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City committee takes issue with several of Ryan's amendments to Ford master plan

By Jane McClure

Ryan Companies' proposed amendments to the city's master plan for the 122-acre site of Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant in Highland Park will be reviewed by the St. Paul Planning Commission on Friday, March 8. The Planning Commission's Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee reviewed the amendments on February 20, and after more than two hours of debate, was still at odds with several of Ryan's proposed changes.

The amendments deal with street configuration, parking, parks and other open spaces, zoning and energy use and other details of the development. According to Menaka Mohan, the city's lead planner for the Ford site, city planners and Ryan agree on more than 90 percent of the 30 proposed amendments. "We've compromised on many issues," she said.

However, disagreements remain on several amendments that Ryan has identified as dealbreakers, including Ryan's requests for more commercial parking and the ability to construct single-family homes and rowhouses on part of the site.

Ryan would like to rezone half of one development block to allow as many as 35 single-family homes on Mississippi River Boule-

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Wynn Fricke leads a class in modern dance in the studio of the newly renovated theater and dance building in Macalester College's Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Mac dances into a new era in arts

New theater-dance building completes 10-year renovation of college's Fine Arts Center

By Frank Jossi

As music softly played, a handful of students stretched on gleaming hardwood floors while others milled about before class in front of the mirrored walls of the new Fox Dance Studio at Macalester College. The studio is part of the $32 million renovation of the theater and dance building, the final phase of a 10-year project to remake Mac's 54-year-old Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center.

The three-level theater and dance building features three performance spaces and 11 classrooms. "We had the building designed to integrate with the other art disciplines while giving faculty and students more rehearsal space, more performance space and a much larger scene shop," said David Wheaton, Mac's vice president of administration and finance. "We now have large, flexible spaces that allow

MACALESTER RENOVATION ▶3

Campaigns for City Council, School Board begin here

St. Paul kicks off its election year with caucuses Mar. 10

By Kevin Driscoll

Just four months after a tumultuous midterm election, St. Paul voters will return to the fray on Sunday, March 10, when the DFL holds its precinct caucuses at locations across the city. The caucuses are the traditional beginning of the electoral campaign. This year all seven seats on the City Council and four of the seven seats on the St. Paul School Board are up for election.

Once again, the city and School Board will do without a September primary election. Formal candidate filing for the November 5 general election will be conducted from July 30 through August 13. Ranked-choice voting will be used in the City Council race. The top four vote-getters will prevail for School Board.

All incumbent City Council members are expected to run for reelection except in Ward 6 where longtime council member Dan Bostrom recently resigned.

Jon Schumacher will be stepping down from the St. Paul School Board at the end of the year, but fellow incumbents Zuki Ellis, Steve Marchese and Mary Vanderwert have all said they will seek re-election. They will be facing at least three challengers for endorsement at the DFL's city convention on June 23, including Omar Syed, a pharmacy technician at HealthEast and owner of Chilly Time Coffee bar on the East Side; Chauntyll Allen, an educational assistant at Como Park High School; and Jessica Kopp, a community organizer and stay-at-home mother.

None of the other three major political parties in St. Paul—Republican, Green and Independence—plan to hold precinct caucuses this year.

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An artist's rendering of one of the parks envisioned by Ryan Companies in its plan for redeveloping the 122-acre Ford site in Highland Park.

vard. The city's master plan only allows residences of from two to six units on River Boulevard. According to Mohan, city staff support Ryan's request for single-family housing there, saying the amendment would not rule out multi-family housing and is consistent with the single-family homes found elsewhere on River Boulevard. Even so, the committee rejected Ryan's request on a 3-2 vote.

Planning commissioner Kris Fredson was one of those pushing for higher-density housing on River Boulevard. He said he wants more people to be able to live along the river and found single-family homes there to be "too exclusive."

Planning commissioner Luis Rangel-Morales agreed. "I think what's going to happen is that 35 mansions are going to go there," he said.

Another flash point is parking. Ryan wants to be able to add more commercial parking, increasing the maximum amount in the master plan from one parking space per 400 square feet of gross commercial space to one space per 200 square feet. According to Tony Barranco, Ryan's senior vice president for development, prospective retailers will demand the additional parking. It is also needed, he said, to accommodate visitors to the Ford site's future public parks and events.

Instead of raising the parking maximum, city staff is recommending that Ryan or any other prospective developer be required to apply for a conditional use permit if it wants more commercial parking than what is called for in the master plan.

Ryan would also like to be able to provide more structured parking on the ground floor of commercial buildings. City staff wants that parking concentrated in the rear of buildings. However, streets in the commercial district are laid out in such a way that "there is no back to those buildings," Barranco said. "All of the street frontages are primary streets." He pointed out that any first-floor parking could be constructed to be easily converted to retail uses if it is not needed in the future.

A majority of the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee supported a reduction in the minimum height and density of buildings on the blocks west of the Ford site's planned central water feature. The change would allow rowhouse buildings of as low as 30 feet instead of the minimum of 40 feet in the city's master plan.

The rowhouses have been a popular feature at neighborhood meetings on the Ford site, according to Barranco. "We've heard overwhelming support for that change," he said.

Planning commissioner Jeffrey Risberg wondered whether allowing 30-foot-high rowhouses has a "segregation feel."

However, Mohan noted, allowing a lower height does not mean it will happen. She and Barranco stressed that the demands of the local housing market will play a big role in determining how the Ford site is developed.

The Neighborhood Planning Committee also supported Ryan's request for several changes to the street grid, including the removal of an extension of Saunders Avenue to allow for the preservation of two of the three baseball diamonds used by Highland Ball's baseball and softball programs and the removal of an extension of Hillcrest Avenue because it would cut through Highland Village Center. The committee also supported an extension of Finn Street south of Ford Parkway and other street changes that would break up a large block in the northeast corner of the Ford site.

The final layout of streets on the Ford site could be affected by upcoming environmental studies tied to the project, Mohan said.

Following the Planning Commission's review, the master plan amendments will go to the St. Paul City Council for a final public hearing and vote.

1◄ PRECINCT CAUCUSES

Outgoing Republican city chair John Krenik said his party will be holding endorsing conventions in the spring or summer. According to him, two Republicans have expressed interest in running for City Council and one for School Board, "but none of them wishes to put his or her name out there right now," he said.

Carol Melom, the Green Party's chair in the Fourth Congressional District, said that party is still seeking candidates for the City Council.

Phil Fuehrer, state chair for the Independence Party, said his party is also looking for City Council candidates. "If we settle on any that we can endorse, we'll hold an endorsing convention later this year," he said.

The DFL precinct caucuses will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 10. Ward 1 will meet at Capitol Hill School, 560 Concordia Ave.; Ward 2 at Humboldt High School, 30 E. Baker St.; Ward 3 at Highland Park High School, 1015 S. Snelling Ave.; and Ward 4 at Murray Middle School, 2200 Buford Ave.

The endorsing conventions for City Council in Wards 2, 3 and 4 will immediately follow the caucuses. The endorsing convention in Ward 1 will be held on April 28.

As of late last week, City Council incumbents Rebecca Noecker in Ward 2, Chris Tolbert in Ward 3 and Mitra Jalali Nelson in Ward 4 were all unopposed for the DFL endorsement. Perennial candidate Sharon Anderson has said she will run for the Ward 2 seat. WalMart employee David Rosenfeld of the Socialist Workers Party has said he will run for the Ward 3 seat.

Ward 1 City Council member Dai Thao will be facing at least two challengers for the DFL endorsement—Anika Bowie, an American Civil Liberties Union consultant; and Liz De La Torre, an advocate for sexual assault victims and a legal services coordinator for the St. Paul-Ramsey County Public Health Department. Frequent candidate Lucky Rosenbloom has said he will run in Ward 1 as an unendorsed Republican.

In Ward 5, incumbent City Council member Amy Brendmoen will be facing fellow DFLer and retired banker and community activist Lynn Connolly.

In Ward 6, five candidates are seeking the DFL endorsement for the open City Council seat, including Tony Her, a longtime educational assistant for the St. Paul Public Schools; Terri Thao, a program director at Nexus Community Partners; Alexander Bourne, an unemployed entrepreneur; Nelsie Yang, an organizer at TakeAction Minnesota; and Danielle Swift of the District 7 Planning Council and Frogtown Neighborhood Association.

City Council member Jane Prince has three opponents for the DFL endorsement in Ward 7, including local activist Mary Anne Quiroz, co-founder of the Indigenous Roots Cultural Center; Ahmed Hersi, a case manager at Thomas Allen; and Clara Ware, who did not respond to inquiries for this article.

The St. Paul DFL has recently taken heat from the nonpartisan activist group St. Paul STRONG for holding its endorsing conventions in Ward 2, 3 and 4 so soon after the precinct caucuses. With so many high-profile and controversial issues before the City Council, St. Paul STRONG was hoping for a more vigorous debate prior to any endorsement. It contends that the early ward conventions discourage that debate by discouraging the emergence of any challengers to the three incumbents.

Those three wards are confronting "huge and transformative" issues, St. Paul STRONG said in a statement, including the proposed Riverview streetcar line, ongoing challenges to organized trash collection, and the redevelopment of the 122-acre Ford site and the area around the new Major League Soccer stadium in the Midway. "Are the three incumbents going to be spared a process that would steel and toughen them and hold them accountable to the public?" STRONG asked.

Beth Commers, chair of the St. Paul DFL, defended the early ward conventions. Holding endorsing conventions on the same day as the precinct caucuses when there is only one person seeking DFL endorsement is "a way to respect delegates' time," Commers said. "We've done this for decades. Delegates also have the choice to not endorse, as we saw in 2017 when the party did not endorse for mayor."

St. Paul STRONG questioned the likelihood of no endorsement. "In the 2017 mayoral endorsing convention, there was no endorsement because there were multiple strong candidates," St. Paul STRONG pointed out in a statement. "We will not have that opportunity in Wards 2, 3 and 4 this year when the caucuses and the conventions are held on the same day."

"Candidates who win endorsement create campaigns that reflect the hopes and minds of the voting public," Commers countered. "These candidates speak to the issues that neighbors view as critical to the future of our community. They cannot do that if they wait until the last minute. In fact, our community members should be furious if we held off on endorsements until September.

"We're proud to say that we have the most diverse and talented group of incumbents and challengers seeking endorsement the party has ever seen," Commers said.

UST on fast track to get more students living on campus

March 6 forum set to review details of two new residence halls

By Jane McClure





St. Thomas will begin work on two new residence halls this summer. At left is a rendering of the one for first-year students looking southwest from Cleveland and Selby avenues. At right is the one for second-year students looking southwest from Cleveland and Ashland Avenue.

Two new residence halls will begin going up on the University of St. Thomas' north campus after the end of the current semester, with a goal of opening both dormitories by the fall of 2020.

The plans for those buildings will be reviewed at a public forum organized by the Union Park District Council and West Summit Neighborhood Advisory Committee (WSNAC) at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, in the university's O'Shaughnessy Education Center. The projects will also be reviewed by the Macalester-Groveland Community Council at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at the Edgcumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St.

The university plans to tear down its John Paul II residence hall north of the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas as well as its faculty apartments south of the chapel after students move out in May. John Paul II, which dates from 1978, will be replaced by a $55 million, 480-bed dorm for first-year students. The faculty apartments, which were built in 1974 and housed students for the first time this school year, will be replaced by a $35 million, 260-bed dorm for second-year students.

Both buildings would be five stories tall and have underground parking. The dorm for sophomores has been increased by one floor over what was initially proposed, adding 60 more beds. It would include some apartments for short-term stays and a unit for the hall director.

The two new dorms are being designed to not tower over the nearby chapel, which is scheduled for its own $12.7 million renovation and expansion this year. Details of that project will also be presented at the March 6 forum.

The new dorms will result in a net addition of 575 beds, which will be needed as St. Thomas moves toward an on-campus residency requirement for freshmen and sophomores.

Site plans are scheduled to be submitted to city officials by early March, while final plans for managing traffic are due to be completed by later that month. St. Thomas officials hope to pull building permits by early April.

The new residence halls meet the city's height and setback requirements and will not require any other city approvals besides site plan review and building and utility permits.

WSNAC members reviewed the dormitory plans on February 12 and gave them a vote of approval. Both buildings will be clad in brick similar to what is on Morrison Hall, as well as Kasota stone detailing and lots of windows. WSNAC members said they like the initial designs, but wanted to see more information on vehicular access, protection of the Cleveland Avenue bike lanes and other details of the project when they become available. They also wanted more information on what the new residency requirements will mean. St. Thomas officials said that is still being worked out.

