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Plan for new 5-story building on O'Gara's site is taking shape

Proposal gets mixed response from area residents at meeting

By JANE McCLURE

The possibility of another five-story building at the corner of Snelling and Selby avenues has some neighbors excited at the prospect of new apartments and retail stores and others fearful of more traffic and parking problems. The area has experienced tremendous growth over the past two years and is poised for more with the opening of a Major League Soccer stadium in 2019 just a half mile to the north.

Over 100 people turned out for the March 19 meeting of the Union Park District Council's Land Use Committee to hear O'Gara's Bar and Grill owner Dan O'Gara explain his plan to tear down the buildings that house his 77-year-old bar and restaurant at 164 N. Snelling Ave. and replace them with a smaller O'Gara's on the first floor and four floors of housing above. If all goes as planned, construction will begin in the fall and be completed by the spring of 2020.

O'Gara and his family chose as their development partner Ryan Companies after seeing how Ryan worked with the surrounding neighborhood on recent developments on Snelling at Selby, Dayton and Marshall avenues. There, the longtime sites of Liberty State Bank, Getten Credit Company, a service station and several single-family homes are now occupied by

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Students, staff, parents and neighbors circled Horace Mann Elementary School in Highland Park on March 14 in a 17-minute memorial to the 17 students killed in the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, on February 14.

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Board wants city-county plan for Highland reservoir

Hy-Vee, solar, greenhouse ideas no longer in running

By JANE McCLURE

Recreational uses are on tap for the property now occupied by Highland Park's southern water reservoir just south of Snelling Avenue and Ford Parkway. The St. Paul Board of Water Commissioners voted on March 15 to ask the St. Paul and Ramsey County parks and recreation departments to come up with ideas for the 4.3-acre site and bring them back to the board by March 2019.

The vote shelved the idea of leasing the site for private use. Along with proposals from the city and county, the five redevelopment ideas that were being evaluated for the property included a Hy-Vee supermarket, Landforms solar garden

and Sotaberries greenhouse.

The resolution adopted on March 15 directed St. Paul Regional Water Services staff to discuss with the city and county a long-term lease for the property. Whether a city, county or joint city-county proposal emerges from the discussions is unclear. Both city and county parks staff have said that they would be willing to work together on a proposal.

Water board chair Matt Anfang of Highland Park said the timeline for redeveloping the property is flexible and proposals could emerge well before the March 2019 deadline.

Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert, whose ward includes the reservoir, said he was pleased with the board's decision. "Obviously there's a lot of work yet to do," he said.

Tolbert and Anfang said they anticipate a robust public engagement process by the city and county parks departments on plans for the site.

Tolbert has argued that the space is needed for recreation since Highland will be losing fields near the former Riverside School on West Seventh Street and Albion Avenue, and will likely lose fields when the site of Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant is redeveloped.

Ramsey County operates two indoor ice sheets by the reservoir at the Charles M. Schulz-Highland Arena. The county has presented proposals meant to address the growing demand for ice time and has already earmarked \$700,000 to make drainage and parking lot improvements there. The site has about 60 parking spaces now. One county proposal would add more than 300 spaces.

County parks director Jon Oyanagi has suggested such ideas as more ice rinks and shared parking and field space with the city. The county

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Preliminary plans for bike and pedestrian trails along on old railroad spur (in green above) are headed to City Council.

Planning rolls on for recreational trail

Five-mile route through Highland, West End may not be ready for six years

BY JANE MCCLURE

Preliminary plans to convert a five-mile Canadian Pacific Railroad (CP Rail) spur in St. Paul to bike and pedestrian trails are nearing completion. The CP Rail spur, which extends from Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant in Highland Park to the eastern end of St. Clair Avenue, has been largely unused since the Ford plant closed in December 2011. A Project Advisory Group got its final chance to weigh in on the plans on March 15, wrapping up a year of study. The goal is to have the preliminary plan approved by the City Council by early this summer.

Project manager Mike Richardson, a planner in the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development, said the year of study and three neighborhood open houses produced a good base for more detailed planning in the future.

The idea of a new bike and pedestrian connection has drawn much interest. "What we're hearing a lot is, 'When can this be built?'" said Jeffrey Burton, a member of the Highland District Council (HDC) board of directors and a member of the Project Advisory Group. The HDC, West Seventh/Fort Road Federation, and local business and transit advocacy groups are all represented in the advisory group, along with officials from the city of St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota Department of Transportation and Metro Transit.

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is looking at costs that could reach \$8 million alone for a new indoor ice rink.

The city has developed two concepts for the site. One would result in three youth soccer fields and a lacrosse field, and the other would result in two youth soccer fields and two baseball fields. Costs for the city proposals could top \$2 million.

One issue is where the money to develop the new recreational facilities would come from. Though the county has some funding set aside for updating the current arena, neither the county nor the city has money specifically allocated for developing the reservoir property.

Both the city and county would have to put a project through their respec-

Project staff cautioned that nobody should be getting out their bike helmets or walking shoes just yet. It could take six years for the new trail to be built. If a new rail line or dedicated transit lane is included, it could take even longer.

More than 50 people attended a March 1 open house on the project at the West Seventh Community Center. Most of the people expressed support for the project, saying it would provide a welcome off-road link through the Highland Park and West End neighborhoods for commuters and recreational users alike.

"We'd use this every day," one person said.

"The trail would be life-changing for my kids," another said. "They could have safe biking to their favorite places."

However, some people questioned the city's ability to maintain another bike and pedestrian trail when so many existing trails are in dire need of maintenance. Others said they would like to see the city pay more attention to providing safe links between its various bike and pedestrian routes.

Another concern is the need for people to access or cross the proposed trails in Highland where the rail spur lies in a deep trench. Some neighbors requested new landscaping as a buffer between the trails and their homes and new parking facilities for trail users.

The cost of the proposed trail project is not known, according to project consultant Rose Ryan of Alta Planning + Design. However, the work could be done in as many as four stages to spread out the cost. The project may be eligible for federal and regional funding of up to \$5.5 million, although those grants may require a 20 percent matching grant from a local entity. According to Ryan,

it could take four years to assemble the necessary funds, create detailed plans and get each trail segment built.

The width of the CP Rail right-of-way varies greatly, with a maximum of more than 120 feet in places. About 28 feet would be needed for mass transit. That leaves up to 12 feet for bikes and 10 feet for pedestrians in some areas, and 10 feet for bikes and 6 feet for pedestrians in other areas. In most places, the bike and pedestrian trails would run side by side, although through the Victoria Park area bicyclists could be on one side of a wetland and pedestrians on the other side.

One unresolved matter is how to get trail users safely across West Seventh Street near Sibley Plaza in Highland Park. The consultants and Project Advisory Group have considered a bridge over West Seventh or an at-grade crossing with a lighted signal. The bridge was popular, but it would greatly add to the cost.

When the project could be built hinges on several factors, according to Richardson. CP Rail currently owns the spur, and while the trail study has been shared with CP Rail officials, Richardson said, the purchase price for the spur and the timing of a sale are unknown. It has not been decided whether the city or Ramsey County would purchase the rail spur.

Also unresolved is the rail spur's possible use for improved mass transit in the Riverview Corridor or between the Riverview Corridor and Highland Village. Short-term and long-term transit improvements that use all or part of the rail spur will be discussed as part of transit studies that are scheduled to begin later this year.

described the reservoir as an "attractive nuisance."

More than a dozen proposals were originally submitted to the board last summer, including some that featured housing. However, several private developers dropped out after the board decided to lease the land rather than sell it in case the area's demand for water changes in the future.

The water utility had budgeted for the demolition of the reservoir this year, but Anfang said it will remain as is for now. "Demolition will happen eventually, but it can wait," he said.

The estimated cost of demolition is \$1.1 million. The reinforced concrete reservoir is 430 feet long by 322 feet wide by 21 feet deep, with more than 350 interior columns supporting its roof.

Dunkin' Donuts, Red's Savoy Pizza planned at Snelling-Hague

Coffee shop and mostly carryout pizza would replace old Dairy Queen

By Jane McClure

A new Dunkin' Donuts and Red's Savoy Pizza could soon be operating at Snelling and Hague avenues where a Dairy Queen stood for more than 65 years. Grand Real Estate Advisors and Collage Architects presented preliminary plans for the new businesses at a meeting of the Union Park District Council (UPDC) Land Use Committee on March 19.

The developers are planning a one-story, 3,500-square-foot brick and metal building on the southwest corner of Snelling and Hague. A 14-space parking lot would be provided on the west and south sides of the property with access from both Hague and Snelling. The coffee shop would be under 2,000 square feet. Red's Savoy Pizza would be largely a carryout and delivery operation.

Committee members and neighborhood residents had mixed feelings about the new businesses. Some had hoped to see a multi-story building on the site with a mix of retail and residential uses to take advantage of convenient transit in the area. Concerns were also raised about the potential for spillover parking from the restaurants. The residential streets in the area are already congested with the cars of customers and employees of Snelling-Selby

area businesses.

City staff will review the site plan for the project in April, but no zoning variances are being sought. If all goes as planned, construction will begin in June or July.

Judd Fenlon of Grand Real Estate Advisors said his firm and developer Ned Wesenberg had initially hoped to build a mixed-use structure on the site. They recently collaborated on a new building with 26 apartments and 3,000 square feet of retail space on Como Avenue in St. Anthony Park.

The lot at the southwest corner of Snelling and Hague is only 10,000 square feet, and providing underground parking for a multi-story mixed-use building was not feasible given the dimensions and the room needed to maneuver vehicles, according to Pete Keeley of Collage Architects.

The developers had tried to buy a rental house adjacent to the old Dairy Queen, but could not reach a purchase agreement, and without it "we couldn't figure out a way to do a mixed-use development there," Fenlon said.

The developers heard from several retailers and restaurants interested in the Snelling-Hague location. One inquiry came from Dairy Queen, but a new Dairy Queen likely would have required drive-through service.

According to Fenlon, the two tenants chosen should be a good fit because the coffee shop would be busier in the mornings and the pizza place in the evenings.

Hague Avenue resident Amy Gilbert said that while she appreciates the developers' intent to build a structure that fits into the



An artist's rendering of the new commercial building at Hague and Snelling avenues and the parking lot behind it.



neighborhood, she asked if it has to be a "great big national corporation" like Dunkin' Donuts. Fenlon said that while the developers spoke with small, locally owned retailers, it can be a challenge for them to afford new construction.

The UPDC will meet with the developers in the weeks ahead to discuss traffic concerns. One issue is a long-term plan to install a median on Snelling between Hague and Portland avenues and how that would affect access to the parking lot.

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a Whole Foods Market, the five-story Vintage on Selby apartments, a new Associated Bank, new Starbucks coffee shop and Primrose School of St. Paul.

"I felt comfortable with Ryan Companies. I think they go about things in the right way," O'Gara said.

O'Gara and Tony Barranco of Ryan Companies told those present on March 19 that they are mindful of the many changes the area has been through and that they want to work with the community to mitigate the impact of redevelopment.

The project is meant to ensure that O'Gara's can continue to operate at the corner, O'Gara said. He and his wife Kris are third-generation owners of the bar and grill, which first opened in 1941. "We need to do something drastic to stay here," he said.

Tearing down the buildings that make up O'Gara's, some of which are more than 100 years old, was not an easy decision, O'Gara said. "This is an emotional thing for my family and me," he said. "The liquor industry and restaurant business are rapidly changing. Our business isn't what it used to be."

Dan and his father, the late Tim O'Gara, greatly expanded the bar and grill in the 1980s with a second barroom, several new

Concerns about traffic and parking are likely to be flash points as the project moves forward.... Several people said the city could greatly alleviate those problems by extending the north end of Ayd Mill Road to the I-94 frontage roads.

restaurant seating areas and a nightclub with live music. However, that business model is no longer working, according to Dan. "I've got 20,000 square feet of space that's empty 90 percent of the time," he said.

Another issue is the age and condition of the buildings. O'Gara said that he and Ryan Companies discussed ways to save the facades, but found it to be cost-prohibitive. Instead they will save the tin ceilings, belt-drive fans, a large mural in the original bar, several neon signs and other fixtures for reuse in the new O'Gara's. The new bar and restaurant would have about 4,500 square feet at the

Snelling-Selby corner with a capacity of 300 patrons, down from 966 patrons currently.

Local residents had mixed feelings about the project. Many liked the idea of new housing, with some pushing for apartments that are affordable to local workers. Others suggested that O'Gara provide space for other retail shops on the first floor. Still others asked that the new building be faced with brick to resemble the existing buildings.

Some neighbors said the corner does not need another five-story building creating what one woman described as "a canyon" along Selby. O'Gara is considering rezoning and redeveloping three single-family residential properties he owns on Hague Avenue adjacent to O'Gara's parking lot, and several residents asked that those properties be used to buffer the neighborhood from the new development.

The project will also require rezoning the bar-restaurant and parking lot from traditional neighborhoods 2 to traditional neighborhoods 3 to allow for a building of up to five stories.

Concerns about traffic and parking are likely to be flash points as the project moves forward. Residents of the adjacent neighborhood already deal with traffic congestion, spillover parking and vehicle and pedestrian safety hazards as cars cut through the neigh-

borhood to avoid traffic tie-ups at Snelling and Selby. Several people at the meeting said the city could greatly alleviate those problems by extending the north end of Ayd Mill Road to the I-94 frontage roads instead of having the road's exit and entrance ramps on Selby a block east of Snelling.

"We have to talk about Ayd Mill Road," said local property owner Pete Clasen. According to him, the Snelling-Selby intersection has had to deal with the congestion of commuters traveling between Ayd Mill Road and I-94 for too many years. "Close Ayd Mill off at Hamline Avenue and dump that traffic onto Hamline," he said.

Several people said the intersection of Selby and Saratoga Street needs a marked crosswalk as well as an activated signal to help pedestrians get across Selby safely. Others suggested designating some streets in the area as one-way. One person suggested O'Gara's eliminate the shuttle buses it offers to professional sporting events. The buses turn residential streets in the area into park-and-ride lots, neighbors said.

"We can attest that the traffic is horrendous already," said Sue Rohland, whose family owns a triplex on Hague. "We want to support the development, but something has to be done about the traffic. We've been here for almost 30 years and we don't want to be forced out."

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City OKs liquor, entertainment licenses for Ethiopian eatery

The St. Paul City Council granted wine, on-sale malt beverage and entertainment licenses on March 21 for the new Agelgil Ethiopian Restaurant at 2585 W. Seventh St.

The approval was made with conditions: that gross receipts show at least 60 percent of the restaurant's sales are for food; that the business close at midnight, with all patrons off the premises by 12:30 a.m.; and that no alcohol be allowed outdoors. Owner Tsegereda Cherinat agreed to the conditions.

The entertainment license will allow for music without a limit on the number of performers. The license does not allow for dancing by patrons or performers.

The Highland District Council recommended approval of the licenses for the business, which is located in the former Tropicana Cafe. Petitions were received by the city from both supporters and opponents of the new establishment.

The issue went to a legislative hearing of-ficer in March after neighbors raised objections. The recently opened business has already caused spillover parking in the neighborhood. Some neighbors also did not want to see it get a full liquor license.

St. Paul picks official name for new Griggs Street park

Midway Peace Park is now the official name of the undeveloped 5-acre area on Bigelow Avenue between Griggs and Dunlap streets in the Lexington-Hamline neighborhood. The St. Paul City Council adopted the name on March 21.

The new park is expected to serve the neighborhood, residents of the adjacent Skyline Tower apartment building, and students at nearby Gordon Parks High School and the High School for the Recording Arts. The property served as storage for many years for Midway area motor vehicle dealers, but has sat largely vacant for more than a decade.

The idea for the park originated several years ago among the students and faculty at Gordon Parks. The city purchased three vacant properties for the park over the past few years with the help of private funds and the Trust for Public Land.

The name has been debated for more than a year and was winnowed down from a list of five alternatives. More than 500 people voted on the park's name.

Six-story building planned for Snelling-St. Clair

BY JANE MCCLURE

Five weeks after it reviewed plans for a new one-story commercial building at 270-276 S. Snelling Ave., the Macalester-Groveland Community Council Housing and Land Use Committee will be reviewing plans for a new six-story mixed-use building right next door at 246-258 S. Snelling.

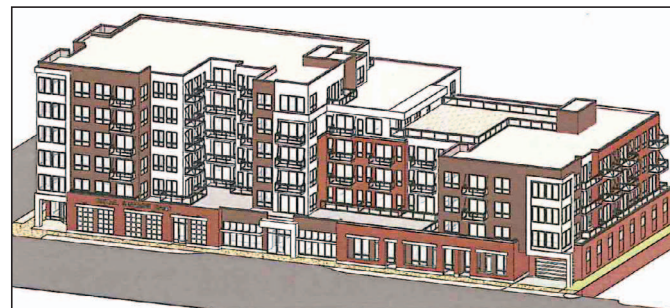
Developer Jim LaValle of TJJL Development filed plans with the city of St. Paul on March 16 for the six-story building on the southeast corner of Snelling and St. Clair Avenue. The Macalester-Groveland committee will review the plans at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5. City staff will hold their first plan review meeting with the developers on April 10.

"I hope the community embraces our vision for the redevelopment exponentially more than the previous developers (for the Snelling-St. Clair site)," LaValle said.

TJJL Development, which is based in Highland Park, also developed the Finn, a four-story mixed-use building that was completed a year ago at 735 S. Cleveland Ave.

The proposed development on Snelling would replace a parking lot and former Sweeney Cleaners and Rosemark Bakery with a new building that includes 4,222 square feet of retail space on the first floor near the Snelling-St. Clair corner, three two-bedroom apartments also on the first floor, and 115 efficiency, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments on the second through sixth floors.

The first floor would also include a lobby, office, conference room, fitness center and



The diagrams show two perspectives on the Snelling Avenue side of a six-story apartment and retail building being planned for the southeast corner of Snelling and St. Clair avenues.

28 parking spaces for customers and residents. Another 70 parking spaces would be provided underground. Apartments on the second through sixth floors would have balconies or decks that fit in with the building's stepped-back facade.

It is not yet clear whether the project will need any zoning variances. The northern part of the site is zoned for traditional neighborhoods 3, which allows buildings of up to 55 feet in height, and the southern part is zoned for traditional neighborhoods 2, which allows buildings of up to 45 feet in height.

TJJL's application to the city indicates that it would likely seek a conditional use permit for greater height from the St. Paul Planning Commission.

Much of Snelling Avenue between I-94 and Ford Parkway was rezoned by the city last year from a mix of residential and commercial zones to traditional neighborhoods. Traditional neighborhoods zoning is meant to encourage higher-density developments with a mix of residential and commercial uses that require less off-street parking.

The site of TJJL's proposed development and the properties immediately to the south have been eyed for redevelopment for several years. Last year, the City Council rejected Le-Cesse Development Corporation's requests for rezoning and a conditional use permit for a six-story, 182-unit apartment building.

For the location of the April 5 meeting of the Macalester-Groveland Housing and Land Use Committee, visit macgrove.org.

Commission supports outdoor seating at historic Waldmann

The St. Paul Planning Commission on March 23 recommended the approval of a second historic use variance to allow Waldmann Brewery & Wurstery at 445 N. Smith Ave. to add an outdoor patio for the service of food and beverages. The request will now go before the City Council.

Owner Tom Schroeder spent the last several years restoring the 1850s-era building, which was previously known as the "stone sa-

loon." The property was the first in the city to receive a historic use variance, which allows for a property to return to an earlier use even if its underlying zoning does not support it. The Waldmann has served more than 20,000 people since it opened last fall.

The Planning Commission's Zoning Committee recommended approval of the variance on March 15. Two people spoke in support and one in opposition, while four people sent letters opposing it. Concerns were raised about the potential noise from the patio.

Supporters contend the patio would be like

other biertartens that existed in the West End many years ago. The West Seventh/Fort Road Federation recommended approval of the variance in February.

The Planning Commission is asking that one condition be placed on the patio: Final plans approved by the city's zoning administrator are to be in substantial compliance with plans approved earlier this year by the city's Heritage Preservation Commission.

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City is planning a trial expansion of disc golf course in Highland Park

By Jane McClure

More than two dozen people attended a Highland District Council (HDC) Community Development Committee meeting on March 20 to hear about the latest plans for the nine-hole disc golf course in Highland Park. The St. Paul Department of Parks and Recreation would like to renovate the 30-year-old course and possibly expand it to 18 holes while addressing neighbors' concerns about access to the park and encroachment on their properties, according to Susie Odegard, the manager of Special Services for Parks and Rec. "That being said, we're not going to do anything permanent (at this time)," Odegard said.

Parks and Rec has dropped any plans to expand the disc golf course with new holes on the north side of Edgumbe Road in response to concerns about pedestrian safety. Other details of the course improvements are still being worked out, including the number and location of holes.

The cost of expanding the disc golf course permanently has been estimated at \$4,000 to \$5,000. The temporary changes will give parks staff, park users and neighbors an idea of how an expanded course would work, Odegard said.

Disc golfers at the HDC meeting said that the disc golf course in Highland Park—the city's only one—needs improvement and that an expanded layout should be tried temporarily. According to them, the course is heavily used and the improvements would help both veteran and novice disc golfers. They said they are careful not to hit vehicles with their discs or to have them land too close to other park users.

"You buy a \$10 disc and it keeps you playing all summer long," said Highland Park resident Gary Vice, who has been a practitioner of disc golf since 1987. The improvements would encourage more people to play, Vice said, "and the more people on the course, the better it's going to be."

