Minnesota National Guard Band.

"A boyfriend talked me into joining the

National Guard," Lease said. "He was a 'Nam vet and was in the guard. He heard the guard band rehearsing, came home and said, 'You should play with that band.'"

Lease took the bait, auditioned and was accepted into the band. Then came the tough part—basic training in Alabama. Things got somewhat better after boot camp, she said.

"The Navy has a school of music in Norfolk, Virginia," Lease said. "All the military used it at that time. That's where I learned to play jazz. That's what they taught—small ensembles, big bands, Sammy Nestico charts."

"But I wanted to go back to college, to get a more formal education in music. Plus the army is awful, horrible—you really don't want to be there. But it did allow me to practice enough to pass a music school audition. For about nine months I got to practice four or five hours a day. And the piano instructor was really pretty decent."

The instruction Lease got at the U of M was better still and led directly to her romance with Moriarty. "I was studying composition with composer and trombonist Homer Lambrecht," Lease said.

"And Homer was playing jazz with me, in my quintet," Moriarty chipped in.

"He asked Pat to come in and talk to the class," Lease said.

"I brought in some records for the students to listen to," Moriarty said, "good work by some fairly obscure piano players—

Elmo Hope and Randy Weston. I think I was a bit of a bust as a guest speaker, but that's where I first saw Ellen. And I kept going back to Homer's seminar, sneaking in on other sessions, deciding whether to ask her out or not."

One of the compositions that will be played at the November 7 concert is dedicated to the couple's three children—Beau, Miles and Chloe. Lease described the solo piano piece, "My Three Hearts," as a "prayer that's tuneful and straightforward."

Other works that will be unveiled by the quintet include "Sudden Deep Green of Summer," a lush Latin ballad that Lease compared to a Miles Davis-Gil Evans collaboration, and "Nomad," a funky and freewheeling composition inspired by the music of Thelonius Monk.

The November 7 show will be all jazz and all original compositions by Lease, but don't be surprised if a bit of her classical training peeks through.

"I definitely come from a classical background and I don't want to leave those influences behind," Lease said. "I love the impressionists—Ravel, Debussy and Satie. Harmonically, they were doing things that jazz players certainly learned from."

"I love Bartok as well," she said. "And Sessions. And Schoenberg. And I've played a lot of Chopin. I still play Chopin. It's good for your chops. It really is."



The Ellen Lease-Pat Moriarty Quintet rehearses for the November 7 concert at Macalester College: (from left) Ellen Lease, Pat Moriarty, Kelly Rossum, Dave Stanoch and Richard Paske. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

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Music

"Swing Night in the Caves," will take place from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. every Thursday at the Wabasha Street Caves, 215 S. Wabasha St. The line-up will include the following: Swing Fever on November 5; and Swing Beat on November 12. Free dance lessons will be given at 6:15 p.m. Admission is \$6.00. Call 651-224-1191.

The Women of Substance Series will continue with Tina and the B-Sides at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 6, at the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced from \$15 to \$21, call 651-690-6700.

Ukrainian organist

Volodymyr Koshuba will present a free concert at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 6, at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

Coffee News Cafe, 1662 Grand Ave., will present a free acoustic folk concert beginning at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 6. The trio Rebecca Riots of Berkeley, California, and Bird in the Hand featuring Annie Silverstein and Jenna Conrad will perform.

"The World Under Glass," a free multi-cultural music festival, will take place from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays in the Como Park Conservatory's Sunken Garden. The line-up will include the following performers: The New Riverside Ramblers on November 7; and CitySongs Kids on November 14. Admission to the conservatory is \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children.

"An Old Sweet Song," a concert of music from the turn of the century performed by soprano Juliana Schmidt and pianist Timothy Lutz in period costume, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, November 7, at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Admission is \$12. For reservations, call 651-297-2555.

"Women's Voices in the World," a concert by Calliope Women's Chorus with special guests Neeconis Women Singers and Felicia Washington, will be performed at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 7, and at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 8, in Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University. For ticket information, call 651-649-4732.

The St. Paul Civic Symphony will be featured in a "Welcome Home Concert" at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 8, at the Landmark Center. The symphony will present the same program it performed on October 15 in St. Paul's sister city, Nagasaki, Japan, to help open that city's new performing arts center. The free concert will feature "Divertimento for Orchestra" by Yuzo Toyama, "Afro-American Symphony" by William Grant Still and "Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*" by Leonard Bernstein.

The Cathedral of St. Paul choir, under the direction of Marilyn and James Biery, will present an organ concert at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 8, at the Cathedral. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. Call 651-228-1766.

The Chamber Music Society of Minnesota will present violinist Joseph Silverstein performing the music of Bach and Schubert at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 8, in the Ted Mann Concert Hall at the University of Minnesota. Admission is free, but tickets are required. Call 612-339-2264.

The Nylons will perform a cappella hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 13, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced from \$18.50 to \$27.50, call 612-371-5656.

The Cedar Exchange Performance Series will present "Gershwin the Klezmer—Exploring the Jewish Connection," performed by the Minnesota Klezmer Band with guest vocalists Prudence Johnson, Bruce Henry and Maggie Burton at

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Christian Anderson and Laura Dias star in *Rent*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical that will open at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 4, at the Ordway Music Theatre. Performances will continue at 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, at 2:00 p.m. Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays and at 7:00 p.m. Sundays until November 21. For tickets, priced from \$20 to \$65, call 651-224-4222.