The projects are on a fast track for construction. Opus Group is designing and building the hall for freshmen, and Ryan Companies is designing and building the one for sophomores.

WSNAC members also liked the notion of more students living on campus. St. Thomas has about 2,600 beds for students now, and that number will increase to about 3,100 with the two new halls.

The Dowling and Brady dorms on the north campus also will be renovated as part of the project. That work will be staged over the next two to three summers to allow for student occupancy during the academic year.

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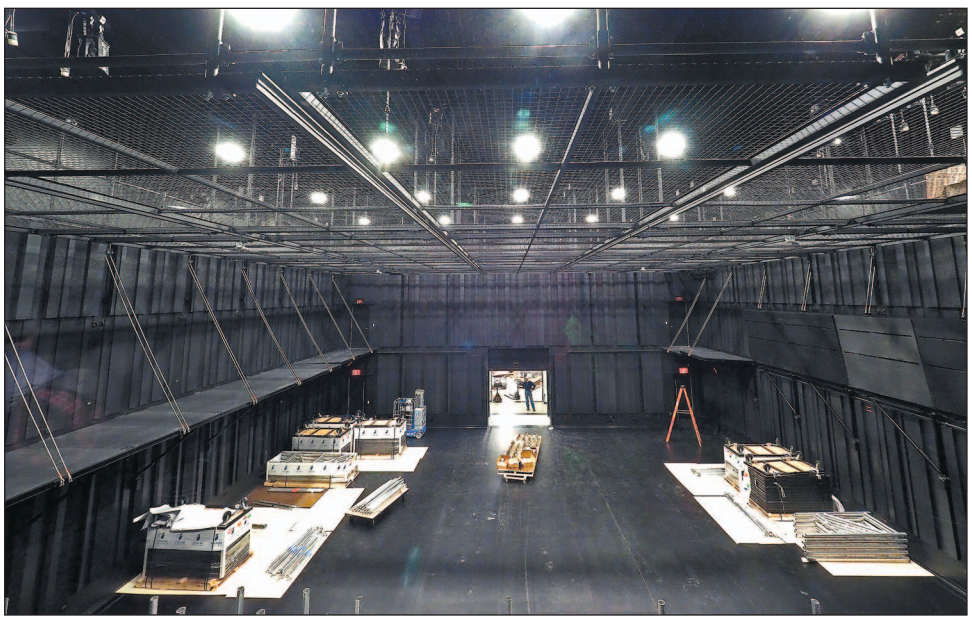
for a lot more opportunities for creativity."

HGA Architects & Engineers designed all three sections of the renovated Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center. With the music and art buildings, much of the existing structure's skeleton was kept intact while the facades were removed and the floor space expanded. The college planned to employ the same strategy with the theater and dance building, but it turned out to be more economical to replace the entire structure, Wheaton said.

The new building is 7,500 square feet larger than the old one. At 2,400 square feet, the dance studio is big enough for certification if Macalester should ever decide to offer a dance major, Wheaton said. It is equipped with an acoustic ceiling and projectors, creating a performance space where dance and projected images and video can be combined.

The 205-seat Main Stage Theater is a flexible performance space with hinged platforms offering additional seating or performance areas. A metal grid towering over the theater allows students and faculty to walk out and test different stage lighting schemes. Across from the theater is an expanded scene shop where sets can be built and stored. A costume shop is located just down the hall.

The building's second level has eight classrooms connected by a hallway with



Work continues on the Main Stage Theater at Macalester College with its tension-wire grid ceiling that can be adapted to varying production needs. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

recessed seating that was apparently comfortable enough for at least one student to take a nap on a Monday afternoon. The classrooms have high ceilings and are equipped with cutting-edge technology and easily reconfigured furniture. They will be made available to faculty in all departments to encourage innovative and interactive pedagogical techniques, according to college provost Karine Moe.

The classrooms have already attracted professors from other disciplines. "We're seeing humanities, sociology, visual arts and theater arts being taught in the classrooms," Wheaton said. "Everyone is using them."

The basement level of the theater and dance building has a design studio, two classrooms and a small "black box" theater that can be used for theater and dance rehearsals, according to Cláudia Tatinge Nascimento, chair of Mac's Theater and Dance Department. The small theater is equipped with a special vinyl floor for dance practices, recitals and lessons.

"I've rarely seen this kind of theater and dance building at the college level," said Nascimento, who came to Macalester from Wesleyan University a year and a half ago. And few colleges have scene and costume shops so conveniently located near their theaters, she added.

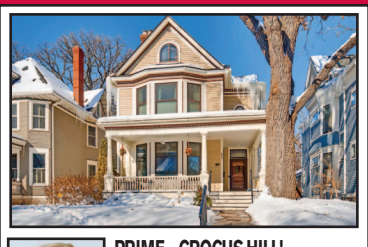
The theater and dance building shares a two-story commons with the art and music buildings. In addition to an art gallery, the commons has a box office and lobby.

The exterior of the new building reflects the architecture of the music and art buildings, mixing brick and black-accented panels. The building has a bird-friendly glass wall on its south side. A 130-kilowatt solar array covers the roof, providing enough power at times to meet the building's electrical needs while sending any excess power back to the campus grid, according to Wheaton.

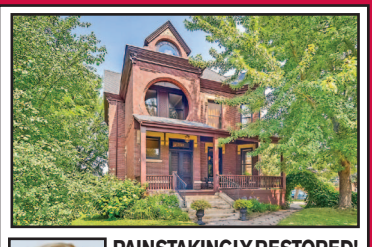
Macalester faculty and staff used the former Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and School at 1550 Summit Ave. for classes during the year and a half that the theater and dance building was under construction. Now that the decade-long renovation of the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center is complete, the college will be taking a breather from major construction, according to Wheaton.

"We don't have any other big projects planned," he said.

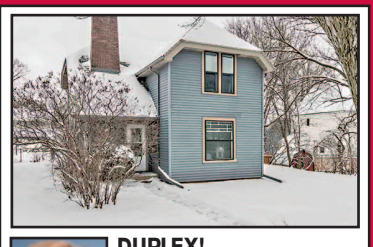
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Plans reviewed for six-story apartment buildings on Snelling

By Jane McClure

Plans for two new six-story mixed-use buildings on Snelling Avenue across from the Major League Soccer stadium will be reviewed by the Union Park District Council on March 6. The UPDC's Land Use Committee recommended approval on February 18 for Wellington Management's 156-unit building at 427 N. Snelling Ave. and for Scannell Properties' 122-unit building at 441-453 N. Snelling Ave.

With heights of 74 and 71 feet, respectively, both projects need conditional use permits from the city for their height and density. The properties are zoned traditional neighborhoods 3, where heights are limited to 55 feet without a permit. The buildings would be among the tallest in the area. Spruce Tree Center just to the north rises about 64 feet above the corner of University and Snelling avenues.

Wellington's The Pitch would feature market-rate micro-, studio, and one- and two-bedroom apartments in a U-shaped building. The first floor would include two large commercial spaces, one for Bremer Bank and another that could house a Walgreens. Wellington is planning for enclosed drive-through lanes for the two commercial tenants. Two levels of underground parking are planned along with some enclosed first-level parking for customers.

UPDC committee members raised concerns about pedestrian safety and asked Wellington to consider ways to mitigate any potential hazards. Deliveries for future commercial tenants would be off of Snelling, which raised concerns about traffic backups.



A drawing of The Pitch, Wellington's proposed 156-unit apartment building on Snelling.

In addition to the conditional use permit and site plan approval, Wellington is seeking a non-conforming use permit for the drive-through lanes and the partial vacation of the north-south alley between The Pitch and Central Baptist Church at 420 N. Roy St.

Wellington project manager Casey Dzieweczynski said that the developer is no long seeking to vacate the entire alley, but to truncate it to reduce cut-through traffic on Roy Street. Shields Avenue and the partial alley will provide access to the drive-through lanes and commercial and residential parking. Wellington and Central Baptist are also working on a shared parking lot that would front on Roy Street.

Scannell is planning a mix of market-rate studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments in addition to 5,700 square feet of commercial space on the first floor, 72 parking spaces for tenants and 15 parking spaces that could be used by tenants or the general public. How the public spaces would be used will likely be determined once a retail tenant is named.

Scannell's parking would be accessed from Shields, Spruce Tree Drive and the north-south alley. That is also where any retail deliveries would be made. John Lassaux, Scannell's development manager, acknowledged that cut-through traffic is already a problem in the alley. According to him, Scannell is willing to work with the city and the adjacent Bethlehem Lutheran Church on solving that problem.

Both developers said they will encourage the use of bicycles and mass transit by their tenants through ample bike racks and a $50 transit card when they move in. Wellington would like to maintain some parking on Snelling for its building. Scannell wants to eliminate parking on Snelling and widen the sidewalk.

Wellington and Scannell have been working together and with the two nearby churches to mitigate the impact of their developments during construction and afterward. "We're so close, we wonder how we cannot be affected," said Tom Nichols, a member of Bethlehem Lutheran.

Both churches host clothes closets, support groups and other programs for local residents in need. Bethlehem Lutheran also feeds between 150 and 200 people with a free weekly meal.

"We don't want to lose the great community work the two churches are doing," said Dean Nelson, who cochairs the UPDC's Land Use Committee.

"It's a big change," said the Reverend Scott Simmons, Bethlehem Lutheran's interim pastor. "We want to see where opportunities are and mitigate any challenges."

Simmons and others said they worry about gentrification in the neighborhood and the displacement of local residents.

"We hear those concerns," Dzieweczynski said. Wellington is now working on a mixed-use development at University Avenue and Dale Street that will have affordable housing, he said.

City offers tax break, grants to landlords who keep rents affordable

By Jane McClure

A new incentive for St. Paul landlords to provide apartments that are affordable to people making 60 percent or less of the area's median income was approved on February 13 by the City Council acting as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Board.

The council allocated $60,000 from the city's affordable housing trust fund as an initial allotment for the 4(d) Affordable Housing Program. The program is similar to one launched last year in Minneapolis. It offers property tax breaks and grants of $100 per unit and $1,000 per building for buildings where at least 20 percent of the apartments meet the definition of affordable.

Landlords who keep their rents affordable for 10 years can get a 40 percent reduction in the property taxes they pay for the affordable units. Under the formula, a 120-unit building with 24 affordable units and a total property tax of $123,784 property tax bill would qualify for a tax reduction of $9,902.72.

Sixty percent of the area's median income is $39,660 for a household of one, $45,300 for a household of two, $50,940 for a household of three and $56,580 for a household of four people. To be considered affordable, rents can be no more than $991 for an efficiency, $1,062 for a one-bedroom and $1,273 for a two-bedroom unit.

The goal of the first year of the 4(d) program is to have 200 rental units involved. "It will be a small program this year, but it will keep expanding," said Kayla Schuchman, who oversees housing programs in St. Paul's Department of Planning and Economic Development (PED). "This year we'll find out what works and what doesn't."

Providing an incentive like 4(d) was one of the first priorities of the city's Fair Housing Work Group, according to PED director Bruce Corrie. It is intended to help landlords hold down rents while addressing the maintenance needs of their properties. Landlords apply for the program through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, but city staff will assist them in filing the application and recording fee.

The city of St. Paul has a total of $12 million budgeted for affordable housing projects and programs in 2019, according to City Council member and HRA Board chair Chris Tolbert. The 4(d) program is a small but crucial part of the effort to address the shortage of affordable housing, he said.

Both St. Paul and Minneapolis limit program participation to rental properties that are in the top two tiers in terms of condition and have no property code citations or rental use revocations outstanding.

With limited funds available, St. Paul will give a preference to landlords who keep apartments affordable to households making 50 percent or less of the area's median income. Owner-occupied buildings are eligible for the 4(d) program, but the owner's unit may not be counted. If properties are sold during the term of the program, the 4(d) incentives will continue with the new owner.

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The design of the Western Avenue side of the new five-story, 162-unit apartment building being proposed by Exeter Group for the corner of Marshall and Western avenues.

HPC criticizes design of proposed apartments at Marshall-Western

Commission asks Exeter to modify architecture it considers too suburban for Ramsey Hill location

By Jane McClure

Exeter Group's plans for a new five-story apartment building on the northwest corner of Western and Marshall avenues came under fire for its size and design at the February 11 meeting of the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission.

The HPC is recommending modification of the design. Its criticism will be addressed by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in March as part of a required review under the National Historic Preservation Act.