Park neighbor Paul Johnson was not convinced. He and other local residents said they would like to see data on the number of people who use the course to see if there is indeed a demand for improvements.

According to Odegard, city officials have fielded requests for the course's expansion for years. She urged neighbors to wait and see how the temporary expansion of the course works this summer and to offer their suggestions at the end of the season.

Neighbor Gary Sirek said that while he appreciates what the city is trying to do for disc golfers, he wonders whether a temporary expansion would lead to demands that the additional holes remain in place.

Several neighbors blamed the disc golf course for bringing criminal behavior to the area. Commander Paul Ford, who is in charge of investigations and the Force Unit for the St. Paul Police Department's Western District, said the park area near the disc golf course is on the police's radar. Officers have charged several people for drug dealing and other crimes in Highland Park, Ford said, but they do not know if the illegal activity is connected in any way to disc golf. He urged neighbors to call if they see suspicious behavior.

Once the city has a temporary expansion plan ready, it will be posted on the city's and the HDC's websites. This summer, a survey will be available at the park and online for people to comment.

Moratorium considered to protect 46 historic Merriam Park properties

By Jane McClure

A survey of potentially historic Merriam Park properties will be the focus of a public hearing before the St. Paul City Council at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4. The council is expected to vote the following week on whether to impose a nine-month moratorium on development in the survey area, which could be known in the future as the Merriam Park Historic District.

The survey by St. Paul's Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) will take place in the area bounded by Dewey Street, St. Anthony, Cleveland and Marshall avenues. That area, which mirrors the original plat for the Merriam Park neighborhood, includes 46 structures that have been designated in past studies as possibly having historic significance.

The HPC will determine whether all or part of the area is eligible for historic designation. Affected property owners will be notified in advance by the city and will have the chance to meet with city officials to discuss the historic survey and the development moratorium.

The City Council on March 14 voted 5-1 to enact interim restrictions on development in the survey area. The interim restrictions prohibit any demolitions or lot splits involving the 46 properties.

The interim restrictions were brought forward by Ward 4 City Council member Samantha Henningson. She is also bringing forward the proposed development moratorium, which under her plan would not apply to every structure in the area but just the 46 potentially historic ones. Henningson also trimmed the moratorium period from the usual 12 months to nine months.

A separate development moratorium is already in place along Marshall Avenue between Wheeler and Wilder streets to allow for

the study and potential protection of historic homes on that street.

The Merriam Park neighborhood has been seeing growing interest in recent years from developers, especially from developers of new housing for college students. The loss of single-family homes and the size and scale of some of the proposed developments have drawn objections from neighbors.

Two houses at the northeast corner of Marshall and Moore Street are currently slated for demolition to make way for a five-story apartment building. That development has already been approved by the city. However, other projects have been put on hold, including a tentative plan to demolish a house on the southwest corner of Marshall and Moore and replace it with a five-story apartment building.

The proposed nine-month moratorium on development would stand in the way of a plan to demolish the century-old single-family homes at 1905 and 1911 Iglehart Ave. and replace them with new housing. St. Louis Park-based Dream Homes' bid for a lot split there was recently rejected by city staff. Neighbors have also filed a lawsuit to prevent the demolition of the homes. One of the houses is considered historically significant because it is largely unaltered since it was built in 1885 by noted architect Augustus Gauger.

The City Council's March 14 resolution states that while the city encourages redevelopment, its comprehensive plan also calls for the preservation of historically significant properties. The area of Merriam Park included in the HPC's upcoming survey has been eyed for historic designation since the 1980s. The latest iteration of the Union Park District Council's district plan also calls for the preservation of historic properties.

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Early voting begins in 197 for \$117M referendum set for May 8

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

Voters in School District 197 will get one more chance to attend an informational open house on a \$117 million bond proposal that, among other things, would pay for the construction of a football field and pool at Henry Sibley High School.

The open house, the final one of three, will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the high school, 1897 Delaware Ave., Mendota Heights. Information tables and building tours will be available throughout the evening.

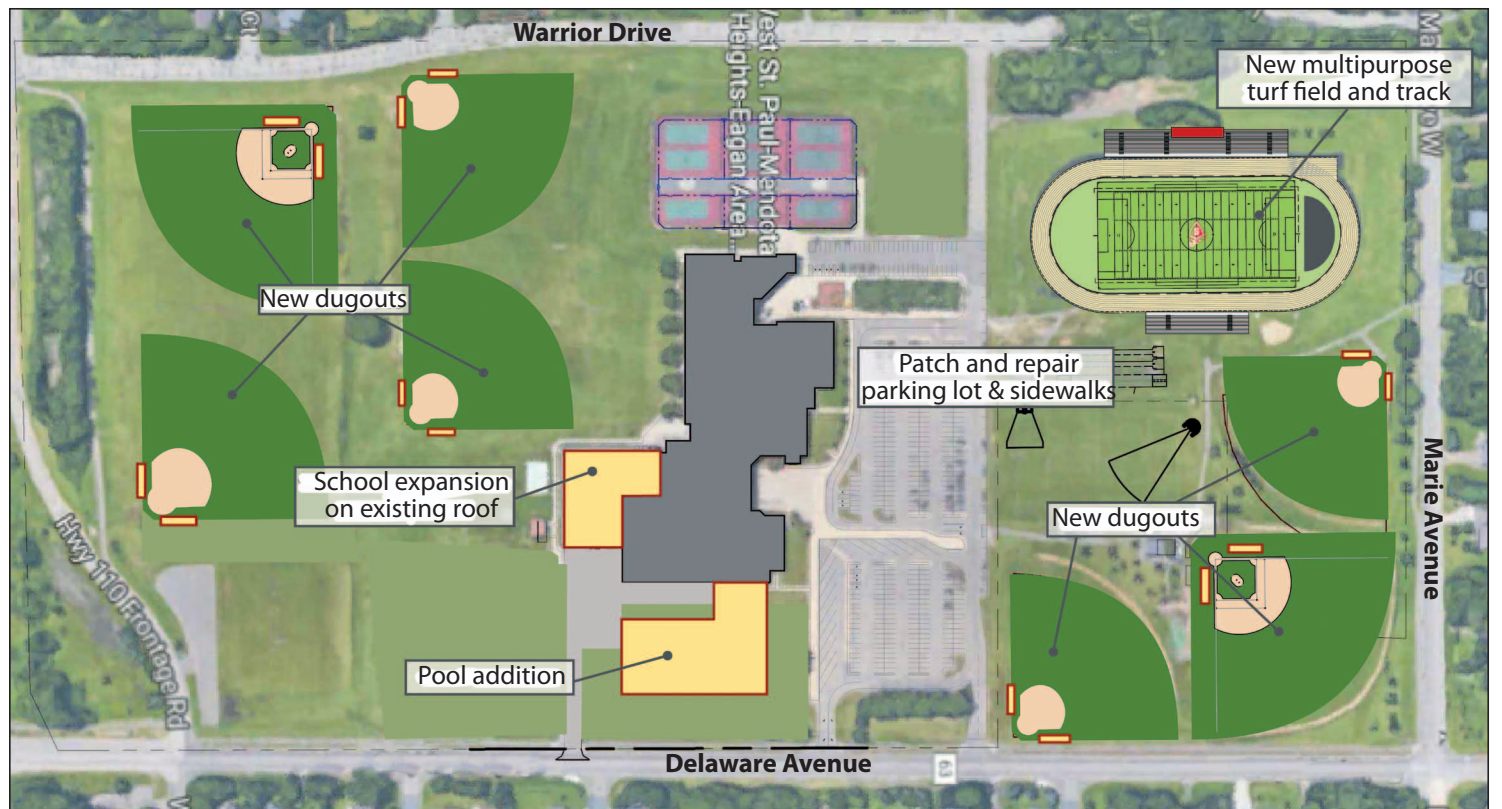
"People can vote that day as well," said election administrator Mary Amidon, "due to extended hours at the district office."

The referendum is set for Tuesday, May 8, but in-person voting began last week. Residents can vote from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on weekdays at the Dakota County Northern Service Center, 1 Mendota Road in West St. Paul, and from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on weekdays at the district office at Sibley High through May 7.

The district office will also be open for extended voting hours from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on April 12; from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on April 14, April 28 and May 5; from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on April 26, April 30 and May 4; and from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on May 7. Nonregistered voters should bring a Minnesota driver's license, state ID or other form of identification.

Amidon said voters also have until May 1 to request an application for an absentee ballot, which must be returned by May 8. Applications are available by calling 651-403-7002 or emailing mary.amidon@isd197.org.

The School Board, after extensive studies and discussions of the district's building and maintenance needs, decided last December to place the \$117 million referendum before voters. The bonds would pay for renovations and repairs at all eight of the buildings in the West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Area Schools. The money would be used to modernize outdated classrooms and other educa-



The \$117 million referendum would pay for renovations and repairs at all eight school buildings in the West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Area Schools, including a multipurpose turf field and track, new pool and other improvements at Sibley High.

Estimated Market Value	Estimated Tax Impact - Pay 2019*	
	Annual	Monthly
\$100,000	\$28	\$2
150,000	49	4
200,000	71	6
237,200	87	7
250,000	92	8
300,000	114	10
400,000	156	13
500,000	196	16
1,000,000	441	37

The estimated tax increase by home market value if the referendum passes.

tional spaces, improve fine arts and athletic spaces, and address handicapped accessibility and parking lot safety.

Sibley would get \$48 million of the bond issue for improvements that would include building a lit multisport field and track on the high school campus, according to district communications director Carrie Hilger. Matson Field in West St. Paul would be retained for middle school athletics.

A swimming pool would be built on the east side of the school, an addition would be added above part of the existing building, and improvements would be made to locker rooms, dugouts, concession and ticket booths, scoreboard and bleachers. Sibley also would get improvements to its performing arts and music areas, auditorium, science labs, commons, school store, and career and technical spaces. Small group break-out spaces would

be created, health and fitness areas expanded, and handicapped access improved.

Enhancements will also be made to parking lots, landscaping, concrete walks, drainage, fencing, lockers, doors, elevators, flooring, mechanical systems, plumbing, ventilation, lighting and public address systems.

If the referendum is approved, Hilger said, the pool at Heritage Middle School would be turned into a multipurpose performance and recreation space. The stages in the Friendly Hills and Heritage middle school cafeterias would be removed and handicapped accessibility would be improved.

The middle schools also would see improvements to commons and media production spaces, and would receive updated landscaping, concrete walks and fencing. Interior improvements would be done to doors, locker rooms, elevators, flooring and gym equipment. Heating and cooling piping, ventilation, lighting and public address systems also would be upgraded.

The district's five elementary schools—Garlough, Mendota, Moreland, Somerset and Pilot Knob—would all see handicapped accessibility improvements, the resizing of kindergarten classrooms and renovations in spaces for grades 1-4.

Garlough, Somerset and Pilot Knob would get separate bus and parent drop-off areas, while Garlough and Somerset would get im-

provements to their kitchen and serving areas. Somerset would get a two-story classroom addition along with renovations necessary to provide handicapped access to a portion of building added in 1936 and the creation of a dedicated gymnasium.

All of the elementary schools would see similar interior improvements to lighting, public address and fire alarm systems. Exterior enhancements would include drainage, landscaping, concrete walks, retaining walls, tuck pointing, sealants and painting.

If approved, the bond would take 22 years to pay off and would increase property taxes by about \$87 a year on a median-priced home (see chart).

Hilger said that no discernible public opposition to the bond request has arisen. She said earlier that a survey conducted last June determined that 74 percent of voters in the school district would support or at least consider voting for a tax increase.

School Board chair Joanne Mansur said she is urging "residents to learn more about the bond request, ask questions and stay engaged in this process."

Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. on May 8 at Friendly Hills, Heritage, Sibley and Pilot Knob schools as well as St. Stephen's Church in West St. Paul. For more information, call 651-403-7557, email elections@isd197.org or visit isd197.org/about/bond.

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Tenants have mixed reaction to proposed River Bluffs sale

By KEVIN DRISCOLL

Closing on the sale of River Bluffs Center on Sibley Memorial Highway in Lilydale is still anticipated around May 1. However, not all of the owners of shops in the strip mall plan to “go gentle into that good night.”

Attorney Lee Hutton, on behalf of his wife Diana Hutton, who owns the Perfect Ash tobacco shop, has sent a “litigation hold” to mall co-owner Joe Schaefer, requiring him to preserve all data that may relate to a future legal action. Lee Hutton, a partner in the Minneapolis law office of Barnes & Thornburg, said he has not yet filed a lawsuit.

Schaefer, who also owns the adjacent Moose Country Whiskey & Food with his wife Linda, is selling the restaurant and mall to Lifestyle Communities LLC and has told his tenants they must be out by the end of April, according to letters they received around early February. Neither Schaefer nor his attorney, Michael Bader, has responded to phone calls for comment.

Lee Hutton said one of the main concerns is that Schaefer signed multi-year leases with several tenants and the sale of the property would apparently preempt their leases without any form of remuneration.

Diana Hutton, who bought Perfect Ash in 2014, said she feels disrespected by Schaefer. “I signed a multi-year lease last July and I’m asking Mr. Schaefer to honor it,” she said. “We’ve invested money and put a lot of hard work into the shop and we’ve been good tenants.”

Lee Hutton said that Rashaud Brown signed a two-year lease when he bought the Lilydale Barber Shop last December and a few weeks later Brown received Schaefer’s letter about the mall’s sale.

“(Schaefer) signed multi-year leases knowing he was going to sell the mall and that it was going to be torn down,” Lee Hutton said.

Joel Knoepfler, who with his wife Janet owns Just Paws Pet Salon, said he signed a two-year lease with Schaefer last June. “We’re trying to find space on such short notice,” Knoepfler said. “We only need 750 square feet and the best we’ve been able to find is just under 1,000 square feet.”

Knoepfler said they set up the pet salon for their daughter, Jessica, who has difficulties with short-term memory. “The shop allows her to fully function in society,” he said. “We just don’t know what will happen if she’s put out of work.”

That Cooking School co-owner Bill Niemer said that while he is not sure the sale will go

through, he will have to be out by May 1 because Schaefer owns all of the equipment in his business.

“I have nothing to win, but I support Mr. Hutton in his efforts,” said Niemer, who plans to go online with a live, interactive cooking class. “I’ve also set up places to rent to conduct cooking classes for the hiring and teaching of assisted living and health care cooks.”

Dr. Grant Gugisberg, owner of Parkview Cat Clinic, said his lease expired in December, so he is definitely moving his business to a nearby location, though he could not say exactly where because he had not yet signed a lease. Gugisberg said his patients “come from all over the Twin Cities area and we want to remain a convenient place for them.”

The disposition of other tenants in the mall varies. Moose Country is set to close on April 30 and the Schaefer’s are inviting regulars to attend a farewell party on April 19-22.

The owners of Sunfish Cellars Wine & Spirits recently bought the Buon Giorno and I Nonni Italian eateries on Sibley Memorial Hwy. and moved the shop into Buon Giorno.

Dive Guys plans to rent warehouse space in Chaska to maintain operations in the Twin Cities and open a second shop in Merrifield, Minnesota, to service customers in the Brainerd Lakes Area.

The Joke Joint Comedy Club owners were still looking for another space, preferably a former restaurant, with at least 5,000 square feet in and around St. Paul’s southern suburbs.

Tim Nichols, a principal with Bloomington-based housing and marketing firm Lifestyle Communities, has said he expects all of the businesses in the mall will be gone by May 1. “I just wanted a clean sale and to not have to deal with that side of it,” he said. “There won’t be any retail in the new development.”

Shop owners have attended meetings of the Lilydale City Council and report the council has said it knows nothing about the sale or Nichols’ development plans.

“Such a sale does not need approval from the city,” said Lilydale city clerk/administrator Mary Schultz. “If and when Mr. Nichols decides on a development plan, he does need to go through us among other entities, like Dakota County and the Department of Natural Resources because of the property’s proximity to the Mississippi River.”

Schultz said Nichols’ representatives “spoke to the council informally last November.” Nichols said that multifamily housing was being considered for the site, but that he did not plan to present anything specific to Lilydale officials until mid-summer.

Tav on the Ave could see transformation under new owner

By JANE McCLURE

More than a dozen neighbors attended the West Seventh/Fort Road Federation meeting on March 12 to hear veteran restaurateur Mike Tupa’s plans to purchase and transform Tavern on the Avenue, 825 W. Jefferson Ave.

After listening to residents and discussing the matter, the board voted 9-1 to support Tupa’s city license requests with a recommendation to stay with the current 1 a.m. closing time instead of the legally allowed 2 a.m. That recommendation will go to a legislative hearing officer, who will determine if any license conditions will be forwarded to the City Council.

“One o’clock makes sense for now,” said board member Dave Bredemus. According to him, neighbors would like to see how Tupa runs the tavern for a couple of years before longer hours are sought.

“I did apply for 2 a.m., but now I have to consider all of the neighborhood feedback,”

Tupa said.

“The difference in this case is that you’re nestled right in a residential neighborhood,” said board member Jeanne Farrell.

Board member Shawn Devine cast the sole vote against the 1 a.m. closing, saying the neighborhood should not risk losing a new operator for the business.

Neighbors attending the meeting said the 1 a.m. closing was justified because of past problems at the restaurant. A shooting in the parking lot in April 2016 left one person injured. Neighbors have also complained about late-night noise, fights and trash over the years. The problems led to several other conditions being placed on the business’ licenses in the past, including mandatory video surveillance and increased security.

Jason Spangler recalled the chaos on the night of the shooting in 2016. He said he sent his family into the basement for safety, then went over to see what was going on at the tavern. “I knew I had to do something,” he said.

Spangler and other neighbors have met

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with current management at the restaurant to work on changes. He also has filed an objection to Tupa’s request for the 2 a.m. closing. “You owe it to us to close at 1 a.m.,” he said.

Other neighbors agreed, saying that while they like the food and the current staff, the late-night noise and poor behavior must stop. Several said moving to a 1 a.m. closing has been an improvement.

“I know this business comes with a history,” Tupa said. He plans to renovate the tavern’s building and patio. He also would like to make it more family-friendly by offering additional children’s items on the menu. He plans to make it easier to watch sporting events, and also wants to bring in retro-style

video games, pinball and shuffleboard.

Tupa has more than two decades of experience in the restaurant business, including the operation of Wild Bill’s, Rio Loco, Babe’s, Joe’s Sports Cafe and Starz establishments in Minnesota and Wisconsin. He has almost 1,000 employees, and each of his locations has a full management team. This would be his first St. Paul business.

He said his restaurants operate with trained security, as well as morning and evening trash collection. He said none of his businesses has had situations like the ones at Tav on the Ave.

“We do training on crowd control,” he said, “and we work to have good relations with law enforcement.”

A name for the new business has not been chosen, but Tupa said he wants a theme based on the West End’s brewery history. Part of that plan would be to offer more local and regional beers, as well as locally distilled spirits.

Board members and neighbors said they like the proposed changes and the thought of seeing a new owner with new ideas.



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Viewpoint

ID technology threatens American privacy rights

By TWILA BRASE

The Citizens' Council for Health Freedom (CCHF) has released a report exposing a global corporation that is working with state and federal governmental agencies to facilitate the collection of biometric data. IDEMIA, which calls itself "the global leader in trusted identities," produces driver's licenses for 42 states and is prepared to transition these licenses and other IDs to the digital realm.

CCHF learned about IDEMIA, then called MorphoTrust, after receiving an inquiry from a citizen during our efforts to stop REAL ID. This corporation, which is huge and partially under French ownership, now provides biometric IDs for India. The possibility of mandated biometric IDs in America should concern everyone. So should the efforts now underway in Iowa and other states to create a digital driver's license that can be accessed and deactivated remotely by the government.

In a new report, "Exposing IDEMIA: The Push for National Biometric IDs in America," CCHF reveals that the corporation is prepared to create REAL IDs. REAL ID cards are required for any federally defined "official purpose," which could eventually include patient access to medical treatment. IDEMIA equipment has been used by federal agencies to pilot facial recognition on cruise ships and at American airports. Biometric IDs are being advanced for everyday transactions. Federal legislation was introduced last month to require all workers in the U.S. to have a national biometric ID.

Benjamin Franklin said, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Although Franklin could not have foreseen computers, the Internet, smartphones or electronic health records, his sentiment still rings true. Safety and security must be viewed through the lens of individual freedom, including privacy rights.

The requirement to produce identity cards on demand conditions citizens to participate in their own surveillance and social control. National ID cards and the databases behind them are the cornerstone of government surveillance systems that threaten privacy, autonomy and anonymity. Unlike other countries that have imposed national ID systems, the U.S. government is limited by protective provisions in the Constitution. However, freedom lost is not easily regained. The authors of the Constitution and its Bill of Rights understood the importance of privacy to freedom and security. Some say biometric IDs would increase security; however, the loss of individual freedom would be the greatest insecurity of all.

IDEMIA is not a household name, despite its reach into the private and commercial affairs of most Americans. The company's advance of biometric data strategies, databases and scanning devices for access and entry control are also largely unknown. However, IDEMIA is acquainted with most American citizens whose private information flows through its equipment, databases and software products. It is unclear whether IDEMIA actually stores this data long-term. One news article on TSA PreCheck, the program that speeds clearance at airport security, says the data and fingerprints of program applicants are not stored by IDEMIA. The company simply collects them for the program and sends them to the FBI, which destroys them or sends them back.

The CCHF report seeks to acquaint Americans and their elected representatives with IDEMIA and biometric ID cards and to draw attention to its concern that current or future augmented identification requirements could negatively affect individual freedom and patient access to medical services. As they say, he who holds the data makes the rules. Third parties that collect, store or have the power to access personal data on Americans without their consent also have the power to use that data to interfere in Americans' personal lives and private choices.

