



Newly appointed Ramsey County District Judge John Guthmann checks out his new digs at the Ramsey County Courthouse. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER.

New judge is made in Ramsey Co. Highland lawyer dons the robes of the judiciary

BY BOB GILBERT

When Highland Park attorney John Guthmann was appointed a judge in Ramsey County District Court earlier this winter, the congratulations he received from colleagues all seemed to be worded in the same way: "If this is what you want, I'm happy for you." It was a reminder of the new responsibilities he will be assuming when he is sworn in on March 27. By donning the black robes of the judiciary, Guthmann said, he will be devoting himself to maintaining the integrity of Minnesota's legal system.

Until now, the 53-year-old Guthmann's legal career has focused on personal injury and worker's compensation cases. About 90 percent of his work was defending businesses and individuals who were being sued.

"My role was to advocate for clients as aggressively as the law and my conscience allowed," he said.

Judicial temperament is his new standard. It requires a mind that is open and impartial, giving everybody coming into his court a fair hearing. Toward that end, Guthmann is relinquishing his partnership with the law firm of Hansen, Dordell, Bradt, Odlag & Bradt. There will be no more campaigning for political candidates. Guthmann will also refrain from all business activity and end his associations with the nonprofit organizations for which he volunteers.

"Judges try to be independent thinkers who take a detached look at the merits of each side's case and apply the law accurately," he said. "Not everything is black and white."

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District considers no less than nine new programs for Homecroft School

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

An ad hoc advisory committee of Highland Park residents, Homecroft parents and PTA members needed just five meetings over 18 days to recommend three options for maintaining an elementary school at Homecroft, 1845 Sheridan Ave.

"The group did some amazing work," said Karen Woodward, an educational consultant from Highland Park who served as a facilitator for the committee. "Now the school district has asked us to give them some time to do justice to the recommendations."

The advisory committee recommended one of three new academic programs for Homecroft—Learning Through Music, Classical Education, or Environmental Science and Business. St. Paul Superintendent of Schools Meria Carstarphen told the School Board on February 18 that her staff needed a few weeks to review the three programs and weigh their potential for attracting new students. She said she would report back to the School Board on March 18 or 25.

On March 6, school district staff suggested five additional options for the Homecroft building. They include the district's first middle-school International Baccalaureate program or the district's first middle-school multi-language immersion program, enabling students enrolled in an elementary International Baccalaureate program or an elementary language immersion program to continue their studies in grades 7 and 8.

A third option suggested by the district was a pre-professional school for students interested in pursuing careers in the arts, sports or entertainment. A fourth option is to jointly house within the Homecroft building a program for students in grades 5 to 10 receiving emotional and therapeutic counseling as well as an Early Learning Center that consolidates programs serving children from birth through age 5.

The fifth option, which would require a change in state law, would reopen Homecroft as a charter school

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Mendota Plaza in line for major renovation

Walgreens, restaurant, retail shops planned for first of development's two phases

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

A multi-million dollar makeover has been proposed for the Mendota Plaza Shopping Center at Highway 110 and Dodd Road in Mendota Heights. The plans were reviewed by the Mendota Heights City Council last month and will soon be presented to the city's Planning Commission.

"We're planning to submit preliminary plans and a rezoning application for phase 1 at either the April 28 or May 26 meeting," said Howard Paster, president of St. Paul-based Paster Enterprises LLC, which owns and manages 11 Twin Cities shopping centers, including Sibley Plaza in Highland Park.

The first of two phases of the development is estimated to cost about \$12 million, according to Paster. "We'll be demolishing about a quarter of the main building where Snyders is now and adding a separate 14,000-square-foot building nearby for a new Walgreens," he said.

The 55,278-square-foot strip mall currently houses 10 businesses, including Snyders, which will be moving across Highway 110 to the new Village at Mendota Heights. Paster said four other businesses on the mall's west end—a Subway shop, J&A Cleaners, a chiropractic clinic and Lee Education Center—will need to relocate during construction. "Otherwise, our goal is little or no downtime for our business tenants, at most a weekend," Paster said.

The mall's other tenants include Tuesday Morning, Dr. Paul Wild dentistry, Teresa's Mexican Restaurant (coming to the former Ziggy's spot), Salon Concepts and Mendota Liquors. About 19,600 square feet are currently available

on the east end of the mall in the former Do-it-Best Hardware space. The nearby McDonald's restaurant and Amoco gas station are separately owned and will not be part of the project.

Phase 1 will also include the addition of two new buildings totaling 14,000 to 15,000 square feet in the northeast corner of the 21.7-acre lot. One building will house a restaurant and the other several small retailers. The mall's exterior will get a face-lift, new parking spaces and a pond will be added, and a new entrance will be built off Highway 110.

If all goes as planned, Paster hopes to break ground on phase 1 by mid-summer and be finished by spring 2009. "Walgreens would move in by fall 2009," he said.

Phase 2, as currently designed, calls for five new buildings to be constructed along the eastern and southern boundaries of the lot, though it will

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One of the reasons there are legal disputes is because there is that gray area."

A more experienced judge, yet to be named, will help Guthmann settle into his new role. In addition to seminars in Minnesota, his orientation will include a two-week school for new judges in Reno. Among his assigned readings is an inch-thick publication dealing exclusively with the legal ins and outs of working with translators for defendants who do not speak English. And before his first trial as a judge, he will preside over a mock trial that will be videotaped and reviewed by fellow judges who will critique his performance.

Though he will be taking a big cut in pay, Guthmann applied for the assignment. He was interviewed by the Minnesota Judicial Selection Commission, and its recommendation got him an interview with Governor Tim Pawlenty, who offered him the job as one of 29 judges in the Second Judicial District.

Becoming a judge can be quite an adjustment, according to Ramsey County District Judge Robert Awsumb, who has been on the bench for 2½ years. "A big part of the transition is realizing that you no longer have a dog in the fight or an argument to be made on behalf of one of the litigants," Awsumb said. "Your job is to listen carefully to

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both sides."

Guthmann referred to the rule of law as "intangible capital" and the underpinning of a strong economy and peaceful society. "Countries whose population has confidence in the rule of law are the most productive and their people are the happiest," he said. "The judiciary plays an important role in maintaining the health of our society."

With fewer judges per capita than other states, Minnesota judges have among the biggest case loads in the country, according to Guthmann. Criminal cases will be his first assignment and, according to Awsumb, it will not be unusual for him to rule on up to 70 motions in a single morning only to return after lunch to rule on 70 more.

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New Ramsey County District Judge John Guthmann (right) greets probate referee Dean Maus on a recent visit to his new chambers in the County Courthouse. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

said, he will have to digest "an overwhelming amount of new information about how the criminal legal process works. It's an incredible learning experience."

Guthmann, a 1972 graduate of Highland Park High School, received his bachelor's degree from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, and his law degree from William Mitchell College of Law, where he served as editor-in-chief of the *William Mitchell Law Review*. He later clerked for Minnesota Supreme

Court Chief Justice Robert Sheran.

Guthmann and his wife Teresa have three children, Alex, Abby and Andy. He credited his own father, Howard Guthmann, a former member of the St. Paul School Board and former chair of the St. Paul Port Authority, for instilling in him a sense of duty to public service.

That sense of duty led to his current membership on the Minnesota Special Education Task Force and to his work as a lobbyist for the Coalition for Children With Disabilities.

He is also active in the Rotary Club and is a member of the board of directors of the North Star Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Guthmann will be replacing retiring Judge John Dickerson, whose six-year term ends in 2010.

"I'm very excited about his appointment," said Awsumb, who after March 27 will no longer be the rookie judge in the Second District. "He's a smart person who will make fair decisions based on the law and the facts."

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not be part of the application Paster presents this spring. "That may be one to three years down the road," he said. "Market conditions aren't exactly great right now, so we're designing this to be done in several components."

The second phase is expected to be a mix of office, retail and housing. The overall project, when both phases are complete, is expected to cost \$40 million, Paster said.

A four-story residential building is expected to be part of phase 2. Paster said that building may consist of a 100 senior assisted-living units. "We'll also be adding a child-care building, a two- or three-story office building and two more office/retail combination buildings," he said.

Mendota Plaza was built in 1971 and was purchased by Paster in 1986. "It was an interior mall when we bought it," Paster said. "We made it into an outdoor mall and built new facades all around."

Paster bought a total of 13 acres back then, and purchased almost 9 more acres from the Minnesota Department of Transportation in 2005. Last August, the company went before the City Council with a concept plan for the redevelopment, but was told it needed to go back to the drawing board, said city administrator Jim Danielson. "The council put together a plan to work with the developer on the design," he said. "Though Paster missed the first deadline last summer, it's still working well with us."



The concept plan for the Mendota Plaza Shopping Center. The buildings to be renovated or constructed are in brown. Phase 1 includes lots 1-4 and Outlot A.

The mall is located between Dodge Nature Center prairie land to the east and the Mendota Country Club to the west. "The council thought the initial design would be too dense being so close to the Dodge Nature Center," said City Council member Ultan Duggan.

"Nevertheless, (council member) Jack Vitelli and I have been working with them (Paster) and they've been very cooperative in dealing with our concerns. They're very brave to be going forward given today's market. They're not asking for any city money. They're financ-

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ing it all on their own."

Paster said the company bought the state land to serve as a buffer from the Dodge Nature Center. "We'll be adding more trees and smaller vegetation as more of a cushion," he said. "There'll be an average of 250 feet between us and Dodge."

Along with the new entrance on Highway 110, Duggan said the city has helped Paster design a better flow of traffic in and around the plaza. "With the addition of the Village at Mendota Heights, we see this area as a sort of front yard to Mendota Heights," he said. "We want this to be a quality development."

Though he has no commitment from new tenants other than Walgreens, Paster is not particularly concerned. "This is what we do and we're good at it," he said. "We don't expect any problems."

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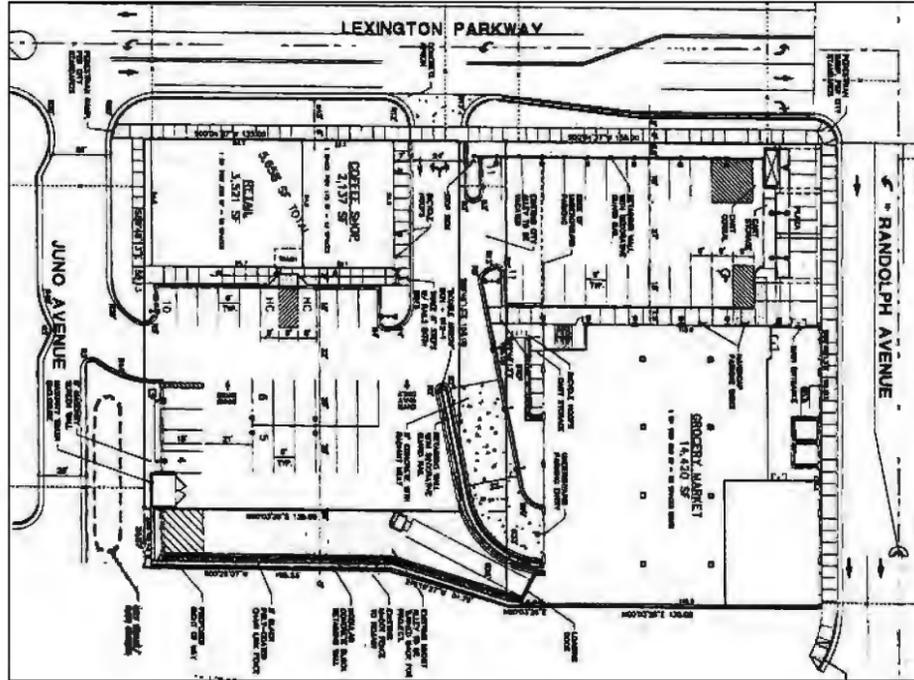
Four more conditions pave the way for Trader Joe's project

By Jane McClure

The final pieces of the controversial Trader Joe's development fell into place over the past three weeks with the St. Paul City Council's approval of an alley vacation and the site plan for the project on the southeast corner of Randolph Avenue and Lexington Parkway.

The 1.27-acre development will include a 14,500-square-foot Trader Joe's grocery store at the northeast corner of the lot, a 5,500-square-foot retail building at the southwest corner and a surface parking lot in between. The project is expected to generate an additional \$106,400 in local property taxes annually, and create 75 full- and part-time jobs with total wages of between \$1 million and \$1.4 million per year plus benefits.

In approving the site plan, the City Council rejected an appeal by two neighbors, Hal Clapp and Jim Ferstle. Clapp wanted more done to mitigate the project's impact on families living on Juno Avenue directly across from the development. Ferstle argued for a design more in keeping with the property's traditional neighborhoods zoning, moving the store closer to the street with easier access from Randolph. Ferstle and the Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County also questioned whether the related widening of Lexington Parkway constituted



The site plan for the new Trader Joe's development at Randolph and Lexington.

a loss of park land for which the developer should be required to reimburse the city.

The City Council did tack on several conditions to the site plan's approval, including:

- Extending the 8-foot-high fence running along the south side of the development for another 40 feet along I-35E as a noise buffer.

- Adding rain gardens on the site to improve the quality of stormwater runoff.

- Arranging for the vacation of the eastern 40 feet of Juno.

- Paying for new signs limiting parking on the south side of Juno.

Those four conditions are in addition to

the more than 12 conditions imposed in January by the St. Paul Planning Commission to accommodate the expected traffic increases on Lexington, Randolph and Juno; to improve the appearance of Juno and the boulevards on either side; to landscape the boulevard on the south side of Randolph; to mitigate parking lot lighting; to improve the appearance of the south facade of the grocery store; and to plow the snow on Juno.

"I think we've done the best we can to mitigate the impact (on nearby residents)," said Ward 3 City Council member Patrick Harris.

However, City Council members Dave Thune of Ward 2 and Russ Stark of Ward 4 said they were still troubled with the site's recent rezoning from multi-family residential to traditional neighborhoods. Although traditional neighborhoods is less intensive than commercial zoning, the development required several variances to fit that designation.

The development is a project of St. Paul-based Meridian Management and Plymouth-based TOLD Development. Stuart Simek of Meridian said he was agreeable to the conditions attached to the site plan, but added that there were still some minor issues he needed to work out with neighbors. He and city staff also disagreed with the need for the extended noise buffer along I-35E.

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run by the district alone or in partnership with an existing charter school.

"The Homecroft group's recommendations are all interesting and possible," Carstarphen said. "We're in the process of running several scenarios for each of them as well as other possibilities. The biggest issue for any program we might choose is funding. Along with declining enrollment, the school district is facing a \$10 million deficit for the coming school year. Any new program will need funding that isn't in our budget now, and with the state's own deficit problems, it won't be forthcoming from the Legislature."

Carstarphen and her staff have been talking with potential partners in the private sector for help in financing a new program. "But you can't just go and pitch several ideas to them," she said. "You have to pitch one solid, well-developed idea that they can get excited about being connected to."

Last fall, Carstarphen proposed eliminating

Homecroft as an elementary school at the end of this school year. Homecroft has suffered from low enrollment, especially among children living in the surrounding neighborhood. For the past several years, the school has also failed to make "adequate yearly progress" under the federal No Child Left Behind law. To avoid the corrective action that entails, Carstarphen proposed reopening Homecroft as an alternative learning center and special education program for high school students.

"I think the fact that the superintendent has spent the time and money on the Homecroft advisory team and is taking more time to look seriously at the three possibilities (it recommended) speaks volumes about the excellence of the advisory team's recommendations," Woodward said.

"We were a little surprised that we were told our work was done," said Charrie Willis, a Highland resident who served on the advisory team. "We would've liked to continue participating because if we saw that these recommendations were floundering, we have

other possibilities in mind."

"We hope we get an opportunity to show we're right," said Margo Fox, a former St. Paul School Board member who represented the Homecroft PTA on the advisory team. "We believe any of the three recommendations could be successful in generating renewed interest in Homecroft throughout the neighborhood and districtwide."

"By no means is the work done," Carstarphen said. "It's barely begun. I'm glad the Homecroft team is still meeting, and I plan on updating them, the entire community and the School Board at the same time so no one will be surprised."

Carstarphen gave the 15-member advisory team 10 criteria for recommending a new program for Homecroft, including the potential to draw new students from inside and outside the district and to attract funding from outside sources. The new program, Carstarphen said, ought to have a rigorous curriculum built around the core subjects of reading, writing, math and science combined

with the arts, cultural studies or health. It also ought to be able to compete with private and public charter schools in the Highland area, she said.

Carstarphen said she would have liked to see a recommendation beyond the elementary school years. "The neighborhood has had an elementary school there for a long time, but parents have not been sending their children there, particularly over the past 15 to 20 years," she said. "I have to keep my responsibilities to the entire system in mind."

"I can't promise that (the new program at Homecroft) will be an elementary school," Carstarphen said, "because that's not a critical need in the district right now. Growing a program from scratch is tough, and any program chosen will have to grow into the middle grades. So maybe it could start at grade 4, 5 or 6, because a K-8 program will not fit in that building."

For more information on the Homecroft advisory team's recommendations, visit www.spps.org and click on "Homecroft Update."

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The Met Council's final design for the Central Corridor has the trains running diagonally across the downtown St. Paul block bounded by Cedar, Minnesota, 4th and 5th streets.

Central Corridor compromises dash hopes of some light-rail fans

Loss of U of M tunnel, some bus service and three St. Paul stations raise the most concern

By Jane McClure

With a September deadline looming for completing the engineering work on the 11-mile Central Corridor light-rail transit line, the Metropolitan Council on February 27 finalized the major features of the route between the downtowns of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

In the process, Met Council officials trimmed the project from \$1.25 billion to \$909.1 million, enough to meet the Federal Transportation Administration's cost-effectiveness index.

Met Council chairman Peter Bell called it "a historic day" for the region. It was one that left a bad taste in the mouths of project advocates who were unhappy over the loss of the planned tunnel under Washington Avenue on the University of Minnesota's East Bank campus, the curb-to-curb rebuilding of University Avenue in St. Paul, and the one-block extension of the tracks in downtown St. Paul to a proposed multi-modal transit hub at the former Union Depot concourse.

Without the East Bank tunnel, trains will traverse Washington Avenue from the Mississippi River to University Avenue at grade level. The plan is to turn several blocks of Washington into a pedestrian mall, closing it to most if not all of the 25,000 motor vehicles that use it each day. That has raised concerns about access to classrooms, research facilities and the University of Minnesota Hospitals and Clinics.

"Many of the people who come (to the U of M Hospitals and Clinics) are ill," said Kathleen O'Brien, who represents the university on the Central Corridor Management Committee. "These are exactly the kind of people who need an easy way into and out of campus."

Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak said he is concerned about Washington Avenue traffic being diverted onto other streets, and urged the Met Council to do what is necessary to mitigate the problems. The Met Council has budgeted \$39 million to address traffic, noise and other problems that crop up along the 11-mile route, but that may be "woefully inadequate," admitted Met Council chairman Peter Bell.

St. Paul and Ramsey County officials and

people living near the intersections of University Avenue and Hamline, Victoria and Western avenues were disappointed that the Met Council chose not to build light-rail stations at those corners. However, the plan adopted on February 27 does call for installing the infrastructure that would make it possible to add the stations later. The total cost of the three stations has been estimated at \$16.5 million. Installing just the infrastructure for the three stations will cost a total of \$4.1 million.

"While we're happy to have the station infrastructure, we think it could be a long time before we actually see any stations," said Anne White, who heads up the District Councils Collaborative, a group of neighborhood organizations along the light-rail route.

Others lobbied unsuccessfully for retaining the current number of Route 16 buses operating on University Avenue. Those buses now run every 10 minutes. The plan is to have them run every 20 minutes once the light-rail line begins operating. The light-rail trains would run every 7½ minutes.

St. Paul officials had hoped to have University Avenue rebuilt curb to curb as part of the project. Under the current plan, the street will just be resurfaced. However, the stations along the line will be built to accommodate three light-rail cars rather than two to accommodate future expansion.

The Met Council plan calls for the light-rail tracks to end at 4th and Sibley streets in downtown St. Paul, rather than extend all of the way to the Union Depot concourse on Kellogg Boulevard as Ramsey County officials had hoped. The Met Council also decided to have the trains run diagonally through the block bounded by 5th, Cedar, 4th and Minnesota streets to avoid a 90-degree turn.

According to Met Council staff, the \$909.1 million price tag gives the Central Corridor a score of \$23.80 on the federal cost-effectiveness index, or just under the \$23.99 maximum to qualify for federal funds. Local officials are banking on the federal government to pay half of the project's cost. The state will be asked to pay about \$300 million. Ramsey County would pay \$105 million and Hennepin County \$45 million.

If the money can be lined up, construction could start as early as 2010 and the line could be operational in 2014.

Light rail is expected to bring about a 34 percent increase in transit ridership to the Central Corridor. About 28,400 people now ride the bus each day along that route. With both light rail and buses operating, weekday ridership is expected to climb to 38,000 by 2020.

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Agreement reached on fixing vacant Feronia Avenue house

An Iris Park dwelling will be sold and rehabilitated by its new owner under an agreement approved February 20 by the St. Paul City Council.

The long-vacant house at 1897 Feronia Ave. had been ordered demolished by the City Council a year ago. Neighbors had complained about its deteriorated condition as well as garbage, tall weeds and unshoveled snow and ice.

However, the demolition order was challenged by the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) in the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

Fannie Mae is now selling the property to Kally U.S. LLC. The company has posted a \$10,000 performance bond with the city and has set up a \$50,000 escrow account, which will be used to pay for the property's rehabilitation. Kally U.S. has agreed to complete all property improvements listed in a May 2007 city code compliance report before selling the property.

The city will continue to monitor the rehabilitation. The demolition order issued last year by the City Council also remains in effect until the work is done. If the rehabilitation is not complete by August 15, the \$10,000 performance bond will revert to the city. As a condition of the settlement, Fannie Mae will give the city \$10,200 to cover its legal costs.

Objections raised to requiring repair of homes prior to sale

A controversial proposal that would require extensive home repairs to be made before some of St. Paul's vacant properties can be sold will be considered by the St. Paul City Council on March 19. The ordinance, brought forward by Ward 6 City Council member Dan Bostrom, is meant to address the problem with the growing number of vacant houses in the city. St. Paul has more than 1,600 registered vacant buildings, most of them single-family homes.

Bostrom's ordinance would require properties to be brought up to minimum building codes before they are sold. Typically, such dwellings do not have to meet code until after they are sold, but Bostrom said that is not working.

At a February 20 hearing, real estate and banking professionals testified that the ordi-



The water park inside the new Jimmy Lee Recreation Center.

New name sought for Jimmy Lee center

The St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation is seeking a new name for the overall facility that will house the expanded Jimmy Lee Recreation Center and Oxford Pool on Lexington Parkway. Suggestions may be submitted through March 17 by e-mailing NameIt@stpaul.gov.