8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 14. For tickets, priced at \$14, call 612-870-1099.

Doc Severinsen will perform "Broadway, My Way" with the Minnesota Orchestra and the Minnesota Chorale at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 14, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 15, at Orchestra Hall. For ticket information, call 612-371-5642.

"Visionaries," a concert celebrating the 900th anniversary of Hildegard von Bingen's birth and Mozart's powerful "Requiem," will be performed by the Macalester Festival Chorale at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 14, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester Col-

lege. It will also be performed at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 15, at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 1079 Summit Ave. Admission is \$7.00 in advance or \$10 at the door. For ticket information, call 651-696-6382, x6520.

Conductor Stephen Roemer will lead the JCC Symphony Orchestra in a 100th birthday tribute to the late Aaron Copland at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 14, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Admission is free, but tickets are required. Call 651-698-0751.

The University of Minnesota Chamber Singers along with the Motet Choir of the House of

Hope Presbyterian Church will perform at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, November 15, at the church, 797 Summit Ave. For tickets, priced at \$7.00 and \$10, call 651-223-7549, ext. 5.

"Heavenly Music" will be performed by organist Richard Waggoner and soprano Barbara Nelson at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 15, at Church of the Good Shepherd, 1849 Marshall Ave. Admission is free. For information, call 651-645-9159.

The Minnesota Guitar Society will present the classical guitar duo Sergio and Odair Assad at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, November 15, in Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University. Admission is \$12, or \$10 for MGS members, students and seniors. Call 612-418-6219.

The Hill House Chamber Players will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 16, at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Tours will also be given. For tickets, priced at \$12, call 651-297-2555.

Books

The Hungry Mind bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted): Lisa Reardon will read selections from her novel *Billy Dead* on Wednesday, November 4; Susan Minot will read selections from her novel *Evening* on Tuesday, November 10; Dean Alger will read from his book *Megamedia: How Giant Corporations Dominate Mass Media, Distort Competition and Endanger Democracy* on Thursday, November 12; Barbara Ras will read from her book of poetry *Bite Every Sorrow* at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, November 14; Diane Glancy, Susan Firer and Lupe Solis will read from their respective books *The Cold-and-Hunger Dance*, *The Lives of Saints and Everything* and *Laundromat Blues* at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 16; and An-

thony Schmitz will read from his novel *Darkest Desire* on Tuesday, November 17. Admission is free. Call 651-699-0587.

Malachy McCourt will read from his memoir *A Monk Swimming* at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, in Cochran Lounge at Macalester College. Admission is free.

Nuruddin Farah will read from his novel *Secrets* at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, November 7, in the chapel at Macalester College. Admission is free.

Reeve Lindbergh, the youngest daughter of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, will read from her new memoir *Under a Wing* at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 9, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is free. For information, call 651-296-6126.

A book fair to benefit Michael Dowling Elementary School will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 14, at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy. There will be readings and musical entertainment by Dowling staff and parents. Call 651-690-9443.

Fred W. Peterson will discuss and sign copies of his book *Building Community, Keeping the Faith: German Catholic Vernacular Architecture in a Rural Minnesota Parish* from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 17, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is free. For reservations, call 651-296-2264.

Family

The Nokomis Community Library, 5100 S. 34th Ave., Minneapolis, will offer preschool films at 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4. Films will include *Curious George*, *Caps for Sale* and *Mole and the Lollipop*. "Toddler Tales" will be offered at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays throughout November. Also help with homework will

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"Gathering at the River: Talking Drums," a series of concerts to celebrate Japanese, West African and Native American traditions, will conclude with Bear Runners at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, at the Hamline Library, 1558 Minnehaha Ave. Admission is free. Call 651-222-3242.

Storytime activities will be offered at 10:30 a.m. on the following Wednesdays and Saturdays at the Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave: Lynne Jonell will read from her newest book *I Need A Snake* on Saturday, November 7; and Marsha Wilson Chall will introduce her newest book *Rupa Raises the Sun* on Saturday, November 14. Admission is free. Call 651-224-8320.

"Sundays at Landmark," a family-oriented event series, will offer the following events at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays in the Cortile at Landmark Center: a performance by the St. Paul Civic Symphony on November 8; and Native American folk artist Gen Huitt on November 22. Admission is free. For information, call 651-292-3225.

History Hijinx programs for children ages 3-11 will be offered from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The line-up includes the following: families can participate in the family festival "Minnesota Collects" on November 8; and families can visit with a History Player portraying George Nelson, a clerk from the XYZ and North West Companies during the fur trade era and manufacture some of their own fur trade goods on November 15. Admission is free. Call 651-296-6126.

The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., will offer the following events: Rosemary Wells will present a talk to



Children's author Tomie dePaola will present his newest book *Big Anthony: His Story* at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 17, at the Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave.

adults about her work as a writer of children's books at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 14; and Tomie dePaola will present his newest book *Big Anthony: His Story* and will sign copies of his books (one per family) at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 17. For information, call 651-224-9508.