SHPO's review of the project at 255 N. Western Ave. and its potential impact on neighboring historic properties is tied to the location as well as to Exeter's effort to obtain federal Housing and Urban Development funds for the building. The 1.62-acre site was formerly occupied by the headquarters of the Northern Star Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The site is not within a historic district, but it is flanked on three sides by historic properties or districts. To the east is the former St. Joseph's Academy (now Christ's Household of Faith), which is on the National Register of Historic Places. To the south and west are the Historic Hill District and the Woodland Park Historic District.

The building would be U-shaped, with an open courtyard facing Marshall. It would have 162 apartments ranging from studios to three-bedroom units, 148 underground parking spaces and 20 first-floor parking spaces.

HPC members said they would like to see the architectural design of the new building better complement the surrounding neighborhood. Several cited the design of the 14-year-old Aberdeen condominium building on the southeast corner of the same intersection as one that reflects the historic architecture in the area.

As currently designed, the building at 255 Western "could be in Richfield, it could be in Eagan," said the HPC's Stuart MacDonald, an architect by profession. "I yearn for a project that really reflects the heritage of the neighborhood."

"I was surprised at the massing along the street edge," said HPC member Barbara Bezat. According to her and other HPC members, the building would put a large wall directly across the street from Christ's Household of Faith.

The redevelopment of 255 Western has been in the works for well over a year. In early 2018 the City Council rezoned the property from office-service use to traditional neighborhoods 2 over the objections of neighbors and members of the Summit-University Planning Council, who were concerned about the density of the development and the potential for increased traffic and parking congestion.

Representatives of Exeter Group described the building's exterior of brick, cedar-shake and fiberboard lap siding as a modern interpretation of traditional design meant to complement the surrounding area and its historic structures. According to Herb Tousley of Exeter, the developer had assembled a "great team" to design the structure, including UrbanWorks Architects and Hess Roise as a historical consultant.

According to UrbanWorks, the height of the building aligns with adjacent properties, which vary from three to six stories. Proposed insets in the five-story facades are meant to break up the building's mass. The coursing and window sill details are intended to complement other buildings in the area, as is the brick pier and wrought-iron fencing.

Charlene Roise of Hess Roise pointed out that buildings in the neighborhood reflect the architecture of many eras, from the late 19th century to the 1960s urban renewal era. "Urban renewal was awful, but it now can be considered historic in its own right," Roise said.

Concordia University cancels request for bonds to buy Central Midway Bldg.

By Jane McClure

Concordia University-St. Paul has dropped its bid for a $5.5 million bond to finance its purchase of the Central Midway Building at 393 N. Dunlap St. The City Council was informed of the decision in mid-February, so the item on its February 20 meeting agenda was withdrawn.

Concordia's campus sits across I-94 from Central Midway—formerly known as Central Medical—and has leased space on four of the building's nine floors for several years. According to university officials, more space is needed for its growing student body and programs.

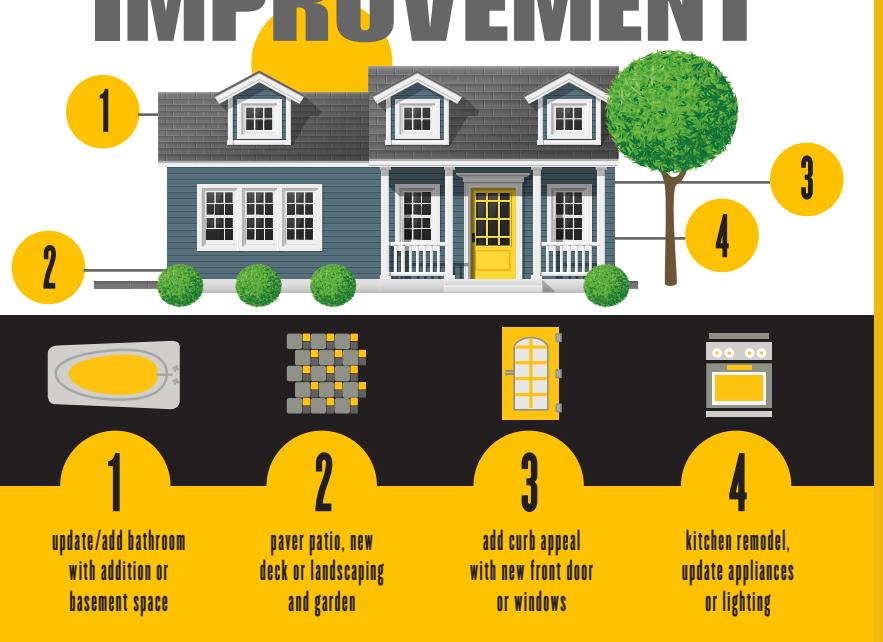
City Council members fought the property sale and bond issue, citing the potential loss of property taxes and a lack of information before the plan was brought forward. Concordia worked with the St. Paul Port Authority on the bond issue, which needed city approval.

In letters to the council, university officials said they are taking a different route to the purchase of the property and will not use the bonds, which would have saved about $60,000 in interest. Bonds are routinely issued to nonprofit organizations by local units of government acting as a financing pass-through.

The portion of the building that the university is currently leasing will become tax-exempt if and when Concordia purchases it. However, the portion of the building leased to for-profit businesses will remain on the tax rolls.

The bond issue had the support of Ward 1 council member Dai Thao, whose ward includes Concordia and Central Midway. However, other council members opposed the measure and it became clear it lacked the votes to proceed.

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Viewpoint

Riverview line

Misplaced desire for streetcars on W. 7th

By Jerome Johnson

Like many in this community, I am astounded at how a $2 billion modern streetcar can be viewed by policymakers as the solution to transit in the Riverview Corridor when it will run slower than the express bus it is meant to replace. There is nothing modern about a 21st-century makeover of 19th-century transit technology inefficiently replacing a perfectly functional 20th-century bus.

The Metropolitan Council is expected to vote in March on whether to include the proposed Riverview streetcar line in its 2040 Transportation Plan. Here is why it should not:

1. Where are the mobility gains from a 15 mph modern streetcar when the Route 54 express bus runs at 16 mph? How many more job, activity and essential service centers will riders gain access to? The proposed Southwest and Bottineau light-rail extensions in Hennepin County are expected to move at 24 to 27 mph, or nearly twice the speed of Riverview's streetcars.

2. There are route configurations that would keep rails entirely off West Seventh Street, operate twice as fast as the modern streetcar and yet serve key development zones at Randolph and Otto avenues and Sibley Plaza faster, better and probably cheaper, all while allowing the remainder of West Seventh to develop at a slower pace. One such route follows the I-35E corridor, Toronto Street and Canadian Pacific Rail spur. The other follows Shepard Road and the CP Rail spur. They deserve another look.

3. At 25-plus mph including station stops, a Riverview rail line running parallel to West Seventh could serve Sibley Plaza and the Ford site via the western end of the CP Rail spur, then follow a dedicated Mississippi River crossing to the light-rail Blue Line, eliminating the environmentally risky tunnel under Historic Fort Snelling. That would still get West Seventh riders to the airport faster than the 15 mph modern streetcar or the 16 mph bus.

4. Operating streetcars over downtown streets is a huge drag on performance. A light-rail tunnel under downtown St. Paul would save 13 minutes one-way from downtown to every station west of Randolph. Why has this concept not been vetted and shared with the public? The tunnel is capital-intensive, but so is the proposed streetcar tunnel under Historic Fort Snelling.

5. The Kansas City streetcar has been touted as a role model for Riverview. That is far from reality. The KC streetcar's ridership is concentrated on weekends, weekday lunch hours and summer. It is essentially a downtown circulator doubling as a tourist attraction to connect museums, arenas, office towers, shopping enclaves and the train station over a 2.5-mile stretch. These attractions lie within one mile of each other in downtown St. Paul, so there is no need to extend the streetcar circulator concept all the way down West Seventh. Better to leave West Seventh at the Xcel Energy Center and head west to reach the CP Rail spur and Sibley Plaza.

The Met Council was chartered to bring a regional focus to metro issues. The Riverview streetcar does not fit that vision. The Met Council should step back and undertake its own rigorous evaluation of system configurations that are at least 10 mph faster than the streetcar, operate off West Seventh and serve the Ford site. And it should do so before the bureaucratic concrete hardens and Riverview becomes the same sort of debacle that has plagued other local transit initiatives.

A Summit Hill resident, Jerome Johnson is a retired transportation economist and a regular transit rider on West Seventh Street.

Fine feathered friend found a place in my heart

By Kris Rotter



Branches struts across the frozen ground outside Kris Rotter's Highland Park home.

It was my good fortune to meet this special wild turkey. She walked with a pronounced limp, and quickly limped her way into my heart. I named her Branches.

I first saw Branches last October. She was desperately trying to make her way through the ravine below the balcony of my Highland Park apartment. Her right leg was strong, but her left leg dragged along behind. Watching her struggle through the undergrowth caused my heart to nearly break. Every painful step she took hurt me, too. Quickly, I started tossing food in her direction, hoping to help her heal. You might say, Branches became my project.

She came to the ravine almost every day. One day I saw she was not alone. A tom was in close proximity. He stood at attention while Branches limped and pecked and scrounged for food. I was sure he would protect her. I named him the Admiral. For two weeks they came to the ravine together. Then he was gone.

Before he left, I saw the Admiral standing erect one day. But where was Branches? I looked and looked. I followed his gaze. I saw a shape. Something was lying on the ground, but so far away it was hard to see. I watched the shape, wondering if it was Branches. Then I saw it move. It was Branches. She stood and began to limp through the ravine.

To see her lying on the ground shattered my heart yet again. Turkeys sit, but never before had I seen one lie down. She must have been terribly tired from trying to walk with her injured leg.

Branches was very thin on those first October days. Her feathers had lost their sheen. I studied her every movement. What happened to you, Branches? Why do you limp? How do you keep going? It's such a solitary life you live.

Finally I saw her fly. At dusk she soared into a tree where she spent the night. Her mammoth wings flapped quietly. She flew with strength. Most nights she slept in the same tree, but often on different branches. As time went by, I put out more and more corn. I wanted her to heal. I began to see improvement. Her limp was not as pronounced. She was gaining weight.

Then the snow came. Branches struggled once again. Her left leg was sluggish as she plodded through the snow. When she got to the lowest part of the ravine, she stopped. She sat, looked left, then right. Then she flew, low to the ground, to the other side of the ravine. She had found a shortcut over the snow. Call me daft, but when I saw her fly I cheered. "Way to go, Branches! Way to go!"

Several days before Christmas, Branches put on quite a show. Her feathers were shiny, the sheen had returned. She carried extra weight. She posed for a picture. I saw her run. Again, I saw her fly low to the ground. Then I watched her fly high in a circular arc before landing near the top of her tree. Carefully she chose a branch, and settled for the night.

That was the last time I saw Branches. I continued to throw out copious amounts of cracked corn, hoping she might return for a meal. She did not. Eventually, I stopped putting out food.

I still scan the ravine each day, looking for Branches. At dusk, I look to her tree. I don't know how this story will end, but I feel certain that she is alive and safe. I hope she is not alone. I hope she has joined a flock, that she lives with them wherever it is that turkeys go for the winter. I hope they don't shun her because of her injured leg.

If you happen to see a solitary hen with a left-legged limp, please tell her that I wait. She is my project. She is my Branches. I will carry her with me, in my heart, for a very, very long time.

Inbox

Protect our elders from abuse

How much longer must we wait for state legislators to protect Minnesotans from elder abuse?

In late 2017 the *StarTribune* ran an eye-opening series of articles detailing the abuse and neglect of seniors in Minnesota care facilities and the backlogged complaints at the state Health Department. In early 2018 the legislative auditor followed up with a scathing report. However, consumer recommendations for change didn't fare well in last year's legislation.

Although the Health Department has since eliminated the complaint backlog and has made great progress in implementing reforms, and although compassionate caregivers testified at the Legislature in support of common-sense reforms, and legislators from both parties are now on board and have pledged to address this issue right away, 400 complaints still come in to the Health Department each week.

More needs to be done to protect Minnesota seniors, who are relying on lawmakers to fix this broken system and hold regulators and facilities accountable. Proposed legislation (HF 649 and SF 805) deserves our strong support. These companion bills establish licensing requirements for assisted-living residences, strengthen the rights of older Minnesotans against retaliation when a family member speaks out about poor-quality care, provide residents the right to place a camera in their private rooms to prevent and monitor abuse, and give frail elders an immediate right to appeal a discharge decision. Minnesota seniors cannot wait another year for action.

Mark Giorgini
Mendota Heights

Ban polystyrene containers

Last month the city of Berkeley, California, approved a 25-cent fee for disposable cups. While it is an important step in preventing waste from killing wildlife, Minnesota can take a stronger stance in preventing harmful plastic pollution.