Once completed this spring, the facility will have the only city-operated indoor water park, including water slides and a children's activity area. The new facility will also have four gymnasiums, a walking track,

a computer learning center, party and meeting rooms, a dance studio, outdoor artificial turf playing fields and other amenities.

The suggested names will be reviewed by a committee that includes Ward 1 City Council member Melvin Carter and Mayor Chris Coleman. The winning name will be announced in early April. The person who submitted the name will be recognized at the grand opening of the recreation center, tentatively set for May 31, and will receive a free fitness membership at the facility.

City imposes conditions on Dannecker's license renewal

The St. Paul City Council approved off-sale liquor, retail grocery and tobacco licenses on February 27 for the new owner of Dannecker's Grocery and Liquors, but not without attaching nine conditions on the business at 793 Randolph Ave.

The conditions were made at the suggestion of neighbors, city staff and the West 7th/Fort Road Federation. Some of them are intended to address problems related to the 96-year-old store's unusual status as both a liquor store and a grocery store—now prohibited by city code and state law. Other conditions were to improve the appearance of the store.

New owner Ker Vue said she will meet the conditions, which include:

- Refraining from covering more than 30 percent of the windows with advertisements, signs or other obstructions.
- Picking up litter within a half block of the store at least twice a week.
- Refraining from selling cigarette rolling papers, individual cigars or individual cigarettes.
- Contracting for weekly garbage pickup.
- Posting "no loitering" signs on the exterior or in windows facing the exterior of the building.
- Installing lighting and security cameras on the exterior of the building in consultation with the St. Paul Police Department, keeping them in good working order, saving store video recordings for at least 30 days and making them available to the police or city licensing staff on request.
- Within the next 12 months, physically separating the liquor store from the grocery store in consultation with the police department.

Dannecker's neighbors have complained in the past about public intoxication, public urination, illegal drug deals outside the store, and litter and loitering around the store.

Yurka House owners given six months to make repairs

The historic Yurka House at 16 Douglas St. has been given another reprieve as a result of action taken on March 5 by the St. Paul City Council. The council voted unanimously to allow new owners Donna and Bill Preston up to 180 days to rehabilitate the 19th century home of Czech immigrant Anton Yurka.

The vacant and dilapidated home is in an area of the West End that has a high concentration of houses that have been abandoned over the past few years due to mortgage foreclosures. The Prestons, who are from Woodbury, want to rehabilitate 16 Douglas St. and then rent it out. The building needs more than \$500,000 in repairs, according to the most recent city estimates.

The Yurka House is not the only vacant building on the block. On March 5, the City Council was also asked to issue nuisance building orders for the two-story single-family homes at 21 and 22 Douglas St. The first has boarded windows, damaged siding and a cracked and settling foundation. The second

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Green acres: Ford site scenario #6

ARISE unveils an ambitious plan for reusing local plant

By Jane McClure

The Rangers are still rolling off the assembly line at Ford Motor Company's Twin Cities Assembly Plant in Highland Park, and so are the ideas for reusing the site when the plant closes.

Nine months after the city of St. Paul's Ford Site Planning Task Force completed work on five scenarios for redeveloping the property, a coalition of local groups called the Alliance to Reindustrialize for a Sustainable Economy (ARISE) presented a plan to the task force to turn the 123 acres into a national model of environmentally friendly manufacturing and mixed-use development.

"We like to say that we've got a better idea," said Lynn Hinkle, a retired Ford union employee, echoing a former long-running slogan of the automaker. He and Russ Adams of the Alliance for Metropolitan Stability released a sixth scenario on February 25 for redeveloping the Ford plant with an eye toward building a variety of housing, establishing new transit routes and creating as many as 2,000 good-paying jobs, some of them in "green" manufacturing.

In addition to United Auto Workers Local 879 and the Alliance for Metropolitan Stability, ARISE comprises the Northstar Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Clean Water Action Alliance, United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 789, Friends of the Mississippi River, the Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing, Transit for Livable Communities, Environmental Justice Advocates of Minnesota, and a class of students from Macalester College who have been studying the redevelopment of the Ford plant in the larger context of reducing carbon emissions as a way to rein in global warming.

Planning for the redevelopment of the Ford site has been in a holding pattern while city officials awaited word from Ford on exactly when the plant would close. The plant had

been slated to close sometime in 2008, and the workforce there has been pared from 1,800 to about 990 employees over the past 18 months. The UAW announced last week that the Ford plant is now slated to close in September 2009. The Highland Park facility manufactures the Ford Ranger, a light pickup truck. Sales of the Ranger were up 27 percent in February over the same period in 2007.

ARISE's redevelopment scenario draws on the scenarios recommended by the Ford Site Planning Task Force, Hinkle said. All five of the earlier scenarios involves a mix of land uses, though each has a different emphasis. Those emphases include light industrial, residential, a mixed-use urban village, light industrial/flexible technology, and a mixed-use office and institutional campus.

According to Adams, the task force should not shy away from forward thinking. "This is a chance to be bold and innovative," he said.

ARISE views its plan as part of an international movement in environmentally friendly design. It includes using the Ford dam to power the new development, using the network of tunnels beneath the property for heating and cooling it, and employing co-generation for capturing and reusing excess heat and energy. New energy-efficient buildings would draw on renewable energy sources such as solar.

ARISE is calling for a compact, mixed-use development that would allow people to live, work and shop in the neighborhood while promoting several modes of transit, possibly incorporating the existing Canadian Pacific Railroad corridor. The Ford/MNSCU training center on Ford Parkway would be retained for adult education and building trade apprenticeships, and any public subsidies granted to the development could be tied to so-called "community benefits agreements."

The city of St. Paul has asked that any new development on the Ford property be allowed to access the energy generated by the Ford dam. Ford sold the hydro-electric plant last year to Canadian-based Brookfield Power and that firm has been working with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to transfer the license to operate the plant.

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has a leaky roof, damaged doors and windows and other items needing repair.

Highland homeowner appeals city's order to remove kitchen

A Highland Park homeowner has been ordered by the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) to remove features of what city officials say is an illegal basement dwelling.

City officials inspected the house at 1327 S. Prior Ave. last August after receiving a complaint about an illegal dwelling in the basement, an illegal dwelling in the garage and a business operating in the garage. The illegal uses in the garage have ceased, but owner Robert W. Orth appealed the city zoning administrator's order to remove the basement kitchen. Orth contends the kitchen serves a basement recreation room and that he has not used the basement as a separate dwelling.

Orth told BZA members that he lived at the house between 2000 and 2003, then rented it as a single-family home for four years before moving back in last fall. He said he installed an egress window in the basement for safety reasons and added basement kitchen and bathroom facilities, but for his use and not the use of tenants.

John Hardwick of the BZA staff disagreed. "Physically, this house contains two dwelling units and that is not allowed," he said.

Three neighbors attended the BZA meeting to express their concerns. One neighbor claimed that at one point six college students lived in the house. City regulations only allow up to four unrelated adults to live in a single dwelling.

"I have no complaints against (Orth)," said neighbor Gregory McDaniel, "but when he's not living there, there are problems."

Orth has appealed the BZA decision to the St. Paul City Council. His appeal will be heard at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2.

Summit-U VFW Post fined \$1,000 for license violation

The St. Paul City Council voted on March 5 to fine Twin Star VFW Post 8854 \$1,000 for failing to maintain video surveillance equipment and provide copies of videotapes to police and city licensing staff as required by its license.

Like many of St. Paul's veterans' clubs, Twin Star at 820 Concordia Ave. has struggled in recent years due to dwindling membership and increasing operating costs. It is the last VFW post in St. Paul to own its building, though the structure was recently put on the market.

The fine stems from a request last July for copies of tapes from the club's video surveillance system. The police were investigating suspected narcotics dealing near the club. According to city records, the tapes were never turned over.

As a condition of its operating license, Twin Star is required to maintain its video surveillance equipment in good working order and to store its video recordings for a minimum of 30 days. The club has 11 conditions attached to its license, some of which are a result of past problems outside the club. This was the third violation of the club's license, and the City Attorney's Office recommended the \$1,000 fine.

News Briefs were compiled by Jane McClure.

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Viewpoint

Getting there from here

BY MATT KANE

Hats off to the Minnesota Legislature for having taken a big step forward to improve the state's critical transportation infrastructure. And hats off to transportation supporters—from the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce to advocacy groups to the citizens of this state—who pushed for the Legislature to take such bold action now.

When the Minnesota Legislature voted to override Governor Tim Pawlenty's prior veto of the transportation bill last month, it passed into law a package of important measures that will raise revenue by \$6.6 billion over a 10-year period, and increase vital investments in highways, bridges and transit.

All parties concerned were in agreement that the state's investment in transportation infrastructure has fallen behind—20 years behind, as Governor Pawlenty himself told a crowd during a speech in Granite Falls last spring. The dispute was over how far and how fast to move forward.

In crafting the 2008 transportation bill, DFL legislators took elements of past proposals, which were also vetoed by the governor in 2005 and 2007, and changed them in ways that secured the crucial support of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and the six Republican House members whose votes ensured the override.

No bill is ever perfect, and this one has its drawbacks, particularly its use of the regressive sales tax to finance important investments in Twin Cities area transit. However, Minnesota needed to take action now to ensure that we have a transportation system that is cost-effective, efficient, accessible, timely and reliable.

As legislators and the governor argued over taxing versus bonding versus putting off some projects, the debate lost its focus on the reasons for taking dramatic action now. Here's a reminder of what's at stake, and why we owe our gratitude to the legislators who kept the big picture in mind:

Population growth. Vehicle miles traveled today already strain the state's roadways and try the patience of Minnesota's drivers. Travel in the state has risen two-thirds since 1986—to 56.5 billion miles a year in 2006. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that Minnesota's population will grow by more than 1 million by 2030—up from the current 5.2 million—further increasing the number of drivers and the miles they travel.

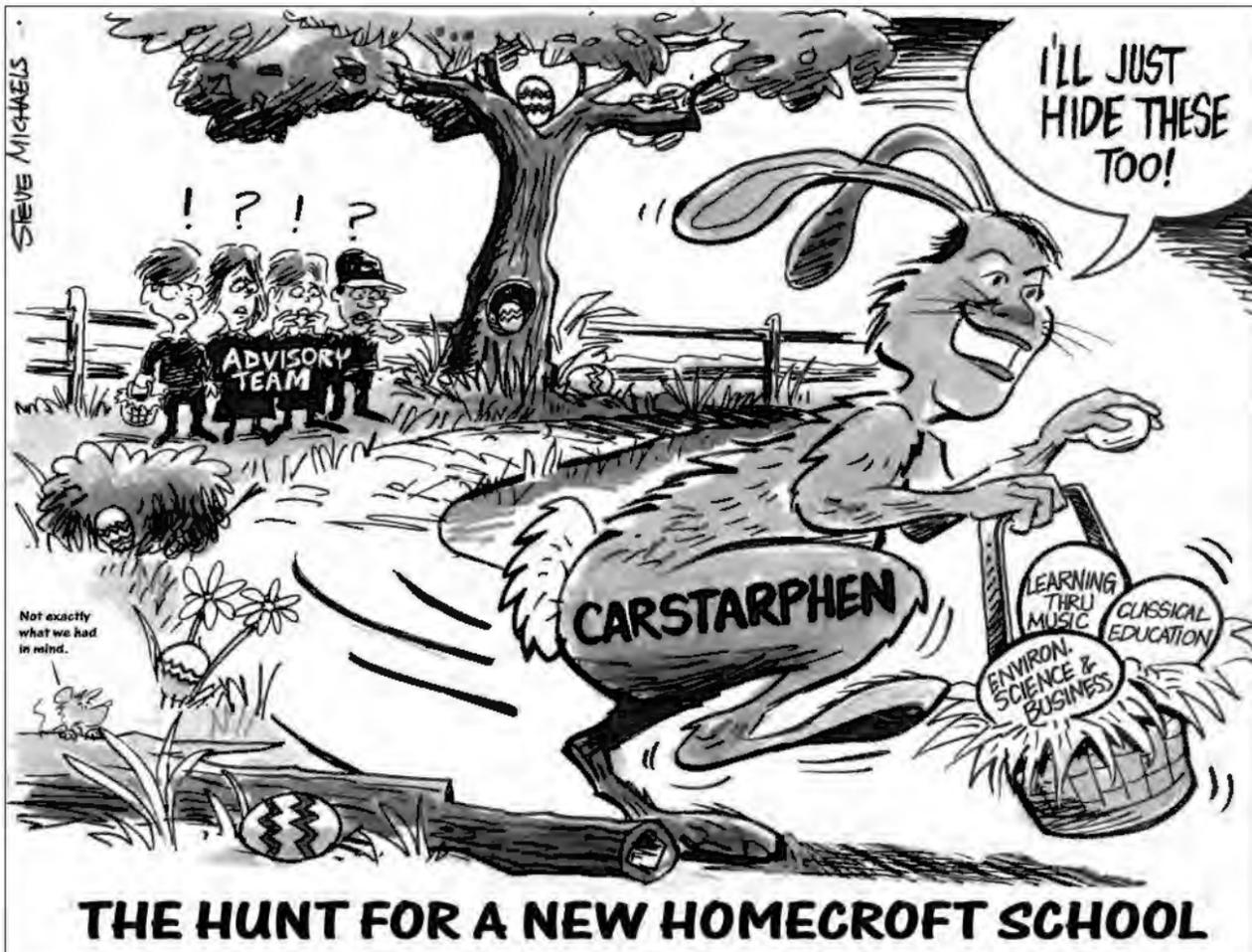
Capturing federal dollars. Inaction by the state government would have put hundreds of millions of federal transportation dollars at risk. The U.S. Congress has significantly increased the federal highway funds available to Minnesota under current law, but the state must appropriate its share in order to put those federal dollars to work.

Avoiding cost increases. Construction delays invariably lead to increased project costs. And as the Minnesota Department of Transportation noted in its 2007 report on the current condition of the state's highways, roads that fall into serious disrepair require major rehabilitation and reconstruction—work that is far more expensive than fixing less perilous problems before road conditions deteriorate to that point.

Promoting prosperity. Private-sector economic growth and development are influenced—indeed, are often shaped—by public-sector investments in transportation infrastructure. The statewide transportation system promotes the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. It makes places to work, shop and recreate more accessible. And it lays the base for new business activity that fosters economic prosperity. Clearly, Minnesota's transportation system affects the economic outlook of the entire state and the well-being of all of its residents.

For a state with a long tradition of public-sector investment and innovation aimed at promoting prosperity and improving our quality of life, 20 years was long enough to put off taking needed action.

Matt Kane is the policy fellow for infrastructure and economic development at Growth & Justice, a public policy think tank based in St. Paul. The organization's recently released report, "20 Years Behind: Highway Spending and Revenues by Minnesota's State Government," is now available at www.growthandjustice.org.



Inbox

The median is the message

Dear editors:

I live on Sargent Avenue just off Snelling Avenue and fully welcome the proposed median to slow traffic and encourage pedestrian safety crossing busy Snelling. I do my best to respect the environment, and one of the ways I do that is to walk to the grocery store, restaurants, library and dry cleaners as often as I can. Of course, the exercise is good for my heart, spirit and weight control, too. Pedestrian traffic also discourages crime.

Using my car is certainly easier and faster, and it is quite possibly safer to drive across Snelling than to use one of the pedestrian crosswalks and have to stare down drivers to get them to allow me to cross. But it's foolish to think that the solution to congested streets and longer commute times is to make driving easier. All that does is encourage more automobile traffic. The solution is to make alternative modes of transport more attractive, like walking, biking and mass transit. Shouldn't we be slowing traffic and discouraging the increases in truck and automobile traffic that we've seen on all our streets? Just because Snelling and other streets are over capacity today, that's no reason to encourage more growth.

Our nation's highways and interstates exceed their capacity because it's easier to drive than to walk or to take mass transit. I've been guilty of driving five blocks when I could easily walk, and I know that is not good for me, my neighborhood or the world. So if some folks think that adding medians to Snelling Avenue will cause drivers to change their behavior—drive less—I'm all for it. That would be a tremendous success. Let's discourage our love affair with our cars and encourage pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods.

Gregory Grinley
Macalester-Groveland

A median for dreamers

To the editor:

In his letter to the editor, Mr. Rubbelke energetically summed up the misguided Snelling Avenue median proposal and the problems it will cause (*Villager*, February 20). In the larger picture, the median proposal is part and parcel of the overall anti-business, green-space-at-any-cost and ride-your-bike-to-work mentality that the city's political leaders and "community organizers" have adopted without question or critical analysis. The idyllic world they seek is in their heads and certainly can't be wrested from a busy thoroughfare like Snelling. There is a perfectly functional crosswalk at Snelling

and Grand avenues that pedestrians can readily use, so why don't they? Let's keep traffic on Snelling moving at a pace consistent with life in the 21st rather than the 19th century.

Katherine Kennedy
Macalester-Groveland

District failed to involve parents

Editor:

You overlooked an important facet about parental concerns over the merger of Linwood Elementary and Monroe Community schools (*Villager*, February 20). The article omitted an explanation of why I felt out of the loop on the proposed merger.

As I explained to *Villager* reporter Kevin Driscoll, a group of dedicated Linwood parents was attempting to draft a document that would read like a parents' bill of rights. I supported this effort in spirit, though I didn't have the time to attend the meetings. This group was attempting to address what every parent typically wants but didn't get in this whole merger process.

Specifically, parents want to know about school changes with ample time to respond, they want their needs respected, and they want the St. Paul School Board to include them in their decision making. This document might be titled the "Rights and Responsibilities of Educational Partners." It is in the process of being presented to the Linwood PTA. It is my hope that such a draft will be adopted one day by the School Board in order to avert future failures to involve parents, as was the case with Linwood, Monroe and Homecroft, too.

Todd Seabury-Kolod
Macalester-Groveland

Editor's note: The writer is the parent of a Linwood School 5th-grader.

What Republican coup?

To the editor:

Political science professors agree that when one political party holds every elective office, it doesn't bring any kind of balance to decision-making. That's why I thought it was a good thing when Republicans won seats on the Highland District Council board of directors last spring. As a conservative in St. Paul, I thought that having some seats on

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one of the city's 17 district councils wasn't asking too much, since the only other office St. Paul Republicans can claim right now is a single seat on the School Board. And when the HDC's big financial mess became evident, I thought it was good to have people who claim to be fiscal conservatives on the HDC board.

However, I couldn't understand how the HDC board, after kicking out Bill Poulos as president on a 10-7 vote (*Villager*, February 6), elected as its new president Bill Klein, who evidently was on the HDC board when all these financial problems were festering under the surface. How did he get elected by a 14-3 vote? What happened to our brave new Republicans?

Anyone who is a member of a nonprofit board, which I understand the HDC to be, and especially an officer for many years, which I understand Mr. Klein to be, who says, in effect, "But I didn't know we weren't paying our taxes," shouldn't be on the board, much less president. If the new Republican members of the HDC board are going to start voting like the older members, if there isn't any philosophical difference between the old and the new, then I guess it was much ado about nothing last April.

Gene Baum
Macalester-Groveland

Central Corridor: Traffic barrier

To the editor:

I don't use Hiawatha Avenue much since light rail came years ago. It's too frustrating with all the long and unpredictable traffic signals. With light rail coming down University Avenue, I predict car traffic will be almost impossible. There will be no reason for me to venture north of I-94. So, no shopping in the Midway or Roseville for me, no tax revenue for St. Paul or Ramsey County, because it will be quicker to jump on Highway 5 and shop the Bloomington-Richfield strip. I also feel sorry for the folks having medical emergencies stuck in traffic while trying to get to a University of Minnesota hospital with Washington Avenue shut down. You better have a medical emergency somewhere else.

Gary Fischbach
Highland Park

Thrifty alternatives to light rail

Dear editor:

I am amazed at the prices being cited for the Central Corridor light-rail transit line (*Villager*, February 20). Now it is only going to cost \$909.1 million for 11 miles. One could lay 746,953 U.S. dollar coins end to end in that distance! To spend \$909.1 million, you would need to lay about 1,217 lines of those coins.

Will anyone ride it? Or is that an axiomatic assumption: If we build it, they will come? If the goal is to reduce energy use and congestion, couldn't the city just connect each household to a secure Internet and encourage telecommuting?

There is another alternative to light rail: Personal Rapid Transit (PRT). This system is elevated—about 4 meters above grade. It is totally automatic and the most successful mass transit system in the world. It will run flawlessly over 95 percent of the time.

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I have read cost estimates of \$1.6 to \$5 million per mile for PRT, which is a far cry from the \$82.6 million per mile of the Central Corridor. And having PRT elevated, stores along University Avenue might actually support it, because their current frontage would not be destroyed by an at-grade right of way.

T. A. Gyorgak
Macalester-Groveland

Trade-offs with Trader Joe's

To the editor:

The St. Paul City Council has approved the site plan for the development of a Trader Joe's at Randolph Avenue and Lexington Parkway. I've heard nothing but good things about this gourmet grocery, but did they choose the premier site to show off the store? The St. Paul Planning Commission thought so. With the many conditions the commission imposed on the developers, did they address all aspects of the environmental impact on the area? I think not.

The intersection of Randolph and Lexington is congested at peak periods due to the semaphores there and the on/off ramps for I-35E a block away. The increase in traffic will cause motor vehicles to idle for longer periods, creating black ice in winter, which may cause more traffic accidents. And what about air quality due to the increased carbon monoxide emissions? Neighbors, especially the apartment dwellers on the hill, should be concerned about fumes wafting into their homes during the summer.

Blair Rumble
Summit Hill

Pining for what might have been

Dear editor:

I liked what I saw when plans for the Eleanor Graham Community Garden and surrounding area were revealed (*Villager*, February 6). What a beautiful and functional use of space! I extend my compliments and gratitude to Merle Green, Kate Skelton and all those who put their efforts into the plan.

The *Villager* story failed to mention that the Hamline Avenue access ramps would be removed if Ayd Mill Road were reconstructed as a linear park. Surely, the quietude of a linear park would be a finer complement to the neighborhood gathering place than a highway carrying 20,000 to 30,000 vehicles per day.

Mike Madden
Merriam Park

Debtor nation

To the editor:

Douglas Allchin closes his letter to the editor in the February 20 *Villager* with, "We might also want to count our blessings, being born in an affluent nation that can afford clean air and water." I would refer Douglas to the National Debt Clock (www.brillig.com/debt_clock/). A nation with a \$9.4 trillion national debt can hardly be characterized as affluent. That's close to \$31 million per citizen.

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Furthermore, that's the on-the-books debt. Off-the-book, future federal payments due to Social Security recipients, Medicare recipients and federal and military retirees, among others, are estimated at around \$59 trillion. If my math is correct, each child lucky enough to be born in our nation is presented with a bill for around \$233,000, thanks to the financial mismanagement of our federal government by U. S. senators and representatives.

Affluent? No, I would describe our nation as being much closer to financial collapse.