In the future, these data systems could include private medical information and the ultimate biometric, citizen DNA. Most Americans do not know that many state governments store, use and share the DNA of newborns collected as part of newborn genetic screening programs, often without parental consent. Under biometric identification mandates, Americans would lose control over this sensitive data that is uniquely theirs and, unlike a password, cannot be altered to protect against intrusions.

Twila Brase is a public health nurse and president and cofounder of St. Paul-based CCHF.



A marvel in his own right, Tommy Corbett posed with the reproduction of a comic book superhero.

West End showers Corbett with caring

By MARY HANSEN

I want my fellow West End residents to know that kindness and caring run rampant in our neighborhood. I know because I have witnessed it firsthand.

I am the foster mom of Tommy Corbett, a Down syndrome grocery bagger at Cooper's Foods on West 7th Street. On February 5, at 7 p.m., I got a phone call telling me that Tommy had been hit by a car. I was in disbelief when I learned that the driver had left the scene and that Tommy's broken body was lying by the side of the road in subzero weather.

That cold-hearted act set the compassionate character of the West-Seventh community into action. Before Tommy even arrived at the hospital, Cooper's had been alerted that he was hurt and in an ambulance headed to the emergency room. Word spread like wildfire that Tommy was in trouble. Facebook, Caring Bridge and news coverage followed. This act of evil was quickly overwhelmed by hundreds of acts of kindness from people reaching out to express their concern for fun-loving, mischievous Tommy.

I want to thank Cooper's employees and customers,

West Seventh residents, Bridge View teachers and students, East Side Dental, Mississippi Market, April's Daycare and countless people from outside the area who were touched by Tommy's dilemma. Thanks for the get-well cards and gifts that you have showered on him. Thanks to St. Paul Police Officer Chad Hanson and the 7th Street First Responders. Thanks also to the doctors and nurses at United Hospital's emergency room and Regions Hospital's trauma and intensive care units.

Tommy has been transferred from Regions to Cerenity Transition Care Center in White Bear Lake. Because of a broken jaw, he has been relegated to eating pureed food, even pureed hamburgers and French fries (can you imagine?). He will finish his recovery at a handicapped-accessible group home yet to be determined, but hopefully in the east metro area.

It breaks my heart that he needs more care than can be provided at my home. Once he has fully recovered, the goal is to get him back to work at Cooper's.

Taking care of Tommy over the past 25 years has been a privilege, and being able to witness the love and concern that our West End neighborhood has for its most vulnerable residents makes me proud to be a part of this community.

Inbox

A plea for property tax relief

It's that time of year when area residents open their mail only to learn that their property taxes have gone up. Mine increased an incredible 16.25 percent this year. Sixty percent of the \$650 increase came from the city of St. Paul, due in large part to its colossal miscalculation on street maintenance assessments against otherwise non-taxable properties. My wife and I now pay more than \$4,600 a year on our modest bungalow on a 4,000-square-foot lot. That's 10 times what my taxes were 34 years ago, in raw dollars. My property value, however, has increased only six-fold, even with the many improvements we've made to our property over the decades.

Today, for the first time in 30 years, my wife and I had a serious conversation about moving, rather than pay almost \$400 a month in property taxes. If we were still making mortgage payments, that conversation would have been far more urgent.

I call upon Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert, the other members of the City Council and Mayor Carter to immediately explain to the public how they intend to address this, beyond begging tax-exempt entities to make

voluntary payments in lieu of assessments. A 34 percent increase in my city taxes is insupportable in both the short and long term.

J. M. Hamilton
Macalester-Groveland

Short-sighted plan in Lilydale

I'm disappointed in there being no retail plans at the River Bluffs Center on Sibley Memorial Highway in Lilydale (*Villager*, March 14). I implore the city of Lilydale and developer Tim Nichols to reconsider. In the almost 20 years that I've been in the neighborhood, three large, high-density housing developments have been built along this short stretch of road. This in itself presses the case for retail, such as small shops and cafes. The last thing it calls for is another housing development.

Erasing the limited retail that is there now is bad for the neighborhood. Nichols himself provided a compelling reason to not deprive the community of access: "It's a unique site, one of the last of its caliber, with unobstructed,

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spectacular views of the Mississippi River.” I couldn’t agree more, and I’m disturbed that the community is not being considered in the planning.

The developer says he does not want to “have to deal with” retail. That isn’t much of a basis for a municipality to plan in the public interest. It’s clear to me that this undertaking hasn’t been adequately considered or disclosed to the public.

*Celeste Riley
Mendota Heights*

Madness is the motorist’s

March madness is in full swing with the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament going strong. The city of St. Paul has its own version of March madness going on, namely all the potholes and the terrible condition of our streets. What a disgrace!

It doesn’t make any difference where you go, potholes as big as basketballs and nearly as deep are everywhere. Montreal, Snelling, Hamline, Edgumbe, Elway, Ayd Mill, Randolph, Cretin, St. Clair—the list goes on. And this is only in Highland Park. I’m sure it’s the same, if not worse, in other parts of the city.

Some of the streets look like a detonated mine field. They’re a hazard to your vehicle and a public safety issue as people swerve to avoid wrecking their car and cause an accident. And enough with the freeze-thaw rhetoric. Freeze-thaw is a factor, sure, but you need cracks and holes for freeze-thaw to have any affect. If the streets weren’t so poorly built and maintained in the first place, you wouldn’t have all the cracks and holes and you wouldn’t have as many potholes.

If St. Paul wants to be one of the most livable cities in the United States, please don’t forget about all of us who already live here.

*C. T. Killian
Highland Park*

Are we in alignment here?

Instead of colonizing the moon and Mars, I’m asking the science, technology, engineering and math cohorts to exercise their brain muscle to develop a road surface that withstands the use and abuse of the freeze-thaw cycle we experience wherever a winter season exists. We would appreciate it.

*Mary Therese Nelson
Highland Park*

Poverty and the minimum wage

In the article, “St. Paul businesses are wary of a hike in minimum wage” (*Villager*, March 14), some business owners question if simply increasing the minimum wage would truly pull people out of poverty. What do you suppose causes 40 percent of St. Paul residents to be living below the poverty line? They don’t have enough dirt, enough mules?

Of course, it is those who are not poor who make the absurd claims that increased income is not the answer to lifting people out of poverty. Let’s have these business owners lower their incomes to a living standard equal to the minimum wage and see if it creates a life of poverty for them.

Business owners should not be upset with the minimum wage hike. Their anger should be directed at the city for not clamping down on rental property owners. The reason groups like 15 Now are pushing

so hard is because rents are skyrocketing. Workers are just trying to keep a roof over their heads. Low-wage workers are not being greedy, but landlords are. It is all tied together.

*Frank Erickson
Standish, Minneapolis*

Language unbecoming a lawmaker

In this era of intolerance of sexual harassment in our Minnesota Legislature, one would think a new standard of respectful behavior would carry over into the language used as well. Not so. During a State Government Finance Committee meeting on March 8, a DFL lawmaker from Maplewood bemoaned the fact that Republicans on the committee had enough votes to pass a bill he didn’t like. “This is just going to be an absolute cluster,” he said.

I can’t say what was on the mind of the lawmaker, but there is a certain vulgar expression in present usage that begins with “cluster.” One can surmise that he was suggesting the very off-color phrase, given how he said it.

I find this wording offensive, especially when used by an elected official in a committee meeting open to the public and being recorded for broadcast on public television the following day. I called the office of my state representative, Dave Pinto, questioning that type of language and asking if his DFL caucus would take up the matter. I never received a return phone call. I then left a message for DFL minority leader Melissa Hortman, hoping she would find the language used by one of her members disturbing, but received no return call from her either. That was surprising since Representative Hortman is the author of HF 3030, a bill establishing an advisory task force on sexual harassment that calls for clear expectations for professional behavior.

*Georgia Dietz
Highland Park*

Voters, take control of guns

President Trump rightly characterized the recent mass shooting at a Florida high school as an act of “hatred and evil.” We seem to be doing our best to create hellfire on our streets and in our schools. The Florida killings were the 18th school shooting this year. In the next two years, the total gun deaths in the United States will exceed the total deaths of Americans in the Vietnam War. Isn’t it time we, the American people, did something about this?

I don’t blame the National Rifle Association. The NRA, as its actions and rhetoric have repeatedly shown, is an organization that values guns over lives. That is its right, and there is little point in condemning it for exercising that right and opposing gun control legislation that might lessen the death toll. The blame lies with us, the voters who are appalled by the tens of thousands of senseless killings every year who nevertheless do nothing.

We have the right to demand that our elected representatives refuse to take any money from the NRA. We have the right to refuse to vote for those who will not promise to reject NRA money. We have the right to demand that politicians vote in our interests rather than their own. We have the right to demand universal background checks and the banning of weapons and weapon modifications that facilitate mass murder.

Assault weapon advocates claim that laws change nothing, that a person who wants a gun will always be able to get one on the black market. Strong laws will not defeat every killer, but they will make

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*Justin E.A. Busch
Downtown St. Paul*

Give kids hope for the future

If we're to be good stewards of the world we've inherited, a critical responsibility is to guide children toward wisdom. A smart child who never finds a way to becoming a wise adult can only be a destructive force in the world.

Both of my children are coming home with nihilistic ideas. For instance, my son declared a couple of weeks ago that because we've been so awful to the earth, the earth would be better off without humans. My daughter, who is younger, agreed. I'm familiar with this sentiment and have always found it disturbing as it's ultimately sociopathic. It wishes for a world without humans—the idea of a madman.

While I agree that we need to be better stewards of this world, these ideas encourage hopelessness. I spoke to my son later, telling him that who he is and his place in this world are important ideas that should not be taken lightly. I said if he bought into this thinking he would surely be of no use to anyone around him. I also told him that whoever is telling him this is lying and is revealing only ignorance about our past and the potential of our future. I asked him to think about how his gift of intelligence might solve problems rather than just look on them hopelessly.

Nihilism is the ideology of weakness. It's a false ideology easily worn by weak people. It dresses up hopelessness in academic cosmetics. It may not be fair and just that the burden left by others requires such great sacrifice from us, but we must do more than just give up. Giving up means surrendering to frustration and anger. Sadly, we see this happening increasingly and disturbingly close to home. We can't let hopelessness and outrage guide our way.

Anyone who guides a child to nihilism is expressing a deep hatred of the world and our communities. Targeting a vulnerable child with hateful and violent ideologies is a cowardly act. Honestly, after becoming a father, I realized how little wisdom I had. Striving for it is a daily task, and I often need to be reminded to be humble and to listen. As my children increasingly engage their world, I feel less anxious about how I might help them find their way through the deafening noise of our time.

*Jarrod Stenberg
Macalester-Groveland*

Vote for Erstad in Ward 4

On August 14, we have an opportunity in St. Paul's Ward 4 to elect a new City Council member. I'm putting my support behind Shirley Erstad, whose campaign slogan is exactly what I'm looking for: "Gets Stuff Done." I know this to be true from the decade I've called her my neighbor. She does get stuff done, and done well, wisely, efficiently, transparently and with a strong commitment to everyone involved.

Shirley is a strong and inclusive leader. She is not afraid to ask the hard questions and keep asking them until she gets answers. She wants to know how decisions will affect all parties, not only those on her block or in her neighborhood or her ward. She feels strongly that everyone's voice should be heard, listened to and valued. Shirley believes that a thriving community is built on its diversity and its ability to recognize that racial and socioeconomic inequities exist and to act to break these inequities. To do this, we need strong leaders like Shirley who understand the systems in place, see the opportunities to create change and have the courage to do so.

Shirley is an experienced community leader. Her work as executive director of the Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County advocating for strong neighborhoods and green space has given her experience as a champion of neighborhood voices. She has served on the Union Park District Council for 2½ years and has connected with other district councils around the city to work toward our neighborhood councils having a stronger voice at City Hall.

*Kelly Martinson
Merriam Park*

Plant a tree this spring

Are you looking to buy a tree that is hardy, bee-loving, fruiting or shade-producing for your yard? Would you like to donate such a tree to a park? Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County is offering several hand-selected trees and shrubs from a local producer, Bailey Nursery. Orders are due by April 20 and pickup is May 5. To order, visit shop.friendsoftheparks.org/annual-tree-sale.

*Greg Nayman, Ward 3 Representative
Tree Advisory Panel*

Booth Memorial delivered an early lesson

BY DR. BOB NIEDRINGHAUS

I am a retired physician who practiced in Duluth for 36 years in hematology and oncology. My wife and I moved to St. Paul 2½ years ago to be closer to our children. I attended the University of Minnesota Medical School from 1964-68. The first two years of med school in those days were all classroom lectures and lab work. We were exposed to real patients in our junior and senior years. My first rotation as a junior student in OB/GYN was sometime in 1966.

The first day I was "on call" with the resident physician, I went to Booth Memorial Hospital, the Salvation Army's former home for unwed mothers at 1471 Como Ave. ("Looking back at Booth Memorial," *Villager*, March 14). Booth had a relationship with the university. If a med student came over to Booth to help the girls in labor, he or she would be allowed to assist the resident physician in delivery.

It was 5 p.m. when they called me to come to Booth. Two girls were in labor. They had no family present and no support other than me and the experienced nurse who was on duty there 24 hours a day. I had already had a long day, and the girls were hysterical at times. It was my job to console them, measure the dilatation of their cervix at intervals, attend to their comfort as I was able to without strong drugs that might affect the child, and call the resident physician when the girls reached a dilation of 7 to 8 centimeters.

The first girl took all night. By 5 a.m. the next morning, the nurse and I were both exhausted, with the second girl upstairs also progressing. However, it had been made clear to us not to call the physician away from his or her duties until it was really necessary.

The nurse called the physician around 5 a.m. We had no windows at Booth and did not realize there had been a blizzard going on all night. The resident physician was a woman from India and did not drive. She said she would call a cab, and the nurse and I knew then that we would be doing at least the first delivery.

I had never seen a delivery. Thankfully, the nurse had. Despite her much greater experience, I was "in charge." I even had to do an episiotomy to allow room for the baby's head to exit the birth canal. The baby was thankfully fine, but the second girl was crowning, and I ran upstairs and delivered her baby in her bed just as the resident physician



Booth Memorial Hospital, the Salvation Army's home for unwed mothers, at 1471 Como Ave. in 1920.

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came through the door about 6 a.m.

The babies and the mothers were all fine immediately postpartum. I left to go back to the university where I was assigned to help hold the retractors during a hysterectomy that morning. The woman had cancer and the operation took four to five hours.

When I moved to St. Paul, I did not remember where Booth had been, so I researched it and knocked on the door of the facility. I discovered it was now a transitional shelter for disadvantaged youths. Understandably, I was not allowed to come in and see the space that had been so formative in my education.

That early experience at Booth clearly gave me confidence in my bedside skills, and it helped me learn not to scare easily. I went on to an internship at the University of West Virginia and was drafted in 1969 into the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. I was the doctor for six destroyers in the Pacific fleet for a year, served another year at the Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton Marine Base in California, followed by 4½ years of specialty training at the Mayo Clinic.

I was so struck by historian Kim Heikkilä's story in the last *Villager*. There are not many people around who have a story to tell like we do.

Editor's note. The writer is a resident of Summit Hill.

Tragedy waiting to happen

Soon more bicyclists will be on St. Paul's streets along with the motor vehicles. Motorists and bicyclists are equally responsible for watching out for each other, but everyone will be paying more attention to avoiding the ever-growing potholes. I predict many crashes between motorists and bicyclists. Bicyclists will be the bigger victims, incurring damage to their bikes and severe injuries or even death.

It's time for St. Paul Public Works director Kathy Lantry, Mayor Melvin Carter and the City Council to stop hiding in their offices and get out and assist road crews for at least a week in repairing these unacceptably dangerous road conditions. These so-called city leaders must be held personally responsible for all damages, injuries and deaths.

*Sue Shetka
Macalester-Groveland*

Support Marty's health care bill

Minnesota's current health care system disenfranchises lower-income residents, people of color such as myself, farmers, older residents and families whose members may need more intensive health attention. In other words, well over half of all Minnesotans.

Over the last year, our state has spent upwards of \$300 million "supplementing" health insurance companies so they could cover people on the individual market. Isn't it strange that public taxpayer money is being shuttled through private hands with a large amount skimmed off before it finds its way to individuals in need of health care? Also, federal policies have put funding in jeopardy for state health care programs like Minnesota Care and Medical Assistance (administered via Medicaid). Is it fair that Minnesotans are left to swing in the winds of uncertainty regarding their health?

A great solution would be either an expansion of the state's Minnesota Care system or implementing a single-payer health care system. Based on recent polling, voters across the U.S. seem to believe this as well. With an estimated 2 out of 5 St. Paul residents living in poverty, the time is now for

state Senator John Marty's Minnesota Health Care Bill. It's an economical and logical solution to our current, complicated health care system.

*Forrester Pack
Prospect Park, Minneapolis*

What would Snoopy say?

Would the proposed demolition of O'Gara's Bar and Grill and the site's redevelopment as a multi-story mixed-use apartment building with parking (*Villager*, March 14) include a skyway connection to the Vintage and Whole Foods multi-story apartment complex across Selby Avenue?

*Tom Reasoner
West End*

Neighbors united around alley

A big thank-you to all the residents on my block who so promptly paid for our alley snowplowing service this year. And thanks to all the other residents who paid the alley fees without any questions or delays. I'm probably not the only one who feels that it makes up for that one person we all have who never pays. Let's hope we're almost done with alley plowing for another season.

*Louise Nemmers
Highland Park*

Aim of Second Amendment

The U.S. Constitution's Article I, Section 8, empowers Congress "to provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions." We occasionally hear it said that the Second Amendment to the Constitution protects us from the government, but that bit of creativity is contradicted by the preceding clause. It's to protect the government from us.

*John Kaplan
Highland Park*

District Council News

Highland Park

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Annual meeting and elections—The Highland District Council's annual meeting and board elections will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at Summit Brewing Company, 910 Montreal Circle. A social time will be followed by elections for all even-numbered grids and two at-large seats starting at 7 p.m. Interested candidates are asked to arrive at 6:15 p.m. and be ready to participate in a question-and-answer session at 6:30 p.m. The evening will include a vote on realigning the district council's 12 grids by population. If it passes, the 2018 representatives will only serve one year and a new grid map will be used for the 2019 election. If it fails, grid representatives will be elected for the regular two years. Mayor Melvin Carter, a member of City Council member Chris Tolbert's office and representatives from the Western District Police Station will speak. For information, visit the HDC website under "events."

Prospective board members—An informal session for those who want to learn about serving on the HDC's board of directors will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 9, at the Highland Cafe & Bakery, 2012 Ford Pkwy. People can ask questions of current board members, find out what programs the district council is involved in and how to get involved. Contact Kathy Carruth by calling the HDC office or emailing info@highlanddistrictcouncil.org.

Block club leaders—The HDC is updating its list of neighborhood block clubs, both formal and informal, and is asking their leaders to email it with their contact information. Send your name, email and street addresses, phone number and area that your block club serves to info@highlanddistrictcouncil.org.

Macalester-Groveland

macgrove.org • 651-695-4000

Annual meeting—The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will hold its annual meeting and board elections from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in McNeely Hall at the University of St. Thomas. St. Paul city planner Lucy Thompson will discuss the 2040 comprehensive planning process that will guide the city's development for the next 20 years. City Council members Samantha Henningson of Ward 4 and Chris Tolbert of Ward 3 will be on hand, and elections will be held for organizational representative seats on the community council's board. For information, visit macgrove.org/annualmeeting.

Mac-Grove mini-grants—The community council is hoping to award two to four mini-grants this year to increase involvement in activities that benefit the neighborhood. Eligible projects could be anything from public festivals and gardens to murals and pedestrian safety events. For information, call the office or email mgcc@macgrove.org. Applications are due by April 29. To apply, visit macgrove.org/minigrants.

Get involved—The community council currently has openings on its board of directors for at-large faith, at-large business and at-large landlord representatives. The council also has four standing committees that meet once a month. Those who attend three consecutive committee meetings can become voting members. For information, visit macgrove.org/node/341.

Upcoming meetings—Housing and Land Use Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, Groveland Recreation Center, 2021 St. Clair Ave.; Community Building Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 9, Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St.

Summit Hill

summithillassociation.org • 651-222-1222

Board election—An election for open positions on the Summit Hill Association's board of directors will be held at the regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the Linwood Recreation Center, 860 St. Clair Ave. For information, call the SHA office or visit the website.

Progressive Supper—The Summit Hill Progressive Supper will be held from 6-11 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in homes throughout the neighborhood. The evening consists of appetizers, soup/salad, main course and dessert. After the conclusion of a course, diners will progress to the next home and their next group of dining companions. Those who are unable to host people in their home can sign up for the dessert course, where everyone ends the night together in one location. Tickets are \$10. Register on the SHA website by April 27.

Mark your calendar—The SHA will hold its annual neighborhood garage sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 5. Residents host their own sales and keep the profits. The cost is \$20, which helps pay to advertise the sale. There also will be a plant sale at the Linwood Recreation Center that day. For information and to register, visit the SHA website.

Union Park

unionparkdc.org • 651-645-6887

Union Park micro-grants—The Union Park District Council is inviting local residents to apply for grants of \$200-\$600 to complete improvement projects in the neighborhood. Last year, the grants were used to fund Paint-the-Pavement, theater in the park and walking club projects. The application deadline is April 30. For details, email julie@unionparkdc.org or visit unionparkdc.org/micro-grants.