Dance



"Turnstyle," a fall dance series presented by the Minnesota Dance Alliance and the Southern Theater, will take place from September 10 through December 20 at the Southern Theater and in Studio 6A of the Hennepin Center for the Arts in Minneapolis. The series will continue with Baraka de Soleil's D Underbelly at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 5-8, in Studio 6A; Rita Mustaphi's Nritya Jyoti Dance Theatre at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 12-15, at Southern Theatre; and the Zenon Dance Company at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Satur-

day and at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 12-28, and also two children's matinees at 1:00 p.m. Saturdays, November 14 and 21, in Studio 6A. Tickets cost \$12 and \$14 for the performances at Studio 6A and \$16 and \$18 at the Southern Theater. For tickets, call 612-340-1725 or 612-335-8200.

A Swedish Ballroom Dance will take place from 9:00 p.m. to midnight Friday, November 6, at the Twin Cities Ballroom, corner of W. 7th and Walnut streets. There also will be a Swedish meatball buffet. Admission is \$10 or \$5.00 for students with ID. For information, call 651-292-8463.

A special swing dance will be held from 7:00 to midnight Friday, November 6, at the Wabasha Street Caves, 215 S. Wabasha St. The Classic Big Band, a 19-piece orchestra, will provide the music. Free dance lessons will be given at 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$8.00. For information, call 651-224-1191.

The TGIS Singles Social Club will hold a smoke-free singles dance at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, in the Grand Ballroom of the Thunderbird Hotel,



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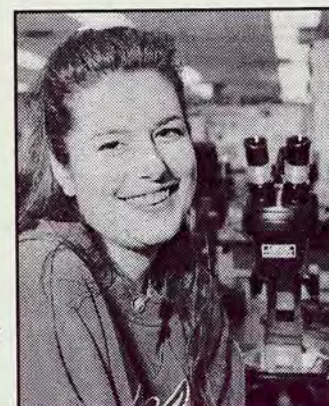
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A poetry reading featuring Teresa Boyer, Sharon Chmielarz, Kirsten Dierking, Norita Dittberner-Jax, R.C. Hildebrandt and Monica Ochtrup, who contributed to Black Hat Press' "1999 Minnesota Poetry Calendar," will take place at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, November 7, in the O'Shaughnessy-Frey Library at the Uni-

versity of St. Thomas. For information, call 651-962-5014

An open poetry reading will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, November 12, at the Hamline Library, 1558 W. Minnehaha Ave. Readers will get a maximum of 5 minutes to read a favorite poem (not their own creation) and explain why the poem has meaning to them. To sign up as a reader, call 651-266-7048.

"The Artist and the Magic World of the Unconscious," a panel discussion featuring poet Michael Dennis Brown, composer Jan Gilbert, dance therapist Barbara Nordstrom-Loeb and artist Karen Sontag-Sattel, will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, November 13, in the Fireside Room at the United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. The cost is \$10, or \$7.00 for Minnesota Jung Association members. For reservations, call 651-698-8533.

Exhibits



An exhibit of more than 50 printmakers organized by the National Association of Women Artists will go on display Wednesday, November 4, in the Catherine G. Murphy Gallery at the College of St. Catherine. The exhibit will remain on display until December 6. For information, call 651-690-6644.

"Images of the Sea: Art and Technology of Underwater Pho-



The Frederic Chopin Society will present German pianist Friedrich Höricke at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 15, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. For tickets, priced at \$12 and \$15, call 612-822-0123.

tography," an exhibit by pioneering photographer Flip Schulke, will go on display Monday, November 16, in the Olin-Rice Science Center at Macalester College. It will remain on display through May 15. Call 651-696-6102.

"Consider the Twig," a salon style exhibition of works by students, faculty and community artists highlighting what we often consider inconsequential and forgettable, will open Monday, November 16, at the College of Visual Arts, 173 Western Ave. An artists' reception will be held from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 20, and will feature performances by drummers from Walker-West Music Academy. The exhibit

will run until December 11.

Theater



The Diviners, a play set in a small Indiana town in the 1930s focusing on the friendship between a disturbed boy and a disenchanted pastor, will be performed at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 5-8, in the E.M. Pearson Theatre at Concordia University. For ticket information, call 612-870-1099.

Agatha Christie's *Ten Little Indians* will be performed at 7:00 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, Nov. 12-14 and 19-21, by the joint theater department of the College of St. Catherine and the University of St. Thomas in Foley Theater at St. Thomas. For tickets, priced at \$5.00, call 651-690-6700.

A three-part theater series to benefit Clare House, an adult foster care home in Macalester-Groveland for people living with HIV and AIDS, will kick off with *The Orphan Train* at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 13, at the Great American History Theatre, 30 E. 10th St. Other performances in the series will be *Jake's Women* on January 10 at Theatre in the Round, and *Spirit House* on April 29 at Illusion Theatre. The cost is \$25 per show or \$60 for the series, and includes refreshments. For information, call 651-222-6409.

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Where the fans bleed purple, Red notwithstanding

The pre-game spectacle was carefully choreographed. Cannons boomed, cheerleaders did cartwheels, Ragnar the Viking scooted across the synthetic turf on a snowmobile. Even the late Jimi Hendrix kicked in a contribution: "Purple Haze" blared moments before the kickoff of the Redskins-Vikings game.

"This is just the usual, staged, pre-game garbage," I assured my bewildered sons. "Everyone will settle down once the game starts."

But they didn't. The Vikings got an honest-to-goodness standing ovation before the game began. Even the interminable interruptions for TV commercials did little to quell the crowd's intensity, and this was during a laugh, an easy 41-7 victory for the Vikes.