*Terry Bushard
Merriam Park*

Pre-convention housecleaning

Dear editor:

There's still time. About 300 feet from the Xcel Energy Center, at the corner of Old 6th and Main streets, stands the first of a line of the ugliest 1800s-style telephone poles in all of America. If one stands at the X's northwest doors, one can see that monstrosity at the corner of the Catholic Charities building.

Fast-forward to the Republican National Convention in September. Do you suppose that that pole and others on Main Street, all the way down to 10th Street and from there behind St. Joseph's Hospital to St. Peter Street, might be shown on TV somewhere else in the world? How unvibrant!

There are two other groups of schlocky wooden poles in downtown St. Paul, but let somebody else take care of those in the next century or so. For now, let's get rid of these poles, before the convention.

*Reno Rossini
Como Park*

Politics in the marketplace

To the editor:

Has anyone else in St. Paul noticed the Bush Countdown Clocks that display the days, hours, minutes and seconds until President Bush's final moment in office on January 20, 2009? What about the Bush voodoo dolls or the other Bush memorabilia prominently displayed in retail settings where

one would not expect it, such as a bohemian coffee shop in Highland Park or a knick-knack boutique in Macalester-Groveland?

While others cast an indifferent glance, some may find these items offensive. The shop owners' arrogance in displaying these items speaks volumes. Why run the risk of offending potential customers? Granted, private shop owners are free to express themselves, within reason, but are they that confident their clientele is like-minded? Would anyone find it disturbing if a neighborhood mini-mart displayed a sign saying, "Guns Encouraged on These Premises"?

There is poetic justice. Word gets around and customers shop elsewhere. Better yet, the most prolific Bush haters have deserved every minute of his two terms in office.

*Jon Wiersma
Highland Park*

Support Lowry restoration

Dear editor:

I'd like to put in my two cents for the renovation and remodeling of the historic Lowry Hotel. Just three blocks from another historic hotel, the Saint Paul, this building has the potential of becoming another five-star hotel. With the Republican National Convention coming, it would be a fine centerpiece to the downtown hotel scene. Some work gutting the building has begun, but more help and an interested investment group are needed to bring this landmark back to its original glory. The city might also get involved with the demolition of the Victory Ramp and other buildings surrounding it that make the area seedy.

*Steven Hubbell
Downtown St. Paul*

Charming the world's madmen

To the editor:

Avoiding for a moment all the sniping about U.S. Senator Barack Obama's lack of an elaborate platform, it nevertheless seems clear that one focus rarely discussed during the many Democratic debates or in Obama's speeches is how to address future terrorist actions. Even now, during the waning days before the election, I still don't have any clue how Obama would deal with an Iran or a Palestine gone mad, and that

alarms me.

It alarms me, since it would seem strategic now for Al-Qaida to back off from any serious initiatives to help ensure that Obama and not the more militant McCain gets the nod for president. And I say that for the most intuitive of reasons. That being, though Senator Obama likely would make a good and decent domestic president, I feel that he, as many political observers have noted, will be elected largely on the basis of personality and charm.

Observing that enormous popularity myself for all these months, I have not glimpsed the comparable strength under stress necessary to deal with the world's madmen, who routinely blow up innocent women and children and care little about how charming their adversaries are.

*Paul Peter Paulos
Macalester-Groveland*

Change as defined by the DFL

To the editor:

If I remember correctly, the 2006 election in Minnesota was supposed to be about change. Almost every DFL candidate for office trumpeted that this was the year they would change Minnesota for the better. Well, folks, elections have consequences and now we will all be paying more for "change." Thanks to people like state Representative Michael Paymar, our gas tax will be increasing by 5 cents per gallon by the end of the year and by 8.5 cents a gallon overall to a total of 28.5 cents a gallon!

The same transportation bill included a provision that will increase the sales tax in St. Paul to 7.25 percent. And license tab fees will increase to 1.25 percent of the value of the vehicle at purchase, meaning the average family driving two new cars will pay an extra \$632 this year.

This year, let's vote for positive change and elect local activist and pastor Emory Dively to represent House District 64B. The Reverend Dively is head pastor at Twin Cities Deaf Assembly of God Church. He is committed to ensuring that the Legislature doesn't put the squeeze on families by raising taxes in an already shaky economy.

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The Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave.

Residents push for more programs at Merriam Park's multi-use center

By JANE McCLURE

Most people would agree that the Merriam Park Community Center is an asset to the neighborhood. But how that asset should best be used prompted considerable debate at a February 27 neighborhood meeting and a call for further discussion.

The community center is jointly occupied by the Merriam Park Recreation Center and Keystone Community Services. In recent months, the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation and Keystone officials have discussed using some of the community center's space for additional parks and recreation programs.

"We're interested in using more of the space if there are programs the community wants," said Kathy Korum, who oversees recreation services for the city.

More than a dozen people attended the meeting. Several others contacted the District 13 Council to offer their suggestions, including adding adult recreation, children's play groups, music lessons, home repair classes and more public meeting space. Several people said they would like to see an ice rink again.

District 13 Parks and Recreation Committee chair Rich Wilbur said a follow-up meeting may be held this spring.

Lack of financing remains a hurdle in trying to offer more programs. Both Keystone and Parks and Recreation are facing budget cuts. In fact, two of District 13's three recreation centers—Desnoyer Park and Dunning—are being turned over by the city to outside groups as a result of the city budget crunch.

Use of the Merriam Park Community Center has changed over the years. The Merriam Park Community Council and now-defunct *Merriam Park Post* newspaper moved out several years ago. A preschool program closed. A food shelf moved to University Avenue. Play groups and other activities are now gone.

"The community center is not a destination anymore," said Merriam Park resident Emil Herrera.

Merriam Park resident Curt Decker said reduced hours at the center hamper groups wanting to meet there. He said the center needs to be more accessible to the neighborhood, since it is on public land and was built with public donations.

"This is a wonderful facility and a wonderful part of the neighborhood, but there's very little here for families," said Merriam Park resident Catherine Spaeth.

"What has been offered here are good programs, but we need more," said District 13 Council president Jim Marti. "When you look at the Parks and Recreation catalog, it's notable that Merriam Park has fewer activities than other neighborhoods have."

The recreation center offers adult and youth sports and other recreational activities, but is

limited by having just a gym and a small room for those activities.

Keystone offers social service programs, including Meals on Wheels, senior citizen case management services, and truancy and health programs, said Keystone executive director Eric Nyberg. According to him, Keystone and Parks and Recreation have always worked cooperatively despite the lack of a written agreement.

Spaeth and other residents said they have also been frustrated with the city's response to changes in the park itself. It took considerable neighborhood pressure to get park steps repaired. Last year a park bench was removed rather than repaired. A Boy Scout troop donated and installed picnic tables, but now another neighbor is demanding that they be removed. Korum said there will be better communication on changes to the park, but she cautioned that staff and financial resources limit what can be done.

The Merriam Park Community Center faces some of the same issues that the city's other multi-service centers face. The notion of community centers sharing space with schools, recreation centers or other service programs was pushed by city and county officials in the 1960s and '70s when the West 7th, North End, Hallie Q. Brown, Merrick and Baker community centers were being built.

"Multi-service centers began as places where the community could access several of services at one stop," said Ramsey County Board member Toni Carter, who recently became chair of the Hallie Q. Brown board.

However, some of the centers have struggled in recent years with rising costs, dwindling grants and fewer nonprofit organizations and programs looking to rent space. Last summer, the St. Paul City Council voted to cancel outstanding utility bills totaling \$246,662 for Hallie Q. Brown. Carter said the center, which lost its director last fall, is now regrouping.

The Hallie Q. Brown board is assessing its remaining programs, future staffing and role in the neighborhood. Meanwhile, some organizations, including the Summit-University Planning Council, are no longer holding meetings in the building.

"When services pull out we have to start looking at how we can re-engage the community," Carter said. "We also have to look at resources to see what we can and cannot sustain. We have to ask ourselves, what does it mean to be a multi-service center today?"

Corrections

A news brief in the February 20 issue of the *Villager* on the St. Joseph Workers Program incorrectly stated that Winston Kaehler compared the use of the house at 1704 Palace Ave. to a rooming house.

Also in that issue, the address for the Little Sisters of the Poor should have been listed as 330 S. Exchange St.

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Good Friday 12:00 pm Noonday Prayer
6:30 pm *Via Crucis* ("The Way of the Cross" in Spanish)
8:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

March 22nd: 9:00 am Holy Saturday Office
Holy Saturday & Easter Eve 8:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter.

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Celebration of the Lord's Passion
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Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil
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West 7th is back in business with five-mile-long association

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

Dormant since 2004, the 50-year-old West End Business and Professional Association (WEBPA) has been revived under a new name and new leadership. Meeting for the first time in January, the association's new board of directors rechristened it the West 7th Business Association and launched a membership drive along the entire length of West 7th and its adjacent commercial areas.

"We hope all former members and many new ones join us," said West 7th Business Association president Dan Greenberg, owner of Champps St. Paul in Sibley Plaza.

"Since we established our website, we've received dozens of inquiries and several membership applications," said Lynda Barry, owner of Business Evolutions and the business association's new administrator. "I joined WEBPA in the mid-1990s and it was going pretty well then. I think it went dormant because we weren't getting any new blood. A lot of businesses went out even as some new ones were coming in, but it was difficult to get people to know each other and maintain unity along a five-mile stretch of road."

WEBPA folded due to a lack of cohesiveness, according to longtime member and former president Pat Donohue. "Small-business owners were too busy just trying to stay in business," he said, "and some of the bigger businesses didn't feel much loyalty to the neighborhood because their focus was more national and international."

A real estate agent with Re/Max Realty 100, Donohue used to operate his own real estate company at 1035 W. 7th St. He still owns that building and other property on the street. "Things are really starting to steam up on West 7th," he said, "so it's good the West 7th Business Association is starting up."

"West 7th is a long, long street," said busi-



Leading the charge for the new West 7th Business Association are (from left) Marc Trimble, Sara Cooper, Dan Justesen, Lynda Barry, Pat Mancini, Steve Gaertner and Chris Hawley. Other members of the association's board include Tom Casper, Dan Greenberg, Roger Hahn and Dick Wickiser. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

ness association board member Pat Mancini, co-owner of Mancini's Char House. "There are different issues facing businesses on either end, which makes it more difficult. We even thought about splitting the street with the Highland Business Association. But we decided it would be better to keep it together. Grand Avenue is pretty long, and if (the Grand Avenue Business Association) can do it, we figure we can, too."

"The idea," Mancini said, "is to draw more family-run businesses and set up the street as a gateway or corridor to downtown St. Paul, where people can buy clothes, stop at a drug-store and so forth. Sort of like Grand Avenue, but not as dense. We're looking to get more community involvement and to work more closely with the West 7th/Fort Road Federa-

tion."

"I got involved because of the perception, if not the reality, of more crime in the area," said association board member Sara Cooper of Cooper's Super Valu. "I think there'll be better communication and coordination this time around. I'm finding similar concerns about public safety and maintaining quality neighborhoods all up and down West 7th."

Other members of the West 7th Business Association's board include Chris Hawley of American Family Insurance, Steve Gaertner of Professional Mortgage Consulting, Roger Hahn of American Bank, Tom Casper of Shamrock's, Dan Justesen of Vine Park Brewing, Marc Trimble of West 7th Design & Development, Dave Wickiser of New City Real Estate, attorney Roger Belfay, Betty Mo-

ran of the West 7th/Fort Road Federation and Pill Poulos of the Highland District Council.

WEBPA was founded in the 1950s, according to West End resident Norm Melchior. "I volunteered to help with (WEBPA's) booya one year in the early 1960s and joined up in '64," he said. "The real heyday of WEBPA was the '70s and '80s when we had 75 or 80 members. It was more of a social club than a business association until the '90s. Then some more business-oriented people got involved, but they kept the big events like the Gold Plate Dinner, the booya in Highland Park and the annual parade."

"From almost the beginning, we met in the Rathskeller at the old Schmidt Brewery," Donohue said. "The Rathskeller was the perfect place to maintain the camaraderie and connections we had. We held the Gold Plate Dinner in the Rathskeller, too, and we must have had 75 to 100 people show up every year. But when that space became unavailable (following the demise of Minnesota Brewing), finding another spot was difficult."

The West 7th Business Association is hoping to revive such traditions as the Gold Plate Dinner, the West 7th Street parade and a benefit golf tournament, along with an annual West End festival and holiday party. "We're just beginning again, so we're kind of making some of it up as we go along," Greenberg said.

At its last general membership meeting, the West 7th Business Association heard from guest speaker Ryan Kelly of Take '08 Events Unlimited, a firm that is helping local businesses take advantage of the opportunities presented by the Republican National Convention, which will be held at the Xcel Energy Center from September 1-4. The next general membership meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at Summit Brewing Company, 910 Montreal Circle.

For more information, visit www.w7ba.com or call Barry at 651-224-6386.

St. Paul sued for reducing access to Snelling Avenue buildings

BY JANE McCLURE

The owner of the building that houses the Sears Driving School at Snelling and Carroll avenues is suing the city of St. Paul, saying decisions to vacate part of an alley and remove a curb cut to make way for the nearby Anchor Bank have stripped the property of its vehicular access and value. The case is now pending before Ramsey County Judge Kathleen Gearin.

The suit was filed by 308 N. Snelling Avenue Company, which owns the two-story

buildings at 304-306 and 308 N. Snelling Ave., and by the Carroll Avenue Corporation, which owns the adjacent lots to the north and east. Both corporations are owned by attorney Mark Arth.

The St. Paul City Attorney's Office filed its reply in mid-February, but no hearing dates have been set yet.

The decision to vacate the alley had the support of the Snelling-Hamline Community Council. The new District 13 Council, which now includes Snelling-Hamline, reaffirmed that position on March 5.

Arth and his attorney, Larry Leventhal, contend that the city's decisions have caused the buildings to lose tenants, including the driving school, which has operated out of 308 N. Snelling Ave. for more than 30 years but is planning to move out later this year. The driving school is the properties' largest tenant and its departure will result in the loss of \$1,200 a month in rent. According to court documents, the driving school has lost more than 50 percent of its business since the alley was vacated and the Snelling Avenue access was removed.

"This was a very desirable location," Leventhal said, "(but now) it's hard for people to get here."

Court documents state that without easy access, the buildings are "essentially unrentable." Putting in a new curb cut on Snelling would not only be costly, it would take up much of the site's remaining vacant property, Leventhal said.

The court is being asked to order the city to immediately institute condemnation pro-

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James Schwebel of the law firm of Schwebel Goetz & Sieben is one of 11 Minnesota attorneys to be named fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Schwebel is a Highland Park native and 1960 graduate of Cretin High School.

Aaron Archbold of Macalester-Groveland has been named a relocation consultant for Metcalf Moving & Storage, an agent for Mayflower. He will concentrate on the acquisition of new business. Archbold graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in civil engineering.

Elizabeth A. Emerson of Summit Hill has been named to the government relations team of the law firm Lockridge Grindal Nauen. Emerson formerly served the Minnesota House of Representatives as an administrator for the Commerce and Labor Committee, Labor and Consumer Protection Division and Telecommunications Regulation and Infrastructure Division.

Melinda Maher of Mendota Heights has joined the Minneapolis law firm of Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly as a partner practicing in the areas of employee benefits and health care. She is a former associate general counsel at Preferred One Administrative Services.

Thom Gmeinder, a self-employed attorney from Summit-University, has been elected to the American College of Parliamentary Lawyers.

Bob Long, a Highland Park resident and former St. Paul City Council member, has joined the Minneapolis law firm of Lockridge Grindal Nauen as a partner practicing in the area of commercial litigation. A former vice president of NAI Welsh, Long has also served as counsel with the Unger Law Office in Minneapolis.

Joan Hallock of Highland Park has become a general partner in the law firm of Hansen Dordell Bradt Odlaug & Bradt. She is a 1985 graduate of William Mitchell College of Law and practices in the areas of workers' compensation litigation and mediation.

Brian Farrell, 39, of Mendota Heights has been named president of Haskell's Fine Wines and Liquors. Farrell was a national sales trainer at West Publishing Company (now Thomson West) before leaving in 2002 to join Haskell's as a store supervisor. He later served as store supervisor for all the company's retail operations and as corporate vice president.

The University Avenue Business Association will meet at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, March 20, at NGON Vietnamese Bistro, 799 University Ave. The discussion will be on other avenue business associations. Call 651-647-6711.

Patrick Redmond, a Merriam Park resident and owner of Patrick Redmond Design, created a logo for Michael Hauser Flamenco & Classical Guitar in Minneapolis that was selected as a winner in the American Corporate

Identity competition. The winning submissions will be published in *American Corporate Identity 2008* and distributed worldwide by Harper Collins/Harper Design.

Laurie Bahr of Highland Park has been hired by Minnesota Technology Inc. of Minneapolis as its new business growth consultant. She joins MTI after a 15-year career in the long-term care industry.

Stuart Simek of Highland Park has been appointed to the board of directors of the Certified Commercial Investment Members (CCIM) Minnesota-Dakotas Chapter. Simek is president of Meridian Management Inc., which is currently working with TOLD Development on a project in Highland Park that includes a Trader Joe's grocery store.

Mike Derus of South Minneapolis has joined Park Midway Bank as a commercial lender. Derus has more than six years of experience in business banking. He has also been involved with the Midway Chamber of Commerce and the Young Professionals with the St Paul Area Chamber of Commerce.

Susan Haigh, a Summit Hill resident and president of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, has been elected to the board of directors of Park Midway Bank. Haigh previously served for 10 years as a Ramsey County Commissioner. She holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Macalester College and a law degree from William Mitchell College of Law.

Kevin Corcoran, a job search representative from Goodwill-Easter Seals, will hold a workshop on "How to Get and Keep a Job" at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

Learn to Learn, Solutions for Dyslexia has opened at 2057 Randolph Ave. The private center is devoted to the Barton method for reading and spelling as well as diagnosing dyslexia. It is owned and operated by Jane Conlin, a longtime Highland resident and educator who holds multiple licenses in deaf education and social studies and a master's degree in counseling from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Conlin is currently an 8th-grade teacher at Nativity School.

Twin Cities Eye Specialists has opened at 2221 Ford Pkwy., Suite 210, in the space formerly occupied by Highland Eye Clinic. The office is run by Dr. David J. Eilers, a comprehensive ophthalmologist who grew up in the Macalester-Groveland area and received his specialization in medical and surgical care at the University of Minnesota. TCES services include general eye exams, Lasik and wave front laser vision correction surgery, cataract surgery, macular and retinal services, including diabetic evaluation and treatment, and glaucoma management.

The Grand Avenue Business Association will host "Commedia dell'arte," its annual meeting and silent auction, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at SteppingStone Theatre, 55 N. Victoria St. Call 651-699-0029.

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ceedings to determine just compensation for the properties. Arth also wants the city to cover all legal costs.

The city is denying the allegations and asking that the case be dismissed. The city contends that any damages were caused by the property owner, not the city. It also states that all other means to resolve the situation have not been exhausted.

For years, vehicles could enter the properties' parking lot from Snelling via a curb cut near a former gas station or from Concordia Avenue via a north-south alley. Those accesses were lost in 2006 when the gas station and a restaurant to the east were torn down to make way for the new Anchor Bank. Get-

ting to Arth's properties now requires circling the block, since Carroll Avenue is a one-way street.

The city is arguing that use of the service station's curb cut was illegal. Arth contends that the corporations were not notified of the city's April 2006 decision to vacate the north portion of the alley, which became part of the bank's property.

Arth later asked the city to consider vacating the entire north-south portion of the alley in order to create additional space for off-street parking. A cul-de-sac would have provided space for homeowners on Carroll and Concordia to turn around. However, nearby residents and the Snelling-Hamline board objected, citing traffic concerns and blocked access to at least two garages.

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Crime Report

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

Highland Park

Burglary—Someone cut the phone lines and attempted to break into the Oasis Market on West 7th and Davern streets by smashing through the wall of the bathroom between 11:00 p.m. Saturday and 5:30 a.m. Sunday, February 2-3.

—A home on the 1300 block of South Cleveland Avenue was broken into around 3:00 p.m. Monday, February 4.

—A home on the 2100 block of Juno Avenue was broken into between 4:00 p.m. Tuesday and noon Wednesday, February 5-6.

—A 42-inch plasma TV was taken from a building on the 1800 block of Graham Avenue around 3:30 a.m. Monday, February 11.

—A home on the 1300 block of Highland Parkway was broken into at about 1:00 p.m. Sunday, February 17.

—An apartment on the 2100 block of Village Lane was broken into at about 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 19.

Theft—A suspect reportedly distracted the manager and stole the wallet from her purse at a store on the 600 block of South Snelling Avenue at about noon Thursday, January 24.

—Four bank deposits were stolen from the safe at the College of St. Catherine between 4:00 p.m. Sunday and 4:30 p.m. Monday, February 10-11.

—Items valued at more than \$1,000 were stolen from St. Paul Regional Water Services building at Bohland and Snelling avenues between 8:00 p.m. Monday and 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 11-12.

Lexington-Hamline

Robbery—A man and a juvenile stole a cell phone, iPod and cash from an individual at Concordia College on Saturday, February 9. The suspects were later arrested at their homes.

Burglary—A home on the 1100 block of Portland Avenue was broken into between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 15.

Theft—The theft of \$350 in cash was reported at Central High School at about 2:30 p.m. Thursday, January 31.

Macalester-Groveland

Robbery—A Macalester College student was robbed at knifepoint on the 1700 block of Grand Avenue at around 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 6. The robber took a wallet from one student while two other students fled. The suspect was described as in his 20s, 6-foot-2, 180-200 pounds, with a goatee and

his hair in cornrows. He was wearing brown baggy pants and a gold and brown puffy coat with logo patches.

—The Subway Restaurant at 1820 Grand Ave. was robbed at about 9:00 p.m. Friday, January 25. The male suspect pointed a gun at the clerk and took about \$100 cash before fleeing down the alley.

Burglary—Money and jewelry were stolen from a home that was broken into on the 1500 block of Fairmount Avenue between noon and 8:00 p.m. Saturday, January 26.

—Two homes on the 1200 block of Fairmount Avenue were broken into between January 28-30.

—A laptop computer was stolen from a home on Prior and Summit avenues between 11:00 p.m. Monday and 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 28-29.

—A home on the 1700 block of Summit Avenue was burglarized at about 1:30 p.m. Sunday, February 17. The suspect entered through an unlocked back door, but fled after being confronted by the resident.

—An attempted burglary occurred on the 1800 block of Grand Avenue at about 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 19. A witness heard a noise and confronted two male suspects who had broken in through the back door and were trying to break into an apartment. The suspects then fled.

—Laptop computers were stolen from two apartments on the 1900 block of Grand Avenue between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 19.

Arson—A car was set on fire at James Avenue and Lexington Parkway at about 10:00 p.m. Thursday, January 10. The car was found burning in the middle of the street. It had been burning in the middle of the street earlier that morning.