Polystyrene, or what is commonly known as Styrofoam, is a plastic compound that does not biodegrade. Americans throw away 70 million foam cups every day, and every year 14 million tons of foam is manufactured worldwide. So every single piece of foam that we have ever created is still out there.

Banning unnecessary items like foam cups or foam takeout containers and replacing them with biodegradable alternatives will dramatically reduce our plastic waste, protecting our lakes, rivers, parks and the wildlife that reside in them. It's about time that we take action on a state level and ban single-use polystyrene.

Emily Mares
Como, Minneapolis

The DFL's well-oiled machine

I appreciate the attempt by Senator Dave Durenberger, Shirley Erstad and John Mannillo to stop the local DFL machine from having its way with Ward 3 residents ("DFL's early ward conventions deter challengers, stifle debate," *Villager* Viewpoint, February 13). However, I'm afraid their attempt is doomed to failure. Just as the machine held Erin Murphy's seat open for

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her, pending the outcome of her gubernatorial campaign, it has accelerated the endorsement process so as to favor previously endorsed Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert.

The delay in endorsing Murphy's successor resulted in the endorsement and inevitable election of a woman about whom most delegates had heard nothing until walking into the convention, Kaohly Her. While Ms. Her may prove herself an able representative, it was clear that the machine was more interested in keeping the seat warm for Erin Murphy than in allowing real competition. We are seeing the same thing today.

I call upon Mr. Tolbert to come out publicly against this move, even though I very much doubt he'll decline the offer of guaranteed re-election. In a city with ranked-choice voting, there is no need for a rush to judgment in the endorsement process. We have more than ample time to allow prospective candidates to explore their options and explain to DFL members why they should replace Mr. Tolbert.

James M. Hamilton
Macalester-Groveland

For a more inclusive DFL

I love the *Villager*. It's the best local paper around. I learn more of what is going on in St. Paul.

Something I learned recently is very troubling. I read the guest editorial about early ward conventions in wards 2, 3 and 4 (*Villager* Viewpoint, February 13). I'm wondering why we weren't granted the same convention timeline as wards 1, 5, 6 and 7. We may like the incumbents, but why deny other hopeful candidates the chance to participate? This stinks! The DFL Party stands for inclusion and not exclusion. We should be encouraging participation.

Judy Schultz
Summit Hill

Happy with his trash hauler

Rather than complaining about his garbage and recycling services, calling it socialized services and blaming City Hall Democrats (*Villager* Inbox, February 13), letter writer Vernon Jorgensen should try contacting his haulers to find out what the problem is. My neighbors and I are pleased with the new organized trash collection program: fewer garbage trucks and in many cases lower rates. Thank you to our Democrat friends and others at City Hall!

Steven R. Guberman
West End

Let's have the city plow the alleys

There seems to be a growing consensus that because some trash and recycling aren't being picked up after heavy snow, this is the fault of "socialized" trash collection. This is wrongheaded. The trash and recycling trucks are large, and most of the private contractors (or kind neighbors) we have to plow our alleys generally use a single blade on a pickup truck. This creates enough space for our vehicles, but it doesn't leave enough room for the trash and recycling trucks.

In Minneapolis, city plows clear the alleys, which leaves enough access for trash and recycling trucks. We need to stop blaming the universal trash pickup after a heavy snowfall. Instead, we need to demand that St. Paul abandon this ridiculous patchwork system where every individual stretch of alley needs to figure out its own system for plowing. This is a major metro area in a winter state. Alley plowing should be a standard city service in St. Paul.

Chris Jones
Merriam Park

Solving a nonexistent problem

I recently rode Metro Transit Bus 54 to the airport and encountered no problems. In fact, I've often ridden the same line to and from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport without problems. Convenient stops? No problem. On time and a fast ride? Ditto. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal? Again, no problem, because Metro Transit hopes to add electric buses to its fleet.

The only problem, and it's a major one, rests with public officials and citizens who think spending billions of taxpayer dollars on a modern streetcar along West Seventh Street is a good idea. A delusional solution looking for a problem that does not exist is always a problem.

Rob Hahn
West End

A brief setback for ash borer

When we're talking about the emerald ash borer, we can't think of it as a battle. It's more of a paradigm shift. While articles touting the benefits of the cold weather killing ash borers are a nice break from all of the negative news, it's only a short reprieve. The kill rate will not be 100 percent in the region, and it only takes a handful of ash borers to quickly reproduce and make up for this winter's losses.

We have to accept the bleak reality: We live in a post-emerald ash borer world. This winter's cold was but a slight pause in the ash borers' march forward. We can't save the ash trees long-term, so the most effective thing to do is to replace them with a diverse mix of climate-, pest- and disease-resistant species.

Forest Eidbo
Merriam Park

Whining over lost tax base

I don't want to hear the city's whining about the loss of $62,000 in property taxes if the Central Midway Building is sold to Concordia University (*Villager*, February 13)—not after the city gave away many acres of tax-exempt land for two sports stadiums and exempted the stadium building materials from the sales tax.

Kathleen Deming
Macalester-Groveland

Empathy for immigrants

European immigrants began assaulting America's borders soon after Columbus' voyages. So since the 1600s we have been taking land from native Americans through all means imaginable, both legal and illegal, moral and immoral. We can only move forward if we learn to treat all others who are now dying to come here as decent human beings deserving of our empathy and understanding. Yes, screen out the criminals and terror threats. Treat the rest as you would wish to be treated were the tables turned.

Bob Brereton
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St. Paul sets hearing on new regulations for to-go containers

By Jane McClure

The city of St. Paul's proposed restrictions on carryout food and beverage containers that cannot be recycled or composted must now wait until a final public hearing and vote by the City Council on March 6.

The ordinance would prohibit all restaurants, coffee shops, grocery stores, convenience stores and delis from using carryout containers that cannot be recycled or composted. That includes plastic foam or polystyrene carryout containers and cups, waxed paper takeout boxes and other such packaging.

The City Council postponed final action on the ordinance after amending it on February 20. Council member Mitra Jalali Nelson made two changes to the ordinance. One moves the rollout date to January 1, 2021, instead of next year. The other gives additional discretion to the city's Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) for enforcing the ordinance. Businesses will be allowed to seek exemptions if compliant replacement carryout products cannot be found.

Longtime West Seventh Street restaurateur David Cossetta pushed for one more public hearing on the proposed restrictions. He noted that the city has two new council members—Nelson in Ward 4 and Kassim Busuri in Ward 6—since the last hearing on carryout packaging was held in 2017.

"You have two council members who haven't even participated in the public hearing process," he said.

Council president Amy Brendmoen joined others in agreeing to the delay, though she said it was unique to have another public hearing after already holding one on the issue. Busuri said small businesses, especially immigrant-owned businesses, need another chance to be heard.

Nelson, who had hoped to hold the hearing earlier, said she was eager to see the regulations in place. "I'm very ready to support this ordinance right now," she said, citing its environmental benefits.

St. Paul passed a strict packaging ordinance in 1989, but never implemented it. The current push began a few years ago and included 18 months of public outreach and studies. Most local district councils have voted to support the measure, along with the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. Packaging industry groups and the Minnesota Restaurant Association have raised objections.



A sample of black plastic used in prepackaged food sold in groceries.

In 2017, a sustainable to-go ordinance was voted down by the council, with a majority of members stating concerns about how it would affect small businesses that were already struggling with other recently imposed city regulations. A resolution was passed at that time to revisit the issue in a year.

More than 100 restaurants in the city have made the transition to sustainable packaging over the past few years. The DSI will continue to offer technical and financial resources to help others make the transition.

Cossetta said in an interview that he has not been able to find replacement packaging for black plastic containers. In recent days he delivered bags of black plastic food packaging to news media and city officials to point out that the pending regulations do not cover prepackaged food sold in grocery stores by national and international companies.

He questioned why there would be one set of rules for one sector of the food industry and not for all. Brendmoen scolded Cossetta at the meeting for bringing trash to her office.

"We've always been about being environmentally friendly," Cossetta said. However, he said he and other restaurant owners already face a growing number of new regulations, including the pending $15 per hour minimum wage, and mandatory earned sick and safe time.

Cossetta's restaurant has been threatened with boycotts on social media due to his stance on carryout containers.

"I only wanted to be a restaurant owner in St. Paul," he said. "That was my dream, but sometimes I feel like I'm the enemy."

Paster buys three commercial properties in Highland Village

By Jane McClure

Paster Properties has bought three commercial buildings near Ford Parkway and Cleveland Avenue for $9.6 million. The purchase includes the building at 2051-2057 Ford Pkwy. that includes Patina and the recently expanded Tiffany Sports Lounge; the building at 750-758 S. Cleveland Ave. that includes Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, TeaSource and Vina Restaurant; and the stand-alone restaurant at 740 S. Cleveland Ave. that houses Sakana Sushi & Asian Bistro.

Company president Howard Paster said no changes are planned for the newly acquired buildings, which are all fully occupied. The first building is about 21,500 square feet and had a price tag of $4.6 million, according to its certificate of real estate value. The second building is 8,297 square feet and the stand-alone restaurant is 2,680 square feet. The sale certificates for those two buildings were not available.

The purchase gives Paster a significant footing in Highland Village just as plans for redeveloping the former Ford Motor Company property are making their way through a city review process. The Ford site is just a few blocks from Paster's new holdings.

The purchase also comes as Paster prepares for the long-awaited renovation of the Sibley Plaza Shopping Center in Highland Park, which is now set to begin in March. An ALDI supermarket is expected to open there in place of Cooper's Foods.

"We're excited about what's happening in Highland and we're excited to be part of it," Paster said. "We're pleased to be right in the heart of Highland Village."

The company's newly acquired properties were rezoned almost a decade ago from commercial to Traditional Neighborhoods 2 as part of a larger Highland Village zoning study. That rezoning was done with an eye toward eventual redevelopment to promote mixed-use projects and increased density.

However, Paster reiterated that his company is not planning any changes for the new acquisitions at this time. "We have good tenants and, in many cases, longtime tenants," he said. "The buildings have been well-cared-for and are in good condition."

The two multi-tenant buildings date from the 1950s. The stand-alone restaurant was built as a Kentucky Fried Kitchen in 1988, replacing an older KFC that had stood at Ford Parkway and Finn Street.

The Simon family had owned the Highland Village properties for many years. The Paster and Simon families immigrated to the United States together and have a relationship that goes back more than a century, Paster said.

Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert said the sale of the properties from one longtime St. Paul company to another is great news for Highland. "These are both owners with good track records," he said. "It's also good to know that longtime neighborhood businesses will be able to stay."

The Simon properties were not put on the market. Paster purchased them through a process that allows an investor to defer capital gain taxes by selling property and then reinvesting the proceeds in a new property. Paster said the company intends to sell outlying suburban commercial centers and invest in smaller neighborhood commercial centers in the central cities and inner-ring suburbs. The upcoming renovation of Sibley Plaza is consistent with that strategy.

A previous plan to demolish Sibley Plaza as part of a $50 million mixed-use redevelopment with apartments above retail spaces has since been set aside. Meanwhile, Sibley Plaza has few tenants remaining in its roughly 20 storefronts.

The current proposal for Sibley Plaza calls for extensively renovating the 1955 strip mall. The faded metal awnings over the front sidewalks will be removed and the exterior of the buildings will be updated. Interior spaces in the strip mall are also scheduled to be redone.