Bike safety and repair—The UPDC will host free bike safety and repair clinics from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave., and Wednesday, April 18, at the Midway YMCA, 1761 University Ave. Participants will receive a free bike tune-up and can learn how to do simple repairs. The clinics will be giving away bicycling safety gear and several donated children's bikes, and will provide in-

formation about local bike routes. The clinics are supported by St. Paul-Ramsey County Public Health's Statewide Health Improvement Partnership and Mr. Michael Recycles Bicycles.

Music and movement classes—The UPDC has teamed up with Playing With Music to offer music and movement classes at 10 a.m. on Saturdays at 161 N Snelling Ave. for children from birth through kindergarten and their caregivers. A Ukulele Club for children ages 5-8 is also being offered at 11 a.m. on Saturdays. To register, email marksorvari@gmail.com.

Historic home project—The owners of historic homes in the Union Park neighborhood are invited to purchase an engraved plaque for their properties. The cost is \$95, which includes a \$25 tax-deductible donation to the UPDC. Visit unionparkdc.org/historichome or email julie@unionparkdc.org.

Upcoming meetings—board of directors, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, Otto Hall at Episcopal Homes, 1860 University Ave.; Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 9; Land Use and Economic Development Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 16, Episcopal Homes; Environment and Parks Committee, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18. Unless otherwise noted, the meetings will be held at 161 N. Snelling Ave.

Stay in touch—The public is invited to "like" the UPDC on Facebook and subscribe to its e-newsletter, "Neighborhood Matters," by emailing julie@unionparkdc.org.

West 7th

fortroadfederation.org • 651-298-5599

Tav on the Ave—At its March 12 meeting, the West Seventh/Fort Road Federation's board of directors heard a presentation by Mike Tupa, who is considering purchasing the Tav on the Ave bar and restaurant on Jefferson Avenue. After listening to several neighbors and discussing the issue, the board approved sending a letter to the city in support of Tupa with the recommendation that the restaurant's closing time be 1 a.m. instead of 2 a.m.

Accessory dwelling units—The board also heard a presentation by city staff on March 12 regarding a zoning study of accessory dwellings, commonly called "granny flats." The presentation identified how many properties in the West Seventh neighborhood might fit the zoning. A public hearing on the study will take place at 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 20, in Room 40 at City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

Annual meeting—The slate of board candidates has been approved for the West Seventh Federation's annual meeting and elections that will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at Summit Brewing Company, 910 Montreal Circle. Visit the website to learn more about the candidates.

Upcoming meeting—The board of directors will hold its next monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, May 14, at the Federation office, 974 W. 7th St. Visit the website for information. The public also is invited to "like" the Federation on Facebook and to sign up for email updates at tinyurl.com/yahujbyv.



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Recycling program falls short of city's goal for reduced waste

By JANE MCCLURE

St. Paul's "All In" residential recycling program has wrapped up its first year of operation, and the results are mixed. With the switch from recycling bins to wheeled carts, St. Paul's households are recycling more overall, especially in neighborhoods that did not recycle much in the past. However, the city is falling far short of its goal for diverting household waste from landfills and incinerators.

Last year St. Paul residents recycled 22,219 tons of material. That was up 6 percent or 1,246 tons from 2016, but it represented only 24 percent of the city's estimated household waste stream. The City Council had set goals of recycling 35 percent of the waste stream by 2016, 50 percent by 2020 and 65 percent by 2025.

Missed pickups and difficulty accessing alleys during the winter were problems cited by the city's Department of Public Works in a meeting with the City Council on March 21. Eureka, the city's recycling contractor, used to pick up all recycling at the front curb, but with

the change to wheeled carts, about 65 percent of St. Paul's households were switched to alley pickup.

"I believe the changes worked well for the majority of residents," said Kris Hageman, manager of the city's recycling and solid waste programs. Although complaint calls overwhelmed Eureka and the city in the first weeks of the new program, the complaints to Eureka declined from 6,135 calls in January 2017 to about 1,600 calls in November 2017.

Many of the missed pickups this winter were the result of alleys that Eureka drivers determined were not adequately plowed for their trucks to traverse. Eureka has a protocol for deciding which alleys it should and should not drive through, according to Hageman.

The recycling contractor was not present at the City Council meeting on March 21, but Eureka co-president Lynn Hoffman stated in March that "icy and snowy conditions continue to cause accessibility and safety issues in alleys along our collection routes. We're in regular communication with the city about ways to collect recycling in these alleys that protect both the property of city residents and

the safety of our drivers."

"If the city had ever taken responsibility for plowing alleys, we wouldn't be having this discussion," said Ward 6 City Council member Dan Bostrom. According to him, the City Council may have to consider whether to include alley plowing in its right-of-way maintenance charges. "I just think this could save a ton of problems," Bostrom said. "From what I'm hearing, this is a major part of our problem."

The trucks of private garbage haulers travel those same alleys throughout the winter without missing a pickup, said Ward 4 City Council member Samantha Henningson.

What is going to happen when the city switches to organized trash collection?, several council members asked.

"It seems to me there's a disconnect with Eureka," said Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert. "I still get calls from people who've been missed by the recycling truck."

Under its contract with the city, Eureka can be penalized for missed pickups. The city pays the company \$3.67 per household each month, but it is now planning to withhold 92

cents for each household Eureka misses in its weekly pickup.

More needs to be done to improve pickup, Tolbert said. Eureka's trucks no longer have a second person on board to help with loading. For the mechanical arms on the truck to work, the recycling carts have to be placed a certain way. "I have neighbors who get out there and measure, and their recycling still isn't picked up," Tolbert said. "This would've been solved if we'd kept two people on the trucks."

The 2017 annual report on recycling did have its bright spots. Collections in Summit-University, Frogtown, the North End and several East Side neighborhoods increased by more than 20 percent from 2016 to 2017. Hageman attributed the increase to the convenience of the carts.

As for the lower-than-expected tonnage in materials collected, Hageman cited several factors that are being experienced by recycling programs across the country. One is the lighter weight of recyclable materials such as plastic and aluminum. Another is a reduction in the use of glass and newspaper, some of the heavier materials recycled.

Marshall Avenue landlord loses appeal to retain student rental

By JANE MCCLURE

The St. Paul City Council voted 5-1 on March 7 to revoke the student housing registration certificate of landlord Kyle Coglitore. Coglitore may continue to rent his house at 2083 Marshall Ave. to a family or a group of four unrelated people, but no more than two of his tenants may be undergraduate students.

Coglitore had appealed a decision by the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) to uphold an earlier decision by city fire inspections supervisor A.J. Neis to revoke his student housing registration certificate due to complaints about overoccupancy.

The revocation is the first since student housing registration certificates were established by the city in 2012 for a zoning overlay district that includes portions of the Merriam Park and Macalester-Groveland neighborhoods. The overlay district was created to address the proliferation of student rental properties in neighborhoods around the University of St. Thomas. It sets a minimum 150-foot distance requirement between student rental properties and requires the properties to be registered with the city.

Coglitore's Marshall Avenue house was a student rental before the overlay district was established and was grandfathered-in even though there are other student rental houses within 150 feet. The Marshall property was registered as a student rental in 2012. Coglitore, who lives in Lakeville, bought the house in 2013.

The Union Park District Council had recommended that Coglitore's appeal be denied. Ward 4 City Council member Samantha Henningson agreed, saying that the city "sets a pretty high bar" when it comes to landlords.

Ward 2 City Council member Rebecca Noecker cast the sole vote against the revocation. She cited an error that was found since the BZA hearing about a 2016 complaint against the property. She said that could have affected the BZA's decision. However, Henningson said the record needs to be considered.

Almost a dozen local residents attended the public hearing. Several testified against the appeal. They said the house frequently has had half a dozen or more vehicles parked on the property, and its trash bins were often overflowing.

"Overoccupancy is an open secret in the neighborhood," said Marshall Avenue resi-

dent David Sell. He and five other neighbors said the revocation should be upheld to send a message to other landlords in the area that overoccupancy creates hazards and will not be tolerated.

"Unfortunately, I can't say that overoccupancy is an uncommon occurrence with student housing," Neis said.

Coglitore purchased the house while he was a student at St. Thomas. "This is my only source of income," he said, "and it's being taken away." Coglitore complained that he had not been given a fair opportunity to rectify the situation. He characterized the issue as one of neighbors simply not liking students. According to his attorney, Loren Solfest, the city did not follow proper procedures in revoking the student rental certificate and is in essence illegally taking Coglitore's property by revoking it.

On September 13, 2017, Neis responded to a complaint about overoccupancy at 2083 Marshall and found nine students living in the house. Coglitore was contacted and met Neis at the house two days later. They found only four students living at the house and the additional bedrooms had been vacated. Neis also noted that the yard was littered with beer cans

and what appeared to be vomit. He gave Coglitore a verbal warning that any more complaints about overoccupancy would result in the revocation of his student rental certificate.

Coglitore related to city officials that after Neis left, the students told him that their additional housemates had placed their possessions in a rental truck that was parked down the street and that they planned to move back in. Worried that he would lose his student housing certificate, Coglitore said he had his fiancée make an anonymous complaint to city officials about overoccupancy at the house. He said his intent was to be a good landlord and discourage his tenants from violating the law. However, his fiancée's complaint ultimately led to the revocation of his certificate.

Neis testified that under its legislative code the city does not have to give landlords a second chance or more time to correct a violation.

Steve Levin, who lives two doors down from 2083 Marshall, questioned whether Coglitore knows how to be a good landlord.

Merriam Park residents should not have to deal with overoccupied properties, according to Iglehart Avenue resident George Bounds. "We're paying Summit Avenue property taxes to live in Dinkytown," he said.

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It's a Cub for The Capp: Grocery is chosen for 46th & Hiawatha project

BY BILL WAGNER

A new type of Cub Foods will be moving into the \$35 million, four-story mixed-use development at the southeast corner of East 46th Street and Hiawatha Avenue in Minneapolis. The supermarket is expected to open next spring on the ground floor of The Capp, which will also have 146 market-rate apartments, two other ground-floor retail spaces, a restaurant and a public plaza.

Chad Ferguson, president of operations for Cub's parent company, SuperValu, said the new store will encompass about 46,000 square feet, compared to a traditional Cub store's 70,000. He said there are smaller-sized Cubs in the metro area, but this will be the first within a multiuse building.

"The housing above it makes it a unique experience," Ferguson said. "This is the first store to shoulder a housing development for us."

According to him, the new Cub will be able to serve 70,000 residents within a seven-minute drive. Others have noted that there are 15,000 residents within a 10-minute walk.

The new Cub will carry items tailored to urban shoppers. There will be grab-and-go meals, a popcorn counter, juicer, expanded deli with build-your-own selections, on-line delivery through an Instacart program and in-store pickup through a "click-and-collect" program. There will also be outdoor seating, a window where customers can order ice cream from outside, multiple entrances, and communal seating where customers can work on their computers or charge their phones.

Drew Johnson, project manager for developer Oppidan Investment Company, said the project is on schedule for completion next spring. Site work began about a month ago. "We're off to a good start," he said about The

Capp, which is named for the longtime owner of a lumber yard that once occupied the site.

As of March 20, the large Creative Kidstuff building that formerly occupied the site had been torn down and the rubble hauled away. Johnson said one concern is the possibility of running into environmental hazards while excavating for the underground parking garage. He said preliminary soil testing was conducted and no red flags surfaced at that time. "We'll keep our fingers crossed," he said.

Minneapolis City Council member Andrew Johnson said there are several pluses about the new Cub, which will employ about 100. He also likes the fact that the store will have a union workforce and that its location is close to light rail and bike trails.

However, not everybody was on board with the arrival of the new Cub. Critics complained about why it took so long to find out that it was Cub that was moving there. They also questioned why it was chosen despite an on-line survey of local residents by the Longfellow Community Council that ranked Cub as their least favorite option for a food store at the site. The top three choices were Trader Joe's, a food co-op and Fresh Thyme.

Melanie Majors, executive director of the community council, said some people had reservations about the new Cub being so close to a full-sized Cub 2.2 miles to the north off Hiawatha and Lake Street. There is also a Lunds & Byerlys 1.2 miles to the east in Highland Village. Majors said developers who seek support from the neighborhood should also show a "deep commitment to the area."

Ferguson tried to allay those concerns, saying that SuperValu has a long track record of good corporate citizenship. "We've worked really hard to tailor the store to the customer needs in the community," he said.

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Commission OKs Davanni's use of UST lot for 3 more years

By JANE MCCLURE

A University of St. Thomas parking lot at the northwest corner of Grand and Cleveland avenues can remain in place for three more years to help meet the parking needs of the nearby Davanni's and Coffee Bené restaurants. The St. Paul Planning Commission approved a site plan on March 9 to allow the 31-space lot until March 11, 2021.

Members of the Planning Commission's Zoning Committee recommended approval of the extension on March 1, while making it clear that they eventually want to see the property developed. This is the second time a three-year extension has been approved for the parking lot.

The university's master plan calls for a building at the corner with commercial space on the first floor and housing above. "The

question is, 'When will this housing be built?'" said Zoning Committee chair Daniel Edgerton. "It's been more than a few years."

Neighbors have long argued that St. Thomas should provide more on-campus housing. "Housing is an issue in the area and when do we finally say, 'Enough?'" Edgerton asked.

St. Thomas has not built any of the 400 or so on-campus housing units it proposed as part of a 2004 conditional use permit that allowed it to expand onto the two blocks bounded by Summit, Cleveland, Grand and Cretin avenues. The university's most recent master plan calls for new and renovated on-campus housing, but there is no firm timeline.

Neighborhood liaison Amy Gage said university officials are aware of student housing pressures on the neighborhood and the demand for more on-campus housing. A \$100,000 neighborhood stabilization fund

was created when the first parking lot extension was approved in 2015. That money was used to convert four student rental houses into owner-occupied homes and improve campus street lighting.

St. Thomas was prepared to convert the parking lot to green space this spring until the owners of Davanni's and Coffee Bené asked if they could continue to use it for a few more years. The businesses have lost on-street parking due to the expansion of resident-only permit parking in the area and the recent marking of bicycle lanes on Cleveland Avenue. Though Grand Avenue is not designated for permit parking, spaces on that street are generally taken up by St. Thomas students and faculty members.

The two businesses will continue to lease 16 spaces and St. Thomas will help with monitoring the lot. Over the long term, the busi-

ness owners and school officials have discussed sharing any new parking built as part of redeveloping the site.

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council and the West Summit Neighborhood Advisory Committee (WSNAC) supported extending the use of the parking lot for another three years. WSNAC's approval was on the condition that the businesses' annual lot rent of \$15,000 would continue to help pay for turning off-campus student rental properties into owner-occupied homes.

"We did have a robust discussion," WSNAC co-chair Rachel Westermeyer told the Zoning Committee. "I'd appreciate it if this is the last time we see you."

Planning commissioner Bill Lindeke agreed. "I feel like this is a spot that would be perfect for housing," he said. "I hope we don't have to do this again."

Religious Notes

The University of St. Thomas will present its annual Sacred Arts Festival in April under the theme "Sanctuary: Power, Conscience, Place." The festival includes the exhibit "Paths to Saffan: Power, Place and Sanctuary in Asmat Art" opening at 5 p.m. Friday, April 6, in the art museum on the second floor of the Anderson Student Center. Vincent Warnier will perform an organ concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 15, in the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas, with a reception to follow. Sun Yung Shin will give a poetry reading at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, in the O'Shaughnessy-Frey Library. The St. Paul Seminary chorale and musicians will present "Sanctuary: A Celebration of Christian Hope in Word and Music" at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 22, in St. Mary's Chapel. Brazilian-American

artist Jónatas Chimen will speak on "Spiritual Growth and Enlightenment through Art" at noon Thursday, April 26, in the Anderson Student Center. All of the events are free. For information, visit stthomas.edu/saf.

The Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library spring lecture will be given at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 9, in the Owens Science Hall on the south campus of the University of St. Thomas. Christopher Thompson, associate professor of moral theology, will present his new book, *The Joyful Mystery: Field Notes Toward a Green Thomism*. Parking is available in the Anderson ramp. The event is free and open to the public. Call 651-962-5050 or visit saintpaulseminary.org.

Volunteers

Kidsave, a children's advocacy organization, is seeking Minnesota families to host Colombian orphans ages 10-14 from June 28 to August 3 through its Summer Miracles program. Hosts provide room and board and participate in special events. A contribution of \$2,500 is required to help defray round-trip transportation costs from Colombia. The application deadline is April 15. For details, visit kidsave.org/programs/orphan-hosting.

The Minnesota Streetcar Museum needs volunteers to operate the historic streetcars at its two lines that operate between Lake Harriet and Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis as well as in downtown Excelsior. Applications are due April 6, with informational meetings

on Saturday and Sunday, April 7-8. Training starts the following week. Visit TrolleyRide.org or contact Pat Cosgrove at 952-953-6559 or volunteer@trolleyride.org.

The Science Museum of Minnesota, 120 W. Kellogg Blvd., is looking for St. Paul residents to apply to attend a forum on Saturday, May 12, entitled "Building Resilience to Heat Waves and Extreme Precipitation: Preparing for St. Paul's Uncertain Future." A pool of 60 residents are being sought to represent the city. No expertise or background knowledge is required. Selected residents are eligible for a \$50 stipend. The application deadline is April 13. To apply, visit ecostonline.org/climate/saint-paul.

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St. Mark's: Easter Vigil (Sat.) 8:00 p.m.
Easter Masses 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

St. Peter of Mendota
Easter Vigil (Sat.) 8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00 & 11 a.m.

St. Thomas More:
Easter Vigil (Sat.) 8:00 p.m.
Easter Masses 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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Crime Report

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

Highland Park

Burglary—MSP Tobacco, 2443 W. Seventh St., was broken into during the evening of March 7-8.

Theft—A car that had been reported stolen in Florida was recovered at Hertz Rent A Car, 1420 Davern St., at 9:09 a.m. Thursday, March 8.

—More than \$1,000 in merchandise was reported stolen from T-Mobile, 2110 Ford Pkwy., at 6:16 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

—A vehicle was stolen on the 1800 block of Randolph Avenue between 6 a.m.-7:16 p.m. Tuesday, March 13.

Assault—An intoxicated female was arrested for assaulting tenants and damaging property at an apartment on the 2000 block of Bayard Avenue at 5:20 a.m. Saturday, March 10.

Weapons—An assault with a weapon was reported on the 400 block of South Hamline Avenue at 2:20 a.m. Saturday, March 10.

Lexington-Hamline

Theft—A vehicle was stolen on Dunlap Street and University Avenue between 6:19-8:42 p.m. Monday, March 12.

Weapons—Gunfire was reported at 11:45 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at SuperAmerica, 399 N. Lexington Pkwy. Police later learned that a man had been shot there and had been dropped off at Regions Hospital.

Miscellaneous—Felony damage to property was reported at LA Fitness, 1370 University Ave., between 3-5 p.m. Friday, March 9.

—Police were sent to recover narcotics at Gordon Parks High School, 1212 University Ave., at 9:43 a.m. Monday, March 19.

Macalester-Groveland

Robbery—A robbery at gunpoint was reported on the 1800 block of Fairmount Avenue at 4:55 p.m. Saturday, March 17. Shots were fired, but the victim was able to flee without injury.

Burglary—Several items were stolen from a garage on the 300 block of South Pascal Street between March 8-10.

Theft—A vehicle was stolen on the 1400 block of Goodrich Avenue during the evening of March 9-10.

—A Macbook computer was stolen from Macalester College between March 14-15.

—A Coach tote bag, Samsung tablet and Beat headphones were reported stolen from a vehicle on the 200 block of South Cleveland Avenue at 4:15 p.m. Friday, March 16.

—A bicycle valued at more than \$500 was stolen on Mississippi River Boulevard and Summit Avenue during the evening of March 16-17.

—A .32 caliber Walther handgun was re-

ported stolen from a residence on the 300 block of Macalester Street on Saturday, March 17. The theft apparently occurred while the owners were on vacation. A bullet hole also was discovered in a living room wall.

Mendota Heights

Theft—Several packages were reported stolen from a residence on the 500 block of High Ridge at 7:47 p.m. Monday, March 12. Surveillance video showed a Coborns Delivers driver ring the bell, listen by the door and lean over near the packages. The home owners were not expecting a Coborns delivery.

—A man pumped \$56.68 worth of fuel and then stole motor oil, engine treatment, Red Bull and cigars at 9:17 p.m. Monday, March 12, at a service station on the 1000 block of Mendota Heights Road. The suspect reportedly told the employee to call the police, because he was going to jail anyway. Then he left. The case is still under investigation.

Merriam Park

Burglary—Suspects broke into Suds America, 2045 Marshall Ave., and stole an ATM machine at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15.

—Xboxes, a PlayStation and cash were stolen from a home that was broken into on the 1700 block of Dayton Avenue during the evening of March 17-18.

Theft—A laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle on the 200 block of Exeter Place during the evening of March 19-20.

—A vehicle was stolen on the 2000 block of Carroll Avenue the evening of March 19-20.

Weapons—Police responded to a report of a domestic dispute and arrested a 44-year-old man for possession of a firearm by a felon at 10:05 p.m. Friday, March 9, on the 500 block of Desnoyer Avenue.

—Officers were called to Ramsey Middle School on a report of a juvenile with a weapon at 9:57 a.m. Friday, March 16.

—Gunfire was reported on the 400 block of West Lynnhurst Avenue at 9:51 p.m. Monday, March 19.