Sex crime—A woman told police she was drugged at Plum's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 480 S. Snelling Ave., and was then sexually assaulted between 10:00 p.m. Thursday and 5:00 a.m. Friday, February 14-15. The victim was treated at Regions Hospital.

Merriam Park

Fatal accident—A 59-year-old woman was killed in a hit-and-run accident while crossing University Avenue just east of Fairview Avenue at about 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 20. The victim, Margaret Elizabeth Prowse of St. Paul, was taken to Regions Hospital, where she was pronounced dead a short time later. Terrell Leonard Oliver, 45, of St. Paul was arrested for criminal vehicular homicide that evening.

Robbery—A man was robbed of his backpack, cell phone and wallet at knifepoint near Selby and Wilder avenues at about 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 11.

—A suspect robbed a juvenile male of \$80 in cash at Dayton Avenue and Dewey Street at

about 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 13. The suspect demanded the juvenile's money and said he had a knife, though no weapon was seen. The suspect was described as 6-foot-2, 165 pounds, with a goatee. He was wearing a dark baseball cap, blue jeans and a brown zip-up jacket with writing on the front.

Burglary—A resident arrived home on the 300 block of North Wilder Avenue at about 11:45 p.m. Friday, January 25, to find her front door open and items missing. She saw a suspect leaving in a Yellow Cab southbound on Wilder. Police tracked the cab's license plate number and arrested a 31-year-old Minneapolis man for burglary a few hours later on the 1200 block of Selby Avenue.

—An attempted burglary occurred on the 1800 block of Portland Avenue at about 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 5. A resident was home at the time and the suspects fled before police arrived.

—An apartment on the 400 block of Roy Street was burglarized between noon and 8:00 p.m. Saturday, February 9.

Assault—A 32-year-old man was assaulted with a metal pipe at Roy Street and Shields Avenue at about 5:00 p.m. Saturday, February 9.

Miscellaneous—Stolen license plates were recovered from a car on the 400 block of Herschel Street at about 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 1.

—Police investigated a hit-and-run crash with property damage at Herschel Street and Shields Avenue between 6:30 p.m. Friday and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, February 8-9.

Snelling-Hamline

Robbery—Two juveniles were arrested for robbing a person at Rainbow Foods on University Avenue at about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 29.

Summit Hill

Robbery—A home invasion robbery was reported on Victoria Street just south of Summit Avenue between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 29. A gun was used in the incident.

—A 19-year-old Minneapolis man was arrested for trying to rob a man on the 900 block of Grand Avenue at about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 5. A second suspect could not be found.

Burglary—A 26-year-old man was arrested for trying to break into a home on the 1000 block of Linwood Avenue at about 10:30 p.m. Monday, February 4. He was interrupted by the resident, who was home at the time and provided police with a physical description of the suspect. Police arrested the suspect at Lexington Parkway and Goodrich Avenue.

—A home on the 900 block of St. Clair Avenue was broken into between 8:30 a.m. and

8:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 12.

Summit-University

Robbery—A man was robbed at gunpoint on the 300 block of Fuller Avenue at about 7:00 p.m. Sunday, January 27. Two suspects wearing black baseball caps and black coats took the man's paycheck and fled on foot.

—Three juvenile males pushed a woman down and stole \$2.00 from her wallet after she got off the bus at Selby Avenue and St. Albans Street at about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 5. Two of the suspects were arrested at Grotto Street and Portland Avenue when they attempted to rob another woman there about half an hour later.

—Two males assaulted and robbed a man at Selby Avenue and St. Albans Street at about 7:30 p.m. Friday, February 8.

Burglary—Two homes on the 700 and 900 blocks of Carroll Avenue were broken into between noon Sunday and 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 3-4.

—The Twin Cities Fencing Club on Holly Avenue was broken into between 9:30 p.m. Monday and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 18-19.

—A male suspect tried to open the door of a home and then broke out a piece of the door on the 200 block of Summit Avenue between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. Sunday, January 27.

Assault—Three masked men assaulted two women in the hallway and kicked in a door looking for someone in a fourplex on the 800 block of Hague Avenue at about 3:30 a.m. Sunday, February 3.

Weapons—A drive-by shooting occurred at Ashland Avenue and Grotto Street at about 8:30 p.m. Sunday, February 3. Witnesses saw a dark, older, four-door sedan drive by with a man hanging out of the passenger window. The man wore a black ski mask and fired one shot from a silver handgun. There were no injuries nor damage resulting from the incident.

Theft—Two male juveniles asked a 27-year-old man for change and then fled with his \$10 at Dayton and Western avenues at about 9:30 p.m. Friday, February 15.

West End

Theft—Police cited a man for theft after he refused to pay for his drinks at the Liffey Bar on West 7th Street at about 9:30 p.m. Sunday, January 27. The man had also run out on his bar bill at the Glockenspiel on West 7th. Police took him to detox.

Miscellaneous—Police arrested two St. Paul men ages 19 and 22 on the 300 block of Emma Street for criminal damage to property at about 11:00 p.m. Sunday, January 27. Witnesses saw the two men spraying graffiti on railroad cars at Randolph Avenue and Shepard Road.

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Minding your manners

Hotel's etiquette classes teach adults, kids how to succeed in social situations

BY CAROLYN WILL

Two years ago, St. Paul Hotel director of catering services Terrie Bulanek started searching for a way to introduce etiquette lessons for people who were interested in improving their social graces. "American culture is extremely casual and at somewhat of a breaking point with technology and attitudes," Bulanek said. "We saw a great desire in our clientele to get back to basic communication that is face to face."

The quarterly classes started in the spring of 2006 and have been virtually sold out ever since. On a recent Thursday afternoon, 30 people were seated around dining tables in the hotel's John Ireland Room for a business etiquette luncheon taught by Angelyn Davis. The three-hour course covered lessons in proper meetings, greetings and introductions, making conversation, networking techniques, electronic etiquette, table manners and hosting tips. The latter two were practiced while dining on a formal lunch served by the hotel.

Hennepin County law clerk Tene Davis brought along a friend he thought needed to brush up on his manners.

U.S. Army Sergeant Major Elise Kraemer, who brought along her mother, Renee, was hoping the course would give her more confidence when meeting foreign dignitaries she encounters at formal dinners.

Anthony Farag, a sales trainer from St. Cloud, was taking the class for a second time and brought his 14-year-old daughter, Amanda, so they might improve the family dinner hour as well as feel more confident in social situations. His younger daughter, Marisa, took the children's etiquette course that was held the following Sunday.

Nick Zurn, 23, was sent to the course by his boss at Sitma USA, to prepare him for his first international business trip to Italy.

"The demand for etiquette courses has quadrupled in the past 10 years," said Davis, a certified etiquette consultant and president

and founder of Etiquette, Et Cetera. "We live in a global market, with businesses crossing cultures regularly. Now that the job market has become extremely competitive, the social graces have become very important."

Davis reminded the class of the sage advice: there is only once chance to make a first impression. "Knowing the basics helps us all interact more easily and comfortably," she said.

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Five-star hotels on both coasts have been offering etiquette classes for years and their popularity seems to be growing. "There seems to have been a generation or two that were missed, where manners were not taught formally," Bulanek said. "I've also seen this trend with our teas. People really want to go back to something simpler—enjoying conversation and slowing things down a bit in a respectful and formal manner. I think we know as a culture that manners are essential to be successful and we've let them slide too long."

Law clerk Tene Davis had to offer a toast to her boss a few days following the etiquette course. "I asked Angelyn for some suggestions. She gave me practical advice and my toast went flawlessly," she said.

Farag said he was pleased to see his teenage daughter doing so well with introductions among adults. "The business training skills will become more relevant to her as time goes on," he said, "but she seemed to rise to the occasion."

Now that his younger daughter has also taken the course, Farag said he and his wife have noticed his children giving more con-



Instructor Angelyn Davis demonstrates proper dining etiquette during a class for business people at the St. Paul Hotel. PHOTO BY ANNE BRANDRUD

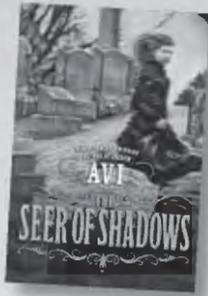
sideration to the person who is talking during dinner conversations. "My youngest daughter said she loved the St. Paul Hotel so much she asked if we could live there," he said.

Bulanek said the hotel's goal in offering etiquette instruction is to allow people to feel comfortable and present themselves with poise in real-life situations. Soon, the hotel will be adding a bridal etiquette course and one for teenagers.

The next etiquette classes will be offered from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, for business people and on Saturday, April 19, for children. The cost is \$50 for the business luncheon, which includes a handbook, and \$40 for the children's luncheon, which includes a take-home bag of gifts.

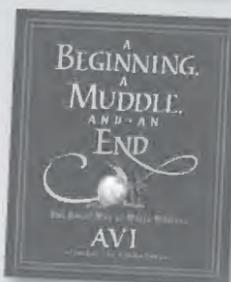
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City hears outpouring of comments on both sides of sober house debate

By Jane McClure

For every person who says a sober house has saved his or her life, it seems another person says having too many sober houses in his or her neighborhood makes life more trying.

More than 100 people attended a March 3 panel discussion hosted by the St. Paul Planning Commission on ways to better regulate sober houses in the city. The public comments will be forwarded to the commission's Neighborhood and Current Planning Committee, which is scheduled to meet on March 26 to continue hammering out proposed city zoning regulations for the facilities.

The full commission is not likely to act on the regulations until April at the earliest. City Council members are hoping to have the new regulations in place before a moratorium on new sober houses expires in October.

The proposed regulations being studied take different approaches. One would require operators to fill out a questionnaire to determine whether their facilities are legitimate sober houses. Another would require a parking plan for each sober house and a minimum required number of parking spaces. Minimum lot size standards may also be imposed for houses with six or more residents to deal with concerns about overcrowding. Minimum distance requirements are also being considered between sober houses with seven or more residents.

Residents living near sober houses say the regulations are needed to address the problems of dilapidated homes, unsupervised programs and the concentration of sober houses in some neighborhoods. The problems range from too many vehicles parked on neighborhood streets to the lack of someone to contact when issues come up.

"We've seen the effects that poorly run homes can have on a neighborhood," said West End resident Diane Gerth. According to her, there are some blocks in her neighborhood that have half a dozen sober houses.

Opponents of the regulations say the city has no business regulating sober houses since their inhabitants are considered disabled and are protected under the Federal Fair Housing Act. Around the country, efforts to regu-

late sober houses have been rejected by the courts.

Sober house residents and operators say neighbors who want to regulate sober housing would be hurting those in recovery. "I owe my life to sober housing," said David Mott, a 23-year-old sober house resident who will celebrate one year of sobriety this month.

Though about three dozen sober house operators have registered voluntarily with the city, it is unclear how many sober houses exist in St. Paul. Their operators are not required to file for the same types of permits that operators of shelters, correctional halfway houses or group homes for disabled people do. They also do not have to meet the city regulation that allows no more than four unrelated people to live in a single dwelling. Some sober houses have more than a dozen people living in what had been a single-family home.

Several years ago St. Paul tried to place zoning restrictions on the Buffalo Sober House in the Summit-University neighborhood, but lost in court. Other cities have also faced legal challenges in trying to regulate sober housing. "If this ordinance goes forward, we're going into some new legal territory," said city planner Luis Pereira.

St. Paul currently can only regulate sober housing through property code enforcement of safety and other building-related issues. Existing sober houses would not fall under the proposed regulations in any case.

John Curtiss leads the Minnesota Association of Sober Houses and works with The Retreat, which operates four sober houses in St. Paul. The association formed a year ago and has a dozen operators. Curtiss said their intent is to get a handle on "quality control" at sober houses, provide training for operators and create a set of standards.

Curtiss contends that sober houses may be better neighbors than some of the problem properties residents have coped with, such as college party houses. He pointed out that the city has 1,624 registered vacant properties and that sober housing could be part of the solution to that crisis.

"You can ask St. Paul police and fire marshals and they'll tell you that these (sober houses) are not the properties we have to worry about," Curtiss said.

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Como Park Zoo and Conservatory make use of an average of more than 1,200 volunteers to aid in their day-to-day operations. New volunteers are being recruited for a variety of opportunities, including Japanese Garden interpreters, visitor greeters, summer camp assistants, special events and even animal interpreters. For information, call 651-487-8252 or visit www.comozooconservatory.org.

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Hibernians carry on rich Irish tradition

Just as it has since the early 20th century, the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) will be serving brunch following the annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul, only this year it will be held on Saturday, March 15.

The St. Paul order is one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the state and continues to be active in a variety of charitable causes, according to financial secretary Bob McGarry. It also sponsors a job corps facility in Belfast, Ireland, and was instrumental in the inception of a variety of local Irish programs, including the Minnesota Irish Fair and the Center for Irish Studies.

The Hibernians were first organized in Minnesota in 1879 by Michael Mogan in Minneapolis. The following year, the first Ramsey County branch was established with J. J. Kennedy as its president. Over the next 10 years, Kennedy traveled via horse and buggy to Irish settlements across the state to promote the Hibernian society. In 1882, he invited the AOH in America to hold its national meeting in St. Paul, and kept at it until the meeting came here in 1888.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 4, Ramsey County, was incorporated in May 1889. The Hibernian society grew rapidly in its early years, and by 1912 Minnesota was home to 82 divisions. From 1908 to 1912, James J. Regan of St. Paul served as the president of the AOH in America.

A women's auxiliary of the AOH was formed in 1894, known as the Daughters of Erin. In 1906 it became autonomous and separated from the Hibernians. The auxiliary's many accomplishments included St. Patrick's Chapel in the Cathedral of St. Paul.

The roots of the Ancient Order of Hibernians predate Minnesota and even the United States. No exact date of the order's founding in Ireland is known, but the *Catholic Encyclopedia* says it essentially began when the Earl of Sussex, Thomas Radcliffe, became lord-lieutenant of Ireland in 1562 and launched a bitter persecution of Catholics. Prince Rory O'Moore and his men would protect priests while they celebrated Mass on the hills and in the glens.

O'Moore may have organized the Hibernian society in 1565. At least that was when the spirit of the many Catholic groups like the Orangemen gave rise to the order. Over the years, the order has continued its role as a protector of the Irish and the Catholic faith.



Close to Home By Lisa Heinrich

The AOH peaked in membership in the early 20th century. By 1905 it had 13,000 members. However, serious problems arose by 1917: Sinn Fein, the oldest political movement in Ireland, was growing more popular there. The Irish Republican Army several times attacked the order's meeting halls in Ireland, and membership slowly began to decline. Membership of the AOH had dropped to 4,000 in the 1970s.

According to the order's website (www.aoh.com), anti-Catholic sentiment migrated to the New World from the Old. Under the Constitutional Convention of 1777, Catholics were denied civil rights and elective office unless they swore an oath renouncing the Pope's authority. In the 1800s, anti-Catholic sentiment in the U.S. led to a series of violent incidents and the Hibernians organized here in reaction.

The AOH in America now has the largest membership of any Hibernian order in the world. The qualifications for membership include being a good Catholic of Irish descent. The organization's motto is "Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity."

The order continues to provide insurance benefits to members in addition to its charitable and educational activities. Locally, the Hibernian's insurance branch has been sold to Degree of Honor, but members may still join the group. Only two Hibernian divisions now exist in the state: Division 1 in Le Sueur County and Division 4 in Ramsey County, McGarry said. The current membership of Division 4 is around 100.

The AOH of Ramsey County meets on the last Tuesday of each month from September through May, McGarry said. For more information about the order, visit www.aohmn.com, call 952-445-3908 or e-mail bjochan@msm.com.

Get your green on

The St. Patrick's Day Parade in St. Paul will be held two days earlier this year due to the fact that March 17 falls during Holy Week. The last time the celebration of St. Patrick's Day in St. Paul was moved was in 1940, when March 17 fell on Palm Sunday.

The following are just a few of the local activities that have been scheduled as a tip o' the hat to St. Pat:

The Worst Irish Tenor Contest, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Mancini's Char House, 531 W. 7th St. Call 651-224-7345.

Crowning of Miss Shamrock, 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at Shamrocks Irish Nook, 995 W. 7th St. Visit www.stpatsassoc.org.

Center for Irish Studies open house, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in the Special Collections Reading Room in the O'Shaughnessy-Frey Library at the University of St. Thomas. A brief program begins at 12:30 p.m. Call 651-962-5662.

"An Irish Journey: Songs from the Emerald Isle," 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the James J. Hill House, 240 Sum-



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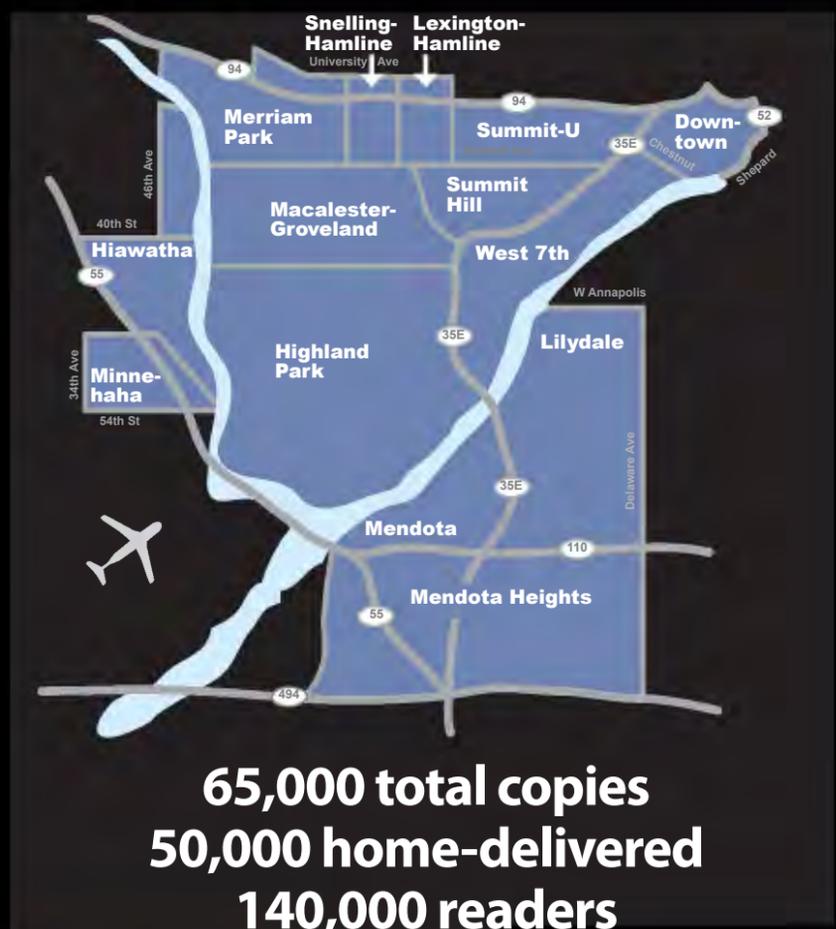
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District Council News

Highland Park

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Annual meeting—The Highland District Council (HDC) will hold its annual meeting and elections on Wednesday, April 9, in the auditorium of Ford Motor Company's Twin Cities Assembly Plant on Ford Parkway and Mississippi River Boulevard. Up for election this year are eight seats on the district council's board of directors, including two at-large representatives and the representatives for the six even-numbered grids. More information is available on the council's website.

Electronic newsletter—Highland residents may sign up to receive an electronic newsletter on the 15th of every month by visiting the council's website and clicking on newsletter registration.

Volunteers needed—The HDC is seeking volunteers to help out with the annual Highland Park and Macalester-Groveland Home Improvement Fair on April 19 and the Spring Cleanup on May 17. Those who are interested may send an e-mail to hdc@visi.com.

Block club leaders—Highland residents who are interested in forming a block club are invited to call the HDC for start-up materials and to register the block club for neighborhood crime reports and news about such events as National Night Out.

Upcoming meetings—Community Development Committee, 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 17; Executive Committee, Thursday, March 27; Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 31. All Highland area residents and business people are invited to attend the meetings, all of which will be held in the Activity Room of the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

Macalester-Groveland

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Town hall meeting—St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman plans to host town hall meetings across the city following his 2008 State of the City address on March 12. His goal is to share his administration's mid-term accomplishments and hear from residents about their issues and concerns. The town hall meeting for the Macalester-Groveland, Highland Park and Summit Hill neighborhoods will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 27, in Weyerhaeuser Hall at Macalester College.

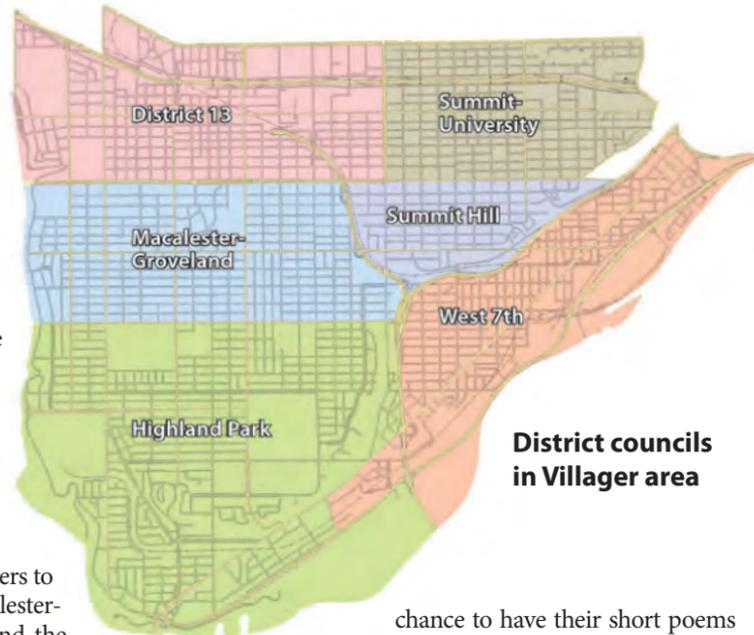
Annual meeting—The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will hold its annual meeting and board elections from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at a location still to be determined. Those who attend will be able to sample desserts, elect board representatives, hear from journalist Jane McClure and find out what the community council has been up to. Those who are interested in running for a board seat may contact executive director Melissa Martinez-Sones at the council office or by e-mailing her at melissa@macgrove.org.

Home Improvement Fair—The 16th annual Highland and Macalester-Groveland Home Improvement Fair will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. This year's fair will once again emphasize "green" home improvements, with more than 75 exhibitors and 15 workshops. For more information, contact Andy Hamerlinck at the council's office.

Block club open house—A block club leadership fair will be held jointly by the Macalester-Groveland and District 13 community councils from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, in Room 100 of the University of St. Thomas' McNeely Hall on Cleveland and Summit avenues. Ward 4 St. Paul City Council member Russ Stark will deliver a keynote address, "The Importance of Starting and Growing Block Clubs." There will be an opportunity to meet with City Council members, police, district council board members and college representatives. Coffee and dessert will be served. For more information, contact Marie Nelson at the Macalester-Groveland council office or e-mail marie@macgrove.org.