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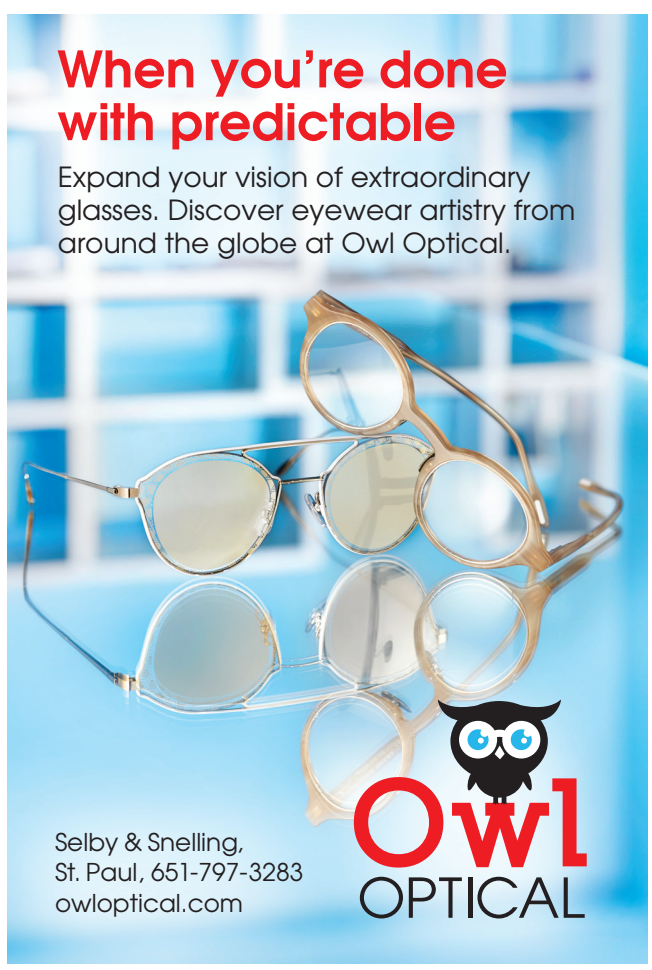
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$7M awarded for new rapid transit bus stations on Marshall-Lake route

By Jane McClure

For anyone who has stood shivering in the cold while waiting for a Route 21 or 53 bus along Marshall Avenue or Lake Street, a modicum of relief is on the way. The Metropolitan Council on February 13 approved the expenditure of $7 million to build new heated transit stations along the proposed B Line. The new bus rapid transit (BRT) line will follow routes 21 and 53 between Snelling and University avenues in St. Paul and the Uptown Transit Station in Minneapolis. Planning for the line will begin this year, detailed engineering will be done in 2020 and construction will take place in 2022.

The $8.75 million Lake-Marshall Corridor Bus Stop Modernization Project was one of 10 St. Paul projects that secured federal funding this year through the Met Council's biennial allocation. In addition to Met Council matching funds of $1.75 million for the new bus stations, "we'll need to find additional funding for the B Line project itself," said Charles Carlson, who oversees BRT operations for Metro Transit. "We don't know what that will cost yet."

Metro Transit has identified 11 potential new BRT routes in the Twin Cities. BRT provides faster and more frequent service by using buses that are easier to board and stations with kiosks where passengers buy their tickets ahead of time.

The B Line would be the second BRT route in the *Villager* area. The A Line has been running along Snelling Avenue, Ford Parkway and East 46th Street since 2016, connecting Rosedale Center to the light-rail Blue Line in Minneapolis.

The total cost of the A Line was $27 million. That included $15 million for new stations and $7 million for new vehicles. Construction of the $27 million C Line serving Minneapolis and Brooklyn Center is underway, with service scheduled to begin later this year. The BRT D Line between Bloomington and Brooklyn Center is in the planning stages with construction scheduled for 2020.

The $8.75 million for the B Line will pay for building 14 stations along the 7.1-mile route, including five stations on Marshall Avenue. The project will coincide with future A Line improvements, work on the Lake Street/I-35W intersection and improvements to Route 6 bus service in Minneapolis.

The B Line will replace Route 21 bus service between Uptown in Minneapolis and Midway Center in St. Paul. It is not yet known how it will affect Route 21 service between Midway Center and downtown St. Paul. According to Carlson, the B Line would not immediately replace the Route 53 express bus, which follows I-94 between Snelling and downtown St. Paul. Both Routes 21 and 53 would be re-evaluated and potentially changed as part of an overall transit planning process.

Other local projects receiving federal funding through the Met Council on February 13 include $1.54 million to reroute Lexington Parkway from West Seventh Street to Shepard Road; $5.3 million to extend the Capital City Bikeway on Kellogg Boulevard between Jackson and St. Peter streets; $160,000 for the CarFreeLife car-sharing program in Ramsey, Hennepin, Dakota and Anoka counties; $296,614 for MOVE Minnesota's efforts to improve access to transit and bicycling for tenants along the Green Line; and $4 million to HOURCar and Xcel Energy for a fleet of 150 all-electric vehicles and 70 charging stations in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

District Council News

Highland Park

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Home Improvement Fair—The 27th annual Macalester-Groveland & Highland Park Home Improvement Fair will be held from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St.

Highland Together—Join the Highland District Council for ice cream cones and games while meeting other neighbors from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at McDonald's, 2322 W. Seventh St.

Annual Meeting—The HDC's annual meeting and board elections will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at Highland Park Middle School, 975 S. Snelling Ave. The election will fill the board seats of all 12 grid representatives based on recently redrawn boundaries. For details and a look at the new grid map, visit the HDC website.

Upcoming meetings—board of directors, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 7, Highland Park Community Center; and Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, Graham Place Apartments.

Macalester-Groveland

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Century Building Project—Many residential and commercial buildings in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood are now nearing 100 years old. The community council is offering owners a chance to purchase plaques identifying their building's age. Visit macgrove.org/100years for information.

Home Improvement Fair—Get expert advice on taking on your next project by attending the annual Macalester-Groveland & Highland Park Home Improvement Fair from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. For information, visit macgrove.org/hif.

Get involved—The community council has an opening for a Grid 5 representative on its board of directors. For information, call the office or email mgcc@macgrove.org.

Upcoming meeting—Community Building Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 11, Edgcumbe Recreation Center.

Union Park

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St. Thomas building projects—The Union Park District Council will cosponsor a forum at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, in the O'Shaughnessy Education Center at the University of St. Thomas. The forum will take up the university's plans for two new residence halls and a major renovation of its chapel. The UPDC board's regular meeting will follow.

Union Park micro-grants—The UPDC invites area residents to apply for grants of $200-$600 to complete improvement projects in the neighborhood. The deadline is April 30. Visit unionparkdc.org/micro-grant.

Staff opening—The UPDC is looking to hire a new community engagement coordinator. For information, visit the website under "get involved."

Upcoming meeting—Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 11, 1821 University Ave., Suite 127.

Homes sought for tour

The Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour is still accepting nominations through the end of the month to be included in its 32nd annual event that will be held on April 27-28. The tour is particularly looking for homes in *Villager*-area neighborhoods. Contact Margo Ashmore at 612-867-4874 or mfashmore@aol.com.

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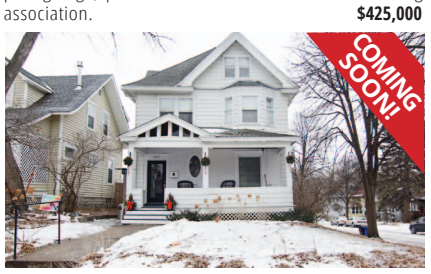
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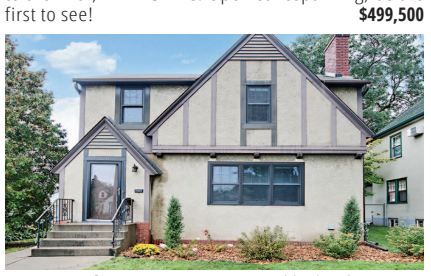
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The Kiosk

Wednesday/February 27

THE URGENCY of climate change and how people of faith can work collaboratively to address it will be discussed by Leslie MacKenzie of Transition Longfellow in a free program at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. Call 651-224-5809.

Thursday, February 28

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will be accepting blood donations from noon-6 p.m. at the Mendota Heights city offices, 1101 Victoria Curve. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

SISTER SIMONE CAMPBELL of Network, the national Catholic social justice lobby, will keynote the 10th annual Breaking the Impasse program from 7-9 p.m. in Rauenhorst Ballroom at St. Catherine University. Admission is free of charge. To register, visit https://bit.ly/2QUpm0H.

Friday/March 1

DEB SCHONEMAN, president of Piper Jaffray, will speak during the First Friday luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in Alumni Hall on the third floor of the Anderson Student Center at St. Thomas. The cost including lunch and parking is $35. Visit alumni.stthomas.edu/firstfriday.

Saturday/March 2

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID will be taught in a free course offered by the National Alliance on Mental Illness from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. For the required registration, call NAMI at 651-645-2948.

Sunday/March 3

THE FEATURE FILM *I Remember Better When I Paint* will be shown in the opening program of a new film and discussion series on dementia from 9:30 a.m.-noon at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Sponsored by the Twin Cities Jewish Alzheimer's Task Force, the screening will be followed by a discussion led by occupational therapist Sue Ryan. Admission is free. A continental breakfast will be served. For reservations, call 651-698-0751.

THE LEX-HAM NEIGHBORHOOD will serve up its 31st annual Spaghetti Dinner from 5:30-7 p.m. at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 1111 Summit Ave. Pizza Lucé will provide the spaghetti, meatballs, veggie balls and salad. Meal tickets are $5, $4 for seniors, $3 for children. Dessert donations are welcome.

Tuesday/March 5

TAKE A HIKE with the St. Paul Hiking Club. It will gather for a three-mile trek in the Highland neighborhood beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Highland Cafe and Bakery, 2012 Ford Pkwy. New members are welcome. Call Sharon at 651-207-5926.

"SHARING HIS SORROW," a Lenten Bible study, will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. on six Tuesdays beginning today at St. Mark's Catholic Church, Dayton Avenue and Moore Street. The series will be led by Kristen Grant. It will explore the Biblical passages depicted in the six panels of the stained-glass "Sorrow" window on the west side of St. Mark's. The cost for the series is $10 to cover materials. To register, visit stmark.xyz/BIBLE.

Wednesday/March 6

THE CARD CLUB will meet for games of bridge, 500 and cribbage beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. New members are welcome to join in the competition every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. An optional lunch is served at noon for $10 per person.

WANT TO LINE DANCE? Veteran teacher Dariel Allen is offering an hour-long class at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. Drop in any week. The cost is $5.

URBAN ROOTS, a St. Paul organization that empowers youths through nature and healthy food, will kick off its 50th year with a short presentation, conversation, appetizers and craft beer from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Ratskeller at Summit Brewing, 910 Montreal Circle. Admission to the family-friendly event is free and so is the first craft beer or root beer. For reservations, visit urbanrootsmn.org.

Friday/March 8

FARE FOR ALL'S monthly distribution of fresh produce and frozen meat will take place from 10 a.m.-noon at the West Seventh Community Center, 265 Oneida St. The food will be available in packages priced from $10-$25. Cash, credit and debit cards are accepted. Call 651-298-5493.

CUBAN RUMBA, an introduction to drumming for men and women, will be offered from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Women's Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. The cost is $20. Instruments are provided. Visit womensdrumcenter.org.

Saturday/March 9

HOPE FOR RECOVERY, a free workshop on the treatment of mental illness, will be offered from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 1919 University Ave., Suite 400. The workshop is intended for the family and friends of a teenager or adult living with a mental illness. To register, call 651-645-2948.

"THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE LIFE," a Lenten retreat with David Haas, will take place from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the community room at Lumen Christi Catholic Church, 2055 Bohland Ave. The cost is $50 and includes lunch. Register online at loyolaspiritualitycenter.org or by mailing a check to Loyola at 389 N. Oxford St., St. Paul, MN 55104.

Tuesday/March 12

"ISLAM IN SUBURBIA" will be addressed by Dr. Tamim Saidi of the Northwest Islamic Community Center in Plymouth at noon in the Iversen Hearth Room on the third floor of the Anderson Student Center at the University of St. Thomas. Saidi will discuss the experience of Muslims in the Twin Cities' suburbs as well as some common misconceptions about the faith. Admission is free.

BICYCLE ALLIANCE executive director Dorian Grilley will discuss how his organization provides a unified voice for bicycle advocacy and safety at a meeting of the Northstars Cross Country Ski Club at 7 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 104 S. Snelling Ave. The public is invited. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a social half hour.

LA LECHE LEAGUE of the Midway and Como areas will hold its monthly meeting for pregnant and nursing mothers from 7-8:30 p.m. at Hamline Methodist Church, 1514 Englewood Ave. Breastfeeding, parenting, pregnancy and weaning will be discussed. Babies and support persons are welcome. Call Heidi at 651-659-9527.

Wednesday/March 13

PHOTOGRAPHER AND NATURALIST Travis Bonovsky will present photos of his favorite birds, butterflies, plants, insects and mammals at a meeting of the Longfellow Garden Club beginning at 7 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave S. in Minneapolis. Admission is free and open to all.

Thursday/March 14

MENDOTA VFW, 1323 Sibley Mem. Hwy., will hold a garage sale from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Fridays and noon-5 p.m. Saturdays, today through April 6. Donations are welcome. For information, call 651-688-7408.

THE AIR WAR IN EUROPE and the use of intelligence in targeting the Third Reich will be discussed by author Rob Ehlers and local veterans in a World War II History Round Table at 7 p.m. at the Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center. Admission is $5, free for students and WWII veterans.



Crime Report

The following crime incidents were compiled from St. Paul and Mendota Heights police department reports and other sources.