Miscellaneous—Two 21-year-old men were cited for violating the city's social host ordinance after police responded to a house party on the 1900 block of Iglehart Avenue at 11:05 p.m. Friday, March 16. Two other males were cited for underage drinking.

—Police cited five people for underage drinking after responding to a party at 10:17 p.m. Friday, March 16, on the 2000 block of Selby Avenue.

—Three people were cited for having open bottles of alcohol in a vehicle at 5:32 p.m. Saturday, March 17, on Fairview and Marshall avenues.

Snelling-Hamline

Theft—A 21-year-old man was arrested for shoplifting and drug possession at 7:50

a.m. Friday, March 9, at the Midway Walmart. While awaiting transportation, he began having seizures and was taken to the hospital.

—A 58-year-old man was arrested for felony theft at the Midway Walmart at 3:22 p.m. Friday, March 16. The suspect reportedly stole a purse out of a woman's cart, went to his car, removed the cash from the purse and then returned to the store, where he was arrested. He also was cited for driving after cancellation of his license.

—A backpack, laptop computer, iPad, lesson plans and other items were stolen from a vehicle on Snelling and Ashland avenues at 3:36 p.m. Monday, March 19.

Assault—A woman was assaulted at Whole Foods, 1575 Selby Ave., at 1:48 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

Weapons—Gunfire was reported on the 1400 block of Iglehart Avenue at 9:56 p.m. Monday, March 19.

Miscellaneous—A woman was stopped for shoplifting and was arrested for possession of methamphetamine at 6:50 p.m. Friday, March 2, at the Midway Walmart.

—A group of males began fighting at the Midway Walmart at 10:05 p.m. Thursday, March 15. Several of the suspects were sprayed by police with a chemical irritant and fled the scene. Two of them were arrested for disorderly conduct and fleeing.

Summit Hill

Theft—A stolen vehicle was reported on the 800 block of Lincoln Avenue at 7:07 a.m. Thursday, March 15.

—A Samsung Galaxy cellphone and money order were reported stolen from a vehicle on the 900 block of Grand Avenue at 2:01 p.m. Sunday, March 18.

Weapons—An assault with a dangerous weapon occurred on the 700 block of Grand Avenue at 11:15 p.m. Friday, March 16.

Miscellaneous—A 23-year-old man was arrested for DWI after he drove through the front door of CVS Pharmacy, 1040 Grand Ave., at 5:41 a.m. Sunday, March 11.

—A 20-year-old man was arrested for trespassing on the construction site at Linwood Monroe School, 1023 Osceola Ave., at 12:09 a.m. Sunday, March 11.

Summit-University

Burglary—More than \$1,000 in construction tools were stolen from a house being remodeled on the 900 block of Iglehart Avenue during the evening of March 19-20.

Theft—A Logitech laptop computer and work documents were stolen from one vehicle, and a Coach backpack, IBM laptop computer, cash, checkbook, credit cards and personal documents were taken from another at W. A. Frost, 374 Selby Ave., between 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8.

—A cellphone was reported stolen on Selby and Western avenues at 4:51 p.m. Friday,

March 9.

—More than \$500 in merchandise was reported stolen from the Idun women's boutique, 495 Selby Ave., at 2:20 p.m. Friday, March 16.

—A purse and iPad were stolen from a vehicle on Mackubin Street and Selby Avenue between 1-6 a.m. Sunday, March 18.

—Stolen vehicles were reported on Dale Street and Holly Avenue on March 19, and on the 600 block of Selby Avenue on March 20.

Assault—A 29-year-old woman was arrested for felony assault on the 700 block of Selby Avenue at 4:10 p.m. Saturday, March 17.

Weapons—At least six gunshots were reported on the 700 block of Dayton Avenue at 4:59 a.m. Sunday, March 11.

West End

Theft—Tool bags were stolen from a vehicle on James Avenue and Webster Street during the evening of March 8-9.

—Stolen vehicles were reported on the 600 block of West Seventh Street on March 10, on the 600 block of Armstrong Avenue on March 12, on the 600 block of Randolph Avenue on March 17 and on the 300 block of Daly Street on March 18-19.

—Tools worth \$825 were stolen from a job site on the 700 block of Randolph Avenue between 10:30-11:43 a.m. Saturday, March 17.

—A backpack, textbooks, graphic calculator and Comcast modem were stolen on the 400 block of Banfil Street during the evening of March 15-16.

—Bicycles valued at more than \$500 were reported stolen on the 700 block of Randolph Avenue at 7:21 p.m. Monday, March 19, and on the 2000 block of West Seventh Street at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 20.

Assault—A man was hit multiple times with a baseball bat during a fight at West Seventh and Walnut streets at 1:59 a.m. Saturday, March 10. He was taken to the hospital.

—Two females said they were punched by an intoxicated female after exiting the restroom at Burger Moe's, 242 W. Seventh St., at 9 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

—An intoxicated 26-year-old man was arrested for assault, trespassing and disorderly conduct after he refused to leave and kicked a staff member at Tom Reid's Hockey City Pub, 258 W. Seventh St., at 11:36 p.m. Saturday, March 17.

—Police reported two women assaulting each other on the 200 block of West Seventh Street at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17.

Miscellaneous—Officers received a call on a burglary at the West Seventh Community Center, 265 Oneida St., at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17. A suspect leaving the scene had to be forcibly detained. A broken window was found, but it was unknown if anything was missing. The suspect was uninjured, but was taken to the hospital due to his behavior.

Business Briefs

The Wild Onion, 788 Grand Ave., is closing on March 31 after two decades of operation. Luke Shimp, who runs two Red Cow restaurants in Minneapolis and another on Selby and Western avenues in St. Paul, is buying the Wild Onion and plans to operate it as his second Red Rabbit restaurant this summer. Shimp is planning several interior upgrades as well as modifications and enhancements to the kitchen to accommodate the Red Rabbit's menu of rustic Italian food. That includes adding a wood-fire grill and wood-fire pizza oven. The new Red Rabbit will retain the patio and outdoor fireplace as well as the sidewalk seating.

A Just Between Friends event will be held from April 5-7 at the Charles M. Schulz-Highland Arena, 800 S. Snelling Ave. The event provides a marketplace for families to sell their gently used children's items, while others can purchase the items at 50-90 percent off retail prices. Hours are from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. Ad-

mission is \$2 on opening day and free for the remaining two days. Items will be half-price on Saturday, and a presale event for consignors, first-time parents or grandparents and those who purchase a primetime ticket will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 4. Visit edina.jbfsale.com/homeView.jsp.

The MetroIBA will hold a free Lunch and Learn program from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the Latimer Central Library, 90 W. Fourth St. The program will be on microbusinesses. To register, call 612-404-0268 or visit buylocal-twincities.com.

NewStudio Architecture is working with the Exeter Group to develop a new office and showroom space in a historic timber-framed building at 2303 Wycliff Ave. The structure was built in 1902 as a furniture warehouse and later became the offices of Minnesota Chemical Company. NewStudio will occupy two floors of the building and plans to move there in April.

The architectural and interior design practice handles projects across 35 states and four Canadian provinces.

Golden Fig Fine Foods, which has been located on Grand Avenue since 2007, has moved to a bigger space next door at 794 Grand Ave. Store owner Laurie Crowell was recently named to the citywide Neighborhood Honor Roll by the Summit Hill Association. The shop also was named the winner of a Twin Cities Indie Business Award last November by the Metro Independent Business Alliance.

The Express Bike Shop operated by Keystone Community Services was recognized on February 22 with *Minnesota Business Magazine's* Community Impact Award for outstanding social enterprise. The shop has collected and refurbished, repurposed or recycled more than 20,000 bicycles since opening in 1995. All of its profits are reinvested to help young people develop work, leadership and entrepreneurship skills.

Home Improvement

Really on a roll

Wallpaper is making a big comeback due to a new design-savvy audience

By Frank Jossi

When Brigitte and Sam Smith moved into their Highland Park home in 2016, they found old wallpaper from the 1970s and 1980s in many rooms—even on the kitchen ceiling.

The Smiths had no intention to replace the wallpaper with more wallpaper, but Brigitte spied one opportunity where it might work. She saw the front entryway and nearby staircase as a place where wallpaper could “make a little more of a statement.”

She chose a Hygge & West pattern of gold pineapples against a black background. The colors fit the white-and-black marble linoleum floor. And a pineapple pattern—a traditional symbol of welcome—in the entryway just made sense. “It really pops,” Brigitte said.

Wallpaper is on a resurgence. Brighter and more creative patterns, collections from celebrity designers and a desire for something more interesting than paint have prompted its return.

“It’s definitely coming back and the wallpaper industry has really upped its game,” said Carleigh Munoz, a designer with Abbott Paint & Carpet. “There are new, fun designers who have created wallpaper with a lot of personality.”

Driving some of the interest are interior designers, HGTV, Instagram, Pinterest and design-oriented websites, she said. Designer wallpaper sold by Abbott, including Brewster Home Fashions, York Wallcoverings, Thibault and Schumacher, offer artistic renderings much different than the floral and striped patterns of past eras.

“I’ve done more wallpapering in the past year than I did in the past 10 years before that,” said Bill Sheats of Bill’s Painting. The

popularity seems to be driven by a younger generation with a more individualized sense of style and less regard for what others think. “I’m seeing younger folks mainly,” he said.

Abi Zechmeister, color program supervisor in the Twin Cities for Sherwin Williams, said she sees color trends in wallpaper such as grays, taupes, and blues with brown undertones. Spiral Greek key and lattice patterns have also become popular wallpapers, she said.

Instead of entire homes, Zechmeister said wallpaper is being added to entryways, small bathrooms and on one side of fireplaces. Some customers will put it on one wall of a room and paint the rest as a visual accent,” she said.

Patterns tend to be simpler and have fewer large objects, Zechmeister said. The designs look more like watercolors “take the edge off hard colors” and floral patterns have smaller flowers, she said.

Lattice patterns “are very popular,” Zechmeister said. “They aren’t so busy and they’re easy on the eye.”

As for the other advantages to wallpaper, she pointed to durability and “cleanability,” two reasons why hospitals and families with children like it.

The variety of wallpaper—generally vinyl-based in the United States—is impressive. Sherwin Williams sells many of the same brands as Abbott, as well as Basix, A-Street and its own HGTV Home patterns. Morris & Co., the original company of the famed Arts & Crafts designer William Morris, is one of several companies that provide historically accurate wallpaper for owners of period homes, Zechmeister said.



Abbott Paint & Carpet interior designer Soozi Neubauer shows off a varied selection of trending wallpapers, including the York’s Free Falling Leaves pattern printed on a thin layer of cork. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

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More resilient turf alternatives reduce runoff and work load

By Frank Jossi

At a time when torrential rains are becoming more commonplace and water runoff is a growing concern for homeowners and environmentalists, cultivating a more resilient yard is gaining adherents.

“What we do in our yards and landscapes impacts neighborhoods and cities,” said Becky Rice, a Highland Park resident and executive director of Metro Blooms, a Twin Cities organization that has offered public workshops and private consultation in gardening and landscaping for more than 50 years.

“We need to be proactive,” Rice said. “Our seasons in Minnesota are becoming warmer and wetter. Rain events are getting more intensive, and they’re coming more frequently.” The more rainwater captured in yards and gardens, the less that flows into the city’s storm sewers and the Mississippi River, she said, and resilient yards offer a healthier environment for bees and other pollinators, birds and humans.

Resilient landscapes composed of hardy native plants, trees and low-maintenance turf can slow the stormwater runoff, soak up more of the water and reduce the phosphorus, heavy metals and other pollutants entering the Mississippi, according to Rice.

Metro Blooms will be offering a half dozen workshops in the coming weeks to show



A perennial garden fills the front yard of this home, offering an environmental-friendly and low-maintenance alternative to the traditional lawn. PHOTOS COURTESY OF METRO BLOOMS

homeowners how to create a more resilient yard. The workshops will be held at neighborhood centers in St. Paul and the Nokomis and Longfellow neighborhoods of South Minneapolis.

The resilient-yard workshops will demonstrate how rain gardens and certain grasses

can promote the absorption of rainwater and reduce runoff, according to John Bly, Metro Blooms’ education manager. Participants in past classes have shown a great interest in alternatives to traditional Kentucky bluegrass, so Metro Blooms has added a class on turf alternatives to its spring schedule, he added.

“We chose to focus on resilient yards for the first-time last year in response to the growing awareness of how climate change is affecting Minnesota,” Bly said. “We’re seeing warming temperatures, longer growing seasons and more severe storms. That’s where the flooding comes from.”

One approach for reducing runoff that Metro Blooms has championed for years is rain gardens that collect runoff from roofs, sidewalks and yards. The gardens are filled with plants that absorb water and cleanse it before it seeps into the soil, Bly said.

Metro Blooms has worked with neighborhood associations to encourage homeowners to plant rain gardens. “Rain gardens are starting to be accepted as a normal part of a yard,” Bly said. “They’re becoming popular in many neighborhoods.”

Rain gardens are created in a depression of from 4 to 10 inches deep in a yard, according to Rice. They are most often planted with native species that flourish in standing water. Prairie grasses, shrubs and small trees also work well.

Downspouts from a roof can drain directly

into the rain garden or they can be connected to the rain garden with pipes or gravel-lined channels called bioswales. A large rain garden can handle the water from several downspouts, Rice said, or homeowners can create a small rain garden for each downspout.

While rain gardens are an important part of a stormwater mitigation plan, other effective strategies are available. Trees are terrific sponges, Rice said. They hold rain on leaves, and their extensive root systems absorb a lot of water.

Another approach is to plant yards with low-maintenance turf such as fescue. Fescue “is like a grass, it’s green, and it doesn’t need as much water,” said Rich Harrison, Metro Blooms’ design director. “We’re trying to eliminate the need to irrigate, fertilize and mow as much.”

Homeowners may also want to consider turf-like flowering plants such as clover, self-heal, creeping thyme, violets, ground plums and sedges, Harrison said. Mixing those plants with fescue, or planting a portion of a yard with flowering plants, also makes for more resilient ground cover.

Urban homeowners with tiny yards may wonder if anything they do to reduce stormwater runoff will have an impact. Harrison thinks so. “If we all do what we can, it will have a big impact,” he said.

Metro Blooms will offer its 2½-hour Creating a Resilient Yard workshop at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at the Longfellow Community Center, 3435 36th Ave. S. in Minneapolis, and at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy. in Minneapolis. The workshop will include one-on-one assistance from master gardeners, master water stewards and Blue Thumb landscape designers.

Metro Blooms’ 90-minute Turf Alternative Workshop will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at the Longfellow Community Center and at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at the Nokomis Community Center.

The cost for each of the above workshops is \$15 per household. For reservations, visit metroblooms.org or call 651-699-2426.

A 2½-hour alternative turf workshop with an installation demonstration will be offered by Metro Blooms in cooperation with the Capitol Region and Ramsey Washington Metro watershed districts from 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at Macalester Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave. For more information, email deb@metroblooms.org, sage@rwmwd.org or lindsay@capitolregionwd.org.



A rain garden of native plants captures the stormwater runoff on the side of this home.

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More St. Paul homeowners may be able to add accessory dwelling

By JANE McCLURE

Single-family homeowners in all or parts of St. Paul's West End, West Side, Frogtown, Mounds Park, Eastview, Conway, Battle Creek and Highwood Hills neighborhoods would have the option to add an accessory dwelling on their lots if a St. Paul Planning Commission study wins City Council approval.

The Planning Commission released the study for discussion earlier this month. It will hold a public hearing on the proposed expansion of the city's current accessory dwelling area at 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 20.

Accessory dwellings are currently allowed in a home, above a garage or in the backyard of a home only in areas within a half-mile of the light-rail Green Line. "We're hearing interest from people in other neighborhoods who'd like to be able to add another dwelling on their lot for younger or older family members," said senior city planner Jamie Radel. "This can be a plus for people interested in aging in community. It can also help younger people get into homeownership."

Some Planning Commission members have pushed to expand the study of accessory dwellings to the entire city. However, Ward 7 City Council member Jane Prince said a city-wide study could bog down the process and adversely affect neighborhoods where the units are now being sought.

The dwellings would have their own kitchens, bathrooms and other living space. They could only be added on single-family, owner-occupied property, and would be limited to one accessory dwelling per lot. The city is also considering restricting the units to residential lots of at least 5,000 square feet.

Under those parameters, about 8,000 lots could accommodate an accessory dwelling in neighborhoods that are now being eyed for them, according to Radel, including 1,145 lots in the West End. One idea being considered is to require homeowners who are adding an accessory dwelling to file a deed restriction with Ramsey County. If the property was later sold to a family who did not want the acces-

sory dwelling, the additional unit would need to be deconverted.

Accessory dwellings have been debated in St. Paul for decades. The units have been touted as a way to allow older or younger family members to maintain their privacy while living in close proximity to the rest of the family. However, the units have raised concerns about overcrowding, parking congestion and substandard housing for college students.

The City Council approved accessory dwellings in neighborhoods adjacent to the Green Line in 2016 to support higher-density housing in that transit corridor. The zoning ordinance did not include a requirement for additional off-street parking, although that stipulation could be made part of the current study.

The original plan in 2016 was to allow accessory dwellings along the Green Line from Marion Street to the western city limits. However, Ward 1 City Council member Dai Thao pushed to remove neighborhoods east of Lexington Parkway. Some of those Frogtown residents now want to be added back in the area.

The city of Minneapolis loosened its restrictions on accessory dwellings when the Green Line began operating in 2014, and it has seen more than 60 such dwellings added. St. Paul has seen only one accessory dwelling developed in the transit corridor in the 18 months since it adopted the zoning ordinance. The dwelling is on Sherburne Avenue in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood.

The high costs of the dwellings are likely a factor, according to Radel, especially when the new dwellings require new water and sewer lines. Extending those lines to a garage or a backyard unit can drive up the cost for a new dwelling to \$150,000 or \$200,000.

The West Seventh/Fort Road Federation board heard a presentation on the accessory dwelling study on March 12, but took no position on the matter. The federation will have information available on the study at its annual meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at Summit Brewing Company, 910 Montreal Circle.

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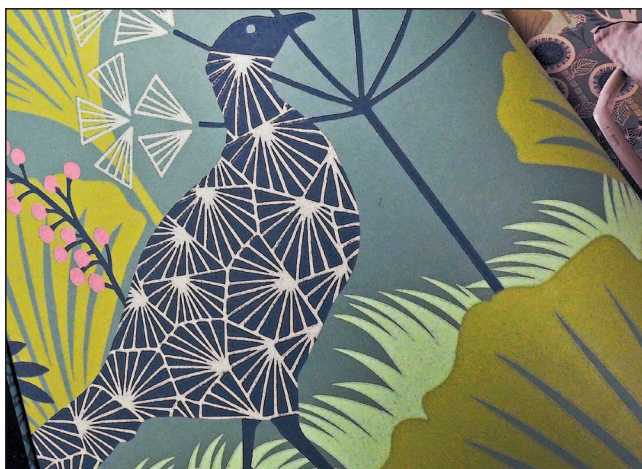
Ron Wolfe of Painting by Jerry Wind said he recently completed a job installing Morris wallpaper in a historic St. Paul home. The homeowners wanted to restore the home to its former glory, which included using wallpaper that looked like it came from an earlier era. "It was a lovely pattern with greens and reds," he said.

Another option for homeowners is wallpaper borders. On painted walls they add a splash of visual interest, while on top of other wallpaper they create contrasting colors and images.

Despite wallpaper's return, it remains much more expensive than using paint. Rolls of wallpaper come in sets of two and can range as low as \$20-\$30 per package to \$80-\$160 for the "really good stuff," Zechmeister said. A glance at a few websites shows prices even a bit higher for premium brands.

Hanging wallpaper can be tricky, despite advances in the field. Walls must first be cleaned, rough areas smoothed and holes spackled. Experts suggest putting a base of primer on the walls to create a better surface for adhesion.

The two most prevalent varieties of wallpaper come as either pre-pasted or glue-based. Pre-pasted wallpaper requires wetting the backside to activate the adhesive. Gluing



Wallpaper designs at Abbott Paint & Carpet include a fanciful peacock-themed style from York Wallcoverings.

PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

requires a bit more effort and the purchase of paste as recommended by the manufacturer.

Patterns must be matched when lining up strips of wallpaper, which is a bit of an art in itself. Installers have to cut the paper and line up seams and patterns accurately. Wallpaper is much fussier than painting, often leading do-it-yourselfers to call in the pros to fix their mistakes. "Customers call with all kinds of problems," Sheats said.

Despite a plethora of videos on how to hang wallpaper, the project might be best left to the experts.

"I wouldn't recommend it," Zechmeister said about hanging wallpaper. "Walls have to be prepped and the paper sized accurately. If you don't do it right, you can damage walls. I recommend having someone with experience do it."

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Castle Building & Remodeling is offering free remodeling classes at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and at 10 a.m. on Saturdays in the next few weeks. The schedule includes Creative Financing for Your Remodel on April 7 at its Longfellow showroom, 4020 Minnehaha Ave. S., Minneapolis; Evaluating Your Home for Solar on April 10 at its South Minneapolis showroom, 5 W. Diamond Lake Road; Planning a 1/2 Story (Attic) Remodel on April 3 at its Northeast Minneapolis showroom at 2600 Johnson St. NE; and Planning a Bathroom Remodel on May 8 at its St. Paul showroom, 362 S. Snelling Ave. Visit castlebri.com/education-class-schedule-sign-sheet or call 612-789-8509 or 651-699-4164.