Beautification Committee—After a winter hiatus, the community council's Beautification Committee has begun meeting again at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. The committee is currently working on the annual alley garden award program and the spring plant share. Those who would like to host a plant share or judge the gardens are asked to call Marie Nelson at the council office or e-mail marie@macgrove.org.

Poems for city sidewalks—Public Art St. Paul and the St. Paul Department of Public Works have announced a sidewalk poetry contest called Everyday Poems for City Sidewalks. Up to 20 contest winners will receive \$150 and the



District councils in Villager area

chance to have their short poems permanently stamped in sidewalks throughout the city. Submissions will be accepted until April 25. For submission guidelines, visit everydaysidewalk.org.

Board meeting—The Macalester-Groveland Community Council's board of directors will hold its next meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St.

District 13

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Block club leadership fair—The District 13 and Macalester-Groveland community councils will host a block club leadership fair from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, in Room 100 of the University of St. Thomas' McNeely Hall at Cleveland and Summit avenues. St. Paul City Council member Russ Stark will speak at 7:00 p.m. on the importance of block clubs. The purpose of the leadership fair is to provide information and support to those who are interested in starting a block club, as well as to give current block club leaders an opportunity to discuss issues and goals with local officials, including City Council members, police, district council board members and college representatives. Coffee and dessert will be served. For information, call Julie Oney of the District 13 Council.

Rock-Tenn meetings—The Rock-Tenn Community Advisory Panel (RCAP) will hold its next meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 17, at the Central Corridor Resource Center, 1080 University Ave. RCAP will also meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 31, at the Wilder Center, 451 Lexington Pkwy.

Western District police meetings—Officers at the new Western District Police Station, 389 N. Hamline Ave., are now meeting with the public to discuss crime and safety issues at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18. Those with concerns they would like to see addressed should call 651-266-5632.

Poems for the sidewalks—Public Art St. Paul and the St. Paul Public Works Department are conducting a sidewalk poetry contest called Everyday Poems for City Sidewalks. Up to 20 contest winners will receive \$150 and citywide recognition for their short poems, which will be permanently stamped in sidewalks throughout the city. Submissions will be accepted until April 25. For guidelines, call Dave Hunt at 651-266-6134 or visit everydaysidewalk.org.

Central Corridor open house—The city of St. Paul will hold an open house on Central Corridor light-rail transit station area planning from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday March 29, at the Central Corridor Resource Center, 1080 University Ave. Information will be provided on the draft area plans for the seven station areas along University Avenue. There will be a staff person to answer questions for each station area.

Stay connected—District 13 residents may sign up to receive a monthly electronic newsletter about neighborhood issues, meetings and activities by e-mailing theresa@d13stpaul.org. To receive District 13 crime statistics, e-mail julie@d13stpaul.org.

Mark your calendar—District 13 board meeting, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave.; Land Use Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, District 13 office, 1570 Concordia Ave. (Anchor Bank building); Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 7, Merriam Park Community Center; and Neighborhood Issues Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 7, Dunning Recreation Center, 1221 Marshall Ave.

Religious Notes

Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality is offering the following programs at the Carondelet Center, 1890 Randolph Ave.: "Women's Spirituality: Praying with Our Eyes" with Methodist Bishop Sally Dyck, 7:15-9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 20, \$30, \$25 for seniors, includes breakfast; "Ecology of Hope: The Poet and the Woodsman," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, donation; "Men and Their Spirits: Servitude, Freedom and Service" with professor Earl Schwartz, 7:15-9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, \$30, \$25 for seniors, includes breakfast; "Planning Your Spring Labyrinth" with Lisa Moriarty, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, \$25. Call 651-696-2788.

"The First Jewish Family: What We Can Learn from Abraham and Sarah" will be the topic for "12:30 Torah" now through spring. The next class will be held from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Admission is free and open to the public. Call Sean Herstein at 651-255-4739.

"The Aging of the Church: Lament or Celebration?" will be addressed by Bishop Peter Rogness of the St. Paul Synod on Thursday, March 13, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 104 S. Snelling Ave. The event will open at

11:30 a.m. with a health screening, followed by lunch at noon (\$6.00) and the program at 12:30 p.m. For reservations, call Russ Carlson at 651-699-5560.

Pilgrim and Immanuel Lutheran churches' adult choirs will perform with a chamber orchestra and soloists during a Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m. March 21 at Immanuel, 104 S. Snelling Ave. The program includes Bach's Cantata No. 12. March 21st is also Bach's birthday. Call 651-699-5560.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1895 Laurel Ave., will offer a quiet prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12; a Peace Witness at 7:00 p.m. Thursday March 13, to pray for an end to the occupation in Iraq; Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. March 20; Good Friday services at noon and 5:30 p.m. March 21; a one-man Good Friday theatrical presentation "Into the Darkness, Into the Light" at 7:30 p.m. March 21; an interactive children's Easter vigil at 4:00 p.m. March 22; and an Easter Sunday brunch at 9:00 a.m. with an egg hunt for the kids on March 23. Call 651-646-6175.

"The Bible Goes to the Movies," a workshop with College of St. Catherine professor Chris Franke on *The Truman Show* and its por-

trayal of God with a dark side, will be offered on Monday, March 31. It will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Loyola Spirituality Center, 389 N. Oxford St. The cost is \$25. To register, visit www.loyolaspiritualitycenter.org or call 651-641-0008.

Or Emet's monthly Jewish cultural school will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at Friends School of Minnesota, 1365 Englewood Ave. Visit www.oremet.org or call 612-722-1030.

A Mass for healing will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 24, at Lumen Christi Catholic Church, 2055 Bohland Ave. The rosary will be said at 7:15 p.m. The Reverend Jim Livingston will preside. Call 651-690-1501.

An Easter breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, March 23, at Open Heart Church, 1901 Ford Pkwy. The public is invited to eat breakfast and participate in the Easter service. Breakfast is free, but donations will be accepted. Call 651-699-5763.

"Theology of God: Today's revolution," a seven-week course, will meet from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays, beginning April 3, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1935 St. Clair Ave. The course will focus on the book,

Quest for the Living God, Mapping Frontiers in the Theology of God by Elizabeth Johnson. The cost is \$95, which include the book. Register by March 18 at 651-644-4266.

The Passion of Our Lord will be presented by youth at 7:00 p.m. Sunday March 16, and 10:00 a.m. Monday March 17, at the Church of St. Columba, 1327 Lafond Ave. Admission is free with a nonperishable food donation.

St. Paul First Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1935 Princeton Ave., will offer free "Getting to Know Jesus" seminars at 7:00 p.m. on Easter weekend March 21-23. Topics will include "The BC Jesus: An In-depth Look at the Old Testament" on Friday, "A Man so Good You Want Him Dead" on Saturday and "You Can't Keep a God-man Down" on Sunday. Call 651-690-1914.

Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave. S. in Minneapolis, has a new student pastor in Heidi Wallace. A third-year student at Luther Seminary, Wallace is helping to lead worship, make pastoral visits and work with the children, youth and families of the congregation. She grew up in Chisago City, graduated from Winona State University and was married this summer to Eric Wallace.

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Summit Hill

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Spring events—Summit Hill residents are being encouraged to mark their calendars now for several upcoming events: the Summit Hill Progressive Supper on Saturday, April 26; the Summit Hill Neighborhood Garage Sale on Saturday, May 3; the Summit Hill Neighborhood Cleanup on Saturday, May 10; and Grand Old Day on Sunday, June 1. For more information, contact the SHA office.

SHA House Tour tickets—Tickets for the Summit Hill Association's 2008 House Tour on September 14 are now available by visiting the SHA's website. The popular house tour is a major fundraiser for the SHA. Tickets make great birthday, anniversary or Easter gifts, and house tour gift cards are available in the SHA office. Call the SHA for more information.

Promoting a greener new year—The Summit Hill Association would like to hear from area residents who are interested in promoting a more environmentally friendly neighborhood. The SHA's Environment Committee is particularly looking for gardeners who can help water, mulch and maintain the upper gardens and Sam Morgan prairie at the Linwood Recreation Center. Those who are able to lend a hand are asked to call or

stop by the SHA office for more information.

Get connected electronically—Regularly updated information on neighborhood activities and programs is available by consulting the SHA's website. Residents may also sign up on the website to receive electronic news updates about important events, meetings and other neighborhood issues.

Upcoming meetings—Board of directors at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the Linwood Recreation Center, 860 St. Clair Ave.; Development Committee at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at Linwood; and Communications Committee at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 24, at Linwood.

Summit-University

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Town hall meeting—St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman is hosting a series of neighborhood town hall meetings in the next few weeks to share his administration's mid-term accomplishments and to hear from residents about their issues and concerns. The town hall meeting for the Summit-University neighborhood will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, in Room 112 at the Hubbs Center for Lifelong Learning, 1030 University Ave.

Get involved—The Summit-University Planning Council is still in need of a desktop computer with a good amount of

memory that can operate Windows XP or Vista. It also is seeking a business to sponsor its quarterly newsletter and could use other skills or resources that would help it build a stronger neighborhood. For information, call Irna Landrum at the SUPC office or e-mail info@summit-u.com.

Recycling notice—Recycling is picked up in the Summit-University neighborhood every Wednesday. Stop by the SUPC office at 627 Selby Ave. to pick up a blue recycling bin or call the office to have it delivered to your home.

Board elections—Each May, the Summit-University Planning Council holds elections for its board of directors. Anyone who lives or works in the Summit-University neighborhood may run for the board. For information, call the office or visit the website and click on "SUPC services" and then "elections."

Stay in the loop—Summit-University residents may sign up for electronic news updates about important events, meetings and other neighborhood issues by visiting the planning council's website.

Upcoming meetings—Community Improvement and Safety Committee at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, in the St. Albans Community Room, 665 Selby Ave.; Neighborhood Development/Issues Committee at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at St. Albans; board of directors at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, at St. Albans. Those with issues they would like to discuss at the meetings are asked to call the SUPC office.

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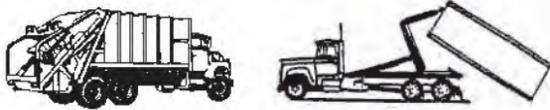


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Sigrin making his mark in Namibia

After 14 months teaching science as a Peace Corps volunteer, 2002 Central High School graduate Ben Sigrin has already left his mark on Kahenge, a combined elementary and secondary school in rural Namibia. Last year, for example, Sigrin arranged with Central High School chemistry teacher Shymala Jithendranathan to send Kahenge a collection of textbooks that Central was no longer using.

Sigrin is striving for more, however. In his remaining 10 months at Kahenge, he is hoping to have a more lasting impact by expanding the school's computer lab from six to 20 computers.

Sigrin, 24, has set up a fund through the Peace Corps Partnership Program that is accepting tax-deductible contributions for his Computers for Kahenge project. He has budgeted just under \$4,900 to purchase 14 new computers, additional furniture, an upgrade to the lab's central server and the training of school personnel.

Sigrin graduated from Grinnell College in 2006 with a degree in physics. In addition to his teaching duties at Kahenge, he manages the computer lab, which the school established last year by investing more than half of its annual discretionary budget of \$3,000.

"This (expansion) project will help the school enormously," Sigrin said. "Teachers will be able to supplement their regular classroom content with pictures, movies, text and websites."

Kahenge's classrooms average about 40 students, or far more than six computers can accommodate. The students will have to share a computer even after the expansion, Sigrin said, but with one computer for every two



Ben Sigrin at home in Kahenge, Namibia.

students, they can acquire the hands-on experience they need to master the technology.

Sigrin's students at Kahenge are, for the most part, the children of subsistence farmers. Kahenge is located on the Kavango River in northeastern Namibia. The area is remote, and most of the inhabitants have no electricity or running water. "The school's sole link with the rest of Namibia is a poor gravel road that is impassable when it rains," Sigrin said.

To donate to Sigrin's project, send a check made out to the Peace Corps to: Peace Corps, OPSI, 1111 20th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20526. Indicate "project number 697-044" on the memo line.

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School Notes

The Highland Park Senior High School National Honor Society is holding a "March on Hunger" food drive from now through March 14. Many Highland area businesses are serving as food drop-off locations, including Associated Bank, Barnes & Noble, Casa Vieja, Half-Price Books, Highland Theater, Pinehurst Bank and TCF Bank. Food and cash donations may also be dropped off between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the high school, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. The donations will be given to the Francis Basket and Hallie Q. Brown food shelves.

Hayley Kilbride-Pierce, a 7th-grader from Friendly Hills Middle School, correctly spelled "phenomenon" to win the School District 197 spelling bee on January 28. As the winner, she received a thesaurus, a dictionary and \$100 in cash. The runner-up was Joe Jeffrey, an 8th-grader from St. Joseph's School. The event was sponsored for the 11th year by the Optimist Club of West St. Paul.

St. Thomas Academy Cadet 1st Lt. Mark Matczynski and Cadet Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas Karp have received appointments to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Matczynski, son of Craig and Anna Matczynski, is a multiple recipient of STA's Eagle Award for academic excellence. He played varsity football and wrestling, is a cadet officer in the Academy's Honor Guard and a member of the Civil Air Patrol. Karp, son of Thomas and Angela Karp, is on the National Honor Society, is an Eagle Award winner and was a member of the varsity football team and band.

The Highland Park Senior High School speech team captured second place at the Lakeville South tournament on February 2. Rebecca Gibson, a junior, took second place overall in extemporaneous reading. Also competing from Highland were Josh Corner, Ananda Guneratne, Zak Laskaris, Rebecca Olson, River Ostrow, James Rickinger and Joseph Totten. The team is coached by Jody Rohweller and Kathy Jenkins.

Avalon School, a grades 7-12 charter school at 1745 University Ave., won the small-school division at the state Academic Decathlon on February 25-26 in Mankato. The team will now compete in the small-school on-line national competition on May 1-2. The Avalon team is composed of Sophia Anastazievsky, Lee Purvey, and Brekken Armstrong in the Honors division; Dustin McEvoy, Ashton McGinnis and Melissa Devroy in the Scholastic division; and Luke Oleen-Junk, Matt Lesicko, and Carolynne Hahn in the Bronze division. The team is coached by Jo Sullivan.

Expo Elementary students recently completed their first "Reach for the Stars" read-a-thon sponsored by Usborne Books. A total of 685 students read 327,796 minutes in two weeks and raised \$6,400 in pledges that was used to give books to both the participating readers and to the school library. Principal Darren Yerama agreed that if the students met their goal, he would dye his hair. Pink was the landslide winner for color choice and at the end of the read-a-thon Yerama stepped onto the stage with hot pink hair, thanks to Tonya Walker and Ficocello's.

Henry Sibley seniors Dina Blumenfeld, Melissa Klocke and Tayo Johnson took first in the Japan America Society of Minnesota's J-Quiz at Eastview High in Apple Valley on February 16. J-Quiz tests high school students who are studying the Japanese language with questions regarding grammar, vocabulary, kanji and kana (Japanese writing), geography and culture. The same Sibley team of students came in third place last year.

Henry Sibley High School students gave \$6,500 checks to each of three charities following their week-long Give Once For All fundraiser. The charities included the Community Action Council, Free Arts Minnesota and Special Olympics of Minnesota. The money was raised at a pancake breakfast, through a Singled-Out dating game, and at a talent show and carnival.

Home Improvement

A kitchen that works for them

Mac-Grove couple challenge their remodeler with a custom redesign

BY NANCY CROTTI

When Amy and Edward Kelly moved into their Tudor-style house in Macalester-Groveland, they figured they would have to replace the 1980s-era kitchen appliances before too long. But after living there for a few months, they decided to redo the entire kitchen. The result, a striking white-on-white European-style space, will be open to the public as part of the Parade of Homes Remodelers Showcase on March 28-30.

The Kellys' kitchen originally centered around a U-shaped island that held a sink, stove and dishwasher. "Two people couldn't be in there working," Amy said, "and if the dishwasher was open, it was even hard for one person."

Emptying the dishwasher required hiking back and forth around the kitchen. Counter space was minimal. The Kellys weren't wild about the maple woodwork either, and the adjacent mud room had three doors that always seemed to be banging into one another—one door to the back yard, one to the kitchen and one to a closet.

"In the original kitchen, the space was adequate but the layout was not right," said Rob Aldecocea of Authentic Construction, which designed and built the remodeled space. "We created a kitchen that has a main work space and a secondary work space. We tried to be creative in placing appliances to be functional, hiding some of them and making them less of a focal point."

The Kellys' new kitchen centers around a 4-by-8-foot island that is topped with white marble and holds an ASKO dishwasher, a Kenmore combination microwave/toaster oven, storage drawers and a custom-made white enamel sink equipped with a foot pedal to control water flow. The couple had the kitchen's woodwork enameled and refinished the maple floor a rich chocolate brown.



White marble, sparkling chrome and stainless steel grace the flawless kitchen of Ed and Amy Kelly of Macalester-Groveland. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

A stainless steel Sub Zero refrigerator is easily accessible from the stove, center island and food-prep area. A second, Fisher & Paykel drawer-style dishwasher is tucked away in a cabinet next to a built-in Sub Zero wine cooler and a Miele coffee and espresso maker that has its own plumbing.

"It's awesome," Amy said of the coffee maker. "And the stove I just adore."

A 48-inch Wolf gas range opposite the island has a griddle in the center for pancakes, a family favorite. White subway tiles form the backsplash beneath the custom-designed, glass-front cabinets flanking a stainless steel exhaust hood.

"The use of glass doors in the upper cabinets helps to break up the whiteness," Aldecocea said. "The colorful bowls and plates show through."

The food prep area is equipped with a 3-inch-thick walnut butcher-block cutting board, a trough sink and a garbage disposal. Aldecocea also designed the double-hung window above the prep area that replaced a crank-style window that did not let in much light.

Redesigning the mud room was a challenge with all those doors. "The whole idea there was efficiency and trying to create more storage space," Aldecocea said.

The Kellys decided to stack an LG washer

and dryer in the mud room with a utility sink to the side. Coat hooks, a bench and a series of cubby holes for hats, scarves and mittens are located on the other side of the room. A new broom closet was installed next to the bench. A new slate floor was laid, and a pocket door now separates the mud room from the kitchen.

The kitchen redesign would have been easier had the Kellys wanted more color, according to Aldecocea. "When you're dealing with a white palette, your attention is more focused on the details of the craftsmanship and the millwork, the counters themselves and the design functionality," he said.

Another feature that Amy insisted on was special lighting above the island. Rather than traditional, pendant-style task lighting, the Kellys asked Minneapolis interior designer Lisa La Nasa to create a trio of drum-shaped shades in ivory and black silk.

"We were looking at doing more striking colors," La Nasa said, "but we ended up with something neutral and wanted it to be almost an architectural sort of piece. We wanted something that would be elegant and kind of a timeless sort of shape."

The dearth of color may have made the designers' work more difficult, but Amy loves the white and wouldn't have it any other way. "It's bright and it makes me happy every time I



walk in," she said. "It's a north-facing kitchen, and there's just so much more light in there now."

A total of 69 remodeled homes will be open for touring across the Twin Cities as part of the Remodelers Showcase on March 28-30. The event will run from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday and from noon to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free except for the two Dream Homes. Free seminars on kitchen and "green" remodeling are also scheduled. For more information, call 651-697-1954 or visit www.paradeofhomes.org.

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Attic remodeling makes room for another growing family

BY DAVE PAGE

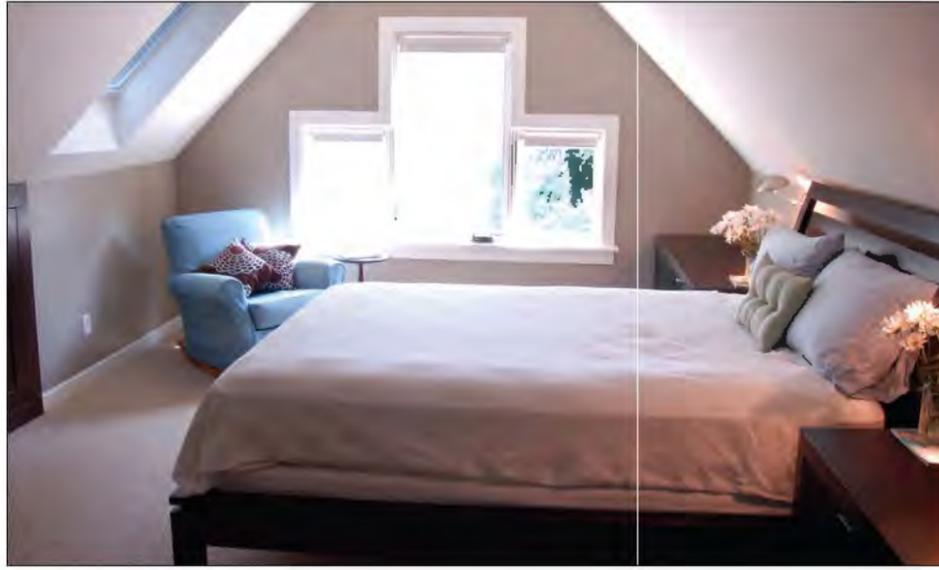
Contractor Peter Hagen is familiar with the new-baby shuffle: A couple who have a child or two already discover that another one is on the way and start thinking about a larger home. They want to remain in the neighborhood and begin looking for a house on the market that meets their needs. After a few weeks, they give up and hire an architect to see what can be done with their present home. At that point, Hagen gets the call and is told he has seven months to turn the architect's plans into reality.

"Sometimes the schedule can be a challenge," said Hagen, who along with partner Mel Salmi operates Transformed Tree Remodelers and Cabinetmakers. "But it's a great feeling when we finish on time."

Among Hagen's recent customers who fit that pattern were Kevin and Angela Gilligan. In 1999 they purchased a turn-of-the-last-century Queen Anne home in Merriam Park that at one time had been converted to a duplex and was then in the process of being turned back into a single-family home.

The previous owners "had done all the structural work (for the conversion), and they did a great job," Angela said. So the Gilligans just picked up where the previous owners had left off, installing a master bath on the second floor, refinishing the floors and painting the walls.

"The house was perfect when we had two



The master bedroom in the remodeled attic of the Gilligans' Merriam Park home.

children," Angela said. However, when she found out in the summer of 2006 that she was pregnant with a third child, she and Kevin decided they wanted four bedrooms.

They searched for a larger home in or near Merriam Park, but couldn't find one they liked. One of Kevin's sisters recommended having architect Guy Williams stop by to see what could be done with their home. Williams drew up a preliminary plan to turn the unfinished attic into a master bedroom suite, and then hooked the Gilligans up with Transformed Tree. Hagen and Salmi became a part of the design team in the fall of 2006 and began construction that year.

For Hagen and his carpenters, several challenges immediately presented themselves. The first was to fit everything the Gilligans wanted into the existing attic space. "They didn't want to expand the house's size or add dormers," Hagen said. That required some clever design

work. For example, a hinged door in the master bedroom folds down to give the Gilligans access to a dormer that is now being used as a walk-in closet.

