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St. Paul holds out for narrower I-35E bridge

Fears pressure for future expansion

by Jane McClure

Weeks of negotiations have yet to produce an agreement between the St. Paul City Council and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) officials on plans for a new I-35E bridge over the Mississippi River.

The width of the bridge, its impact on Crosby Farm Park below, the use of auxiliary lanes and the implications that a rebuilt bridge would have on the I-35E Parkway are major concerns for St. Paul, according to Dan Smith, aide to City Council member Mike Harris. "We need to have those issues resolved before we sign off on anything," Smith said at a November 3 meeting of MnDOT staff and city representatives.

St. Paul is one of several cities that are being asked to approve a new design before work begins on a replacement for the 33-year-old, 67-foot-wide span. MnDOT hopes to begin final design work by the end of the year. Construction is slated for 2001-2003.

The Lilydale, Mendota and Mendota Heights city councils recently approved a plan for a 132-foot-wide, \$27 million bridge. That bridge would have two 12-foot through lanes, one 12-foot auxiliary lane and two 10-foot shoulders in each direction along with a single 12-foot bicycle/pedestrian lane. An additional eight feet would separate the northbound and southbound lanes.

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DFL legislators brace for very different Capitol come January

by Chris Smith

Although the three local incumbent DFLers in the state House of Representatives all won easy re-election this month, they face what promises to be one of the most unusual and unpredictable legislative sessions in memory.

With Jesse Ventura of the Reform Party in the governor's office and the Republicans having a majority in the House for the first time in 12 years, local legislators are holding their breath.

"Until new committee assignments are made, I really won't know what I'll be able to focus on beyond district and city issues," said

Michael Paymar of District 64B.

Paymar won a second term in the House with just over 60 percent of the vote against Republican challenger Ray Cleveland. But unlike Paymar's first term, Republicans will have the privilege of making committee assignments and appointing committee chairs.

Wes Skoglund of District 62B won a 12th term in the House with close to 70 percent of the vote against Republican John Halverson, but he is worried. "The new Speaker of the House (Steve Sviggum) has been a real ideologue," Skoglund said. "He's been very anti-city and anti-city schools, and he's been against transportation funding. I don't know, maybe that was show and he'll change now

that he really has some power. But if the past is a predictor of the future, then I'm concerned.

"Some things we've started are too important to let go of," said Skoglund, who was chair of the House Judiciary Committee when the DFL was in the majority. "As the majority party, the Republican committee chairs will have the ability to deny hearings on any bill they want to. If they do, we'll have to go through other routes like attaching amendments."

Matt Entenza, who won a fourth term in District 64A with 73 percent of the vote over Republican Pat Muggenburg, is more hopeful. "There are some issues that are very divi-

sive, but I've tended to work in bipartisan areas like child protection, education, DWI laws and tax cuts," he said. "I'm not worried about being able to play a role. It's a pretty divided (Republican) caucus and a pretty small majority."

Entenza believes that Ventura's victory will force certain issues to the forefront. "Jesse has shown a strong interest in education, especially in lowering class sizes," he said. "I'm hopeful the Republicans will realize that they need to do some work there as well."

According to Skoglund, Ventura's victory can be attributed to his strong personality

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Neighbors huddle against cold-blooded murder

by Bob Gilbert

On November 2, the first cold night of autumn, 400 South Minneapolis residents gathered in front of a home on the 4100 block of 43rd Avenue South to protest the murder of their neighbor, Robert Fernlund.

Fernlund, 70, had been gunned down on that very spot about midnight six days earlier as he and his wife, Agnes, returned home from an evening card game with friends.

The crowd had been asked to bring flashlights and many did. They pointed

them into the branches of the bare boulevard trees above, as if to signal their desire to shed some light on the mystery hanging over the neighborhood.

No motive has been established and no suspects have been identified in the killing, which shocked the quiet middle-class neighborhood.

Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton, District 62B state Representative Wes Skoglund and Minneapolis deputy police chief Robert Hestness were on hand to try to reassure the crowd.

"We're here tonight to honor Robert

Fernlund, support his family and come together as a community," said Bobbie Myers, the rally's organizer. "We need to send a message loud and clear that violence is not acceptable—not in our neighborhood, not in our city, not anywhere."