Friends of the Mississippi River is looking for volunteers to pull garlic mustard plants from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at Crosby Farm Regional Park. Training is provided. Volunteers will also be asked to return to the area at a later date to continue the work. To register, visit FMR.org.

auctions, gift bags and door prizes. The cost is \$75. Register at 651-643-3601 or northern-gardener.org.

The Twin Cities Bungalow Club will hold its annual home tour on Saturday, May 12. Local owners of bungalows or other early 20th-century houses are invited to include their home on the 2018 tour and allow other homeowners to benefit from their home improvement ideas. For more information, visit bungalow-club.org or call 612-724-5816.

Ramsey County residents who are looking for compost bins can get them at a \$20 discount while supplies last from the Recycling Association of Minnesota. The bins are \$44 plus tax after the discount is applied (normally \$64). To order, visit recycleminnesota.org and enter promo code "Ramsey" or call 651-641-4589 and mention that you are a Ramsey County resident. Pre-ordered bins will be available for pickup in April.

The Preservation Alliance of Minnesota will conduct a class for do-it-yourselfers on "What's That Wood? Identifying Woods in the Home" at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Landmark Center. Learn why wood choices vary by era, geography, house style and purpose with carpenter, craftsman and teacher Fred Livesay. The cost is \$20. To register, call 651-293-9047 or visit mnpreservation.org/services/education.

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society will hold its annual Spring Garden Gala beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the Marriott Northwest Hotel in Minneapolis. The sixth annual fundraiser will include dinner, a fashion show of new plants, live and silent

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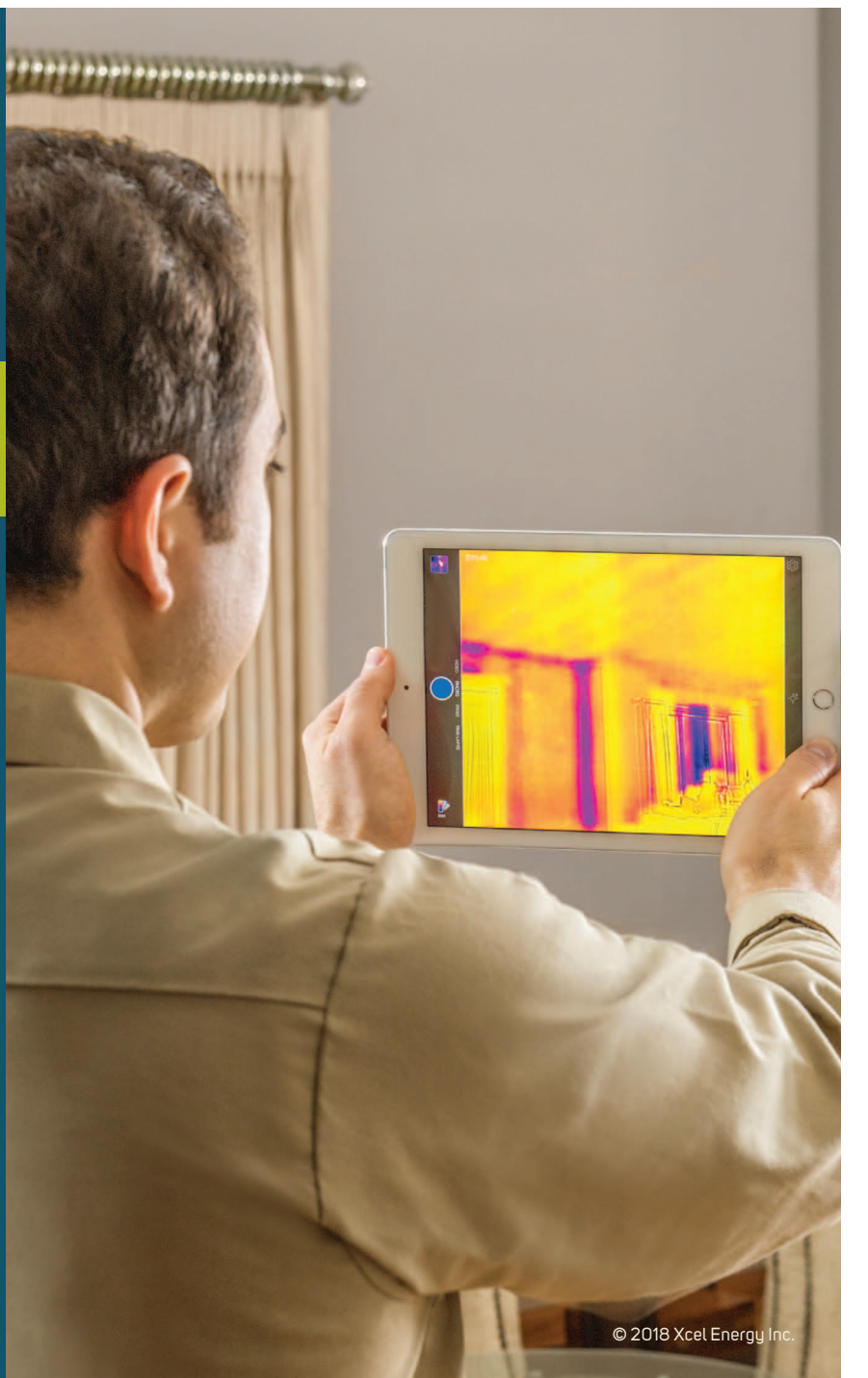
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Wednesday/March 28

WITH THE TWINS' 2018 SEASON just around the corner, take a look back at Twin Cities ballparks of the 1880s in a Preservation Alliance program from 6:30-8 p.m. at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave. St. Paul Athletic Park, designed by Gilbert & Taylor, and Minneapolis Athletic Park, designed by the Orff Brothers, were simple structures by today's standards, but notable architectural feats in their day. Admission is \$15. Visit mnpreservation.org.

CLIMATE CHANGE and its impact on conflicts in Rwanda, Darfur, Syria and Myanmar and sexual violence against women will be addressed by four World Without Genocide fellows from 7-9 p.m. in the Kelley Board Room at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, 875 Summit Ave. Admission is \$10, \$5 for seniors and students. Call 651-695-7621.

Thursday/March 29

HUMAN TRAFFICKING and what you can do to prevent it will be addressed by Ramsey County Attorney John Choi at 11 a.m. at Kessler & Maguire Funeral Home, 640 W. Seventh St. A light lunch will follow the free program. For reservations, call 651-224-2341.

A FULL MOON WALK at Coldwater Springs will be led by the Friends of Coldwater beginning at 7 p.m. in the parking lot just east of Highway 55 and south of 54th Street in South Minneapolis. Visit friendsofcoldwater.org.

Monday/April 2

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY of the assassination of the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. will be marked with an evening of reflection, readings and conversation presented by the Minnesota Historical Society in Dowling Studio at the Guthrie Theater, 818 Second St. S. in Minneapolis. Harry Colbert, managing editor of *Insight News*, will moderate the discussion with panelists Chanda Smith Baker, Dr. Josie Johnson, Dr. Keith Mayes and Anthony Newby. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a cash bar. The program begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free but reservations are required. Visit mnhs.org/event/5691.

Tuesday/April 3

"STAYING SAFE AT HOME," a program for seniors on improving balance and preventing falls, will be presented by physical therapist Steve Thielbar from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Wellington Senior Living, 2235 Rockwood Ave. Refreshments will be served. For reservations, contact Ann Sechter at 651-955-1399 or asechter@stuartco.com.

A CLASS IN HAND DRUMMING for beginners will be offered at 5:30 p.m. at the Women's Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. The cost is \$10 and drums will be provided. Visit womensdrumcenter.org.

A MENTAL HEALTH support group for those age 18-30 meets from 6-7:30 p.m. today and the first and third Tuesday of every month at Macalester Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave. The group is facilitated by young adults with a mental illness and doing well in recovery. For information, call Tess at 507-226-3369.



Songs, ceramics and soup for the homeless soul.

The Changed Lives Choir (above left) and potter Joel Edinger-Wilson got a round of applause from patrons at a charity luncheon at Union Gospel Mission on March 24.

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THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will gather for a three-mile hike in the neighborhood beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Davanni's, Cleveland and Grand avenue. New members are welcome. Call 651-455-0052.

Wednesday/April 4

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will be accepting blood donations from 2:30-7:30 p.m. at Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Ave. Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are recommended by visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 800-733-2767.

HAVE COFFEE with an officer from the Mendota Heights Police Department beginning at 6 p.m. at Caribou Coffee, 720 Main St. Coffee With a Cop is offered on the first Wednesday of every month in Mendota Heights. For more information, call 651-452-1366.

Thursday/April 5

"CHINA AND THE AMERICAN Revolution: Rebellion, Sovereignty and the East Indies Trade" will be addressed by Brown University Professor Caroline Frank at 5 p.m. in Room 206 of Carnegie Hall at Macalester College. Frank will examine the fundamental significance of China and Chinese commodities at the time of the American Revolution. Admission is free. Call 651-696-6000.

HEALTH CARE REFORM and the future of the Affordable Care Act will be addressed

by Carol Keehan, president of the Catholic Health Care Association of America, from 7-9 p.m. in Woulfe Alumni Hall on the third floor of the Anderson Student Center at the University of St. Thomas. Admission is free.

Friday/April 6

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. A variety of food will be available in packages priced from \$10-\$25. Cash, credit or debit cards will be accepted. Volunteers are needed to help load boxes in customers' cars. Call 651-298-5493.

Saturday/April 7

A CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM with sessions on the contribution of German, Irish and Scandinavian immigrants to the Union cause and the Civil War in song and story will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Historic Fort Snelling. Tickets are \$10. An optional lunch is available for \$15 to the first 100 ticket-holders. To register, contact the Twin Cities Civil War Round Table at tccwrt.com or email info@tccwrt.com.

Monday/April 9

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will be accepting blood donations from noon-5 p.m. at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are

recommended by visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 800-733-2767.

THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL Court and its record over the past 16 years in prosecuting war crimes and crimes against humanity will be addressed by Sarah Erickson and Helena Sung, both of whom are Ferencz Fellows in Human Rights and Law, at 7 p.m. in the Kelley Board Room at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, 875 Summit Ave. Admission is \$10, \$5 for students and seniors. Call 651-695-7621.

Tuesday/April 10

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will gather for a three-mile hike in the neighborhood beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Baker's Square, 2239 Ford Pkwy. New members are welcome. Call 651-455-0052.

THE CHALLENGES of raising a child with mental illness will be discussed in a facilitated support group meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. today and the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. The program is sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Call Jonathan Wagner at 651-210-9549.

SISTERHOOD OF WAR author Kim Heikkila will lead a discussion about the 9,000 American women who served as nurses in the Vietnam War at 7 p.m. at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is free. Call 651-259-3015.

THE ADVANTAGES of breastfeeding for mother and child will be discussed from 7-8:45 p.m. by the Como-Midway group of La Leche League. Pregnant women, mothers and their children are invited. For more information, call Heidi at 651-659-9527.

Wednesday/April 11

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR Fred Amram will speak about his childhood in Nazi Germany and the impact of the Holocaust on his family from 7-9 p.m. at Park Square Theatre, 20 W. Seventh Place. The World Without Genocide program will also include a discussion of the Nazi laws that allowed the persecution and murder of Jews and ethical issues in the legal profession today. Admission is \$10, \$5 for students and seniors. Call 651-695-7621.

Thursday/April 12

"FINDING COMMON GROUND for the Common Good," a St. Paul Sunrise Rotary Club forum on bridging the growing partisan divide in politics, will be held from 7:15-9:15 a.m. at the Town and Country Club, 300 N. Mississippi River Blvd. University of Minnesota professor and marriage and family therapist Bill Doherty will speak. Dr. Doherty leads Better Angels depolarization workshops across the U.S. The cost is \$25, which includes breakfast. To register, visit stpaulsunriserotary.org by April 5.

GENERAL LUCIAN TRUSCOTT has been called the greatest field commander in World War II. Discover what happened under his watch in Italy and France in a World War II History Roundtable with author Harvey Ferguson at 7 p.m. at the Visitors Center at Historic Fort Snelling. Admission is a \$5 donation, free for students and veterans. Call 612-726-1171.

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Gambling on 'Basset Table'

Persistent Theatre revives 1705 comedy by woman well ahead of her time

BY DAVE PAGE

Meggie Greivell was an undergraduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside when a drama professor introduced her to the works of early 18th-century English playwright Susanna Centlivre. "I wrote a paper about her," said Greivell, 29, a resident of St. Paul's Snelling-Hamline neighborhood. "I told myself that one day I'd direct one of her plays."

Greivell got her chance as the director of Persistent Theatre Productions' upcoming staging of *The Basset Table*. The play by Centlivre is a comedy of manners that focuses on the lives of three strong-willed women, two of whom bet their fortunes at the basset table and another who is engrossed in the study of science.

Centlivre was born Susanna Freeman about 1670. Abused by her stepmother, she left home at an early age and was married and widowed by the age of 17. She joined a wandering troupe of actors and wed another man whom she claimed was killed soon after in a duel. She began making a name

for herself as a playwright and a performer. She played the role of Alexander the Great in a drama at Windsor Castle, where she met and married the queen's cook, Joseph Centlivre.

Largely self-educated, Susanna Centlivre was familiar with the French language and became enamored with the popular French card game of basset. "Everyone played it," Greivell said, "including women and the lower classes."

Basset was so popular that the French government "had to regulate it to keep people from losing their life savings," said Bruce Abas, a Macalester-Groveland resident who plays Lord Worthy in the show.

Centlivre, who had written an earlier play about the perils of games of chance, is believed to have implied that *The Basset Table* was also written to reform gamblers. However, Greivell thinks Centlivre may have suggested that just to get the comedy produced. "She's very sympathetic to the women in the play who do what they love," she said, "including playing cards."

"Some characters, like Lady Lucy, have more of a reform-your-ways



Julie Ann Greif plays Lady Reveller and Bruce Abas is Lord Worthy in Persistent Theatre's production of the 18th-century comedy *The Basset Table*, opening April 6 at Dreamland Arts, 677 N. Hamline Ave.

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attitude," said Franklin Wagner, who plays Ensign Lovely in *The Basset Table* and serves as the production's movement coach.

"But they are made fun of," Greivell pointed out.

One of Greivell's favorite scenes is of a game of basset. As in blackjack, the dealer has the advantage. In France, the stakes were strictly controlled, but in England no such limits existed and fortunes could be lost or won at the turn of a single card.

Although basset dealer Lady Reveller gets most of the attention from Centlivre, Greivell was drawn to the character of Valeria, Lady Reveller's young cousin, a beautiful heiress who has no time for men or courtship because she is too busy with her biology experiments. "I love all of Valeria's scenes," Greivell said, "like the one where she pulls out a tapeworm. She's such an interesting character."

Although women were discouraged from being overeducated in the England of the early 1700s, there were women who taught themselves science. Living on the cusp of the Enlightenment, Centlivre was a bit ahead of her time in exploring such radical notions that reason was more important than feeling and women could excel in science.

Centlivre gives Valeria her own microscope at a time when the instrument had only recently become more than a

novelty. Valeria quotes Plato and Hippocrates. Her attributes and possessions show how well-versed Centlivre was in the inventions and cutting-edge concepts of her day, according to Greivell.

Abas and Wagner take particular delight in their characters' scenes with Sir James Courtly, to whom they go for relationship advice. "Sir James shows us that everyone, including the wealthy, have problems," Wagner said.

The fact that the rakish Sir James is dispensing advice to men about women is doubly ironic because he is played by a woman, Abas added.

"During the Restoration, unlike in Shakespeare's time, women could perform in plays without recrimination," Wagner said. "They didn't have to dress as men. In this production, however, it was just decided to give the part of Sir James to a woman."

Wagner and Greivell both lived in London for a time, and the cast is using Received Pronunciation in the play, "the type you would learn in an English public school," according to Greivell, who is

doubling as the production's dialect coach. "The servants and lower classes will have a bit of Cockney thrown in," she said.

The Basset Table is the second production for Persistent Theatre, which was founded a year ago by Greivell and Julie Ann Greif Schmidt with the help of an arts incubator program overseen by St. Paul-based Springboard for the Arts.

Despite the demands of Centlivre's script and language, Greivell, Abas and Wagner are thoroughly enjoying the challenge of producing *The Basset Table*. With witty dialogue and themes that are as contemporary as the Me Too movement, they believe the show will appeal to all audiences.

The Basset Table will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays from April 6-22 at Dreamland Arts, 677 N. Hamline Ave. Tickets are \$22 with discounts for seniors, students and anyone with a Fringe button. For reservations, call 651-645-5506 or visit dreamlandarts.com.



Lady Reveller and Lord Worthy are reunited in this scene from *The Basset Table*. PHOTOS BY CARL STOVER



Lady Reveller and her maid Alpieu (played by Allison True) learn that heiress and amateur scientist Valeria will be dissecting a dove.

On the Town Briefly

Books

A free poetry workshop for writers of all abilities will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at Hamline-Midway Library, 1558 Minnehaha Ave. Participants will produce a poem about their neighborhood. Call 651-222-3242.

Common Good Books, 38 S. Snelling Ave., will host free readings and discussions with authors Thomas Fox Averill and his novel, *Found Documents from the Life of Nell Johnson Doer*, and John Reimringer and his novel-in-progress at 7 p.m. March 29; and Kevin J. McNamara and his book, *Dreams of a Great Small Nation*, at 1 p.m. April 8. Call 651-225-8989.

SubText Books, 6 W. Fifth St., will host the following free readings and discussions: Read & Response, an open mic for local writers with feedback from the audience, on March 29; James P. Lenfestey and his *A Marriage Book: Fifty Years of Poems from a Marriage*, April 5; Austen Hartke and his book, *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians*, April 7; Allison Coffelt and her book, *Maps Are Lines We Draw*, and Jeannine Ouellette and her untitled manuscript on April 10; and Elizabeth Foy Larsen and her book, *111 Places in the Twin Cities That You Must Not Miss*, April 12. The programs all begin at 7 p.m. Call 651-493-2791.

Master storyteller Richard Rousseau and guests Beverly Cottman and Debra Ting will entertain with an evening of tales from 6:45-7:45 on Friday, April 6, at Coffee Bene, 53 S. Cleveland Ave. Admission is free, though tips are appreciated.

Tales of the Falls, a storytelling tour led by a master of the genre, Richard Rousseau, will be offered from 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at the Mill City Museum, 704 S. Second St., Minneapolis. Rousseau will spin three tales, weaving the history of St. Anthony Falls into expectations for the present day. Tickets are \$18, and that includes admission to the museum. Call 612-341-7555.

The Great Books Discussions Group will meet on Wednesday, April 11, to examine John Cheever's "The Country Husband," a cautionary tale for suburbia that addresses the conflict between outward appearances



Guaranteed to raise a smile. *Let It Be*, a live musical celebration of the Beatles featuring over 40 of their greatest hits, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at the Ordway Music Theater. Relive the fab four's meteoric rise from their humble beginnings in Liverpool's Cavern Club to the heights of Beatlemania and their later studio masterpieces. Tickets start at \$37. Call 651-224-4222. PHOTO BY PAUL COLTAS

and the inner life. The discussion begins at 5 p.m. in the Casual Room at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave. The meeting is free and open to the public. Call 651-285-7550.

Dance

Learn to line dance. Instructor Dariel Allen is conducting a class in line dancing for exercise and to help with balance and memory from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. No registration is necessary. The cost is \$5 per class. For more information, call 612-849-2775.

Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre, Joe Chvala's Flying Foot Forum and a cast of internationally renowned dancers, singers and musicians will stage *Garden of Names* from April 6-15 in Goodale Theater at the Cowles Center, 528 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis. Growing out of a 1991 collaboration between Chvala and Zorongo artistic director Susana di Palma, *Garden of Names* revolves around Argentina's *desaparecidos*, the

thousands of activists, students, journalists and others killed under a repressive regime during the 1970s, and the political awareness that resulted. Guest artists include dancers Jeanne d'Arc Casas, Manuel Gutierrez Cabello, José Moreno and Edwin Aparicio; guitarist Juanito Pascual; and singers José Cortés Fernández and La Conja. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$30. Visit thecowlescenter.org or call 612-206-3600.

Music

Studio Z, 275 E. Fourth St., Suite 200, will play host to the following: Caprice Saxophone Quartet and the Graydon Peterson Quintet in a concert of classical, jazz and contemporary music, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 31 (tickets are \$15, \$10 for students); Renegade Ensemble with works by Jack Langdon, Eva-Maria Houben, Katherine Younge, Kayleigh Butcher and Celeste Oram, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7 (\$15, \$10 for students); Skål Chamber Collective performing love songs from Bach

to Beyoncé, 7 p.m. Friday, April 13 (\$15); *The Boy Patrick* audiobook release, featuring excerpts and projected images from the book about St. Patrick and live music by the Celtic Collective, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 15 (free). Call 651-755-1600.

Works by Schubert, de Falla, C.P.E. Bach, Piazzolla and Eva Beneke will be performed by guitarist Beneke and flutist Catherine Ramirez in a free recital at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, in Ultan Recital Hall at Ferguson Hall, 2106 S. Fourth St., Minneapolis.

Steven Spooner of the University of Kansas School of Music, a pianist in the tradition of Horowitz, Arrau, Bolet and Cziffra, will perform in a free recital at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, in Ultan Recital Hall at Ferguson Hall, 2106 S. Fourth St., Minneapolis.

Schubert Sampler, a four-week series on the life and music of Austrian composer Franz Schubert, will be led by Dr. Daniel Freeman from 10 a.m.-noon on Fridays, April 6-27, at House of Hope Presbyterian Church, 797 Summit Ave. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the program costs \$30 per class. For information, visit friendsofthespc.org.