I'll state it once again: I was dead wrong about Randall Cunningham. He put on a clinic against the helpless Washington secondary. Cunningham has been the catalyst in the Vikings' fast start this season. Look at the rest of the league: Warren Moon is still playing, Gus Frerotte has a starting job, they're playing a midget (Doug Flutie) in Buffalo and 44-year-old Steve DeBerg is still calling signals. The tandem of Cunningham and soon-to-return starter Brad Johnson looks pretty good in these less than halcyon days for NFL quarterbacks.

Nearly every preseason concern has turned into a strength for the Vikings. The cornerbacks have done a good job on one-to-one coverage and running back Robert Smith has been able to stay healthy. The only possible fly in the ointment is the strong possibility of a late-season quarterback controversy. No matter who plays down the stretch, a mistake or two will be made and the talk show pundits will cry for the second-stringer to take over. But it won't be a problem for the Vikings unless the talk creeps into the locker room.

SPORTING THE COLORS

From this point on, I refuse to refer to him as "Red." Ever since he arrived on the scene, new owner Purple McCombs has pushed for fans to take up the Vikings' cause. His pleas for "Purple Pride" have not gone unheeded. At the Redskins game, there was Viking violet all over the Metrodome.

Vikings fans are a curious lot. Not only do they don horns and paint their faces, but many wear expensive team jerseys. An informal poll, conducted while cruising the second deck, produced the following findings. Cris Carter (No. 80) is still the top jersey-seller, but he's getting serious heat from rookie sensation Randy Moss (84). Third place goes to defensive lineman John Randle (93), while Robert Smith (26) comes in a distant fourth. Brad Johnson (14) has solid support from the fans, especially from the female contingent. Oddly, sixth place goes to Jack Del Rio (55), whose career ended when Johnny Carson's did.

They don't exactly give these jerseys away, either. They were going like hotcakes at the Metrodome's souvenir booths for \$55 apiece. My precocious 11-year-old invested most of his birthday savings in a Moss jersey. We had toured the Maul (sic) of America for this elusive item a week before the game. After coming up empty at seven of the roughly 422 sports stores there, we decided to search for the Holy Grail by going to the game.

"We can't even get these things out of the box fast enough," said the clerk behind the register. "If it's got Moss' name on it, it's sold before we can get a price tag on it. His jersey is the hottest-selling item in the country right now."

MASON JARS CRITICS

This is getting a bit embarrassing, but I'll admit it. I was wrong again. I never saw this one coming. Coach Glen Mason pulled off the big upset, leading the Gophers football team to an unlikely last-second victory against Michigan State. The U of M hadn't beaten the Spartans in 22 years. An alarming

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Raiders, Red Hawks advance at state

Girls teams survive early rounds on the strength of their defense

by Tom Cody

An opportunistic offense and a stingy defense have kept the hopes of Minnehaha Academy and Cretin-Derham Hall alive in the girls state high school soccer tournament.

The Raiders (18-2-2) upset undefeated Bloomington Jefferson 2-1 in overtime to advance to the Class AA Final Four at the Metrodome, where they will face Woodbury at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 4. If they survive the Royals, the Raiders will play for the state championship against the Stillwater-Eagan winner at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5.

Undefeated Minnehaha Academy will play St. Louis Park for the Class A state championship at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 5, in the Metrodome.

Coach Mark Anderson's (22-0-0) Red Hawks have posted an incredible 21 shutouts. The team has allowed only two goals all season, both coming in a 3-2 victory over SPA. All-state senior goaltender Gretchen Bratnober "is tough in the nets," Anderson said, "but we have four very good defenders in front of her who play the full 90 minutes every game."

Bratnober agreed. "I'd attribute most of our defensive success to our defenders," she



Minnehaha Academy midfielder Taylor Hilker takes a shot on goal during practice. Photo by Terry Faust.

said. "Sarah Kron is our sweeper, Julie Dahl and Kelly Haag are our outside backs and Cara Jones is our stopper. They really limit the shots on goal."

Minnehaha beat Proctor, 3-0, in the state semifinals, outshooting the Rails 16-2. "Proctor had a strong team," Anderson said. "They kept

the ball in our end quite a bit, but didn't get a lot of quality shots. We had maybe half a dozen good chances to score."

Naomi Struve scored two of the Hawks' goals, and Becca Sunderman got the other. "Struve is really quick and has a great shot," Anderson said. "We have two other

big offensive weapons in Morgan Anderson and Taylor Hilker. Anderson is really, really fast. Hilker is an amazing ball-handler and shooter. We can generate a lot of offense with those three."

Anderson's club advanced to the state tournament with victories over St. Bernard's (3-0) and South St. Paul (2-0) in the Section 2A playoffs. Morgan Anderson had two goals in the first win. Sarah Kron and Struve had the goals against the Packers.

"We'll have to play well to beat St. Louis Park," Coach Anderson said. "They play in a tough conference (Lake), and were very competitive there. They're fast; they're physical. I'm not too keen on the (10:00 a.m.) starting time, but we'll just have to deal with it."

CDH used a scrappy defense to counter the more physical, talented Jefferson offense. "They were big and strong," said all-state senior midfielder Brie Valento. "We didn't have a lot of good chances to score, but when we did, we made the most of them."