Myers, who lives six blocks away, knew the Fernlunds through her job in the Longfellow-Seward Healthy Seniors Program. The couple had been in for flu shots the day before the homicide. When told of the murder, Myers said it

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St. Paul maintains solitary stand against proposed I-35E bridge /from page 1

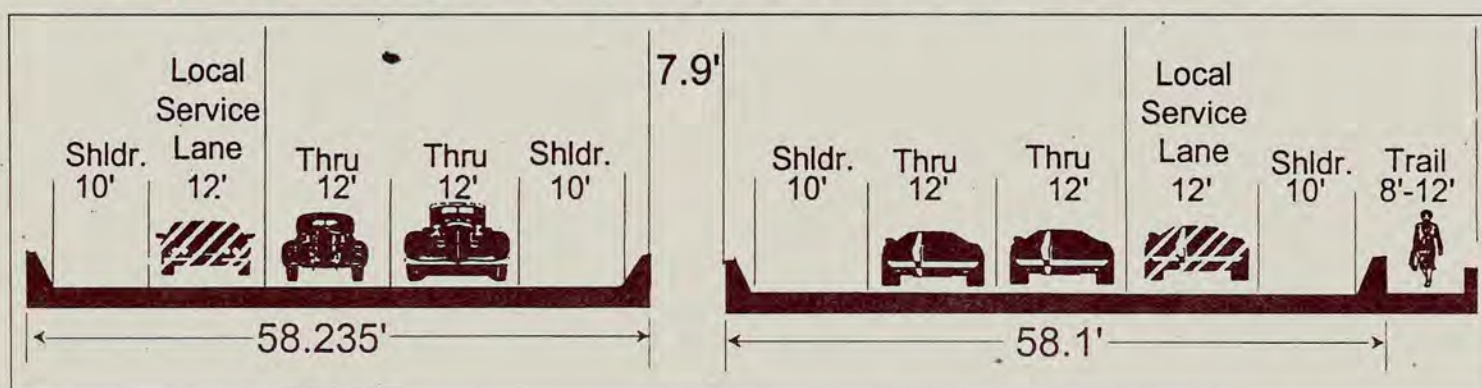
Some Dakota County officials are now asking why a wider bridge is not being planned. They cite growing traffic volumes and a 12-year plan to expand I-35E south of the bridge and north of downtown St. Paul as reasons for a wider span.

"You're saying the need is there, but you're not going to do anything about it for 20 years," said Tom Swain, chair of the Lilydale Planning Commission.

"We're only fixing the bridge at this point," said MnDOT design engineer Muktar Thakur. According to him, replacing the bridge probably would not be on the table had the current bridge not started to show signs of deterioration.

If the St. Paul City Council does not approve the bridge plans, the decision may be up to the Metropolitan Council, according to MnDOT's metro division engineer Richard Stehr. He recalled that the debate over widening I-35W in South Minneapolis went to the Metropolitan Council for a decision in the early 1990s. South Minneapolis neighborhoods, the Minneapolis City Council and the Hennepin County Board clashed with suburban communities at that time over the freeway's width and the potential loss of thousands of homes. Though the I-35W expansion won the Metropolitan Council's approval, it was eventually shelved due to escalating costs.

"I think we can somewhat claim to say we have a consensus (on the I-35E bridge plans)," said Thakur. The cities of Burnsville, Eagan, Rosemount, Inver Grove Heights, West St. Paul, Eagan and Farmington have approved the bridge plans, as have the boards



It appears the plan above for a 132-foot-wide I-35E bridge over the Mississippi River has won the support of all parties but elected state and city officials from St. Paul and the people they represent.

of Ramsey and Dakota counties, the Northern Dakota County Chamber of Commerce, the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and state legislators from northern Dakota County. Yet another group supporting the bridge plan is the St. Paul Transit Management Organization, a group of city staff members and elected officials.

St. Paul legislators, Friends of the Parks and Trails, the Highland District Council and the West 7th/Fort Road Federation all want to see a narrower bridge. Last March the St. Paul City Council voted for as narrow a bridge as possible, with four traffic lanes, narrower shoulders and a dedicated bicycle/pedestrian path. That position is also supported by the Highland District Council and West 7th Federation.

A Macalester-Groveland Community Council committee has recommended that the full council oppose the 124-foot-wide bridge at its meeting on November 19.

Representatives of the three district councils outlined their objections to a wider bridge on November 3. "The neighborhoods that will be impacted most by a wider bridge are West 7th and Highland Park," said Jennifer Wicklund of the West 7th Federation. "People in Farmington will not be living with the impact of an expanded bridge in their neighborhood every day."

Merriam Park resident Chip Welling criticized MnDOT's plan for the I-35E bridge and the lack of an overall regional transportation plan. "If we continue to take out bottlenecks, we make it easier to drive and that undermines the argument for more public transit," he said.

Several Macalester-Groveland residents said they are concerned that the bridge's auxiliary lanes could someday be converted for through traffic. "We just don't want to see all of this traffic dumped onto St. Paul," said Kathie Tarnowski, community organizer for

the Macalester-Groveland council.

Harris has sought a commitment from MnDOT never to convert the auxiliary lanes to through traffic.