Electro-R&B artist Jessica Manning will be featured in a Loud at the Library concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 6, at the Latimer Library, 90 W. Fourth St. Singer-songwriter Mina Moore will also perform. Tickets are \$10. The doors open at 7 p.m. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Concert-goers 21 and older who show a current library card will receive a free beer courtesy of Summit Brewing. Visit thefriends.org.

"Music for a King" two flute concertos and a harpsichord concerto written by C.P.E. Bach (1714-1788) for King Frederick the Great, will be performed on Saturday, April 7, by Lyra Baroque Orchestra and guest flutist Wilbert Hazelzet and guest violinist Marc Destrubé. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Sundin Hall, 1531 Hewitt Ave. Tickets are \$5-\$25. Visit lyrbaroque.org.

The Women's Choir of St. Catherine University will perform sacred and secular works in styles ranging from classical to pop, jazz to gospel in a free concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 8, in Our Lady of Victory Chapel at St. Catherine.

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by soprano Debra Gilroy, mezzo-soprano April Hanson, pianist Elliot Wilcox and 2017 Young Artist Scholarship Competition winner and flutist Elizabeth Kleiber on April 12. The music begins at 10:30 a.m. in Antonello Hall at the MacPhail Center for Music, 501 Second St. S., Minneapolis. Admission is \$15, \$6 for students. A reception with free coffee and doughnuts will open the affair at 10 a.m. Visit thursdaymusical.org.

Five-time Grammy winner Robert Cray and his band will perform their soulful blues in concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Fitzgerald Theater, 10 E. Exchange St. Tickets are \$40. Call 800-514-3849 or visit etix.com.

MN Music Summit, the Minnesota Music Coalition's annual festival and conference, will be held on April 12-14 in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Open to musicians, industry professionals and fans, the summit will open from 6-8 p.m. Thursday with a kickoff party at Summit Brewing, 910 Montreal Circle. Keynote conversations will follow with indie artist Laura Veirs at noon Friday, Babes in Toyland drummer Lori Barbero at 1:15 p.m. Friday, R&B singer Pavielle at noon Saturday and rock artist Venus DeMars at 1 p.m. Saturday, all in the O'Shaughnessy at St. Catherine University. Veirs will perform with the Prairie Fire Lady Choir on Friday evening at the O'Shaughnessy. DeMars will headline the Grand Finale Party on Saturday. For tickets, visit mnmusiccoalition.org.

Exhibits

"The Irish Mission at Watson House," an exhibit showcasing the experiences of Irish immigrants, is on view through April 29 in the library at St. Catherine University. The exhibit was created by Maureen Murphy, professor emerita of Irish Studies at Hofstra University, to highlight the stories of Irish immigrant women, the obstacles they faced coming to America, and the efforts of the Catholic clergy to improve the immigration process for the more than 100,000 women. The exhibit is free and open to the public from 7:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Sunday. Visit library.stkate.edu.

Student immigration stories, an exhibit



One of the world's leading interpreters of Classical and Romantic music, pianist Richard Goode will perform the music of Byrd, Bach, Beethoven and Debussy in a Chopin Society recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 8, in the Concert Hall of the Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. For tickets, call 612-822-0123. PHOTO BY MICHAEL WILSON

showcasing the life journeys of young Americans who have fled their native land and left behind loved ones to build a new life in Minnesota, is on view through April 20 at Latimer Library, 90 W. Fourth St. Produced in collaboration by LEAP High School and Green Card Voices, the traveling exhibit was inspired by the book *Green Card Youth Voices: Immigration Stories from a St. Paul High School*, a collection of essays by 30 young Americans from 13 different countries. Call 651-266-7000.

"Slowly, Softly, Softer, Sometime," the work of four emerging Minnesota artists, will be displayed from April 5-28 in the Quarter Gallery at Regis Center for Art, 405 21st Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Included in the exhibit are sculptures by Zachary Betts and Allison Rose Craver, video by Emily McBride and paintings by Sara Suppan that explore ideas surrounding the body, domestic space and our relationships to everyday objects. An opening reception will be held from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, April 7, in the East Lobby at Regis. Admission is free. For gallery hours, call 612-624-7530.

St. Paul artist Carol Anderson Joslin will be showcasing a large selection of her work

from 2-7 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at her studio in the AVCR Warehouse, 106 W. Water St. "Creating Space" will feature paintings, drawings and pottery for show and sale. A Mendota Heights resident, Joslin is a former member of the faculty at Normandale Community College where she taught drawing, painting, ceramics, visual art, sculpture, and 3-D design.

"Hope, Earth, Liberation," an exhibit by five Twin Cities artists who focus on environmental justice and Catholicism, will open with a public reception from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at Artista Bottega, 937 W. Seventh St. The multi-media show includes works by Rebekah Crisanta de Ybarra of St. Paul; Nigerian immigrant Tony Ejiofor of Oakdale; Minneapolis artist Ricardo Levins Morales, who is originally from Puerto Rico; Anne Sugnet, a New Yorker turned Minneapolisite; and Mary Gallagher, a New Yorker turned St. Paulite. It will remain on view through May 2. Call 651-493-0861.

"Relativity," visual art by Abigail Allan that illustrates the fragility of living things and their struggle to survive against all odds, will be displayed from April 7-28 in the second floor gallery at Vine Arts Center, 2637 27th

Ave. S. in Minneapolis. An opening reception will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7. Admission is free. For gallery hours, call 612-728-5745 or visit vineartscenter.org.

"Transfer of Memory," a traveling exhibit of photographs and text that tell the stories of people living in Minnesota who survived the Nazi Holocaust, will open on April 9 at the Germanic-American Institute (GAI), 301 Summit Ave. A partnership between the GAI and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, the exhibit reminds viewers to remain vigilant in resisting the kind of hatred that led to the deaths of millions of Jews and other peoples during World War II. It will remain on view through April 30. Three special events will be held during its run: Barbara Müller, honorary consul to Germany, will discuss the challenges faced in present-day Germany in opposing racial hatred from 11 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 14. Laura Zelle, director of Tolerance Minnesota, will present a documentary film about the broader impact of the Holocaust on her Greek grandmother and other people from 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday April 22. Retired University of Minnesota Professor and Holocaust survivor Fred Amram will recount his family's suffering in Nazi Germany and his efforts at forgiveness from 11 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 28. Admission is free. For gallery hours, call 651-222-7027.

Theater

The Canterville Ghost is playing through April 8 at Theatre in the Round, 245 Cedar Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Playwright Marisha Chamberlain adapted this novella by Oscar Wilde about an English spirit who is appalled when an American family moves into his old manse and is determined to drive them out. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$22 with discounts for students and seniors. Call 612-333-3010.

Rocket Man, a play by Steven Dietz about a man who leaves everything behind in search of a better destiny, will be staged by Theatre Pro Rata at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 30 through April 1, at Crane Theater, 2303 Kennedy St. NE.,

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The Wolves, Sarah DeLappe's acclaimed portrait of girls on a high school soccer team that delves beneath the surface of their athletic endeavors to draw out their nuanced, complex and idiosyncratic personalities, will open on March 31 at the Jungle Theater, 2951 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sundays through April 29. Tickets are \$37-\$47. Call 612-822-7063.

The Tony Award-winning musical by Harvey Fierstein and Cyndi Lauper, *Kinky Boots* will be performed on April 3-8 at the Ordway Music Theater. Lance Bordelon and Jos N. Banks star as Charlie and Lola, the partners who revive a struggling family shoe factory. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$48-\$127. Call 651-224-4222.

Isla Tuliro, a new play by Marlina Gonzalez that puts an allegorical spin on the effects of colonialism on language, will be performed from April 6-22 by Pangea World Theater and Teatro del Pueblo. The drama tells of the Kayumanggis, islanders whose lives are disrupted by the sudden arrival of mythical creatures who claim the island as their own and make up new rules for how the islanders should live. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at the Southern Theater, 1420 Washington Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$22 at the door, with discounts for students and seniors. Call 800-838-3006 or visit brownpapertickets.com.

Family

An egg hunt, petting zoo, craft activities and games will be featured from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, at the Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave. The cost is \$5 per person, free for children age 3 and under. Refreshments will be available. Call 651-298-5766.

Revisit 1882 and learn why it was a big year in the home of Anna and Alexander Ramsey in an hour-long program beginning at noon, 12:30 and 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, at the Ramseys' historic home, 265 S. Exchange St. Learn about the birth of the Ramseys' grandchild Laura that year and the remodeling of the family home. Discover which new inventions were making life easier and taste a popular treat of the era. The cost is \$10, \$9 for seniors, veterans and college students, \$7 for children ages 5-17. Call 651-296-8760.

Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave., will offer the following free programs: family storytime from 10:30-11 a.m. every Friday; You Can Build It, a drop-in program to build things with a kit, 3-4:30 p.m. Fridays; Bike Safety and Repair Clinic, 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, April 4; Paw Pals, a chance for children ages 6-12 to read to a friendly dog, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, April 5. Call 651-642-0385.

Celebrate Women's History Month from noon-3 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the Mill City Museum, 704 Second St. S. in Minneapolis. Hear stories of the women who made history in the Minneapolis of the 19th and early 20th centuries. See the stories brought to life by the History Players. Dress up and have your picture taken as a 1950s mill worker. Admission to the museum is \$12,

\$10 for seniors, veterans and college students, \$6 for children ages 5-17. Call 612-341-7555.

Free hands-on workshops in West African textiles, Haitian dance, canvas painting, Japanese folk art, bee pollination, spring-roll making and winter planting will be offered to children ages 7-11 from April 2-6 at St. Paul Public Library branches. Some workshops are full. Those with spaces available include Afoutayi Haitian Dance, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday at Arlington Hills (1200 Payne Ave., 651-632-3870), 4-5 p.m. Wednesday at Sun Ray (2105 Wilson Ave., 651-501-6300), and 3-4 p.m. Thursday at Rice Street (1011 Rice St., 651-558-2223); winter planting with Frogtown Farms, 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Rondo (461 N. Dale St., 651-266-7400); spring-roll making with local produce, 2:30-4 p.m. Tuesday at West Seventh (265 Oneida St., 651-298-5516), and 2:30-4 p.m. Friday at Latimer (90 W. Fourth St., 651-266-7000); bee pollination, 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony Park (2245 Como Ave., 651-642-0411); West African textile patterns, 2-4 p.m. Wednesday at Dayton's Bluff (654 E. Seventh St., 651-793-1699); Japanese Folk Art, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Riverview (1 E. George St., 651-292-6626); and Canvas Painting, 1:30-3 p.m. Friday at Merriam Park (1831 Marshall Ave., 651-642-0385). For more information, visit sppl.org/break.

Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy., will offer the following free programs: Creativity, high-tech fun for teenagers, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays; children's storytime, 11 a.m. Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. Mondays; Amharic Storytime, 6 p.m. Tuesdays; Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays; Nature Smart, a trading post for items of natural history, biology and geology, 4 p.m. Wednesdays; Skateboard Art, a two-hour workshop with artist Mark Rivard, all materials provided, including skateboards, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4. Call 651-695-3700.

The local Scottish-American community will wrap up a three-decade run with one more Scottish Ramble from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at Landmark Center. The event will feature live music by the Gunn Slingers, Thistle-down, Ravensfire, and Ross Sutter, pipe bands and Laura MacKenzie and Ross Sutter, Highland and Scottish country dancers, and ethnic food, beverages and merchandise. Admission is \$6, \$4 for ages 12 and younger. Visit scottishramble.org.

Film

Trylon Cinema, 2820 E. 33rd St. in Minneapolis, will screen the following: *The Barefoot Contessa* (1954) starring Ava Gardner and Humphrey Bogart, 7 and 9:30 p.m. April 2 and 3; *Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia* (1974), directed by Sam Peckinpah and starring Warren Oates, 7 and 9:15 p.m. April 6 and 7, and 5:15 and 7:30 p.m. April 8; *The Killers* (1946) starring Ava Gardner and Burt Lancaster, 3 p.m. April 8, and 7 and 9:15 p.m. April 9 and 10. Tickets are \$8. Call 612-424-5468 or visit trylon.org.

Et cetera

The World's Largest Textile Garage Sale will be held on April 12-14 at the University of Minnesota Re-Use Program Warehouse, 883 29th Ave. SE. in Minneapolis. Mountains of fabric, yarn, tools, books, notions and more will be sold, raising tens of thousands of dollars to support the educational programs of the Textile Center in Minneapolis. The event will open with donation day from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday. A preview sale will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, offering first dibs to those paying \$35 at the door, \$30 in advance. Admission on Saturday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. is \$3. The last hour, shoppers may walk away with a paper bag of goods for only \$5 or 50 percent off. Visit textilecentermn.org.

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The Wright Call

By Dave Wright

Central's Buford has new state title

Kiara Buford knows how hard it is to win the state girls' basketball tournament, having been an all-state player who helped lead Central to back-to-back state tourney titles in 2007 and 2008. Still, that didn't totally prepare her for the agony of coaching in the tournament. However, Buford ended up as successful on the sidelines as she did on the court when she guided Robbinsdale Cooper to the Class AAA girls' title with a 49-37 win over Northfield on March 17 at Target Center.

Cooper entered the tournament as the top seed, but had to sweat it out in the quarterfinals before finally subduing Alexandria 58-51. That was the closest anyone would come to the Hawks, who bested Willmar 65-54 in the semifinals. In the title match, defense was the name of the game in the first half as Cooper went into the locker room with a 20-18 edge over second-seeded Northfield. The Hawks ran free in the second half to record the school's first state girls' hoops title.

Although the fourth-year head coach looked as cool as a 20-year veteran, Buford admitted that coaching was considerably more stressful than playing. "The whole time I was wondering how (my players) felt," she told the media after the title game. "Being able to watch them grow and set goals and go on their journey and then conquer this is amazing. It's a great feeling and, now that they've been able to experience it, it almost feels better than what I was able to do as a player."

Coaching is all about preparation. Buford played for Willie Taylor at Central before going on at the University of Minnesota. To the untrained eye, it appeared Taylor's teams simply wore down their foes with their speed, but there was always more going on. The athleticism of the players allowed Central to play hard-nosed defense. Buford incorporated some of that at Cooper. As a result, the Hawks simply smothered the opposition. In the state title game, Northfield was held to 31 percent shooting from the field and committed 20 turnovers.

Defensive lessons learned. As a result, another championship can now take its place in Buford's trophy case.

Adieu to the Don

It happens to all of us sooner or later. The time comes when circumstances dictate your professional life needs to turn in a different direction. It happened to Don Lucia last week when he announced his resignation as the U of M's men's hockey coach. Lucia had just one losing season in 19 years, coached the Gophers to two national championships and is the winningest men's hockey coach in the university's history. But none of it mattered anymore.

Going into the last year of a contract that pays more than \$600,000 a season, it seemed clear he was not going to get an extension. When the dice fell weirdly and the Gophers missed out on a berth in the NCAA tournament for the second time in three years, it was a simply a matter of time.

Lucia knows the game as well as anybody. However, that's no longer enough to make an imprint around these parts. Gopher men's hockey has been sliding into obscurity for a decade.

It started when somebody got the bright idea to jack up ticket prices for home games. Seats doubled and tripled in price almost overnight. Longtime season ticket holders—folks who went back to when Herb Brooks was the head coach—were told they needed to pony up more dough for tickets and kick in a contribution to the Williams Fund or another entity that benefits Gopher athletics. Those who didn't do so were told their seats were being moved to the far corners of the rink.

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State slamma jamma

CDH pulls off dramatic win to end AAAA title drought

BY BILL WAGNER

It was such a great game between top-ranked Cretin-Derham Hall and defending state champion Apple Valley, it was a little sad that somebody had to lose. But in the end, the Raiders lived up to their ranking as they outlasted the Eagles on March 24 at Target Center to win their first state Class AAAA boys' basketball title since 1993.

CDH coach Jerry Kline was left beaming on the post-game podium after Gopher recruit Daniel Oturu slammed in an alley-oop pass from senior classmate Ryan Larson with only a half-second remaining to clinch the 79-78 victory and make the noisy Raider crowd delirious.

"Somewhere, coach (Len) Horyza is looking down on this," said Kline, who was one of the standout CDH players when the Raiders last won the state tournament under the late coach.

Oturu, who sat on the bench with four fouls for about 5½ minutes late in the second half, came back onto the court with 4:56 left and it was just enough to make an impact.

It did not look good for the Raiders after Apple Valley's Zach Zorba's follow-up shot put the Eagles ahead by one point with just 5.5 seconds to play. But it was then that CDH showed the true grit of a champion.

Senior Sy Chatman took control of the inbound pass and forwarded it to Larson, who lobbed the ball perfectly to Oturu and the 6-foot-10 senior stuffed it home. Apple Valley still had 0.5 seconds to attempt a miracle, but a desperation heave by senior point guard Tre Jones from three-quarters of a court away missed the backboard and CDH was free to celebrate.

"What a game!" said Kline, whose birthday was that day. "It was two heavy-weights going at each other. It could've gone either way, but we were the team that made the play at the end. I thought it would come down to the last few possessions."

The lead changed 15 times and the score was tied 15 times during the final. CDH's largest lead of the game was by only two points, and that was early in the first quarter.

"This is everything," said Oturu, who had 17 points and helped keep the Eagles at bay with his intimidating defensive play. "I just give all the credit to God."

Oturu's performance and game-winning dunk took some of the luster off a 35-point performance by Apple Valley's Jones, a Duke recruit and brother of the Timberwolves' Tyus Jones. Oturu enjoyed the competition against the Eagles standout, whom he described as a friend.

"Tre is fun to play against," Oturu said. "This is why we worked so hard all season. To win it in this fashion against such a great team is huge."

The Raiders (30-2) got it done the way they often did this year, with across-the-board contributions from all hands. Junior guard Jaeden King led the team



Daniel Oturu makes one of his signature slam dunks during a dramatic 79-78 win over Apple Valley for the state Class AAAA boys' basketball championship. At right, CDH's Ryan Larson drives by Apple Valley's Tre Jones. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

with 19 points, and added five rebounds despite having to work through an ankle injury sustained in the first tournament game earlier in the week. "I knew I had to play the best game I could for my teammates," he said.

Senior Jacob Prince had 16 points against Apple Valley and was especially strong in the second half. Chatman had 14 points, while Larson added 11, all of them in the second half.

Kline said he was not concerned about Larson being scoreless at intermission. "He can hit 30, but he doesn't have to," Kline said. "He can help us by passing the ball, too."

Apple Valley coach Zach Goring said that a large part of his game plan was to try to keep Oturu away from the hoop, and the coach noted that it worked to a large degree.

"When you hold a team like they have to four offensive rebounds, you've done something right," Goring said.

Oturu had five blocks, but Goring said he altered several more shots.

The title game was a physical one, as indicated by a play in the first half in which Oturu and Jones were battling each other for the ball and Oturu muscled the Apple Valley star to the floor. The play earned Oturu a technical foul.

In the first round of state, CDH made quick work of Wayzata with a 70-48 victory. Oturu had 24 points, nine re-



bounds and eight blocks in just 33 minutes of play. Chatman was also hot with 22 points. Prince added nine points and nine rebounds, while Larson had seven assists. The Raiders led by as much as 26 points in the first half.

The semifinal game against Eden Prairie was a real barnburner. The Raiders were leading 41-27 with less than 12 minutes to play, but Eden Prairie kept sinking three-pointers and cut the deficit to one point with about 3 minutes remaining. However, the Raiders toughened up on defense and ended up winning 60-56.

Oturu finished with 24 points and 12 rebounds, while Larson had 18 to go along with three steals.

The Raiders ran up a 21-game winning streak at one point this season, with their only losses being to Eden Prairie and Edina.

Prince, Larson and Chatman were all named to the state all-tournament team.

'No gym, no problem'

Redhawks survive tough season with no home-court advantage to successfully defend AA title

BY BILL WAGNER

The Minnehaha Academy boys' basketball team, challenged all season after last summer's tragic gas explosion at the school left the team without a home gym, outlasted a stubborn Caledonia squad 73-60 on March 24 at Target Center to win its second consecutive state Class AA championship.

The Redhawks (28-4) played their home games at St. Thomas Academy, Trinity of River Ridge and Mounds Park Academy this season. They not only met adversity, but used it as a driving force.

Sophomore Jalen Suggs, who led the Redhawks with 27 points in the final and was sensational down the homestretch, summed up the team's season with the team's motto, "no gym, no problem."

"That (motto) helped us make every away game like a home game," he said.

Senior JaVonni Bickham, who added 17 points in the title game, seconded his teammate's assessment. "Everything that's happened this year gave us motivation," he said. "This is bigger than basketball. We're thankful that we were able to win the state title for our community."

Minnehaha coach Lance Johnson had confidence in his players, especially after the Redhawks pulled away with a 43-31 advantage at halftime. But he also knew that it was far from over at that juncture.

"I figured that they still had a

good run left in them," said Johnson, whose team had defeated Caledonia by four points during the regular season. "We respect that team a ton."

The Warriors did have some more gas in the tank and drew to within two points with 7:57 to play. However, they would never get that close again.

As he usually is, Suggs was Mr. Everything for the Redhawks. In addition to his 27 points, he grabbed five rebounds, had eight assists, blocked two shots, stole a ball and protected the ball.

Two other players also leapt out for Minnehaha in the finals. Freshman Chet Holmgren blocked three shots, including two in a row in the first half, and 8th-grader Prince Aligbe hauled in 15 rebounds in only 20 minutes of floor time.