Another challenge involved the stairway to the third floor. It needed to be redesigned to meet the code requirements for risers and treads. The solution involved removing a back stairway to the second floor. "That actually worked out pretty well," Hagen said. "We were able to reconfigure the stairs to the attic as well as create a mud room at the back entrance to the house."

However, the biggest challenge involved the new heating and cooling system. The home was originally heated with hot water. Air conditioning was added later, but just to the second floor. The house now integrates heating and cooling in a single forced-air system with several zones. "We didn't have much space to work with," Hagen said, "so it required a lot

of coordination between the heating contractor and the carpenters to get in all the duct work."

One reason the Gilligans hired Transformed Tree was the company's in-house cabinetry shop. Hagen and Salmi know how to take advantage of every possible space for extra storage, and they did so by means of shelves and cabinets that were custom-built with quarter-sawn white oak.

Transformed Tree completed the project in March 2007, just before Angela gave birth. The Gilligans' third floor now contains a master bedroom, a small office, a family room and a master bath with a double sink, glass-enclosed shower, heated slate floor and glass pocket door. New Marvin windows and Velux skylights were installed in all four rooms, providing abundant light to what could otherwise have been a lot of dark corners.

Transformed Tree also installed a gas fireplace with a custom surround in the first-floor parlor, something the Gilligans had wanted since buying the house.

Angela said she is "really happy," not only with the finished space, but with how well the job went during five months of construction. Helping in that regard was the exterior stairway that Hagen and his carpenters built to the third floor so they could haul material up without disturbing the family.

"We always saw the potential in the house," Angela said. "Now it has everything we want."



Three views of the Gilligans' newly remodeled attic: (from left) family room, master bath with double sink and shower, and the hinged doorway to the walk-in closet off the master bedroom.



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Passion for preservation

When it comes to restoring old books, Steve Prokop has everything covered

BY BILL STIEGER

Steve Prokop has had a passion for old books for as far back as he can remember. "I loved the actual books as much as I did the stories that were in them," said the lifelong St. Paulite. "I've rummaged around in bookstores ever since I was a kid."

Many of the old books that Prokop has collected were in less-than-mint condition, and his desire to restore and preserve his book collection eventually led him to his avocation. After reading up on book restoration, Prokop began his apprenticeship. "I'm pretty much self-taught at book restoration," he said. "I've learned a lot on my own since I began in 1964."

Prokop, a semi-retired Hennepin County employment counselor, opened his book restoration shop, Bookbinding by Steve, in the basement of his Highland Park home in 2002. He has had no shortage of business ever since. "I advertise in the phone book and some newspapers," he said. "I have a website, too (www.specialbindings.com). But I find most of my customers through word-of-mouth."

Prokop's is an uncommon trade; he knows of only about half a dozen book restorers besides himself. "The Minnesota Historical Society keeps most of them busy," he said.

A large portion of the books he restores are family Bibles. "They're the books most families find valuable," he said. "Restoring family Bibles makes up about half of my business. The oldest one I restored was a Swedish Bible that dated back to 1727."

Vida Magnusson, with husband Norm in tow, arrived at Prokop's shop on a recent morning with a well-thumbed, leather-bound copy of *Pilgrim's Progress*. The book belonged to her late father, who had been a Lutheran missionary in Africa. Prokop carefully examined the tattered book, which was printed in London in 1926, remarking on the quality of its calfskin cover and its marbled endpapers. The inside book cover was filled with stampings from the various churches her father had visited. There were personal notes written into its pages, along with drawings of dugout canoes and straw-thatched huts.

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Prices for a Prokop's restoration work can run anywhere from \$50 to \$200, depending on the condition of the book and the time and material needed to repair it.

"Sometimes, I'll get books that the owner had previously tried to repair," Prokop said. "Some people will try to hold together an old book with duct tape or masking tape, which can be disastrous. Those bad attempts at repairs can make restoration more difficult and expensive. Heat and moisture are a book's natural enemies, but acids from non-archival tapes and glues can worsen the damage."

Prokop said the art of bookbinding and restoration consists of two parts: structural integrity and appearance. Structural integrity refers to the condition of the binding, and appearance refers to the book's cover, whether leather or cloth, stamped or embossed.

"The customer has a lot of choices in the restoration that can affect the price," he said.



Old, brittle glue must be removed from the spine of a book before a new cover is applied.

"They can choose various kinds of leather, leather imitations or book cloth. The most expensive restoration I've done cost the owner about \$1,800. It was a family prayer book from 1911. The book had a lot of water damage, and it took a lot of time to restore. The leather was hard to find a match for, but that book was an exception."

According to Prokop, much of the tedium in book restoration lies in removing the old glue that binds the cover. "You've got to make sure you get every last bit of glue out of there," he said. "The trick is to get it all without cutting the threads that hold the pages together. Then I redo the binding with acid-free glue and add a new backing."

In addition to book restoration, Prokop sells personalized wedding ceremony books and photo albums, and a custom line of journals and notebooks. He also can assist people who want to have their book published in short press runs.

"A while ago I was commissioned to restore some Ojibwa prayer books and hymnals from 1910," he said. "While I had the books apart, I reformatted them for printing and put together 100 hand-bound new editions. I take a lot of satisfaction from that kind of work."

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The Friends of the Mississippi River will sponsor a workshop on "Winter Maintenance for Homeowners and Watershed Care: Tending your House, Yard and River" from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave.

Participants will learn how to preserve local water quality year-round, starting with their own yard. They will learn about the environmental impacts of various winter home and yard maintenance options, including de-icer selection, application rates,

snow removal methods, etc. They will also learn about managing storm water runoff by landscaping with native plants, the proper use of lawn fertilizer, rain gardens and more.

Admission is free. Funding has been provided from the St. Paul Department of Public Works and the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization.

Class size is limited. To register, contact Friends of the Mississippi River volunteer coordinator Sue Rich at 651-222-2193, ext. 14 or srich@fmr.org.



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Food



Home Fires

By Jo Marshall

A fondness for fondue

To the owners of dusty fondue pots everywhere: It's safe to bring them out of the closet. In case you haven't noticed, fondue is back.

At first, I chose to ignore the cultural phenomenon. Some things from the 1970s are best left in the '70s. Bobby Sherman, for example. And the secretarial skills of Rose Mary Woods.

Oh, sure, the *New York Times* ran that feature on fonduing. And there was that panicked call from my hipper-than-thou son at college, seeking advice on how to resuscitate a fondue that had seized up, turned to concrete and appeared destined for the Dumpster. I didn't even attempt to fake a serious triage. You could add a little more wine, I opined, and turn the heat down. But how would I know? The last time I made fondue, he was still teething.

But I digress. The cooking gods, it seemed, were trying to tell me something. Still, I resisted until three days after Christmas when I came upon my trusted cheesemonger doling

out samples of—you guessed it—fondue. I capitulated. Another couple would be joining us on New Year's Eve, and while singing "Auld Lang Syne," we'd be revisiting a long lost acquaintance—the fondue pot that had spent the last three decades in a closet.

Well, not a closet, really. It was actually in the back of a deep cabinet where my cooking gadgets go to die, behind the waffle iron I used on Sundays before my family informed me they'd rather have pancakes, and right next to Mom's old meat grinder, which hasn't seen the light of day since my last attempt at making homemade sausage.

But I digress. I gingerly lifted the fondue pot out, careful not to damage its original box. (I've watched "Antiques Road Show" and know about such things; should this relic be passed to my heirs and they decide to sell it, packaging will matter.) I don't remember how the vessel came into my possession. It's clear from the design that it predates my first



Déjà vu: Fondue.

PHOTOS BY JANET HOSTETTER

wine and toss grated cheese with a thickening agent like flour or corn starch. While the wine bubbles, you add the cheese by the handful, stirring to melt each addition before you add the next. It's hard to ruin unless you dump the cheese in too quickly. But why rush? A pot of fondue is done in a matter of minutes.

While I stirred, I wondered why we stopped making fondue. I suspect it was overexposure, the same reason we yawn when Brittany Spears gets hauled off somewhere in an ambulance. I mean, unless you're lactose-intolerant or sworn to a vegan diet, what's not to love about a fragrant pot of molten cheese? Fondue is perfect for last-

functional kitchen. I'd peg it circa 1967. It's burnt orange and powered by Sterno, perhaps the very same model that Audrey Hepburn cuddled up to in front of a blazing fire, wearing a bulky cable-knit sweater

and stretch black pants at that chalet in St. Moritz.

But I digress.

I'd forgotten just how simply a classic fondue dinner comes together. Essentially, you simmer some

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Variations on a theme from the 1970s

Sometimes when the food gods speak, they make sure you get the point. So perhaps it was more than serendipity that as I was finishing this column, I reached into the back corner of one of my cookbook shelves (yes, they're double-stacked) and extracted a volume that I'd forgotten I had: *Gourmet's Fondue*, a first edition published in 1969.

The cookbook contained a recipe for "Alpine Cheese Fondue" that is similar to the classic below, but it quickly veered off into recipes for "fondues" prepared with condensed cream of tomato soup, condensed cream of shrimp soup, condensed—well, you get the drift. Perhaps that's why fondue fell out of favor: Practitioners strayed so far from the original, they mucked it up.

Here are a classic fondue recipe and two variations that stray just a step or two from it. My fondue pot is metal, so I use it on the stove. If your fondue pot isn't stovetop-safe, prepare the fondue in a saucepan and then transfer the hot fondue to the pot.

Classic Cheese Fondue

Here's the basic and, to me, the best fondue. Gruyere and Emmentaler are a classic cheese combination, but I also tested the recipe with a decent domestic Swiss and wasn't disappointed.

- 1 clove garlic, halved
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 3/4 lb. Gruyere, grated
- 3/4 lb. Emmentaler or Appenzeller, grated
- 1-1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 to 2 tablespoons kirsch (optional)
- salt to taste
- freshly ground pepper to taste
- freshly grated nutmeg to taste

Rub the cut side of the garlic on the inside bottom of the fondue pot and halfway up the sides. Add the wine and bring it to a simmer over medium heat. Meanwhile, toss the cheeses with the cornstarch. Add a handful of cheese at a time, stirring while each handful melts before adding the next. When all the cheese has melted, add the kirsch and season to taste with salt, pepper and nutmeg.

Two-State Fondue

This recipe came from the Brewer's Association of Canada, and it called for a specific Canadian lager and an "old Canadian cheddar." I swiped a Leinie's Red from the hubby's six-pack and used a nicely aged cheese from Minnesota. My husband preferred this to the classic fondue and thought it was ample justification for pilfering his suds.

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon dried mustard
- 1 bottle lager-style beer
- 3 cups shredded aged cheddar

Melt the butter over medium heat, and blend in the flour, Worcestershire sauce and mustard. (You might want to use more mustard than the recipe suggests; I did.) Cook, stirring constantly, until it has lost its floury taste. Gradually add the beer, stirring constantly until the mixture begins to boil. Reduce the heat slightly, and add the cheese by handfuls, stirring until it's melted.

Fondue Blue

Here's a delicious departure for lovers of blue cheese. Besides bread, it's an especially nice foil for grapes and apples. Serve it with a bowl of nuts and maybe some dates and figs.

- 1 garlic clove, halved
- 1 cup sweet wine, such as Sauternes
- 3/4 lb. Gorgonzola Dolce or other blue cheese, crumbled
- 2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon cream cheese
- salt to taste
- pepper to taste

Rub the inside of the pot with the garlic. Add the wine and bring it to a simmer over medium high heat.

Meanwhile, toss the cheese with the cornstarch. Add a quarter of the cheese to the wine, and whisk constantly until melted. Repeat with the remaining cheese. Whisk in the cream cheese, and season to taste.

—Jo Marshall

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Punch dukes it out on Grand

By JANE MCCLURE

Rather than squabble with the city and the neighborhood over design guidelines, the owners of Punch Neapolitan Pizza have withdrawn their proposal to build a new restaurant at 769 Grand Ave. In the next six to eight weeks, they will submit plans to renovate and expand the existing building instead.

That's not what Punch owners John Sorrano and John Puckett wanted to do, said company spokesperson Blois Olson. However, concerns raised by the Summit Hill Association's Zoning and Land Use Committee and a city staff recommendation to deny the site plan for a new building prompted the change in plans. The opposition they faced led Punch's owners to cancel a February 28 hearing before the St. Paul Planning Commission's Zoning Committee.

The building currently on the site was originally a Kentucky Fried Chicken takeout restaurant. It has also been occupied by an optical shop and, most recently, by a bookstore operated by the Hazelden Foundation. The building has been vacant since last year.

The first Punch Pizza opened on Cleveland Avenue in Highland Village in 1996 and the company now has five Twin Cities locations. Sorrano and Puckett proposed to construct a sixth—a \$1 million restaurant on Grand. It would have been the first building erected on the east end of the avenue since the 2006 adoption of the Summit Hill district plan and new design guidelines that address new development on Grand between Dale Street and Ayd Mill Road.

"We didn't realize we'd be the test case," Olson said. "We want to work with the neighborhood and build the best restaurant possible."

Olson said initial discussions with city staff and SHA representatives on the company's decision to renovate the existing building have been positive. The Grand Avenue design guidelines apply only to new buildings.

The property at 769 Grand Ave. is zoned B3, which allows all kinds of restaurants, including those that serve fast food. Last year, Noodles & Company failed in its bid to open a new restaurant next door at 777 Grand Ave. That property is zoned B2, which does not allow fast-food restaurants.



Just heat and serve up a perfect evening. PHOTO BY JANET HOSTETTER

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minute entertaining or a quiet Sunday supper. And though chunks of crusty bread are the classic vehicle for dipping, why stop there? Blanched cauliflower or broccoli florets are delicious, as are boiled fingerling potatoes. Apple slices and grapes are nice, too. And if you must have meat, wrap slices of salami or prosciutto around bread before dipping for a sort of inside-out panino. Toss a simple salad and you've got a tasty, well-balanced dinner.

As my husband and I shared a recent fondue, I recalled the time this very pot sat on a coffee table in a vacation home on Michigan's Upper Peninsula where we spent the weekend skiing with another couple, Jim and Susan. Sometime during dinner, Susan disappeared. The three of us remaining at the table were deep in conversation. After what seemed like an eternity to Susan, one of us finally got around to poking a fork into the fondue pot and came up with—what's this?—a bobber!

We fixed our eyes on the translucent filament to which the bobber was attached and followed it up toward the ceiling. There, poised at the railing of the loft, was Susan, who'd quietly extracted a fishing rod from the closet and silently lowered the bobber into the fondue. She'd stood there frozen for quite some time, waiting for us to notice, and as the minutes ticked by, she discovered a fundamental truth about fondue: People digress.

Digressing is what makes fondue the pleasure it is. You dip, you dine, you digress. You dip, you dine, you digress some more. You get sidetracked in conversation. You stare hypnotically at the flame. You get up and dance if you like. You savor the moment more than the food.

But I digress. Care to join me?

Rules to fondue by

Homer described a fondue-like dish of wine, flour and goat cheese in his ancient epic the *Iliad*, but fondue as we know it today was first developed in the 18th century by the Swiss.

Bread, cheese and wine were all staples of the Swiss household, but during the long winter months, the cheese dried out and the bread got so hard, it took an axe to hack off pieces. For a nation that gave us variation calculus, solar thermal collection, the hemstitch sewing machine, Rayon, Velcro, the sugar cube, the chocolate bar, precision timepieces, secret bank accounts and the all-purpose pocket knife, the solution must have seemed obvious.

And because the Swiss are, well, Swiss, they developed a precise set of rules by which fondue should be eaten. Some are strictly hygienic: The fondue fork should never touch one's lips, and absolutely no double-dipping. Others are more entertaining: Should a piece of bread fall off a man's fork and stay behind in the pot, he must buy a bottle of wine. If the same happens to a woman, she kisses the man to her left.

More recently, youthful Swiss nationals have adopted the practice of interrupting their fondue by diving into the snow naked. I scoured YouTube for evidence of such, but apparently it's unposted as yet.

— Jo Marshall

The Kiosk

Wednesday/March 12

MINNIJEAN BROWN TRICKEY, who in 1957 made history as a one of the Little Rock Nine, will deliver the 14th annual Luann Dummer Lecture at 7:00 this evening in the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center auditorium at the University of St. Thomas. Admission is free. Call 651-962-6119.

THE LONGFELLOW GARDEN CLUB will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave. S., Minneapolis. Popular speaker Chuck Levine Warm will present a travelogue on "Cacti and Orchids of the Yucatan." Club meetings are free.

ST. PAUL MAYOR CHRIS COLEMAN will deliver his 2008 State of the City address at noon today at the new Wilder Center on University Avenue and Lexington Parkway. Coleman will also host a series of five meetings to discuss the city's progress with residents. Those meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. March 18 at the Wellstone Center, 179 Robie St.; at 7:00 p.m. March 19 at the Hubbs Center, 1030 University Ave.; at 7:00 p.m. March 25 at the Como Zoo & Conservatory Visitor Center, 1225 Estabrook Drive; at 5:30 p.m. March 26 in the Ecolab Room at Metro State University, 700 E. 7th St.; and at 5:30 p.m. March 27 in Weyerhaeuser Hall at Macalester College. Call 651-266-8510.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of St. Paul will hold its next Member Meet-up from 6:00 to 7:30 this evening in the upstairs Community Room at Mississippi Market, 622 Selby Ave. Julie Gugin, executive director of the Minnesota Home Ownership Center, will speak on "Impact of the Mortgage Meltdown on the Local Economy." Admission is free. Call Amy Mino at 651-430-2701.

A PUBLIC FORUM on Minneapolis' Longfellow Station will be held at 7:00 this evening at the Lake Hiawatha Recreation Center, 2701 44th St. E., Minneapolis. Capital Growth Realty is proposing to construct two mixed-use buildings at 3815 Hiawatha Ave. with a total of 198 dwelling units and approximately 40,000 square feet of commercial space. The Longfellow Station project includes the demolition of the Purina Mill. The meeting is being held to discuss historic preservation issues. Call city planner Hilary Dvorak at 612-673-2639

Thursday/March 13

A WORLD WAR II HISTORY Roundtable on "The China-Burma-India Theater, a Forgotten War" will take place at 7:00 this evening at Fort Snelling. Historian Al Lathrop will talk about his upcoming book on the China-Burma-India Theater and veterans of the 5307th Composite Unit fighting elements will be involved in the presentation. The cost is \$5.00, or free for students. Call 612-726-1171.

A STATE CAPITOL TOUR celebrating Minnesota's 150th anniversary and Women's History month will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening at the state Capitol. The tour will focus on noted Minnesota women and their roles in gaining the right to vote. The cost is \$5.00-\$8.00. Call 651-296-2881.

A POSTURE AND OSTEOPOROSIS workshop will be offered by St. Paul College Continuing Education from 10:00 to 11:30



Bird watcher Beth Williamson follows the flight of a bald eagle circling high overhead near the memorial at Summit Avenue and Mississippi River Boulevard. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

this morning at the UAW-Ford-MnSCU Training Center on Ford Parkway. The fee is \$29. Janice Novak, a frequent guest on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," will show students a number of simple techniques to stand straighter and to help flatten their back and tummy, and straighten their shoulders. To register, call 651-846-1800.

Friday/March 14

A RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today at Highland Park Elementary School, 1700 Saunders Ave. For an appointment, call Rita at 651-293-8770.

Saturday/March 15

MAPLE SYRUP will be tapped straight from the tree during a program at 1:00 this afternoon at the Dodge Nature Center in West St. Paul. The program will be repeated on Saturday, March 29. The cost is \$5.00-\$7.00, or \$15 for families. Call 651-455-4531.

"A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS: Emanuel Swedenborg," a seminar on the Swedish scientist and philosopher, will be presented from 10:00 a.m. to noon today at the Institute for the Himalayan Tradition, 1317 Summit Ave. The cost is \$20. Call 651-645-1291.

STATE REP. MICHAEL PAYMAR (District 64B) will meet with constituents from 10:00 a.m. to noon today at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Call 651-296-5999.

Sunday/March 16

A PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be served by the Midway Lions from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today at St. Mark's School, 1983 Dayton Ave. The cost is \$3.00-\$5.00, with proceeds benefitting the needy in the Midway area. Call Marlene Hayman at 651-452-4297.

AN EASTER BAKE SALE and pancake breakfast will be held by Sokol Minnesota from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today at the C.S.P.S. Hall, 383 Michigan St. The cost is \$3.00-\$6.00 for breakfast. The bake sale will feature páska (Czech Easter bread), perníčky (gingerbread cookies), lamb-shaped cakes, and Sokol Minnesota's own Kolache (fruit-filled sweet rolls) and Houska (lightly-spiced holiday yeast bread). There also will be a silent auction and the sale of filled Easter baskets. For information, call 651-452-6240.

"FROM MICROSCOPES to Madagascar: The Cutting Edge of Dinosaur Science" will be presented from 1:00 to 2:30 this afternoon at the Raptor Center on the University Of Minnesota's St. Paul campus, 1920 Fitch Ave. Paleontologist Kristi Curry Rogers from Macalester College will talk about the latest in dinosaur discoveries. The cost is \$10. Call 612-624-4745.

A PURIM CARNIVAL will be held from noon to 2:00 this afternoon at Mount Zion Synagogue, 1300 Summit Ave. There will be children's games, a petting zoo, food, a raffle and silent auction. Call 651-698-3881.

A PURIM CARNIVAL, complete with games, prizes, costumes and food, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today at Temple of Aaron Synagogue, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. Call 651-698-8874.

Monday/March 17

FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF SUICIDE will hold a Survivors of Suicide support group meeting from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening, and every third Monday of the month, at Twin Cities Friends Meeting, 1725 Grand Ave. Call Tracy Toner at 651-642-1313.

Tuesday/March 18

THE MAD HATTER'S TEA HOUSE, 943 W. 7th St., will hold a conversational salon from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening. Participants are asked to bring writings by their favorite Irish poets. The salon is free, but donations are encouraged for the program and treats. Call 651-227-3228.

A WORKSHOP about work rules for freelance writers and editors will be held by the Twin Cities chapters of the National Writers Union and the Professional Editors Network at 1:00 this afternoon at the Rondo Library, 461 N. Dale St. Attorney Joe Henderson and a representative from the state's Department of Labor and Industry will speak at the workshop. Admission is free. Call 651-266-7400.

"DARK MEDICINE" and eugenics will be explored during a History Lounge program from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Medical historian Neal Holtan will lead a discussion on physician Charles Dight's crusade to bring eugenics, the study of selective breeding, to Minnesota in the early 1920s. The cost is \$6.00-\$8.00. Call 651-259-3000.

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet at 7:30 this evening at James and Hamline avenues. Call 651-224-8933.