Highland Park

Robbery—A woman was robbed of her purse on West Seventh Street and West Maynard Drive at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, February 2. The suspect fled in a silver sedan.

Burglary—A safe was reported stolen from the Nook, 492 S. Hamline Ave., at 5:47 a.m. Saturday, February 2.

Theft—A 58-year-old man was arrested after trying to steal more than $1,000 in merchandise from Lunds & Byerlys in Highland Village at 4:55 p.m. Monday, February 4.

—A vehicle was reported stolen at Trader Joe's, 484 S. Lexington Pkwy., at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, February 9.

—A MacBook computer, iPad, headphones and other items were stolen from a vehicle on the 700 block of South Cleveland Avenue on Saturday, February 9.

Sex crime—A rape was reported at 3:45 a.m. Saturday, February 9, on the 1400 block of Randolph Avenue.

Weapons—Police responded to a report of an aggravated domestic assault with a knife at 9:08 p.m. Sunday, February 10, on the 900 block of South Cleveland Avenue.

Lexington-Hamline

Robbery—A male suspect pulled out a knife and started waiving it at store security personnel when they approached him for shoplifting at the Midway Target at 4:13 p.m. Sunday, February 10. The suspect drove off north on Hamline Avenue in a white Mitsubishi Eclipse.

Theft—Two girls were arrested for trying to steal more than $500 in items from the Midway Target at 10:26 a.m. Friday, February 1. A 22-year-old man was arrested for using a knife to steal items from the store at 12:29 p.m. Monday, February 4. A purse-snatching also was reported there at 12:45 p.m. Sunday, February 10.

Macalester-Groveland

Burglary—A home burglary in progress was reported on the 1700 block of Juliet Avenue at 5:07 p.m. Sunday, February 10. The male suspect fled eastbound down the alley.

—A home was broken into on the 1500 block of Sargent Avenue between February 8-10.

—An apartment break-in was reported on the 2100 block of Grand Avenue at 7:21 p.m. Sunday, February 17.

Theft—A wallet was stolen between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, February 3, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 104 S. Snelling Ave.

—Around $7,000 in photography equipment was stolen from a vehicle on the 1500 block of Grand Avenue between 9-10:58 p.m. Thursday, February 7.

—Vehicles were stolen on Wheeler Street south of Lincoln Avenue on February 9, on the 1800 block of Grand Avenue on February 11, on the 300 block of South Hamline Avenue on February 14 and on the 1300 block of James Avenue on February 18.

—A backpack, laptop computer and other items were reported stolen from a vehicle at the Groveland Tap, 1834 St. Clair Ave., at 11:23 p.m. Saturday, February 9.

—Checks and a cellphone were reported stolen from a vehicle on the 1400 block of Palace Avenue at 10:41 a.m. Thursday, February 14.

—A MacBook computer was stolen from a vehicle on the 1800 block of St. Clair Avenue between 8-9:25 p.m. Monday, February 18.

Mendota Heights

Burglary—A burglary was reported on the 1300 block of Riverside Lane at 10:33 a.m. Wednesday, February 6.

Theft—Jewelry and vacuum cleaners were reported stolen from a residence on the 1900 block of Crown Point Drive at 3:14 p.m. Tuesday, February 5.

—A female was seen stealing mail from mailboxes on Emerson and Delaware avenues at 4:22 a.m. Thursday, February 14. Approximately 30 victims were notified about their recovered property.

Merriam Park

Burglary—A burglary was reported at EZ Masonry, 500 N. Prior Ave., on February 7-8.

—A 43-year-old man was arrested for breaking into a home on the 1600 block of Selby Avenue at 12:28 p.m. Monday, February 11.

—An apartment break-in was reported on the 1900 block of Iglehart Avenue at 10:23 p.m. Friday, February 15.

Theft—Construction material was stolen from a vehicle on the 1800 block of Laurel Avenue during the evening of February 5-6.

—Vehicles were reported stolen on the 2000 block of Portland Avenue on February 8-9, on the 1600 block of University Avenue on February 10 and on the 100 block of Otis Avenue on February 11.

—A backpack with cash, a laptop computer and other items was stolen from a vehicle on Dewey Street and Portland Avenue during the evening of February 11-12.

—A male suspect rode off with a bicycle that he said he wanted to take for a test ride at Now Bikes and Fitness, 75 N. Snelling Ave., at 12:40 p.m. Friday, February 15.

Weapons—A man was seen waving a gun at the intersection of Cleveland and Marshall avenues at 3:57 p.m. Saturday, February 2.

—An assault with a dangerous weapon was reported on the 400 block of West Lynnhurst Avenue at 6:01 p.m. Saturday, February 16.

Snelling-Hamline

Theft—A laptop computer, cellphone, wedding ring and other items were stolen from a vehicle on Saratoga Street and Selby Avenue between 7-10:30 p.m. Monday, February 11.

Miscellaneous—Felony damage to property was reported at St. Paul Yellow Taxi, 1463 Marshall Ave., at 2:13 p.m. Monday, February 18.

Summit Hill

Theft—An employee stole more than $500 in lottery scratch-off tickets from Speedway, 925 Grand Ave., between 11:40 a.m.-10:21 p.m. Monday, February 4.

—A woman said her purse was stolen from her front seat while she was clearing off her vehicle on the 1000 block of Fairmount Avenue at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 9.

—Vehicles were reported stolen on the 600 block of Summit Avenue on February 9, on the 600 block of Grand Avenue on February 10 and on the 1100 block of Grand Avenue on February 10-11.

—A purse-snatching was reported on the 700 block of Grand Avenue at 2:17 p.m. Tuesday, February 12.

Summit-University

Robbery—A robbery at gunpoint occurred on the 700 block of Iglehart Avenue at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 23.

Burglary—North Star Criminal Defense, 370 Selby Ave., was broken into between February 1-3.

—A residence was burglarized on the 300 block of Dayton Avenue on February 5-6.

—A 32-year-old woman was arrested for burglarizing an occupied residence on the 200 block of Virginia Street at 12:48 a.m. Sunday, February 10.

Theft—A backpack containing AirPods, clothes and other items was reported stolen from a vehicle on the 500 block of Selby Avenue at 9 p.m. Friday, February 1.

—A laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle at the Happy Gnome, 498 Selby Ave., during the evening of February 2-3.

—A backpack with an iPhone and other items in it was reported stolen from a vehicle on the 200 block of Summit Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Monday, February 4.

—A backpack with a laptop computer, headphones and other items was stolen from a vehicle on the 400 block of Selby Avenue between 4:30-5:15 p.m. Friday, February 8.

—A vehicle was reported stolen on the 600 block of Selby Avenue at 10:53 a.m. Sunday, February 10.

West End

Burglary—A 47-year-old woman was arrested for felony burglary of a garage on the 900 block of Jefferson Avenue at 5:46 p.m. Saturday, February 9.

Theft—A backpack containing a laptop computer and cash was stolen from a vehicle on the 1900 block of West Seventh Street between 7-8 p.m. Friday, February 8.

—Vehicles were reported stolen on the 700 block of Juno Avenue on February 8, on the 200 block of Wilkin Street on February 14, on the 200 block of North Smith Avenue on February 14 and on the 300 block of South Western Avenue on February 15.

—Three vehicles were broken into on Duke Street and Palace Avenue during the evening of February 13-14.

Fire Calls

The following were gathered from reports by the St. Paul Fire Department and other sources.

Highland Park—A fire that started in the kitchen caused serious damage to the interior of the Cleveland Wok restaurant, 767 S. Cleveland Ave., during the early morning of Saturday, February 9. No one was in the restaurant at the time of the fire.

Lexington-Hamline—A 34-year-old woman who had just been released after shoplifting at the Midway Target was arrested for lighting flowers on fire there at 9:15 p.m. Thursday, February 14. Store employees were able to put out the fires before fire personnel arrived and the suspect was booked for arson.

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On the Town

Viking Priest

Novel sails into uncharted waters on winds of author's imagination

By Roger Barr

Linda Kay Dahlén had dreamed of writing a book since childhood, but it was not until she was in her 50s that she began working on the book in earnest. The writing was a 14-year journey that culminated last fall in the publication of the historical novel, *The Viking Priest*.



Set around the year 1000, Dahlén's saga of fate, faith, adventure and love chronicles the exploits of Brand, a young Viking from Norway who embraces Christianity, becomes a priest and journeys to Iceland and Greenland and along the coasts of North and South America encountering perilous adventures and exotic cultures that challenge his faith and test his vows.

A Summit-University resident, Dahlén was inspired to write this particular book through a series of personal interests. It all began with how Christianity spread to Scandinavia, led to a study of Viking history and culture and proceeded to a close reading of Icelandic sagas, which are historical narratives written around 1000 A.D. that rely heavily on family and genealogy.

The sagas "were considered myths and legends," Dahlén said, "but many have proven to be true, such as Leif Erikson's founding of a settlement in what is now Greenland. The sagas were full of melodrama, just like soap operas," and ideal for adapting to her plot, she said.

Born in Minneapolis, Dahlén (pronounced dah-leen) grew up on a dairy farm near Cokato. She attended the University of Minnesota-Morris, graduating in 1972 with majors in Spanish and speech communications. That summer she volunteered with a Quaker organization in Tlaxcala, Mexico. She helped the children there learn to read and to appreciate drama and music.

She later served as a VISTA volunteer in Dallas, teaching English as a second language to adults. After a stint as a federal civil rights investigator, she moved to St. Paul where she worked in that same role for the city. She enrolled in what was then William Mitchell College of Law and bought a nearby duplex where she still lives. After receiving her law degree, she went to work as an interpreter, investigator and manager with several state agencies. However, her childhood dream of writing a book never faded and in 2004 she finally set to work.

Dahlén created a timeline of early Christians and Scandinavian kings and explorers, among them Olaf of Norway, Eric the Red and Leif Erickson. She weaved the historical characters into her fictional story, conceiving incidents where her real and imagined characters would meet.

Along the way, she incorporated the ancient civilizations of Mesoamerica into her plot. "Evidence that the Vikings visited Mexico and Central America is scant," Dahlén admitted, "but there are tons of legends and stories that suggest the possibility."

Dahlén worked hard to make the details of Viking life accurate. One historical fact that she wrestled with was the resentment of indigenous people to the conquests of the Europeans. Some people "might make assumptions about my book," she said, "but I think if they read it they'll find that the many cultures and peoples represented are handled with respect."



After 14 years of research and writing, longtime Summit-University resident Linda Kay Dahlén has realized a lifelong dream with the publishing of her debut novel, *The Viking Priest*.

PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

The process of publishing and marketing a book is markedly different from the artistic vision needed to write one. Once the manuscript is complete, it can languish for months or years as the search for a publisher drags on. Dahlén ultimately decided to publish the book herself. Through a friend, she connected with Beaver's Pond Press, an Edina publishing house that offers a menu of services to independent authors, including editing, design, printing, marketing and distribution.

While the writing, editing and printing of a book remains similar to that of years ago, the Internet has radically changed book marketing. Privately, even well-known publishing houses admit that selling books today relies on luck almost as much as marketing skills. For a book like *The Viking Priest*, word of mouth is critical.

Dahlén is meeting the challenge of marketing the book with the same persistence it took to write the story. She enjoys talking about her book with readers, and those readers may be her best marketing tool. Independent online reviewers have been almost universal in their praise for *The Viking Priest*, lauding the depth of Dahlén's research and the quality of her prose.

The book can be ordered online or through local bookstores. For more information, visit thevikingpriest.com.







On the Town *Briefly*

Books

SubText Books, 6 W. Fifth St., will play host to free readings by author Raymond Strom from his debut novel, *Northern Lights*, on February 27; poet KateLynn Hibbard from her collection, *Simples*, March 6; Ben Weaver from his epic poem, "Ragged Ass Joy," March 7; Randymary de Rosier from her new book, *Dyslexia: I Live With It*, 1 p.m. March 9; and poets Adrienne Novy, E.J. Schoenborn and Valin Paige from their verse, March 13. The programs begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Call 651-493-2791.

"Speaking Like Light," spiritual poetry by Wendell Berry, Mary Oliver, Kabir, Wu-Men, Gary Snyder and Nanao Sakaki, will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 28, in the sanctuary of Hamline Church United Methodist, 1514 Englewood Ave.

Jessica Zuehlke and Tom Cassidy will share the stage with fellow storyteller Richard Rousseau during the First Friday event at 6:45 p.m. March 1 at Coffee Bene, 53 S. Cleveland Ave. The hour-long program is free, though tips will be welcome.