Sophomore forward Kitty Montgomery got loose on a breakaway midway through the first half. She knocked the ball into the far corner for a 1-0 lead. Junior goalie Kate Townley made the lead stand

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Vikings' success recalls the glory days of old

by Dick Gordon

If he were so moved, former Minnesota Viking and current Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page might issue this opinion from his chambers in downtown St. Paul: Winning streaks are great, but they can't last forever.

The 1998 Vikings found that out last Sunday at Tampa Bay, where they ran into their first defeat of the season after seven league victories and a perfect preseason.

Page knows all about winning streaks firsthand. He was Minnesota's John Randle of a quarter-century ago. The fierce quarterback-sacking, all-pro lineman was the defensive catalyst on four Vikings teams that compiled impressive winning streaks during the '60s and '70s.

In 1973 the Vikings started fast, winning their first nine games. They followed that in 1975 with a 10-0 streak and the next year they went unbeaten through the first seven games, with a 10-10 overtime tie against the Los Angeles Rams the only blemish on a per-

fect record.

The franchise's longest winning streak came in 1969 and did not start until after a one-point loss to the New York Giants in the season opener. After that heartbreaker, Bud Grant's gang reeled off 12 straight wins outscoring their opponents 353-99 in the process.

Page and Randle are not the only similarities between the Vikings of old and new. Strong backup quarterbacks also played a part in the team's winning streaks of yesteryear.

The backups never had quite the status of Randall Cunningham, who has come on masterfully in relief of injured starter Brad Johnson. But when starter Joe Kapp suffered a mild concussion in the second quarter against Detroit in 1968, Gary Cuozzo came off the bench, suffered an injury to his left shoulder, and with his arm hanging limp, passed the Vikings the length of the field to preserve a 21-10 win.

The following year in a game at Green Bay, Kapp threw an interception that was returned for a touchdown and left the Vikings looking at a 7-3 deficit at halftime. Grant benched Kapp and

brought in Cuozzo, who marched the team down the field twice for field goals to win the game 9-7 and keep the winning streak alive.

In the same vein, back in the late-'70s when Hall of Famer Fran Tarkenton was idled by one of his rare injuries, little-regarded Bobby Lee took over at quarterback to lead the Vikings to a 17-6 win over Pittsburgh's two-time defending Super Bowl champions.

Sports pundits continue to lavish praise on the Vikings current offensive line; the 1970s had perennial all-pros like right tackle Ron Yary and center Mick Tingelhoff.

Robert Smith also is having a banner year. He is undoubtedly the Vikings' best breakaway running back since Chuck Foreman, who was the NFL rookie of the year in 1973. Grant once said that Foreman was a better all-purpose back than O.J. Simpson, and that was when Simpson was the NFL's peerless ground gainer.

Those earlier Vikings teams did not have the pass-receiving depth provided

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Spartan quarterback's numbers get recruiters' attention, if not his own

by Bill Wagner

The thing you have to like about T.J. Prunty is that he doesn't keep track of his numbers. Ask the 6-foot-3, 195-pound junior quarterback from St. Paul Academy and Summit School how many touchdown passes he's thrown this year and he'll answer politely that he really can't be sure. Ask him how many yards he's thrown for or rushed for and it's the same thing. He doesn't keep track of those things.

For the record, heading into the section playoffs last week Prunty had 1,263 yards passing and 7 touchdowns through the air to go with more than 300 yards rushing and 8 touchdowns on the ground.

"He's just a great athlete," said SPA coach Brian Sandifer. "Personally, I think he's the best all-around player in Minnesota."

Take the Spartans' regular-season finale for example. In the 21-14 win over Hinckley-Finlayson, Prunty completed 10 of 27 passes for 171 yards and a touchdown. He intercepted a pass and returned it 29 yards for a touchdown. He also made 12 tackles as a defensive back and broke up a pass in the end zone to preserve the win in overtime.

"I'm just glad that we won," Prunty said after that game. "We need to keep that momentum."

The victory gave SPA a 4-4 record heading into the first round of the Section 4AA playoffs against St. Anthony on October 27. Unfortunately, the Spartans' momentum didn't last long. SPA lost 31-0 to the second-seeded Huskies.

"T.J. played well," Sandifer said. "He had 180 yards pass-



SPA quarterback T.J. Prunty doing what he does best—handling the ball for the Spartans. Photo by Ted McDonald.

ing, picked off a pass at free safety and made eight tackles. We just couldn't get the ball in the end zone."

Sandifer said college recruiters from around the country have been inquiring about Prunty despite the fact that he's only a junior. His height makes him an ideal passer from the pocket and his speed (4.5 in the 40) enables him to scramble when he has to. He never hesitates to take off with the ball if his receivers are covered. In fact, Prunty was a running back until last season.

On some teams, such talent wouldn't be employed on offense and defense because of the greater chance of injury. But the SPA star relished the extra duty.

"We only had 30 to 32 guys on the team so we had to have guys who played both ways," he said. "As for getting hurt, I really didn't think

about it."

Prunty has loved football ever since he was old enough to walk. His father used to be a college player and his older brother, Travis, is an outstanding running back for Gustavus College.

Sandifer added that Prunty is a good enough baseball player to have a shot at being drafted by a major league club two years from now.

Though the Spartans' football season is over, Sandifer said he's looking forward to next year. Prunty will be back along with a strong supporting cast, including sophomore running back Sundi Griffin, who was injured for part of the year but still rushed for 600 yards and four touchdowns.

"We're only losing one senior from this year's team," Sandifer said. "We should be very tough next season."