Wednesday/March 19

"EYES WIDE OPEN MINNESOTA," a memorial to those who have died in Iraq, will take place from noon to 4:00 this afternoon in the state Capitol Rotunda. The memorial will include a pair of boots for each Minnesota soldier killed in Iraq, shoes representing Iraqi civilian casualties, and a display showing the human costs of war. The event is sponsored by the Merriam Park and Crocus Hill/West 7th groups of Neighbors for Peace. Call 651-647-0580

Thursday/March 20

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

Friday/March 21

A FULL MOON WALK around the Coldwater Spring area of South Minneapolis will be held at 7:00 this evening. Walkers should meet in the parking lot on 54th Street and Hiawatha Avenue just south of Minnehaha Falls. Visit www.FriendsofColdwater.org.

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Saturday/March 22

DONALD EMPSON, author of *The Street Where You Live: A Guide to the Place Names of St. Paul*, will conduct a workshop on researching the history of the University Avenue corridor at 10:00 this morning and again at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the U-PLAN Community Planning Studio, 1956 University Ave. The class is being offered by a new University United group that is encouraging residents to help write the history of University Avenue. Stories and pictures will be posted at www.universityavenuehistory.com. Contact Brian McMahon 651-647-6711.

THE SPRING FLOWER SHOW will open at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory at Como Zoo from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today. The show features a sea of tulips, as well as hydrangeas, peonies, daffodils and lilies, and will run through April 27. Call 651-487-8200.

Monday/March 24

BOB GARFIELD, co-host of National Public Radio’s “On the Media,” will speak at 7:00 this evening in the Weyerhaeuser Chapel at Macalester College. Garfield will discuss the future of the news media as part of Minnesota Public Radio’s Broadcast Journalist Series. Admission is free, but tickets are required and may be found at local Bibelot Shops. Call 651-696-6203.

Tuesday/March 25

JOSH EVEN-CHEN, renowned Jewish educator from MelitzAmerica, will lead “Reality Check,” a program for adults on the importance of Zionism, at 7:00 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St.

Paul Ave. He also will lead an interactive program for teens called “Survivor-Melitz’s Jewish Adventure” during the evening of Wednesday, March 26. The programs are free. Call Sean Herstein at 651-255-4739.

GERALDINE RICHMOND, professor of chemistry at the University of Oregon, will address overcoming the career challenges facing women in “Quilting Together a Professional Career in Science” at 7:30 this evening in the Coeur de Catherine student center at the College of St. Catherine. Admission is free. Call 651-690-8847.

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

A “WRITE YOUR OWN WILL” class will be offered by St. Paul College Continuing Education from 6:30 to 9:00 this evening at the UAW-Ford-MnSCU Training Center on Ford Parkway. The instructor is area resident and attorney Sally Mortenson. The fee is \$44. Call 651-846-1800.

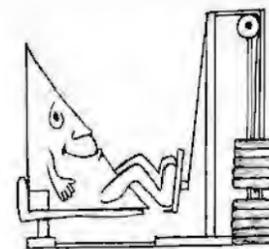
Wednesday/March 26

BABYSITTER’S TRAINING for boys and girls ages 11-15 will be offered from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. today at the St. Paul Red Cross office, 176 S. Robert St. The cost is \$59, which includes a handbook and safety bag. Call 612-871-7676.

“JEWISH GENETICS: Should I be Tested for the Cancer Gene?” will be presented from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today at the United Jewish Fund and Council, 790 S. Cleveland Ave., Suite 227. The cost is \$8.00, which includes lunch. Call Sharyn Effress Pesses at 651-695-3186.

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On the Town

The biker and the professor

Rarest of friends bring one hellacious memoir to print

BY JUDY WOODWARD

Seated on high stools at Nina's Coffee Cafe in Ramsey Hill, they are a study in contrasts.

She is diminutive, no more than 5 feet tall, with short hair and a sober blue crewneck sweater worn over a cotton turtleneck. With a copy of the latest *Time* magazine on the table in front of her, she looks the part of a mature professional, the sort of gently bred public-radio listener for whom the skinny latté was invented.

He is more generously built, barrel-chested and at least a dozen years younger. His black slicked-back hair curls over the collar of a flannel shirt that only partially hides the blaze-orange logo of his black biker T-shirt and the blue tattoos curling up his massive forearms.

They seem an incongruous couple, too far apart in age to be married and too close in age to be mother and son. In fact, Mary Gardner, 71, novelist and part-time professor, and Richard "Deadeye" Hayes, 57, former drug dealer, pimp and avid Harley rider, are friends. And now they have written a book together.

Outlaw Biker: My Life at Full Throttle, by Hayes as told to Gardner, tells the story of Hayes' life as a hell-raiser and survivor. As he puts it in one chapter title, he is a guy who was "shot, snake-bit, blown up and (is) still here." From his childhood when he lost his left eye in a BB gun accident to the years when he ruled the roost at the Los Valientes motorcycle gang's clubhouse on Western Avenue, Hayes has been known as one of the best storytellers around. He was often urged to write a book, but his memoir probably never would have seen print had it not been for Gardner.

Gardner, who lives in Ramsey Hill, was well into writing her fourth novel when she grew bored with one of its central characters.

"So I decided to put him on a Harley," she said. In search of background information, she began hanging out at a University Avenue motorcycle shop popular with Hayes and his biker friends.

She quickly acquired a reputation as "the author who made cookies and brought them to the shop," according to Hayes. Gardner stuck around long enough to come to appreciate the biker culture. It was so different from her own culture, "where everybody is constantly chewing over and analyzing everything," she said. "Bikers don't whine."

After Gardner delivered the eulogy at the funeral of one of Hayes' best friends, the two became better acquainted. "We hit it off right away," Hayes said. "She wasn't condescending and I found her interesting to talk to. We'd talk about religion, politics, sex, violence. We have varying views."

Gardner, who teaches at the Loft Literary Center in Minneapolis, described Hayes as "a very intelligent man. One day, in a moment of madness, I said, 'Deadeye, write some stuff and read it to me. I'll edit it.'"

Deadeye agreed, and as the memories came flooding back, he wrote them down in longhand on a yellow legal pad. Gardner cleaned up his spelling and punctuation and occasionally inserted a clarifying sentence. "Sometimes I'd add the bow that's tied for the reader," she said, "but this is Deadeye's story and Deadeye's voice."

Hayes admitted to having "really good B.S. skills," but he swears he did not employ them in his memoir. "With the book, I tried to keep it true," he said. "All of the incidents really happened."

If the two had any artistic differences in writing the memoir, they are not telling. Gardner swears that their only dispute came over how to divide the book royalties. "He wanted to split them 50-50," she said, "and I



Two years ago, novelist Mary Gardner (left) received an assist from Richard "Deadeye" Hayes (right) and his biker friends. She has returned the favor with Hayes' new memoir.

PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

said he should get 75 percent."

Like all new authors, Hayes suffers from occasional bouts of the jitters, although his are not your typical literary variety. "He's been anxious that people will find out that he's actually a decent human being," Gardner said.

Hayes said he "wouldn't change anything" about his life. But with his wilder times behind him, he sometimes sounds a tinge regretful when reflecting on his past.

"As you get older, you have to adapt," he said. "In regards to drug dealing, I wasn't really comfortable doing it even when I was doing it. I'd no longer be involved in tobacco, (much less) drugs."

Still, Hayes confesses to missing the "juice," the adrenaline-fueled thrills of his younger days. "My substitute now is feeling better and accepting myself," he said. "I've never known anybody who was happy say, 'Let's go out and get high.'"

Like all good friends, Hayes and Gardner expand each other's horizons. She takes him to chamber music concerts where they joke that the "Ramsey Hill types" in the audience are speculating that she is his parole officer. Hayes, for his part, works at "building up her street cred." But even among friends like the professor and the biker, some passions are not shared.

"People ask me if I ride a Harley now," Gardner said. "I say, 'Are you crazy?'"

Hayes and Gardner will sign copies of *Outlaw Biker* from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at Whiskey Junction, 901 Cedar Ave. S. in Minneapolis. They will also read from the book in free programs at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at Barnes & Noble in Har-Mar Mall, 2100 N. Snelling Ave.; at 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 21, at Nina's Coffee Cafe, 161 N. Western Ave.; and at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, at Barnes & Noble in Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy.

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On the Town *Briefly*

Theater

Oliver Twist is being performed by the teenage troupe CB Productions March 13-15 in the theater of the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave. Dickens' story of an orphaned English boy is presented in the original 19th-century vernacular. The curtain rises at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Thursday, 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday and 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$10. Call 612-600-6875.

Parade, the true story of a Brooklyn-born Jew who was accused 1913 of murdering a 13-year-old girl at his factory in Atlanta, is being performed through March 16 by the Minnesota Jewish Theatre in collaboration with Theater Latté Da. Directed by Peter Rothstein, it stars Dieter Bierbrauer and Ann Michels. Performances are being held at the History Theatre, 30 E. 10th St. For show times and tickets, call 651-292-4323.

Song of Singapore is being presented Saturdays and Sundays through March 29 by Actors Theater of Minnesota. The interactive theater is set in 1941 Malaysia. It stars a British jazz club owner, a would-be ballplayer from Brooklyn, an amnesiac saloon singer, the seductive Rose of Rangoon, a broke gambler and a corrupt police officer, all of whom are hoping to flee the island in advance of the invading Japanese. Tickets range from \$48 to \$64, which includes dinner. Call 612-673-0404.

The Piano Lesson by August Wilson, the story of an African-American family of the 1930s still haunted by the slavery in its past, is playing through March 30 at Penumbra Theatre, 270 N. Kent St. Directed by Lou Bellamy, it stars Ansa Akyea, Thomas Ashford, Lerea Carter, James Craven, Natalia Gaston, Greta Oglesby, T. Mychael Rambo and Dennis W. Spears. Show times are 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. For tickets, priced from \$15 to \$35, call 651-224-3180.

Sabrina Fair, Samuel Taylor's romantic comedy of 1953 about a young woman who returns home from being abroad to reignite her love for a wealthy playboy only to run headlong into his cynical older brother, will open March 14 at Theatre in the Round, 245 Cedar Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Show times are



Terry Hempleman, Karen Landry (right) and Linda Kelsey star as a tattooed serial killer, a grieving mother and a psychiatrist who specializes in the criminal mind in *Frozen*. British playwright Bryony Lavery's psychological thriller is playing through March 30 at Park Square Theatre, 20 W. 7th Place. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday. For tickets, call 651-291-7005. PHOTO BY PETRONELLA YTSMA

8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday (except March 23) through April 6. Tickets are \$20. Call 612-333-3010.

Blues in the Night, the story of three women and one snake of a man framed by their performance of 26 torchy blues songs, is being presented through May 18 in the Ordway's McKnight Theatre. The soulful songs of Bessie Smith, Ida Cox, Harold Arlen, Duke Ellington and Benny Goodman take center stage in the show, which stars Jemecia Bennett, Debbie Duncan, Regina Marie Williams and Julius Collins. Show times are 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$32-\$45. Call 651-224-4222.

The most celebrated musical of the 2006 Broadway season, *The Drowsy Chaperone* will be performed March 18-30 at the Ordway. The story in a story tells of a modern-day musical theater addict and his favorite piece about a pampered Broadway starlet who wants to give up show business to get married and the producer who sets out to sabotage the nuptials. Jonathan Crombie, Georgia Engel, Cliff Bemis, Andrea Chamberlain and Nancy Opel star. The curtain will rise at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through

Friday, 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. Saturday and 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$48-\$70. Call 651-224-4222.

Spend a crazy evening at a church supper complete with live music, polka dancing, a full bar and bingo. Actors Theater of Minnesota has extended its already 17-month run of the interactive comedy *We Gotta Bingo* through May 31. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the Lowry Theater, 16 W. 5th St. Tickets are \$48 to \$66.50, which includes dinner. Call 612-673-0404.

A touring New York theater will present *Kleynkunst! Warsaw's Brave and Brilliant Yiddish Cabaret* at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 17, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The play recreates the bravado of Warsaw in the 1920s and '30s when a rising class of secular Jews soaked up the satiric music and off-color humor of the Yiddish cabarets. Tickets are \$20. Call 651-698-0751.

"The North Star Soliloquies," 12 moving, funny, dark and surprising monologues by four Twin Cities playwrights who drew their inspiration from the Minnesota Historical Society's vast collection of artifacts, will be

performed on Tuesdays, March 25 and April 1. The programs will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Featured will be the work of Carson Kreitzer, Laura Schellardt, Allison Moore and Carlyle Brown. Tickets are \$8.00, \$6.00 for seniors and students. For reservations, call 651-259-3015.

Music

Versatile Chinese pianist Lang Lang, 24, will perform on Thursday, March 13. The Schubert Club program will include works by Mozart, Schumann, Granados and Liszt along with six traditional Chinese compositions. The music begins at 8:00 p.m. at the Ordway. Call 651-224-4222.

Moscow violinist Leonid Polonsky will join the Minnesota Sinfonia in a free concert at 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 14, in the auditorium of Metropolitan State University, 700 E. 7th St. The program includes Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor, Neils Gade's Symphony No. 6 in G minor and Handel's "The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" from *Solomon*.

"Myth, Magic and Lumination," music that delves into the human need to explain the physical and metaphysical worlds, will be performed by the Zeitgeist quartet at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15, and 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 16, in Studio Z, 275 E. 4th St. The program will include "Spark!" by Edie Hill, "Sedna" by Pamela Madsen, "Pure Pleasure" by Scott Miller, "In Bone-Colored Light" by Jerome Kitzke and "Into the River" by Ivo Medek. For ticket information, call 651-755-1600.

Violinist Steven Copes will be featured when the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra presents a program of Schumann and Debussy on March 14-16. Douglas Boyd will conduct the concerts beginning at 10:30 a.m. Friday and 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at the Ordway and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday in the Ted Mann Concert Hall in Minneapolis. The program includes Debussy's Prelude to The Afternoon of a Faun, Weill's Violin Concerto and Schumann's Symphony No. 4 in D Minor. Tickets are \$11-\$59, \$5.00 for children. Call 651-291-1144.

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Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at the Xcel Energy Center. Tickets at \$67 and \$97 are available at the Xcel box office or by calling 651-989-5151.

Bon Jovi's "Lost Highway" Tour promises to find the Xcel Energy Center in time for its concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 18. Daughtry will be the guest performer. For tickets, priced from \$49.50 to \$131.50, stop by the Xcel or call 651-989-5151.

Lee Hyla's Concerto for Chamber Orchestra will receive its world premiere in St. Paul Chamber Orchestra concerts on March 20 and 22. The music begins at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday in the Music Room of the SPCO Center, 408 St. Peter St. Mark Russell Smith will conduct the program, which also includes Sheng's Postcards for Chamber Orchestra, Lerndahl's Waves and Adams' The Wound-Dresser for baritone, voice and orchestra. Tickets are \$10. Call 651-291-1144.

The Butanes headline a Rhythm and Blues Bash on Friday, March 21, at McMahon's Irish Pub, 3100 E. Lake St. in Minneapolis. "Maestro of the Metal Sandwich" Curtis Blake and his band Greazy Gravy will warm things up beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Butanes take the stage at 9:15. Admission is free.

Exhibits

Sculptor Mo Neal is showing works in wood, plaster, rubber and lead now through April 2 in the Art Department gallery at Concordia University, Hamline and Marshall avenues. The gallery is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. Admission is free.

"Russell Wright: Living with Good Design," an exploration of influential 20th century designer Russell Wright's prolific output in housewares, furniture and fabric, is on view through April 20 in the University of Minnesota's Goldstein Museum of Design, located in McNeal Hall at 1985 Buford Ave. Call 612-624-7434.

Rare American Indian art and crafts are being displayed through April 13 at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The exhibit includes 40 of the nearly 500 pieces included in the collection of 19th-century Episcopal missionary Bishop Henry Whipple. It highlights the extraordinary range and beauty of the objects as well as Whipple's role as religious leader, governmental representative and collector. Admission is \$8.00, \$6.00 for seniors and students, \$4.00 for children ages 6-17. Call 651-259-3000.

"Constructions," the graceful and whimsical creations of Minneapolis artist Gail Katz-James, are on view through April 11 at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. A reception for the artist will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 12.

"Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race," a 5,000-square-foot exhibit from the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., is on view through May 4 at the Science Museum of Minnesota. Through artifacts, photos, eyewitness accounts and video footage, it tells the story of the eugenics movement in Germany in the first half of the 20th century and how Nazi officials used science to legitimize persecution, murder and genocide. Lectures on the topic will be presented from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays. The schedule includes

Holocaust historian Patricia Heberer, March 13; and German university instructor Hans Walter-Schmuhl on euthanasia in the Third Reich, March 27. Lecture tickets are \$12, which includes museum admission. Call 651-221-9444.

The Minnesota Museum of American Art is showing the work of local contemporary photographers in two exhibits. "Coming of Age" presents new work by Evan Baden, Todd Deutsch, Suzanne Kosmalski, Brian Lesteberg, Adriana Rimpel, Angela Strassheim and Katherine Turczan that examines the passage from childhood to adult. "Honoring a Generous Spirit" features a selection of photos recently donated to the museum in memory of former MMAA director Jim Czarniecki. Admission is free. Call 651-266-1030.

"Eco Art," sculpture and paintings made of recycled, repurposed and found objects by artists Jeanine Kindlien, Chris Williams, Carolyn Halliday and Brent Houzenga, will be displayed March 14 through April 27 at the Evoke Gallery, 355 N. Wabasha St. An opening reception will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 14. Call 651-224-6388.

Twelve local artists will be featured in an exhibit opening with a reception from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at Galerie Sochi, 362 S. Snelling Ave. Displayed will be photographs by Dixie Cornell; jewelry by Betsy Foster, Cari Johnson and Margaret Dittrich; mixed media by Barbara Gilhooley; paper cuttings by Cindy McKeen; etchings by Stuart Loughridge; and paintings by Jonathan Gaetke, David Mataya, Lynn Middleton-Koller, Emmy White and Liz Williams. Call 651-210-1613.

"Symbols, Myths and Fairy Tales," a collection of traditional Scandinavian weaving, will be displayed March 17-April 18 at the Textile Center, 3000 University Ave. SE. in Minneapolis. A coffee reception with Scandinavian weaving demonstrations will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 22. Call 612-436-0463.

The Spring Flower Show, a sea of tulips, hydrangeas, hyacinths, daffodils and lilies in salmon pink, yellow, purple, blue and white, will be displayed March 22 through April 27 in the Sunken Garden of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory at Como Park. Take a piece of the exhibit home during a bulb sale from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday, May 18.

"The Birth of Coffee," 40 photographs and text by husband and wife Daniel and Linda Rice Lorenzetti focusing on the diversity of people who pick, plant and produce coffee around the world, will be displayed March 24 through May 7 in the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory at Como Park. Admission is free.

Dance

"Women and Transnational Land Rights," a free performance by the Ananya Dance Theatre of Minneapolis, will be presented at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in the Main Stage Theatre of the Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. Call 651-696-6243.

Former Bolshoi ballerina Nina Ananiashvili will bring her State Ballet of Georgia into Northrop Auditorium for performances at 8:00 p.m. on March 14 and 15. A full-length production of *Giselle* will be featured on Friday. Saturday's program will be a mixed repertoire in the neoclassical tradition of George Balanchine. Tickets are \$62, \$52, \$42 and \$33. Call 612-624-2345.

Beyond Ballroom Dance Company, with guest choreographers Jean Marc Genereaux, Gary Pierce and Scott Anderson, will perform March 13-16 at the Southern Theater, 1420 Washington Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Show times are 8:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

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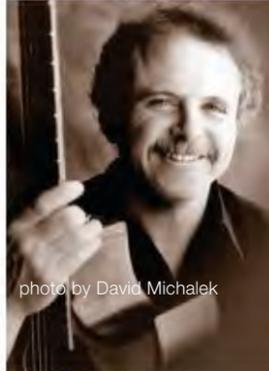
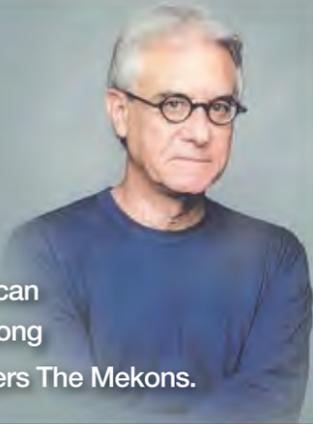
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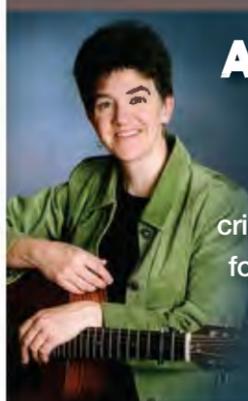
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Saturday and 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Sunday. A discussion will follow Friday's show. Tickets are \$24, \$18 on Sunday afternoon and whatever you can pay on Saturday afternoon. Call 612-340-1725.

"Girls Night In," a peek at how MTV and YouTube have influenced the Arab world, will be offered March 20-30 by Jawaahir, Cassandra Shore's professional Middle Eastern dance company. Show times are 8:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the Southern Theater, 1420 Washington Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Accompanying the troupe will be the al Hareem Orchestra. Tickets are \$27, or whatever you can pay on March 26. Call 612-340-1725.

Family

Honk, a musical comedy based on the story of "The Ugly Duckling," will be performed March 13-16 by 27 junior high school students at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The curtain will rise at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7.00, \$5.00 for seniors and children. Call 651-698-0751.

Annie Junior, the story of a spunky orphan who sets out to find the parents who abandoned her and winds up in the home of billionaire Oliver Warbucks, is being performed through March 16 by the Young Artists Initiative. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the Neighborhood House Theater, 179 E. Robie St. Tickets are \$8.00, \$4.00 for students and seniors, \$2.00 for children age 5 and under. Call 651-222-5437.

Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., plays host to storytimes for babies at 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays, toddlers at 11:00 a.m. Tuesdays and preschoolers at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Featured in other free programs will be Mike Wohnoutka and his new picture books, *Mama's Little Duckling* and *When the Wizzy Foot Goes Walking*, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 15; Megan McDonald and her new book, *Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express*, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 22; Avi and his new books for young readers, *The Seer of Shadows* and *A Beginning, a Muddle and an End: The Right Way to Write Writing*, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 25. Call 651-224-8320.

Lap-Sit Storytime, a free 20-minute program of stories, flannel boards, songs and puppet and finger plays for young listeners infant to 18 months of age, is offered at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy. Call 651-266-7029.

"Mysteries in the Mud: Climate Change in the Big Woods," an interactive exhibit that shows how climate change helped form Minnesota's Big Woods and what effect it could have in the future, is being displayed through April 11 at the Bell Museum of Natural History, 17th and University avenues in Southeast Minneapolis. Touch and see lake sediment, view it under a microscope and analyze how differences in vegetation reflect past climate changes. Admission is \$5.00, \$3.00 for seniors and children ages 3-16, and free to children under age 3 and to everyone else on Sundays. Call 612-624-7083.

"MN150 Family Matinees," a series of variety shows celebrating the 150th anniversary of Minnesota, continues from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Singer Bruce A. Henry will be joined by folk musicians from China, Africa, Mexico and Minneapolis as well as Hmong-American comedian and storyteller Tou Ger Xiong. Admission is \$15, \$10 for children ages 6-17. Call 651-259-3015.