According to Stehr, MnDOT does not plan to study adding through lanes to the bridge until after 2010. He also pointed out that the I-35E Parkway has been limited to two through lanes and an auxiliary lane in each direction by a 1984 U.S. District Court ruling. Altering its width would mean taking the matter back to court, he said.

Concerns raised by St. Paul have already resulted in several changes to bridge plans, according to Thakur. A plan for three through lanes in each direction was shelved early on due to St. Paul opposition. When St. Paul pushed for narrower shoulders, the proposal to use the shoulders for buses was eliminated. Also, the bicycle/pedestrian lane was added at St. Paul's urging.

Crosby Park acreage must serve as staging area for bridge construction

by Jane McClure

When the I-35E bridge over the Mississippi River is rebuilt in 2001-2003, two or three acres of Crosby Farm Regional Park will be transformed into a staging area for the temporary storage of construction materials and equipment.

Plans to protect the park during this period and restore the landscape once construction is completed are already on the drawing board. St. Paul city officials are hoping to tap into the bridge project to improve Crosby Park and provide access from the bridge to the park's bicycle trails. Parks and Recreation Division staff members are also

considering improving motor vehicle access and parking at that end of the park once the staging area is no longer needed.

The Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County, Highland District Council, West 7th/Fort Road Federation and St. Paul Parks and Recreation Commission have all raised concerns about the use of Crosby Park as a staging area. However, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) officials say the staging area has to be on the St. Paul side of the river. A gravel pit, steep bluff and railroad line make the Dakota County side unsuitable.

"We have to have a site of at least two to three acres," said MnDOT design engineer

Muktar Thakur. Because of the power lines just downriver from the bridge, the site must be upriver in Crosby Park, Thakur said.

Before the staging area is established, MnDOT must take an inventory of all vegetation that will be lost. "We have to be ready to replant the area when it's no longer needed for construction," Thakur said.

Soil compacted by heavy construction equipment will have to be replaced before replanting begins. Measures also must be taken to prevent soil erosion and ensure that runoff does not flow directly into the Mississippi.

According to St. Paul Parks and Recreation superintendent Robert Piam, the city is interested in improving Crosby Park access off

of Shepard Road and Elway. That road now dead-ends after a short distance and is mainly used for visitor parking. Exiting the parking area sometimes requires backing up onto busy Shepard Road.

The city is now questioning the stability of the soil in the staging area and how it will hold up under the weight of heavy equipment. According to Piam, demolition fill was deposited in the area around the time that the I-35E bridge was built.

"When the old Ancker Hospital was demolished, that's where they buried it," he said. The hospital, which stood near where the St. Paul School District administration building is today, closed in 1965.

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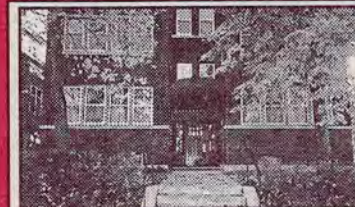
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Council will hear bids for adding to St. Paul's proposed 1999 budget

by Jane McClure

The St. Paul City Council expects to wrap up its review this week of Mayor Norm Coleman's proposed \$485.5 million city budget for 1999. The council will hold a public hearing on the budget at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 18, before sitting down to review a variety of requests for adding to the budget.

Among the budget additions that are being considered by the City Council are the following:

- Adding \$2.5 million to the \$7 million already earmarked for residential street paving in 1999.

The 10-year street paving program that was approved by the City Council in 1996 has since been extended to 15 years.

"This is something that some parts of the city have waited patiently for, and we shouldn't be delaying any more than we have to," said Ward 3 council member Mike Harris.

- Adding \$40,611 to pay for a building inspector to work exclusively in the city's historic districts.

Ward 2 council member Chris Coleman said he is hearing complaints from constituents whose requests for building permits have been delayed for months because the city's licensing and zoning office has been short-staffed.

- Adding \$40,000 to the city's contribution to fund the annual operations of its 19 district planning councils and an additional \$25,000 to support those district councils' crime prevention pro-

grams.

- Providing for more traffic enforcement officers.

City Council members say that complaints from city residents about traffic infractions have increased greatly in recent years. Adding five traffic enforcement officers could mean an additional \$400,000 to the budget when salaries, benefits, squad cars, guns, radios, radar and uniforms are factored in.

- Providing more money for public library materials and staff.

The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library has offered to contribute \$128,500 in matching funds if the city increases the library budget by as much as \$417,493. Mayor Coleman's budget for 1999 provides \$96,389 less for materials than the library received in 1998.

- Increasing the budget for parks and recreation facilities and maintenance.

Harris has put in a request for \$78,617 in additional funds for field maintenance, while Ward 4 council member Jay Benanav is seeking \$200,000 to upgrade playground equipment at 10 recreation centers.