"Come Dance With Me in Ireland," a dramatic performance based on the life and works of William Butler Yeats, will be presented by Celtic harper and storyteller Patrick Ball at 8 p.m. Friday, March 1, at Celtic Junction, 836 N. Prior Ave. Tickets are $22, $17 in advance, free for youths age 18 and under. Call 612-874-8892.

"The Collectors," a short story by Rohinton Mistry about a Bombay doctor's search for renewed hope through a meticulously catalogued stamp collection, will be discussed by the Great Books Discussion Group at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave. The meeting is free and open to all. Call 651-285-7550.







"Bloom Away." Painted memories (above) by blind artist Annie Young of a garden she once loved will be displayed from March 9 through April 27 at Frameworks Gallery, 2022A Ford Pkwy. Glass artist Geralyn Thelen will be showing her latest two-dimensional creations as well. A reception for the artists will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, March 9. Admission is free. For gallery hours, call 651-698-3372.

Dance

For the Love of Will, dance-theater that merges Shakespeare's immortal verse with hip hop, will be presented by Out on a Limb at 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 1 and 2, in the O'Shaughnessy at St. Catherine University. Joining the dance troupe will be hip-hop artist Devon Glover, who will recite Shakespeare's sonnets over hip-hop beats to tell of a couple whose love is disrupted by modern technology. Tickets are $28, $23 for students. Call 651-690-6700.

Anna Karenina, Tolstoy's tragic story of passion and revenge, will be told through dance by the Joffrey Ballet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 2 and 3, on the Carlson Family Stage at Northrop Auditorium. The show is choreographed by Yuri Possokhov to an original score that will be performed by a live orchestra. Tickets are $30-$75. Call 612-624-2345.

"Kickin' It Irish," a fusion of dance and live music from the Emerald Isle, will be presented in six performances from March 8-17 at Celtic Junction, 836 N. Prior Ave. *Riverdance* original Cormac O'Sé and 22 other world-class dancers will perform along with a seven-piece band. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are $25 at the door, $20 in advance, free to youths age 18 and under. Call 612-874-8892 or visit thecelticjunction.com.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, on the Carlson Family Stage at Northrop Auditorium. The program includes hip-hop choreographer Rennie Harris' hour-long work, "Lazarus," and Alvin Ailey's signature dance of hope and redemption, "Revelations." Tickets are $30-$75. Call 612-624-2345.

Exhibits

"Strange Place," contemporary ceramics that traverse a landscape of imagined realities by drawing on video, audio, photography, performance, sculpture and mixed media, are being displayed through March 31 in the Law Warschaw Gallery in the Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. Included are works by Neha Kudchadkar of Mumbai, Jason Lim of Singapore, Jason Lee Starin of Philadelphia, Eva Vogelsang of Switzerland and Allison Schulnik of California. Call 651-696-6416.

"Mingeisota: Merging Nature and Culture," functional pottery by Lee Love and pottery, murals and sculpture by Matthew Krousey, is on view through April 19 at Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave. A public reception will be held from 5-9 p.m. Friday, March 29. Call 651-644-9200.

"The Good Making of Good Things," a celebration of the American craft movement in wood, metal, fiber, ceramics and glass, will be displayed from March 7 through June 2 at the Minnesota Museum of American Art, 350 N. Robert St. Curated by Elizabeth Essner, Lily Kane and Meaghan Roddy, the national touring exhibit includes contemporary art along with the museum's collection of mid-century pieces from *Craft Horizons Magazine*. Admission is free. A paid preview will be offered from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 6. Call 651-797-2571.

"Ideal Made Real," clay works by 16 alumni and affiliate artists of the Minnesota New Institute of Ceramic Education, will be displayed from March 8 through April 7 at the Vine Arts Center, 2637 27th Ave. S. in Minneapolis. An opening reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 8. Visit vineartscenter.org or call 612-728-5745.

"Trading Post: Exchange and Sojourn," works by ceramicists and friends Monica Bock, Undine Brod, Chotsani Elaine Dean, Dawn Holder and Jill Foote-Hutton, will be displayed from March 8 to April 28 in the Emily Galusha Gallery at the Northern Clay Center, 2424 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. A reception for the artists will be held from 5-9 p.m. Thursday, March 28. Admission is free. Call 612-339-8007.

Family

Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., will host Super Seussy Storytime with the Cat in the Hat at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 2; author-illustrator Michael Hall and his new book, *Monkey Time*, at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 3; and author Pat Zietlow Miller and illustrator Eliza Wheeler and their picture book, *When You Are Brave*, at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9. Call 651-224-8320.

Travel the world without leaving town. The arts, crafts, music, dance and food of Romania will be featured from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 3, at Landmark Center. Admission is free. Call 651-292-3063.

Dodge Nature Center, 1701 Charlton St. in West St. Paul, will offer a nature program and painting workshop about owls, open to adults and teens, from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, March 4 (cost is $20); an introduction to maple syrup-making and pancake breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 9; and a maple tree tapping adventure for children, 10-11:15 a.m. Friday, March 15. Call 651-455-4531.

Unity Unitarian will present its 30th annual children's musical at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7-9, at the church at 733 Portland Ave. Written by Sandy Waterman, *A Little Anxious* tells of a young girl's experience with anxiety, her friendship with a homeless man and the difficulties posed by mental illness. Mary Blouin Auffert directs the cast of children in grades 6-8. Tickets are $10, $5 for children, free to those under age 5, and $20 per family. Visit unityunitarian.org.

Film

Moonlight, the Academy Award winner of 2017 about a young black man growing up in Miami's Liberty City neighborhood, will be screened at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, in Best Buy Theater at Northrop Auditorium. Admission is free.

The Providers, a documentary about the physician shortage and opioid epidemic in rural America, will be screened at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The film follows







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three New Mexican doctors who offer care to all patients regardless of their ability to pay. Admission is free. A discussion will follow the screening. Call 651-259-3015.

Music

Prize-winning cellist Wilhelmina Smith will perform Danish and Finnish compositions in an Edvard Grieg Society recital at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 3, at the Mindekirken Church, 924 E. 21st in Minneapolis. A reception will follow. Tickets are $20, or free for students with ID. Visit norwayhouse.org.

The University of Minnesota Men's and Women's Choruses, University Singers and Chamber Singers will perform works by William Mathias, Claudio Monteverdi, Hugo Distler, Abbie Betinis, Johannes Brahms and others in a free concert at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 3, in the Cathedral of St. Paul.

"Celtic Musings: Meditations on the Mid-winter Dream," a contemplative program of new, traditional and transcendent sound-scapes for flute, strings, pipes and drum, will be presented on Sunday, March 3, by Marc Anderson, Dick Hensold and Michelle Kinney. The music will begin at 6:51 p.m. at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1935 St Clair Ave. Tickets are $15 at the door or in advance at brownpapertickets.com.

The Hill House Chamber Players will continue their season of trio masterworks with concerts at 7:30 p.m. Mondays, March 4 and 11, at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Performing will be Catherine Schubilske on violin; Thomas Turner, viola; Tanya Remenikova, cello; and Mary Jo Gothmann, piano. A concert preview will be offered at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are $23, $12 for students, and they include refreshments and a post-performance tour of the Hill House. Call 651-297-2555 or visit cart.mnhs.org.

Jazz pianist Larry McDonough and guitarist Joel Shapira will play the music from Bill Evans and Jim Hall's influential 1960s albums "Undercurrent" and "Intermodulation" in concert from 7-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at the Black Dog Coffee and Wine Bar, 308 E. Prince St. A performance by Fuzz Math will follow at 9 p.m. Call 651-228-9274.

The Dream Songs Project will present new music for voice and guitar, including the premiere of a work by Joshua Weinberg, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9, in Studio Z, 275 E. Fourth St., Suite 200. Tickets are $15, $10 for students. Call 651-755-1600.

"Sospiri di Primavera," a musical celebration of spring, will be presented on Sunday, March 10, by singers Nerea Berraondo and Janna Kysilko accompanied by Joe Dolson on violin, Phil Rukavina on lute and Bruce Jacobs on portative organ. The concert will begin at 3 p.m. at St. Clement's Church, 901 Portland Ave. Featured will be 16th- and 17th-century compositions by Monteverdi, Frescobaldi, Josquin, de Literes and Arañes. Admission is a suggested donation of $15.

Mezzo-soprano Adriana Zabala will join the Chamber Music Society of Minnesota in "Music of Desolation" at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 10, in Sundin Music Hall, 1531 Hewitt Ave. The concert will feature Respighi's Il Tramonto, Ervin Schulhoff's String Sextet, Paul Schoenfield's Nigun and the premiere of John Harbison's Sonata for Viola and Piano. For tickets, call 651-450-0527.

The Irish band Téada fronted by West Kerry singer Séamus Begley will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10, at Celtic Junction, 836 N. Prior Ave. Tickets are $25, $20 in advance, free for youths age 18 and under. Call 612-874-8892 or visit thecelticjunction.com.

Sitar player Anoushka Shankar will perform everything from classical Indian ragas to her own experimental compositions in concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, in the O'Shaughnessy at St. Catherine University. Tickets are $25-$45. Call 651-690-6700.

The Klezmer Clarinet and String Quartet will play Osvaldo Golijov's "Dreams and Prayers of Isaac the Blind" and traditional klezmer dance music in a free concert at noon Wednesday, March 13, at the St. Paul Conservatory of Music, 1524 Summit Ave. Coffee and bagels will be served.

The St. Paul JCC Symphony will present a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, in the auditorium of the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The program includes Symphony No. 6 in D Major by Dvorak, Three Dances from *Henry VIII* by Edward German, and Suite from Water Music by Handel. A concert preview with conductor Amir Kats will precede the show at 7 p.m. Call 651-698-0751.

Theater

Benevolence, a sequel to Ifa Bayeza's award-winning play about Emmett Till, the black teenager whose lynching in Mississippi in 1955 sparked the civil rights movement, is playing through March 10 at Penumbra Theatre, 270 N. Kent St. The drama tells of a small town in the South that is turned upside down when a boy from Chicago visits. Show times are 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. For tickets, call 651-224-3180.

Line of Sight, a new play by Shannon Kearns that confronts the gun culture in America head-on, will be staged by Uprising Theatre Company at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, February 28- March 2, at the Off Leash Area Art Box, 4200 E. 54th St. in Minneapolis. Tickets are $20. Call 612-520-1230.

The Government Inspector, Jeffrey Hatcher's adaptation of the classic farce by Nikolai Gogol, is playing through March 10 at Theatre in the Round, 245 Cedar Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are $22. Call 612-333-3010.

Actually, an edgy new drama about sexual consent, is playing through March 10 on the Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company's stage at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Written by Anna Ziegler and directed by Harry Waters Jr., it stars Miriam Schwartz and JuCoby Johnson as college students who must recount their intimate evening together for a university panel charged with assessing whether a sexual assault took place. For show times and tickets, call 651-647-4315.

Petroleum, a drama that draws on local myths about earthquakes and dragons to tell of the do-it-yourself oil drillers of Myanmar, will open on March 1 at Hamline University's Anne Simley Theatre, 1530 Hewitt Ave. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. March 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9. Tickets are $2-$8. Call 651-523- 2905.

Silent Sky, the true story of 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt, will be staged at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, March 13-16, in Frey Theater at St. Catherine University. The student production explores a woman's place in society at a time of great scientific discovery. Tickets are $10. Visit oshag.stkate.edu.

Et cetera

Highland Arts Spring Showcase, a free evening of visual art, crafts, music, theater and dance featuring the talents of over 200 Highland Park High School students, will be held from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at the school, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. The choirs, orchestra, band, jazz ensemble, Chinese theater and Asian, Latino and contemporary dance troupes will perform beginning at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available.







Sports



The Wright Call
By Dave Wright

Girls' hockey has come a long way

In a way, it was about the highest compliment that girls' high school hockey could have been paid in these parts. To mark the 25th anniversary of the first girls' state hockey tournament, the St. Paul daily paper came up with a list of Minnesota's top 25 girls' hockey players of all time.

There were a lot of names on the list that prompted one to nod and observe, "Yep, she could shoot" or "Boy, could she skate" or "Wasn't she a tough goalie?" In the end, though, there were two players who stood out above the rest—both of whom have local ties.

Natalie Darwitz was the first darling of the tournament. She skated like the wind and transformed Eagan into an instant power. Two decades later, her name is still all over the state record books for goals scored and points in a period and in a game. She went on to great success playing at the University of Minnesota and on the international stage. She is now making a name for herself as a head coach, having transformed a previously moribund Hamline women's hockey program into one that can go stride for stride in the MIAC with the likes of the University of St. Thomas.