Music & Melody Makers, a hands-on introduction to the instruments of the orchestra, will be offered to children ages 3-14 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at Highland Park Junior High School, 975 S. Snelling Ave. The free program is sponsored by Minnesota Youth Symphonies. To register, call 651-699-5811 or visit www.mnyouthsymphonies.org.

The People on the Corner, an illustrated children's story about disability and inclusiveness, will be read by author and actress Leslye Orr in a free program at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at Dreamland Arts, 677 N. Hamline Ave. Call 651-645-5506.

Film

Omnifest has returned to the Science Museum of Minnesota's Omnitheater. Six Imax films are being shown daily through April 6: *Roar: Lions of the Kalahari*; *Everest*; *Cowboys: Ride Around the World*; *Amazon*; *Indonesia: Dance of Life*; and *The Alps*. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors and children ages 4-12. Call 651-221-9444.

Kazablan, an Israeli *Romeo and Juliet* story from 1973, will be screened at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The musical tells of a dark Sephardic Jew who takes time out from hassling the poverty-stricken tenants of the Jaffa ghetto to court a fair-skinned Ashkenazic Jew. Admission is \$6.00. Call 651-698-0751.

Sports



The Wright Call By Dave Wright

The 'M' stands for more than just Mac this year

He has been doing his office work out of a nearby grade school for the past year. His volleyball team has been practicing at a nearby high school. His basketball teams have practiced and played their home games on a rival college's campus. His swimmers worked out in another city altogether. The softball and baseball teams won't be playing on campus either. And after finally having a decent season, his football team has lost its coach to the college just down the street.

So why is Macalester College athletics director Travis Feezell sounding so chipper these days? "We're very excited about what we're seeing," he said. "It's taken a lot of time and a lot of patience, but we're moving in the right direction."

Lest you wonder whether the A.D. has lost his mind, Feezell was not referring to the logistical nightmare that his department has been through the past year. He was talking about the progress being made toward the MARC, the Scots' new athletic and recreation center rising high above the Snelling Avenue side of the Macalester campus.

When the \$45 million project is completed later this year, the 1,920 students at Macalester will have one of the finest athletic facilities of any small college in the country—a Taj Macalester that will bury forever the memories of basketball games played in a dungeon-like facility with fewer bleacher seats than many high school gyms.

"A new facility can't win games by itself," Feezell said. "But it will put us on a more even plane with the rest of the league."

Feezell knew it was going to be difficult for his teams to succeed in 2007-08, when the big "M" on the front of their jerseys stood more for "mobile" than for Macalester. The basketball teams, who had to play the second half of their 2006-07 season on the road, used the College of St. Catherine as their home court this winter. Early on, the Scots seemed to be adjusting well to their temporary quarters. The men's team won its first three games, though injuries and a lack of depth eventually caught up with them. The women's team fared a little better, but they, too, missed the playoffs.

For those athletes who will be back next year, the long wait will be worth it. The MARC will include a gymnasium with four multipurpose courts and a 200-meter track, a new 8- to 10-lane swimming pool, and a weight-room and fitness area that is three times larger than what the college has been used to. The MARC will have offices, spacious locker rooms, rooms for alumni functions and the college's Hall of Fame as well as putting and chipping greens and a juice bar and lounge.

"The new place won't be a jock palace," Feezell said, "but it will be a place where people will want to come and spend time. Let's just say that our old space wasn't always an inviting place to be at."

That might be the understatement of the year. Basketball

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St. Thomas Academy junior Max Hostetler donned a paper helmet and voiced his enthusiasm as his team won the state Class A hockey championship on March 8 at the Xcel Energy Center. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

STA tops Toppers to win state hockey title

BY BILL WAGNER

St. Thomas Academy's 5-1 victory over Duluth Marshall on March 8 wasn't the most exciting of hockey games. However, it's never boring when you win the state title.

The much-anticipated Class A rematch between the Cadets, who beat the Hilltoppers for the state crown in 2006 but lost to them in last year's semifinals, wasn't all it was cracked up to be. But that's just fine with STA, just as long as its team was the one celebrating at center ice when it was over.

St. Thomas (26-5) went into the game with something to prove. The visiting Toppers beat the Cadets 8-2 in January, but this time STA came out strong and never let up. The win capped off a dominating performance in the tourney, in which STA outscored its three opponents 19-6. It was the Cadets' second championship in three years and fourth straight trip to state.

"We played at a level I thought we haven't reached since the Schwan's Tournament (during the holiday season)," said STA co-coach Greg Vannelli. "This was what we needed to do. It's been such a pleasure to see our guys grow and mature as young men. I'm especially happy for our seniors."

St. Thomas was never seriously threatened as it put together a near perfect effort. The forwards, led by the big



Cadet goalie Kurt Altrichter makes a sprawling save in the title game.

line of sophomore Ryan Walters and seniors James Saintey and Conor Rooney, skated both ends of the ice superbly in controlling play. The defense, which was composed of five seniors, was outstanding in limiting the chances of the Toppers. And sophomore goalie Kurt Altrichter answered the bell emphatically in his first season as a regular.

Altrichter joined four teammates on the all-tournament team and earned high marks from Vannelli. Other Cadets on the all-tourney team included Walters and Saintey, and senior defensemen Rob Vannelli and Jon Schreiner.

Several Cadets knew what it was like to win two years ago. To senior defenseman and team captain Tony Mergens, they were both sweet. "But this was a different team this year," he said. "We got better as the year went on."

Schreiner was another veteran from the 2006 squad. "I'm so happy for the freshmen and sophomores," he said. "They got to experience the same thing that we did when we were young players."

A.J. Reid, a freshman transfer from Lakeville South, applauded the all-for-one way the Cadet veterans included young guys in the camaraderie. "The (older players) encouraged me all the time," he said. "They made me feel welcome immediately. This was such a great experience for me."

Against Marshall, the Cadets took a 1-0 lead in the first minute of play on a shot by sophomore forward Christian Isackson that beat goalie Willie Paul from the left faceoff circle. "It's always

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Talented Central, Minnehaha girls advance to state hoops tourney

BY BILL WAGNER

The defending state champion Central High School girls' basketball team showed some chinks in its armor earlier this year. The Minutemen not only lost to Minneapolis South twice and to previously No. 1-ranked Centennial, but were periodically dominated in those games.

However, Central's 60-30 drubbing of Woodbury in the Section 4AAAA championship game on March 6 at Concordia University served notice that the Minutemen still have plenty of fight left. Central had nine players on its scoresheet, with senior forward Kiara Buford leading the point parade with 20, and senior center Georgie Jones adding another 14. Both were singled out for their play by coach Willie Taylor.

"We missed a few easy shots, but not a whole lot else went wrong," he said.

Taylor was optimistic about his club's chances as it prepared to defend its state crown. Central (25-4) will face St. Cloud Tech (28-1) in the first round of the state Class AAAA tournament at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Target Center. The winner will advance to the semifinals at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13, with the championship set for 8:00 p.m. Saturday, March 15.

Taylor noted that this has been a season of adjustment for him as he guides a team that would be great by almost any other standard except Central's.

"It's been a lot different coaching this year, and a lot more difficult," he said. Though the Minutemen have four starters back from last season's undefeated team, they don't enjoy the same depth off the bench that they had in the past.

Cretin-Derham Hall coach Amy Bellus, whose team lost to Woodbury on a buzzer-beating three-pointer in the section semifinals, picked Minneapolis South as the No. 1 team in Class AAAA, but said she would not be surprised to see Central win it all again.

"They have kids who've been there before," Bellus said. "They have kids who've played on a team that has not only won it, but had an undefeated season in doing it."



Central junior guard Theairra Taylor puts up a shot against the Royals.



Senior center Georgie Jones (34) battles for the ball during Central's 60-30 win over Woodbury for the Section 4AAAA title on March 6. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

Class AAA

Minnehaha Academy earned its way into the state Class AAA tournament by trouncing Johnson 80-69 on March 6. The Redhawks, who were stymied in their attempt to knock De La Salle out of first place in the Tri-Metro Conference, prevailed with a scoring balance that coach Josh Thurow likes to see. Senior Megan Erlandson led the effort with 22 points. She was ably supported by freshman Katelyn Adams' 18, sophomore Rachel Hansen's 13, junior Sarah Peterson's 11 and senior Ani Johnson's 11 (including three three-pointers). Senior Brittany Norby scored 11 to help the Hawks defeat Highland Park 98-74 in the section semifinals.

Thurow liked the way his club played against the Governors (20-6), who made

some runs but couldn't close the deal. "It was a good game for us," Thurow said. "Johnson is a tough team to beat, but we kept our composure and didn't foul much. They fouled and we made them pay."

Minnehaha (26-3) will face Fergus Falls (23-5) in the first round of state at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Target Center. The winner will advance to the semifinals at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13, with the title game set for 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 15.

Class AA

Minneapolis Roosevelt missed out on its chance to get to state with a 76-59 loss to Jordan in the Section 4AA final on March 8. The Teddies made a good second-half run at the No. 1-seeded team, but fell victim to a 33-point effort from Brittany Chambers, who exceeded 2,000 points for her high school career in the process. Jordan reached state for the second year in a row.

The Teddies lost despite the performance of sophomore guard Tyesha Wright, who

had eight straight points at one juncture in the second half. Sophomore forward Suriya McGuire had a good first half for the Teddies, with nine points and three blocks. However, a 13-2 Jordan run in the second half was the difference. It was the second time Roosevelt lost to Jordan this year.

The Teddies had gotten past St. Croix Lutheran 67-63 in the semifinals on a typical performance from 6-foot senior forward Kiara Strickland, who had 25 points to go along with 15 rebounds.

"It was a day at the office for her," said Roosevelt coach Tim Williams. "She'll be playing for a Division I college next year. She's just not sure which one."

St. Croix once trailed by 26 before managing to get the deficit down to two late in the contest. "But we led it front to back," Williams said.

Wright had 17 points for the Teddies against the Crusaders, including three-for-three in three-point shooting. Williams said McGuire also had an outstanding game.

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CDH girls' hockey takes third at state

By BILL WAGNER

When a team goes as far against all odds as the Cretin-Derham Hall girls' hockey team did this season, it's hard not to root for it to go all the way. However, the Raiders' strong showing in the second half of the season came up just shy of capturing the Class AA crown in this year's state tournament at the Xcel Energy Center on February 20-23.

CDH, which was seeded fifth in its section, upended fourth-seeded White Bear Lake 3-2, top-seeded Roseville 2-1 and second-seeded and defending state champion Stillwater 2-1 to win the section and make its second appearance at state after a two-year absence.

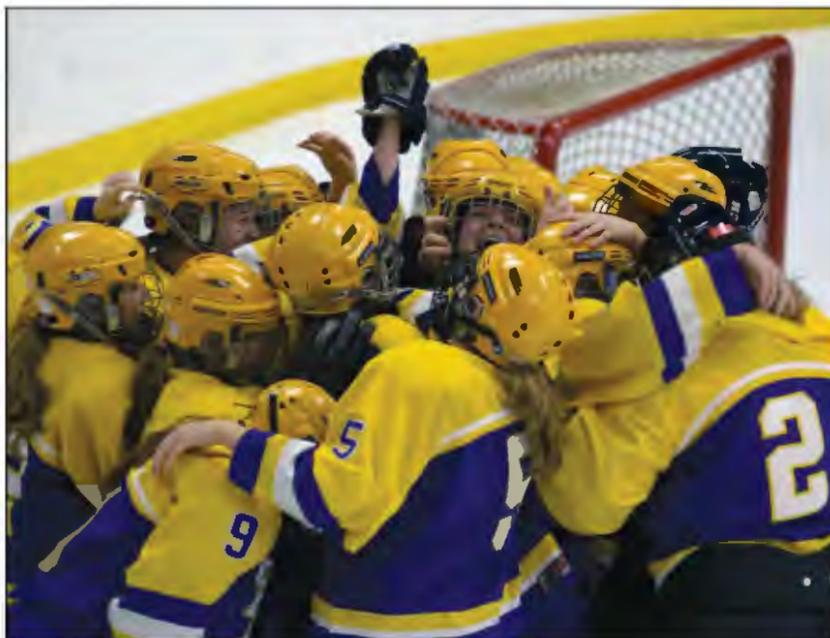
The Raiders (16-11-4) beat a highly regarded Benilde-St. Margaret's squad 3-2 in the first round of the state tournament before losing 1-0 in overtime to eventual state champion Eden Prairie. CDH then completed its almost-storybook season by beating Farmington 3-2 for the third-place trophy.

"It was truly an outstanding season," said CDH co-coach Steve Williams. "Our girls did so well toward the end of the year. We just came together."

The Raiders looked like just an average club going into the second half of the season and, in fact, were under the .500 mark well into February. Williams attributed his club's late-season surge to three factors: the arrival of senior goaltender Lea Jondal at midseason, the return of all-state senior defender Kelly Wild after a two-week stint with Team USA and the jelling of a squad that featured eight seniors.

According to Williams, the contribution of Jondal, a Wisconsin native who transferred to CDH last year and was not eligible to play until midseason, could not be overstated. She immediately helped the Raiders with her textbook goaltending and recorded a 0.940 save percentage in 14 games during the regular season.

"Lea covered rebounds well and was very good on the angles," Williams said. "Teams didn't get many second and third chances. Then Kelly came back and settled things down, and the team just generally started to come together."



The Raiders celebrate after upsetting Roseville to gain a berth in this year's state girls' hockey tournament. PHOTO BY TOM DUNN.

It was quite a ride as the Raiders won four one-goal decisions in a row, including two in overtime, prior to their loss to Eden Prairie. The tight semifinal game was anybody's to win until the Eagles (29-1-1) got a power play goal from Melissa Feste to clinch it.

Before that, there were two key breaks in the contest. One came late in the third period when Eden Prairie goalie Maddie Burke robbed CDH junior forward Katie Mancini from point-blank range right in front of the net. Then in the overtime, the officials missed an offside call against Eden Prairie. CDH's Wild was penalized as play continued and the ensuing power play yielded the game-winner.

Williams said there was no doubt the offside was missed. "It was about 4 or 5 feet (offside)," he said.

The Raiders gutted out the victory for third place when Jondal stopped 16 shots and her teammates put Farmington on its heels with 34 shots of their own. Wild scored a second-period goal and Mancini scored on an assist from senior forward Allison Kloek early in the third. The game-winner came from freshman defender Franny Nicholson at 11:07 in the third.

Wild and senior Brittany Carlson,

who will both play for Ohio State next season, provided outstanding defense for the Raiders. Senior forward Claire Smith also had a solid season, as did first-line senior center Kaylee Keys. Keys, the daughter of co-coach Jeff Keys, led the team in scoring with 17 goals and 23 assists during the regular season and will play for Bemidji State next year.

Senior wing Alex Chlebeck was as clutch as it comes, scoring the overtime game-winner in the section victories over both White Bear and Roseville.

Williams figures that this year's state tourney experience will bode well for next year's squad, although the Raiders will have to replace a lot of seniors. "We'll see how it goes next year," he said, "but this year was definitely a lot of fun."

Jondal, who plans to continue her hockey career at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire next season, had few regrets about the season despite the disappointing loss to Eden Prairie. "That was just a phenomenal game," she said.

Jondal said she got the biggest kick out of the section final win over Roseville. "We went into that game with nothing to lose," she said. "I'll remember this whole season—how we got to state because we just kept working and peaked at the right time."

Sports Shorts

Highland Park Senior High School will be starting a boys' junior varsity hockey team beginning with the 2008-09 season. There are currently 30 incoming 9th-graders interested in playing for the Scots. A varsity team may begin as early as the 2009-10 school year. For information, call athletic director John Heller at 651-293-8868.

The Wednesday Highland 9 golf league is seeking players. League play begins on April 30. Call 651-699-3190.

The Cretin-Derham Hall boys' swimming and diving team won last month's Section 2AA meet for the seventh straight year. The Raiders placed seventh at the Class AA state meet on February 29 to March 1. Senior Tim Tysk-Bell was sixth in the 50-yard freestyle and sophomore Brian Dailey-Arndt was second in the 100 butterfly and third in the 100 backstroke. The school's 200 freestyle relay team placed fourth.

Cason Hiers, of the St. Paul Tennis Club, recently won the Baseline Tennis Center Boys' 12s Challenger. Hiers did not drop a set during the tournament and won the final 6-3, 6-1.

Aerobics classes are being offered from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. The cost is \$3.00 per session or \$30 for 11 sessions. Call 651-695-3711.

The Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave., is offering the following classes: tumbling for youths ages 2-5 on Saturday mornings beginning March 29 (\$35 for eight

sessions); Okinawan Shuri-TE Karate for ages 9 to adults at 6:30 p.m. beginning Monday, March 31 (\$40 for eight 8 sessions); and teen stamping at 7:15 p.m. beginning Monday, March 17 (\$20 for three 3 sessions). Call 651-298-5766.

The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports is launching the first National President's Challenge, a six-week event to encourage Americans to be more active. The challenge kicks off on Thursday, March 20, and is open to all ages and abilities. Adults are asked to be active for 30 minutes a day, five days a week, for six weeks, and children ages 6-17 to be active for an hour a day. Participants can log their activity, see their progress and challenge themselves to become healthier. They also may join as an individual or as a team. To register, visit www.presidentschallenge.org.

The second annual Cinco de Mayo 5K Run/Walk will be held at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, May 4, beginning at the Highland Pool, 1840 Edgcombe Road. The race will proceed on Edgcombe to the Edgcombe Playground, before looping back to the start. A quarter-mile kid's walk will begin at 8:45 a.m. Proceeds will benefit Minnesota Friends of the Orphans, 2052 Marshall Ave., which is the local branch of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Our Little Brothers and Sisters). The cost is \$15-\$20 in advance for the 5K (\$20-\$25 on race day) or \$8.00 for the kid's walk (\$10 on race day). Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers and fundraisers, and T-shirts will be given to all 5K participants. For a registration form, visit www.friends-of-the-orphans.org/mn.

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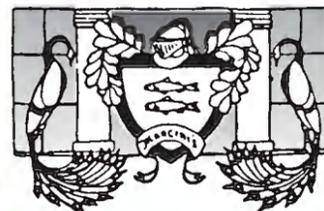
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games at Macalester were hard on everybody in the past, including the Scots. When Feezell arrived on campus three years ago, he pegged it as a school that played athletics but didn't work at it. A former star baseball player whose wife had been a successful cross-country coach, Feezell wasn't going to settle for not winning at Mac. His first hire, Ellen Thompson, as head coach of the women's basketball team, was an early indication that the Scots were sick of getting kicked around.

Thompson had been a terrific player and assistant coach at St. Thomas. She had trouble recruiting enough players to form a decent bench that first season, and the Scots won just two games. But when they improved to seven victories the next year, Thompson was named Coach of the Year. Mac's women's basketball team won nine games this season, including one over St. Thomas, and just missed making the six-team MIAC playoffs when they lost to Hamline on the final day of the season.

The MARC is expected to help recruiting and add stability to the program. "I do believe you can have a good academic program and be successful in athletics," Feezell said. "Our hope is this facility will help us get there."

One fellow who won't get a chance to use the new building is Glenn Caruso. He is the man Feezell was hoping would lead Mac's long beleaguered football program back to the MIAC, the tough small-college conference from which it had exiled itself several years ago. Caruso jumped ship a few months ago, succeeding coach Don Roney at the University of St. Thomas.

"I know there were some hurt feelings here about the move," Feezell said, "but Glenn was up front from the start and that is all I can ask of a coach. "He was presented with a rare opportunity, and he took it. It could be a special thing for him. But he got us back on track here, and I appreciate that."

The Scots were 4-5 last fall on the gridiron, their best season in years. And when Caruso left, Feezell was ready

with a replacement—Tony Jennison, the team's defensive coordinator for the past two seasons.

According to Feezell, Mac's football team isn't ready to return to the MIAC just yet. In fact, it may be two or three years before that can happen. "Football is hard to succeed at because a lot of numbers have to work in tandem," he said. "But we have some good numbers now."

Feezell is looking forward to the MARC's opening, which he expects will be in late November, it time for his basketball teams' seasons. As for the success of Macalester's athletic teams, check back in a couple years.

Cadets swim to ninth title in 10 years

Despite all the hoopla surrounding the St. Thomas Academy hockey team's second state championship in three years, the Cadet pucksters have a ways to go to equal the success of their swimming brethren. Two weeks ago, the Cadet tankers swam to their fourth straight state Class A title and the ninth state title in 10 years.

The St. Thomas Academy swimmers topped second-place Sauk Rapids-Rice by 90 points, even though they won just one event—the 100-yard breaststroke turned in by Cadet Matt Hoyland. This time around, coach John Barnes' team won the state title with depth.

Rival swimming coach Lynn Newton of Simley was heard suggesting that all dynasties come to an end eventually. But in the case of St. Thomas' swimming team, it may be a while yet. Its 2007-08 state championship team included two 8th-graders, Paul Brunkhorst and Cal Rohde.

High school swimming doesn't draw the same statewide media attention that hockey, basketball, football and baseball do. And the cheering section consists mainly of parents and friends. So the continued success of St. Thomas' swimmers is impressive beyond words.

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good to get off to a quick start like that," co-coach Vannelli said.

Saintey made it 2-0 in the final minute of the first period. The Toppers turned the puck over in their own zone and Saintey picked it up about 35 feet out and fired it home.

STA made it 3-0 when Walters, who is already tagged to play for the Gophers, scored his sixth goal of the tournament, deking from the left of Paul and walking in for a top-shelf wrister at 2:46 in the second period. The Toppers, whose scoring chances were greatly limited by both Altrichter and the Cadets' solid defensive corps, finally got on the board on Pat Mahoney's breakaway at 13:09.

The third period found the Cadets allowing very little in their own end, and Duluth Marshall became the first prep hockey team in state history to lose three consecutive title games. Third-period

STA goals came from Isackson, his second of the game on the power play, and Saintey, also his second of the contest.

The championship game was set up by a convincing 9-2 victory over St. Cloud Cathedral in the state semifinals, in which the Cadets streaked to a 7-1 lead after two periods. Saintey's wraparound goal started the onslaught, and Walters and Isackson both had four points each to lead their team. In the opening round, the Cadets fended off a tough challenge from Little Falls to win 5-3, largely on the strength of a hat trick from Walters.

It was a season in which STA proved it could overcome several personnel changes. Three key players—goalie Aaron Crandall and forwards Nick Larson and Anders Lee—all were expected to be Cadets this year, but didn't return. Lee transferred to Edina, where he helped lead the Hornets to the Class AA runner-up trophy. Larson and Crandall chose junior hockey.



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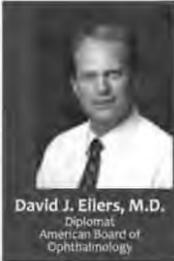
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