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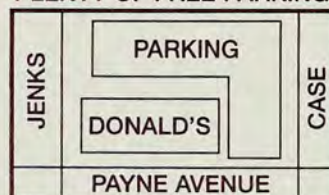
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up until midway through the second half when Jefferson tied the score.

Townley kept the game tied with big saves in the overtime session. "She was the difference in overtime," said coach Katie Hand. "They were pressing us, and she came up huge a couple times. The momentum changed with her saves. We went on the attack and found a way to score."

Forward Valerie Johnson led a rush down the left side, then crossed the ball over to Montgomery. "I didn't have much time to make a move," said Montgomery after the game. "There was a defender right on me. I just tried to hit the far corner." The ball glanced off the Jaguars' goalie and crept into the corner of the net.

"We expected to be strong again this year," said Hand, who led her 1997 CDH team to the Final Four. "We lost a lot of our scoring punch, but we knew we'd be strong defensively. Valento, Montgomery, Kristin Greenwood, Mary Dienhart—they all play solid defense. We just had to find new ways to score."

Johnson and Anne Borer moved up to forward this season to lead the Raiders' attack. "But we had five or six kids with seven or eight goals this year," Hand said.

The Raiders earned the trip to state with a hard-fought 2-1 win over Minneapolis South in the section finals. Johnson tied the game with a 20-yard slicer late in the second half. Townley made two big saves in the overtime shootout session.

"Woodbury will be really tough for us," Hand said. "They have two all-state forwards. They're solid front to back. Their midfielders won't be as physical as Jefferson's were. If we can remain patient on defense, we might be able to create some good opportunities."

CDH, STA boys fall short

The Cretin-Derham Hall and St. Thomas Academy boys soccer teams lost their chance last Thursday for a state title. The Raiders, making their first trip to the state soccer tournament since 1976, suffered a heartbreaking

1-0 overtime loss to Apple Valley in the Class AA quarterfinals.

The Cadets lost 3-2 in overtime to Duluth-Marshall in a Class A semifinal. They will play defending state champion Benilde-St. Margaret in the third-place game at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 4, at the Metrodome.

STA (12-9-2) took a wind-aided 2-0 lead in the semifinal game against Duluth. "Then Duluth scored twice in the second half when they had the wind," said coach Chris Bisanz. The Cadets lost the game on a corner kick one minute into the overtime period. Mick DesLauriers and Mike Laurenzano scored for the Cadets, and goalie Max Parker had eight big stops.

Playing in the tough St. Paul Suburban Conference against mostly AA schools, the Cadets were 7-8-1 during the regular season. "Let's face it," Bisanz said, "we wouldn't have gone this far in the Class AA playoffs. But we have established ourselves as one of the top Class A teams around. We don't score much, but we play solid defense. Kevin Fitzgerald (6-foot-8 senior midfielder) has played very well, but this is not a team full of superstars. They just play well together."

Raiders' coach Dan Rosen is calling it quits this fall after 13 years at the helm, but he'll never forget his last game. The scoreless contest was a classic defensive struggle. Neither team could muster many good offensive chances. "We probably had the better opportunities," Rosen said, "especially after they were a man short (after a red-card violation). They played very conservatively; they were playing for the shootout."

The Eagles scored on their first attempt in the shootout. The Raiders' Todd Clouser missed on his. CDH's Joe Roedler had a chance to tie the game with the final kick, but his effort sailed high and wide.

"Clouser and Roedler have been our money players for three years," Rosen said. "You put your best two guys in the first and fifth spots in a shootout. I'd go with those two again if I had the chance."

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by Cris Carter, Jake Reed and Randy Moss. However, Ahmad Rashad and Sammy White came close when they were paired up in 1976. Gene Washington, a 6-foot-3 former hurdler for Michigan State, could go up almost as high as Moss until an injury ended his football career.

The Vikings' head coaches also had a lot to do with their teams' winning streaks. Bud Grant and Dennis Green are opposites in many ways. The former never indulged in emotional tirades, such as Green's comeback-inspiring halftime oration at Detroit two weeks ago. Grant also was never part of a controversy such as the one that engulfed Green after his autobiography came out a year ago.

But both have this in common: They're players' coaches, almost universally popular with the athletes. Even when Green was being ripped a year ago by the media and several team owners, the players stood by him 100 percent.

Grant had the same following. Jim Marshall, who started in an NFL-record 282 consecutive

games and was a co-captain of the team throughout Grant's tenure, said unhesitatingly that "Bud was the best coach I ever had." That was no small compliment, given that Marshall also played for coaching legends Paul Brown and Woody Hayes.

When the winning streaks of the Grant-Marshall era ended, the defeats were never by humiliating margins. Two were snapped by one-point losses and the others by a touchdown or less. More important is what happened afterward. The '69, '73 and '76 teams advanced to the Super Bowl. The '75 team probably would have as well except for the questionable Hail Mary pass by the Cowboys that snatched away a playoff victory.

Those Super Bowls, of course, wound up as disappointments.

Despite the three-point loss to Tampa Bay, the 59-year-old Marshall is one of several old Vikings who lauds the present team and thinks it can return to the promised land.

"And maybe," said Marshall, "they can do something we never could."

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sidebar to that story is that MSU has not exactly been a world-beater in those two decades.