(As a side note, the Pipers and the Tommies both hosted MIAC playoff games last weekend. If both teams prevailed, they'll meet on St. Thomas' home ice in Mendota Heights for a must-see affair on March 2.)

Krissy Wendell was a different breed of player than Darwitz. She was a tremendous athlete at Park Center who started playing hockey with boys' teams. When she moved on to playing girls' hockey, fans quickly discovered she could score from just about anywhere because she was big, strong and, above all, determined.

She and Darwitz later became teammates, winning national hockey championships with the Gophers. Wendell then also turned to coaching, assisting her husband, Johnny Pohl, at Cretin-Derham Hall for several years.

They were what girls' hockey needed in the early years—players who could bring out the fans to see them play.

Hockey players like that don't come around every day. But if last week's girls' state high school hockey tournament showed us anything, it's that the sport has the ability to stand on its own two skates in Minnesota. There were no Darwitzes or Wendells on display at Xcel Energy Center. But there didn't need to be in order to showcase good, entertaining hockey.

More and more Minnesota players are now showing up on Division I and III women's hockey rosters, both here

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United's playoff surge falls short at state

By Bill Wagner



St. Paul United's Riley Winkler shoots past a Rochester Lourdes/Dover-Eyota player during the Class A state girls' hockey tournament. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

As a first-year coach, Mark Johnson was trying to get out ahead of things just before his St. Paul United team started play in last week's Class A state girls' hockey tournament.

The United, a cooperative team of players from St. Paul Academy and Visitation School, took a 10-13-2 record into their fourth straight trip to state and drew undefeated Warroad in the first round on February 20 at the Xcel Energy Center.

Johnson wanted to lighten the mood as his team prepared for the match. When asked what it would take to upset the Warriors, he talked about playing good fundamental hockey. Then when asked what would be the main reason if they lost and he said jokingly, "It'll be because of the officials."

The United fell to Warroad 4-0. The Warriors had 48 shots against goalie Kenzie Giese, who had been terrific in her team's run to state. The United, meanwhile, mustered only 18 shots on goal. It was 2-0 after one period and 4-0 after two, and any hopes of making it close went right out the window.

And, no, the officials had nothing to do with the outcome.

The United played better the next day in the consolation round. They gave Rochester Lourdes/Dover-Eyota all it could handle before succumbing 4-3 in overtime. The United had taken a 3-2 lead on Catherine Kerin's score in the third period, with Meredith Killian and Jenna Hoops providing assists. But Rochester tied it up again and the United simply ran out of gas in overtime. The United outshot Rochester 39-28.

Three times the United took a one-goal lead in the game, only to have their opponents come back and tie it. The first United goal came from Madison Shuman, assisted by Kerin and Killian. The second was by Lucie Bond, with Killian assisting again.

Johnson noted that not many teams make it to state with under .500 records. However, he said there was a lot more to that mark than met the eye. He had an inkling even before the start of play as to what kind of season it might be when he looked at the team's tough schedule.

"I knew that we wouldn't be winning any conference championship," he said.

However, he firmly believed that the team's rugged schedule helped prepare it by playoff time. Johnson added that it also took a while for his players to learn how he wanted them to play the game.

Key to the team's late-season turnaround was the play of Giese, who was a large part in the United's 2-1 win over favored South St. Paul in the Section 4A final on February 14.

"That game was just a dogfight and she played very well," Johnson said. "She went into state at the top of her game."

By the end of the season, the United were getting some productive offense from their lineup. Hoops entered state with 15 goals, while Kerin had 11 and Shuman had seven. Hoops led the team with 21 points.

Giese went into the state tournament with a .873 save percentage and a 3.70 goals-against average.

Highland girls, SPA's Moore medal in Nordic skiing

By Bill Wagner

Head coach Brad Moening was ecstatic after his Highland Park team came in second at the state girls' Nordic ski meet on February 14 at Giants Ridge in Biwabik.

"It was pretty exciting being up there and watching how well our kids did," he said after his squad racked up 384 points, second only to Armstrong's 412. "Our girls went in with the right attitude. This is the best any girls' team has finished since I've been the coach by a long shot."

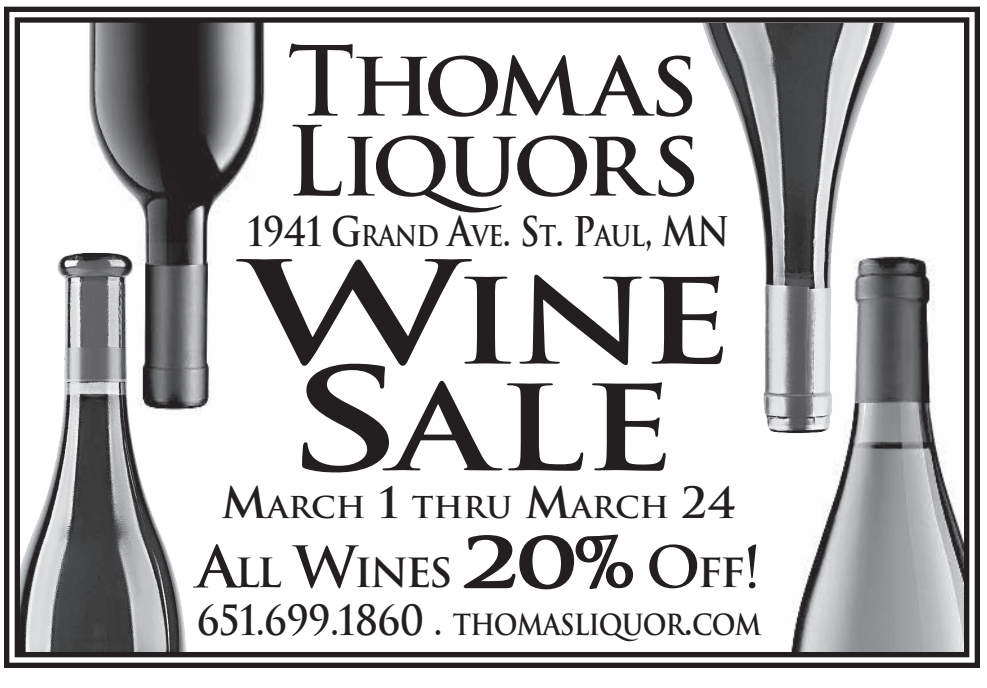
Freshman Molly Moening and sophomore Celeste Alden, who have been sensational all season for Highland, finished sixth and 13th overall with combined times of 35:39.7 and 37.16.3, respectively. Also scoring for the Scots were sophomore Anna Schmidt and junior Caroline Harding. The rest of the team included freshman Rayna Axelson, sophomore Maeve Moening and freshman Addie Fabel.

Coach Moening cited Schmidt and Harding, who finished 31st and 44th, respectively, as the unsung heroes at state by maintaining their composure on a big stage. "It's pretty easy to get flustered and fall back," he said, "but they showed no (lack of confidence) in tough competition. Harding moved up 12 spots, I think. That's a really big deal."

The meet took place in heavy snowfall with the temperature around 15 degrees and the wind picked up in the afternoon phase. Molly Moening said she and her teammates were prepared for the elements.

"We were pretty happy with the way it

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turned out," she said. "I lost a little bit on the downhill, but it was still pretty good. I just lost one spot."

Coach Moening noted that it snowed from about noon on, but his skiers knew how to handle it. "We've had a lot of experience waxing," he said. "The skis worked."

He also gave pats on the back to Maeve Moening and Fabel. "The sixth and seventh girls on our team are faster than anybody else's sixth and seventh," he said.

Many of the Scots run cross-country in the off-season, which Molly Moening said is extremely helpful. "Cross-country gives you a lot of endurance," she said. "You develop mental toughness and it gives you a better aerobics system. We all train together during the summer."

With mostly underclassmen scoring points for the Highland girls this winter and Armstrong having to retool due to graduation, Molly Moening said the Scots have a good chance to bring home the gold next winter. "We definitely have a shot at winning state next year," she said.

Nordic boys' results

St. Paul Academy senior Peter Moore was the top individual finisher for the state boys' Nordic ski competition. It was his fourth straight appearance at state. Last season, he finished fourth despite breaking a pole halfway through the race.

Moore got emotional as he crossed the finish line for the victory this winter. "I let out a primal roar," he said. "It was pretty exciting stuff. I'm really happy with the way the season has gone this year."

Moore's combined time of 30:16 edged out the 30:17 by Alex Nemeth of Sartell-St. Cloud Cathedral and the 30:17.7 by Cooper Lenox of Mora. Defending state champion Garrett Beckrich of Grand Rapids had held an 18-second lead over Moore after the morning freestyle event, but ended up in fourth with a combined time of 30:20 following the afternoon classic race.

Moore's victory over the field of 160 racers made him the first boys' Nordic state champion in SPA's history. Annie Hart won the girls' title for the Spartans in 2009.

Moore will now be heading to Anchorage, Alaska, to compete in a national cross-country skiing championship in early March. He is around the 10th-ranked skier competing based on his point totals. Next year, Moore will ski for Bowdoin College in Maine.

Highland took eighth place in the boys' team competition with 298 points. Sophomore Otto Schmidt was the top finisher for the Scots. Coach Moening knew that the expectations for the boys weren't as high as for the girls. Still, he said, "I give them credit for hanging in there."



SPA senior Peter Moore celebrates his first-place finish in the state boys' Nordic ski meet. PHOTO BY BRUCE ADELSMAN/SKINNYSKI.COM

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and across the country. Some of the alumnae of the college hockey programs are also now grabbing coaching jobs. The days of getting a retired boys' coach to come back to run a girls' program are, for the most part, gone. The women running the teams know what they're doing and, when they get to the postseason, they're in it to go all the way.

The girls' game has improved to the point where a team like St. Paul United, which draws its players from St. Paul Academy and Visitation, can now take down longtime powers like South St. Paul. Five years ago, that would have been ludicrous to even consider.

In much the same way, girls' basketball in Minnesota needed players like New York Mills' Janet Karvonen and St. Paul Central's Lisa Lissimore to garner much attention in its formative years. Forty years later, the state was producing star players like Lindsay Whalen, who is now coaching at the U of M. Girls' high school hoops is also producing a lot of very good players who go on to play for Division I colleges around the country and have helped make local Division II and III schools national powers.

If another Darwitz or Wendell comes along in girls' high school hockey, that would be great, but it's not necessary anymore for the sport to thrive.

An idea that just might work

Rob Manfred, the commissioner of Major League Baseball, has an official biography that runs 600 words long. It dutifully notes his degrees from Cornell and Harvard as well a series of honors bestowed on him for "outstanding professional achievement," including his efforts to combat Lou Gehrig's Disease.

One thing curiously absent from the bio is any mention of Manfred ever donning stirrup socks before taking the field. That's important, since Manfred has some ideas on how to improve a game he apparently has never played. And when he gets an idea in his head, fans of the sport he oversees had better listen. Manfred has nearly absolute power to change Major League Baseball as we currently know it.

Manfred has floated several ideas out there, including forcing relief pitchers to face a minimum of three batters and adding designated hitters to the National League. Neither of those ideas have found much favor and have been shelved.

However, one of his ideas that might fly is being tried out during spring training this year. It's the 20-second pitch clock. If no runners are on base, the pitcher must throw the ball within 20 seconds or a ball will be called.

The new rule is intended to shorten games and it has been proven to work. The Northern League brought it in as an innovation in 1993 and it had the desired effect, up to a point. The problem was, umpires didn't consistently enforce the rule and it required an expenditure that some teams didn't want to make: The pitch clock needs an operator. But that sort of expense is small potatoes compared to what would be incurred by big league baseball teams.

And it will require umpires to enforce the rule consistently. When players and managers complain about it—as they surely will—officials will need to stand their ground, even if it means ejecting the chronic gripers.

Pitchers who work quickly, such as Jim Kaat or Jack Morris did, have become a thing of the past. If the threat of falling behind in the count helps get Major League Baseball games under three hours again—the average was 3:08 last year—what reasonable person could argue that it's a bad idea?

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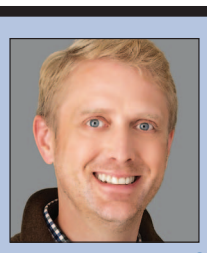
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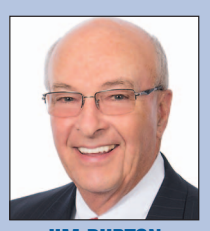
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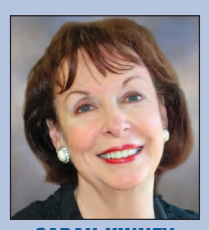
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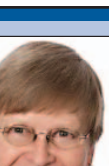
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