Sophomore guard Terry Lockett felt that it was vital the way his team responded to Caledonia's second-half attempt to get back into the game. "We'd played them earlier the season," he said, "and we knew what to expect. We stepped it up when we had to, especially on the defensive end."

Caledonia coach Brad King knew that his team had laid it all out, and virtually admitted that the Redhawks were simply better. "They do everything really well," said King, whose club lost only five games all season. "They have a whole lot of size. They handle the ball well. They're well-coached."

King had hoped that his club



Minnehaha Academy's Jalen Suggs drives by Caledonia's Noah King in the second half of the Redhawks' 73-60 win over the Warriors for the state Class AA boys' basketball championship on March 24 at Target Center. At right, Minnehaha's JaVonni Bickham goes up high for a shot while being guarded by Caledonia's Marten Morem. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

could build on things as Minnehaha's lead melted in the second half. "We got a couple of stops in a row there," he said, "but we weren't able to get that third stop. It's really hard to get three stops in a row against them."

The game featured several great athletic moves from players that left the Target Center crowd oohing. Suggs was at the center of several of them. He made a first-half dunk from way above the rim.

The Redhawks blasted Jordan 65-45 in the first round of state and then thumped St. Cloud Cathedral 77-51 in the semis. Suggs led the way against Jordan with 19 points, and four steals. But he had plenty of help from Holmgren, who added 14 points and eight rebounds. Bickham had nine rebounds and Lockett added nine points.

Jordan actually had a three-point lead with 13:56 to play in the first half, but that was pretty much it for

any hopes it might have had. A nifty 11-2 run enabled Minnehaha to take the game over for good late in the half, and the Redhawks built a 17-point lead with 15:44 to play. Minnehaha boasted a 41-28 advantage in rebounds, including 18 on offense.

There wasn't much suspense against St. Cloud Cathedral, either. Suggs once again took control of the game, finishing with 25 points and nine rebounds.

The Redhawks' four losses on the season were all to top programs, including Eden Prairie, Hopkins, Minneapolis North and Austin. The Redhawks also beat Apple Valley, state runner-up to CDH in the AAAA state competition, in early December.

Suggs, Bickham and Lockett made the all-tournament team.



Cadets tame Cougars to claim Class AAA consolation crown

BY BILL WAGNER

The St. Thomas Academy basketball team raced from nine points down with just over 12 minutes to play and went on to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat by topping Mankato East 68-62 to win the state Class AAA consolation title on March 23 at Concordia University.

STA coach Jason Birr said it was typical of how the Cadets had responded all season en route to their 11th trip to state. "We talked all year about being mentally tough, about sticking together after the going gets rough," said Birr, who was in just his second full season as coach. "I challenged them. 'I said, 'Who's going to be mentally tough out there?'"

The Cadets (22-10) could get no closer than three points against the Cougars until there was 3:35 left to play. At that point, junior Tony Wright drove and scored to make it 60-58. Then junior Jack Thompson hit a huge three-pointer to vault his team into a 62-61 lead with 2:40 to go. STA would never give up the lead after that.

Mankato East had to foul late. Senior Frank Vascellaro, who co-led his team with 16 points in the game, calmly hit four free throws in the last minute of play to put the Cadets over the

top. Thompson also hit for 16 points, senior George Stewart had 12, and Wright added eight.

Vascellaro, who said he will play college ball next year for either St. John's or St. Thomas, said coach Birr was even-keeled at halftime despite being behind 35-31.

"He kept it pretty mellow," Vascellaro said. "He knew that we'd been in this situation before. We've been in a lot of close games, so we were still confident. Our team is very resilient."

Vascellaro and his teammates hit clutch free throws in the second half, connecting on 11 of 13 from the charity line. But the Cadets also had to deal with the antics of a vociferous Mankato East fan throughout the game. The fan let out a loud, distracting noise that reverberated throughout the gym every time a Cadet was set to shoot a free throw. Vascellaro said he was able to tune it out.

The fifth-seeded Cadets had bounced back from a 75-62 loss to fourth-seeded Columbia Heights in the opening round with a resounding 94-63 pasting of Hermantown in their first round of consolation play. That contest was never in any doubt as the Cadets raced out to a 43-27 halftime lead and never looked back.

Vascellaro got into foul trouble early, picking up his second personal with less than two minutes elapsed in game. He sat until there were four minutes left in the half. After he returned, he managed to hit for 13 points and grab six rebounds as the Cadets mounted their rout.

Birr said he does not hesitate to pull regular players who get into foul trouble. "We have the depth to do that," he said. "It all depends on what kind of team you have."

Almost everybody got into the offensive act against Hermantown. Senior Gram O'Malley led STA with 14 points, while Thompson added 12 and Stewart and senior Andrew Johnson both added 11. Johnson's effort, on five-for-six shooting from the floor, was especially notable. Senior Dennis Kelly and junior Noah Chamberlain (who was four-for-four in field goals) each pitched in nine.

The Cadets, who pretty much solved any defensive scheme that Hermantown could throw at them, shot a torrid 67.2 percent from the field, and were six-for-12 on three-pointers. For a while, it appeared that the Cadets could reach the 100-point mark before Birr cleared the bench to allow his reserves to see some playing time.

The game against Columbia Heights was

disappointing because the Cadets did some things that were unlike them. The Hylanders, taking good shots and capitalizing on some turnovers, came off at intermission with a 35-25 lead. However, Vascellaro, who had a team-leading 18 points, led a second-half comeback after the Hylanders had grown their lead to 14 points early.

Vascellaro led a 10-2 run with a sparking display of all-around hoop skills. During the streak, he scored six points, blocked a shot, grabbed a rebound, stole the ball and added an outlet assist. That cut the Highlander advantage to 54-48 with a still manageable 8:46 left in the game.

But Columbia Heights took care of business from there, putting together a 13-4 run that dashed STA's hopes. Vascellaro added nine rebounds and four assists to his point total. Thompson contributed 17 points and five rebounds. Stewart had eight points.

The Cadets were a model of consistency in the second half of the season, heading into state on the wings of an eight-game winning streak. Overall, they lost only two of their last 18 games, including to Columbia Heights and Minnetonka.

Vascellaro was named to the state all-tournament team.

Raider girls rebound to take state AAAA consolation title

BY BILL WAGNER

Cretin-Derham Hall capped off a very successful hoops season by winning the consolation title at this month's Class AAAA state girls' basketball tournament. Following an opening-round loss to Roseville, CDH rebounded to defeat Forest Lake and then Maple Grove in the consolation final. The Raiders (23-7) were making their first state tournament appearance since 2003.

The final two victories followed a 56-48 quarterfinal loss to Roseville, a team that CDH had beaten twice during the regular season—by 12 points in early December and

then by one point last month.

Roseville coach Jeff Crosby was optimistic going into their state matchup, noting that his team had gotten much better at defense as the season progressed. CDH never could put a big offensive run together and the team was held to fewer than 50 points for the first time this season.

Still, CDH coach Joe Lynch was happy the way his team regrouped after losing the opener. "It was challenging for us, but we picked ourselves up," he said. "We have some pretty good athletes."

In the consolation round, the third-ranked Raiders defeated Forest Lake 72-61 and then topped fifth-ranked Maple Grove 64-57 in a

game that ended up a lot closer than it looked. The Raiders led by 11 at intermission, but the Crimson came out much sharper in the second half. They were penetrating the CDH defense until the Raiders stiffened.

"We got 'em down early," Lynch said. "We pressured them and got some turnovers, but they were tough."

Junior Frannie Hottinger led the way for the Raiders against Maple Grove with 19 points, followed by seniors Autam Mendez and Elizabeth Edinger with 11 each, and senior Hayley Moore with nine.

The Forest Lake victory represented a nice turnaround for CDH after losing the state opener. Once again, the Raiders were able to

play their best when it mattered most in the second half. The key performer was Hottinger, who broke through for 34 points. Moore added 14, while Edinger had 12 and Mendez seven.

Hottinger said she gained more confidence as the game wore on because Forest Lake's Abigail Groeneweg, who had done a good job defending her, got into foul trouble.

After spending the entire second half trying to catch the Raiders, the Rangers simply fell short at the end. CDH led in several key categories, including points off turnovers (27-12), points in the paint (30-12) and second-chance points (19-8). The Raiders also hit 31 of 36 free throws in the game.

Redhawk girls make early exit in state AA basketball tourney

BY BILL WAGNER

Minnehaha Academy could not have picked a worse time to go out of character as it dropped two games in a row in the Class AA state girls' basketball tournament on March 14-15. The Redhawks, who were making their 11th appearance at state in 14 years under coach Josh Thurow, fell 67-58 to Norwood-Young America in the opener and then 54-47 to Byron in the consolation round.

All season, the Redhawks had shown they could finish off an opponent once they got the lead and could mount a strong offensive run when it was called for. However, they had the script flipped on them at state.

The fourth-ranked Redhawks built an 11-point lead, but fifth-seeded Norwood

tied it up at 23-23 by intermission and then took over completely in the second half. Minnehaha got 23 points from sharpshooting sophomore Mia Curtis, with junior Avery New chipping in 11 and senior Terra Rhoades adding 10, but it was not enough.

The Redhawks, who were competing at state for the fifth straight year, were outscored by Norwood 44-35 in the second half. That included a 10-0 run in the last five minutes of the contest.

The next day against Byron, every time that Minnehaha seemed poised to make a run, the Bears buried a three-pointer.

"They can shoot it," Thurow said. "We knew that they were going to come out there and try to do that."

For the game, Minnehaha was only 19-for-63 on field goal attempts and 3-for-15

in three-pointers. Byron shot only around 32 percent in field goals, but its seven three-pointers were the main difference.

The Redhawks started that game very cold from the floor. They did not score until New hit a layup with 4:53 already gone. Curtis led Minnehaha in scoring with 22, followed by Rhoades with 13, but the Redhawks spent much of the second half chasing the Bears.

"We thought we could make a run," Thurow said. "Usually we've been able to do that, but they never let us."

Byron won despite a lopsided Minnehaha advantage in points in the paint. There, the Redhawks outgunned the Bears 32-16, but the three-point advantage was too much to surmount.

"We weren't really motivated," Thurow said after the game. "We were tired."

He still strived to put a happy face on the Minnehaha's 21-9 season. Only one starter, Rhoades, will be graduating from this year's squad, and "we have a good core group coming back next year," Thurow said.

Junior Nevaeh Galloway said she is already looking forward to next year. "We're a really big family," she said.

New cited the adversity that her team had overcome this season following last summer's gas explosion that killed two staff members, injured several others and left the Upper School building severely damaged. That left her team, like others at Minnehaha, without a true home court on which to compete.

"It affected us at first," New said. "I thought we got better with it as the season went on, but it's the kind of thing that you're always going to think about."

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Next came the decision to start a Big Ten Conference in hockey. The Gophers had no say in the matter. The Big Ten viewed it as a possible cash cow and a necessity for programming on its cable network. The hierarchy figured Gopher hockey fans would learn to love games against Penn State and Ohio State the way they did for battles with North Dakota and Minnesota-Duluth. They were wrong, but corporate types tend not to care when they're mistaken. There's no going back now.

The college hockey crowd is not a large one, but it's loyal—to a point. Gopher men's hockey suddenly had a lot of competition for the dollar. The women's hockey team began to win a lot of games and developed a consistent base of fans. As Brooks foresaw, St. Cloud State, MSU Mankato and Bemidji State all went Division I and began to pull players away from the Gophers.

On top of these issues, there was the fact the U of M didn't have much of a face in the public eye. Brooks, Brad Buetow and Doug Woog all had personality to spare during their tenure as head coaches, and that led to a lot of newspaper and TV coverage. They were all ex-Gopher players to boot, and had a solid connection to the team.

Lucia didn't have any of this. He isn't a quipster, but a serious, thoughtful guy. The luncheons that used to get the home hockey weekends off and running went away because they were no longer interesting. Tickets were often bought and unused. The team no longer had a local video presence. Fans can be mad at a team and eventually be won back (just ask Viking fans), but when they become apathetic you're in real trouble.

Finally, add in the stories from NHL teams unhappy that their draftees weren't improving at a rate some of them wanted. NHL teams view draftees at Division I colleges as farmhands. Lucia, who played for Notre Dame, was

interested in winning games and having players graduate.

Add it all up and you have a big, expensive mess. Whoever succeeds Lucia will inherit a challenge reminiscent of when Brooks took over in 1972. Brooks' first home game as coach drew 500 people to Williams Arena to see the Gophers play the University of Winnipeg. The U of M went 15-16-3 that winter and finished sixth in the WCHA.

The current Gophers are in similar shape, but have the additional issue of battling for face time on TV, radio and the internet with considerably more competition than Brooks had. It will require a fellow with enough coaching acumen and magnetism to draw attention away from media folks who would rather spend time covering an Alabama-Florida football game than a Gopher men's hockey game.

A lot of folks said good riddance to Lucia last week. They should be saying good luck to whoever gets his job.

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Sports Shorts

The 32nd annual Citywide Spring Cleanup will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at parks and recreation centers across St. Paul. Volunteers are invited to drop by during those hours to pick up bags, gloves and snacks at the Highland Park Pavilion, parkland on Griggs Street and Bigelow Lane, Como Lake-side Pavilion, Central Village Park, Cherokee Park, Frogtown Farm Park, Phalen Pavilion, Swede Hollow Park or Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary. For information and to register, visit stpaul.gov/citywidecleanup.

The Groveland Booster Club recently announced the 2017-2018 Rink Rat Awards given to individuals who skated at the Groveland Ice Rink around 15 times during the skating season. This winter's Rink Rats are Jude Bakeman, Eva and Samuel Bartholomay, Diana Cavert, Ben and Lucy Darnell, Quinn Hoffman, Oliver and Peter Hoppe, Maggie Maylock, Janet Palas, Emmy and Sean Ryan, and Amelia, Conrad and Johan Fondrk. Jack Skoglund received the Rink Rat of the Year award for coming out more than 30 times during the skating season.

Will Tisell, a 7th-grader at Ramsey Middle School, finished first in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle events for boys ages 11-12 at the YMCA state swim meet on February 18 at the University of Minnesota Aquatics Center. Tisell advanced to the YMCA regional meet on March 17-18 in Des Moines, Iowa, where he swam two relays and six individual events. He set personal records in the 200 free, 50 butterfly and 100 free.

Highland Gymnastics will hold a fundraiser from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Highland Park High School to benefit the Sawyer Woods Scholarship Foundation. The second annual event is being held in memory of Woods, a gymnastics club member who had just started her freshman year at Central High School in the fall of 2016 when she suffered a brain aneurysm and died. The fundraiser will feature local vendors and crafters, a silent auction and a raffle. Proceeds will help pay the cost for gymnasts who cannot afford the program. Businesses are being invited to donate items for the event. For information, email lindseymac02@gmail.com.



The St. Paul Capitals, skating out of the Charles M. Schulz-Highland Arena, wrapped up a successful season on St. Patrick's Day weekend by competing in the Bantam A state tournament at Parade Ice Garden. The team lost to Sartell, rebounded to defeat Little Falls 2-1 and then fell to Roseville 5-4 in overtime. Pictured, from left, are: (front) goalies Knowl Gant and Croix Kochendorfer; (first row) Chuck Altier, Dylan Murphy, Patrick Magnuson, Ronan Lauber; (second row) Dan Krizan, Andrew Walsh, Sam Holm, Max Bordelon, 15-year coach Steve Altier; and (back row) coaches Mike Sadjadi and Kirk Olimb, Ryan Spears, Rutger Hoekstra, Sean Bruce, Kevin Odlaug and Emmett Sexton.

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651-335-6619 • \$419,900



CLASSIC BRICK COLONIAL!
Stately and elegant 4BR/4BA home with sun-filled living spaces. This home has been completely updated and offers a beautiful master BR suite, hard-to-find mudroom, attached garage, screened porch and much, much more. 1771 Highland Parkway.
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1941 FORD PKWY #101
Wonderful 2 bed 2 bath unit in Parkway Commons. Pet friendly unit on the main level. This is a corner unit with southern exposure.

MIKE & TOM DISTAD
612-432-4771 • \$239,900



RIVER BOULEVARD'S "GOLD COAST!"
Spectacular 3+BR, 4BA, remodeled by Ben Quie & Sons. Beautiful black walnut, granite & travertine accents. Luxurious owner's suite, 2nd flr loft overlooking the dream kitchen. Incredible views plus lush backyard oasis, new fr. 180 Mississippi Rr Blvd S. *click on www.teamedelstein.com

HENRY EDELSTEIN CRS
651-327-0623 • \$1,450,000



MARY MCNANEY KNUDSEN
651-690-8578



1325 PINEHURST AVENUE
Classic Brick 3 bedroom/2bathroom St. Paul Home in well sought-after Highland Park neighborhood. Tons of nooks and crannies and updates in this charming home. This is a must see!

BECKY VARON
612-699-7772 • \$599,000



EASY LIVING!!!
901 138th Lane NE: Spacious detached townhome on the 18th fairway of the Majestic Oaks golf course. Bright open floor plan, large eat in kitchen, and delightful 4-season porch.

JIM BURTON
651-690-8556 • \$314,900



STUNNING!!!
295 Salem Church Rd: Spectacular Sunfish Lake home offering 12,447 sq ft to be used for your largest entertainment need but designed for comfortable everyday living as well. 5 fireplaces, 9 baths, and an 8 car heated garage.

JIM BURTON
651-690-8556 • \$3,999,000



JUST LISTED!!!
1780 Pinehurst Ave: Classic 4 bedroom Tudor style with updated eat in kitchen, updated baths, entertainment sized living and dining rooms with hardwood floors, king sized master suite, and newer landscaping.

JIM BURTON
651-690-8556 • \$694,900



SUE NICHOLS
651-491-0882



1709 BOHLAND AVENUE
Sun filled home on beautiful Bohland Avenue. Only three owners. Grand piano sized living room with fireplace. Formal dining room. First floor family room opens to kitchen. Nice sized main flr BRs. Upper level BR, and LL BR with egress wndw. Amusement room with fireplace.

KAREN KELJIK
612-414-3245/CALL/TEXT



1096 GOODRICH AVENUE
Classic Crocus Hill with modern updates. All charm remains...remarkable woodwork, central air...there are 4 porches...updated kitchen. Must see 1,000sf garage ...Lower level amusement room with 6 beer taps, newer roof. Space for 6 cars.

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CLASSIC HIGHLAND COLONIAL!
1210 Bayard offers stunning new kitchen with Bosch appliances, beverage refrigerator, induction cook top, quartz and stainless, spacious main floor space with family room, 3 large BRs up and lower level fun room, with private 62.5 wide yard. Call Lolly for details!

LOLLY MCNEELY SALMEN
612-810-4138



DOUBLE LOT!!!
Rare opportunity to enjoy a double lot in the city! Situated in vibrant West 7th, this sun-drenched 4BR, 3BA home boasts a thoughtfully designed new kitchen, huge mudroom, beautiful landscaping, paver patio and new siding/fascia/gutters/windows/roof. 946 Tuscarora Ave. mmderosia@cbburnet.com

MORAGHAN DeROSIA
952-486-3697 • \$335,000



DAVID NOYES, JR. REAL ESTATE GROUP
651-233-0748



SPLENDID RENOVATION!
This Cathedral Hill home features 5/BR, 4/BA, an updated kitchen, first floor family room, a master BR, wine cellar, new 3-car garage, a charming 2/BR carriage house with a secluded courtyard. All set on a third acre lot. 435 Portland Ave.

SARAH KINNEY
651-282-9621 • \$1,195,000



CONVERTED MANSION!
Elegant 3-level condo with panoramic river bluff views, original parlor, library & dining room all meticulously restored. Features include 2,517 sqft, 2 BR, 3 BA, fabulous common areas and a 2/c garage. 302 Summit Ave.

SARAH KINNEY
651-282-9621 • \$670,000



PARK TOWERS!
This luxurious 23rd floor condo features 2/BR, 3/BA, bright sunny open spaces with deluxe accoutrements, panoramic views and heated parking. Located in the historic Rice Park neighborhood with a short walk to the Ordway and Xcel. 59 4th Street #23E.

SARAH KINNEY
651-282-9621 • \$695,000



FABULOUS LOCATION!
Immaculate 1 BR bright and spacious corner condo unit with old world charm features and high ceilings. Granite counter-tops, SS appliances, gleaming hardwood floors, large private deck. Conveniently located near St. Paul's bustling Grand Avenue.

NANCY K MAAS
651-235-8581



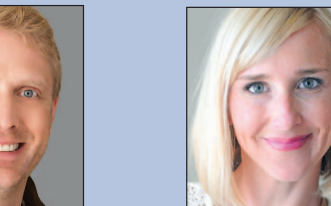
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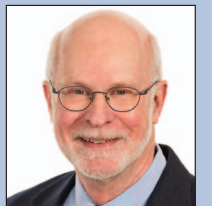
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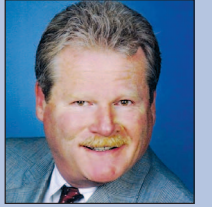
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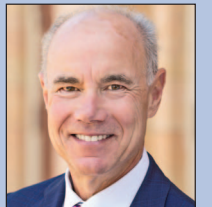
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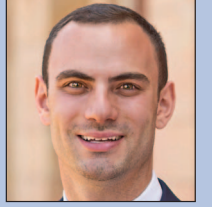
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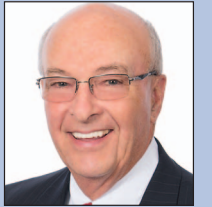
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