It's been well documented that Gopher athletic director Mark Dienhart is committed to rebuilding the school's football program. Obviously, football remains the cornerstone in any university's athletic program. Mason is beginning to look like the man who could eventually make it happen. Remember: the Gophers are starting 12 freshmen and sophomores, and have no seniors playing on offense.

I still don't see a bowl bid coming this year unless the Gophers can win at the University of Wisconsin-Madison this Saturday. Badger bulldozer Ron Dayne will get the ball at least 35 times. If he's allowed to run wild, things could get ugly quickly at Camp Randall Stadium.

FALL CLASSIC REVISITED

After one of the most exciting regular seasons of all time, the 1998 World Series produced almost no memorable moments. The New York Yankees were just too good. Their 125-50 record will go down as one of the greatest seasons ever in any professional sport.

Yes, it's finally happened: After 20 years of free agency it's now possible to acquire the World Series championship. Last year the Florida Marlins rented the trophy; this year the Yanks signed a long-term lease with an option to buy.

But you've got to give them credit—New York is playing by the same rules as everybody else. The Yankees put together one of the best teams in the history of the sport, plain and simple. And look at how they built this powerhouse. They made plenty of important free-agent acquisitions (Chuck Knoblauch, David Cone, David Wells), but they also made shrewd trades for key players (Paul O'Neill, Tino Martinez). The team also had a nice mixture of home-grown talent (Derek Jeter, Bernie Williams, Andy Pettitte) and future prospects (Shane Spencer, Jorge Posada, Ricky Ledee).

But what really set the Yanks apart from the rest of the high-payroll teams is that they spent their money wisely on bench players as well. Guys like Chad Curtis, Tim Lincecum, Luis Sojo, Graehm Lloyd and Jeff Nelson had huge roles in the team's success.

The '98 Yankees may well have had the most talent ever assembled in one clubhouse, but such a lineup would not have been possible in different economic times. Other dominant teams—the '27 Yanks, the '60s Yanks, the '72-'74 A's and the '76 Reds—had to build their rosters without free agents. The '98 Yanks might stand as the best team of all time—until next year, when somebody else decides to up the ante and buy the title.

PREP PROFILE

• Top area football stats at the close of the regular season included the following:

Rushers: Heighlos Riser of Highland Park (863 yards, 11

TDs), Joe Vannelli of Cretin-Derham Hall (635, 11), Rasheem Sharpe of Central (591, 12), Andy Gross of Sibley (577, 9) and Dom D'Valle of CDH (424, 7).

Receivers: Sharpe (378 yards), Sam Polk of St. Paul Academy (334), Jay Eyunni of SPA (331), Cellan Burch of Central (327), James Bradford of Highland Park (308) and Nick Thompson of CDH (303).

Quarterbacks: T.J. Prunty of SPA (1,263 yards passing, 7 TDs passing, 8 TDs rushing), Ryan Gilson of Central (1,073 yards, 14 TDs), David Raih of St. Thomas Academy (889, 9) and Dan Salmen of CDH (868, 12).

• Local all-state boys soccer nominees include Joe Roedler and Dan Schmidt of CDH, Chris Hart of SPA and Ry Larrandson of Minnehaha Academy. Named all-state for the girls were Brie Valento of CDH, Laura Ashley of Sibley, and Taylor Hilker, Sarah Kron, Gretchen Bratnober and Morgan Anderson of Minnehaha.

• Dan Knappmiller and Jon Wacker placed second and third, respectively, in the St. Paul City Conference cross country meet to lead the Central boys to the team title. CDH won the girls event, paced by Brynn Bowman, who took the individual gold medal. Molly Barker and Laura Puckett finished second and third.

• In the St. Paul Suburban boys cross country meet, six local runners earned all-conference awards: Dan Hager, David Huber and Greg Gestner of Sibley; and Scott Linde, Matt Marolt and Corey Ettinger of STA.

• Next Saturday's state high school cross country meet will be held at noon on the campus of St. Olaf College in Northfield. Several local runners qualified for the event. Joe Vis of Minnehaha and Mark Fennell of SPA will run in the Class A meet, while Bryan Donald, Paul Fischer, Jon Wacker and Dan Knappmiller of Central qualified individually for the Class AA event. The Central boys will also compete as a team after winning yet another Section 3AA championship. Sibley's Dan Hager also finished in the top five at the section meet and will run at state.

In the girls Section 3AA meet, Sibley placed second as a team and will compete at St. Olaf. Individual girls who qualified include Jenna Gerten of Sibley, Brynn Bowman of CDH, Anna Shields of CDH and Molly Barker of Central.

• Once again, the soccer shootout has reared its ugly head. Many high school soccer teams were eliminated from the playoffs with this absurd method of deciding overtime games. Point-blank penalty kicks should not be used to determine a game's outcome, let alone an entire season's. I think I've got a solution: Give each team five corner kicks instead. Those would at least involve the entire team and more soccer skills would be necessary in order to score a goal. The goalies, who have virtually no impact whatsoever on a penalty kick, would be important factors in a corner kick shootout.

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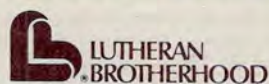
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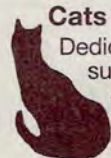
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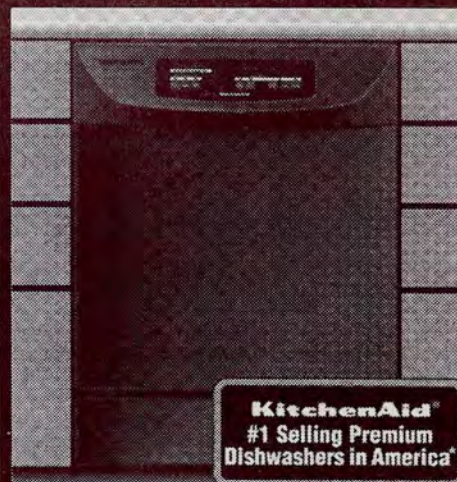
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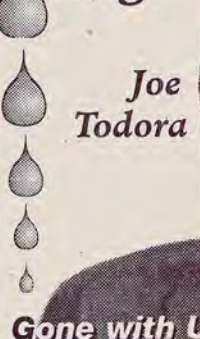
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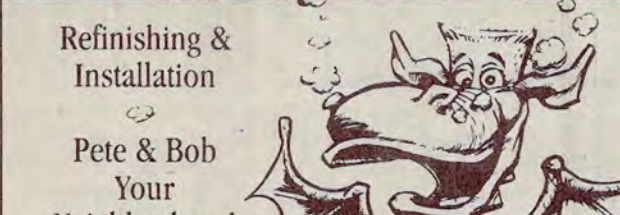
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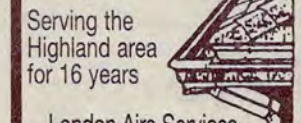
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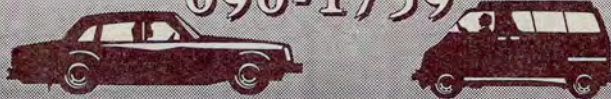
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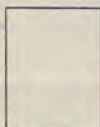
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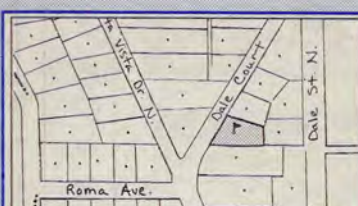


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"Buildable Lot"

Great Roseville location north of Larpenteur, west of Dale at 1816 Dale Court. Stubbed to water and sewer.

696-0846 \$45,000



Lynn O'Hara Ritter



Freshly Painted!

Gleaming wood floors, great size kitchen, 2 baths, deck overlooks private treed yard — why rent? A few blocks to Lake Como. 1037 Stinson Street. www.st-paul-girl.com

696-0846 \$62,000



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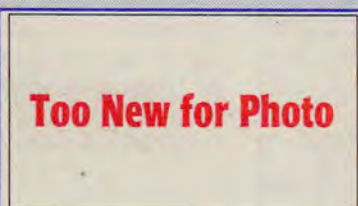
*** Just Listed ***

Charm galore! The owners of this home have taken meticulous care. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, new 2-car garage — in move-in condition.

696-0857



Liz Flynn



*** Just Listed ***

Beautiful hardwood floors, bright and sunny 3-season porch, fabulous recreation room, eat-in kitchen, loads of storage are just some of the highlights! Available 11/10/98.

696-0857 \$127,450



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* Spacious & Gracious *

This home is much larger than it appears. It has 2 BRs, spacious eat-in kitchen, living/dining room, recreation room, office, bonus room, 2-car attached garage + more.

696-0857 \$179,000



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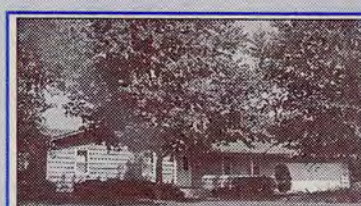
* Kit is a Cream Puff *

Same owner for 70 years! Highlights include beautiful woodwork, built-in buffet, sun-drenched den, hardwood floors, spacious basement and tuck-under garage.

696-0857 \$120,000



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Fabulous Opportunity

One-owner Mendota Heights rambler. 3 BRs, 2 baths, great landscaping, well-maintained. 197 Schools: Mendota Elementary, Friendly Hills Middle School, Sibley High School.

696-0851 \$159,900



Marc Swanson



Grand Victorian Home

Enjoy a haven from life in this 4-BR, 2-bath, all redone. New: kitchen, bath, sauna, garage, yard, boiler, roof, carpet, fence, and mature trees. 2029 Grand Ave.

696-0845 \$199,900



Mike Brennan



* Brownstone Condo *

Beautiful 2-BR, 1-bath in Ramsey Hill, deck, fireplace, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, galley kitchen, storage basement, off-street parking, beautiful tree-top views.

696-0845 \$89,900



Mike Brennan



West St. Paul

Lots of space for the money! 3-BR, 2-bath home with hardwoods on upper level, large fenced yard with patio, finished lower level, spacious rooms!

696-0874 \$149,900



John Otteson



Move in and Enjoy!!

Spacious 3-BR rambler, separate dining room, huge master BR, fireplace, gleaming hardwood floors, coved ceilings, BR on lower level with 3/4 bath, beautiful wooded lot!

696-0865 \$129,900



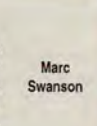
Bob Boland



Great Nokomis Tudor.

Brick and stucco Tudor at 5533 13th Ave. Must see! 4 BRs, 3 baths, formal dining room and eat-in kitchen. Living room fireplace, lower level family room and newer roof. Just...

699-0866 \$154,900



Marc Swanson