The city has added nearly 240 acres of park land and more than 200,720 square feet of indoor recreation center space since 1989. During those nine years, parks and recreation staff hours have been cut, according to the City's Parks and Recreation Commission.

As far as maintenance is concerned, "we're at the point where we're going to lose our ability to catch up," said Parks and Recreation Superintendent Robert Piram.



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Murder in Longfellow

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made her feel so helpless that she felt compelled to do something.

She enlisted the help of block club leaders to organize the rally. Fliers were distributed to every home in the Longfellow area as well as to schools and churches. Local businesses received the information via fax and posted the fliers in their windows.

"Robert Fernlund was a man who liked to make people laugh, a man who everyone would like to have as a friend and neighbor," Skoglund said. "It's important that we remember his qualities as much as we remember his tragic death."

"This is a good block, in a good neighborhood, in a good community," Skoglund said. "Statistically and realistically, the Longfellow and Hiawatha neighborhoods are as good and as safe as any in the city. We need to remind ourselves that while we are hurt, shocked and horrified, we are going to recover and we will not tolerate crime in this neighborhood."

Sayles Belton, who also lives in the Longfellow area, condemned the conditions in a society that allow individuals to act out as the murderer did. She urged the crowd to take a more active role in their neighborhood by joining block clubs and getting to know one another.

"We see things going on in our community everyday that are not OK," she said. "When we see them, let's act on them immediately. Knock on the door of a household where we know children are acting inappropriately or call the police. Take positive action. Get involved and stay involved."

Hestness of the police department's 3rd Precinct said that solving the crime will not erase the pain, but he pledged that the perpetrators will be caught. "I want to promise you that our precinct and our investigators will be working tirelessly to solve this crime," he said.

Thus far, investigators have few clues to the October 27 murder. That night, the Fernlunds had just gotten out of their station wagon when three men approached Robert. Agnes heard a shot and saw her husband fall to the street in front of the car. Though she was only yards away, the street was so dark and her eyes are so weak that she could not identify the murderers.

The Hennepin County medical examiner determined that Fernlund died of a gunshot wound to the back. Beyond that, investigators have no more substantial information than they had on the day following the murder, according to Penny Parrish, a police information officer.

Agnes was the last person to speak to the



Neighbors Rick and Jan Stanton offer support to Agnes Fernlund during a flashlight memorial service on November 2 in front of her South Minneapolis home. Her husband, Robert, had been gunned down on that same spot six days earlier. Photo by Mike Long.

crowd November 2. That same day she had buried her husband, a Korean War veteran, at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Overcome with emotion, she thanked the crowd for their support and remembered her husband affectionately. "I really loved that guy," she said.

Before the crowd dispersed, envelopes were distributed to collect donations for a Fernlund reward fund. A total of \$13,000 is available for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.

Anyone with information about the murder is asked to call 612-673-3403.

Election returns trio of local DFLers to the Minnesota House

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and clever advertising.

Entenza noted that the young voters he has spoken with voted for Ventura because he "seemed like a leader. He seemed like he could make things happen."

Paymar said there is a message in Ventura's victory. "People are tired of the partisan bickering," he said. "There's a voice in our state that feels both of our parties are not addressing some of the fundamental issues."

"Even though Jesse Ventura is an unknown quantity, he clearly wants what's best for the state," Paymar said. "This is going to be a critical year for re-examining public education, and he seems to have a commitment there."

"The spotlight is really going to be on Ventura," Pay-

mar said. "The adulation could quickly turn around if he fails to produce. It's not in his best interests to battle with the Legislature. We have to work together and I'm hopeful we will."

With Ventura, Entenza said, "we're much better off on committing to public education than if (Republican Norm) Coleman had won. With Coleman, there might have been a more combative attitude. I think we see that voters want us to focus on policy and not partisanship."

According to Entenza, the first term of independent Governor Angus King of Maine was marked by a strong focus on policy over politics. "I'm guardedly optimistic that that will happen here," he said.



Michael Paymar

Skoglund finds hope in that Ventura grew up in South Minneapolis. "He's from my area and may be a proponent of the things we hold dear," he said. "He may be a great friend of public education and city crime issues. I'm going to be open-minded about him."



Wes Skoglund

However, all three DFL legislators are concerned about Ventura's stated opposition to child-care credits and financial aid for college. "If we start to see things like child care and Early Family Childhood Education targeted for cuts, I'm sure we'll have some heated battles,"



Matt Entenza

Paymar said.

None of the legislators is reading anything into the Republican victory in the House. However, they all agreed the election indicates that voters want them to lower taxes.

"Clearly, there's a mandate to continue cutting taxes,"

Entenza said. "The Republicans have said they want to cut income taxes, which would benefit a few people. The DFL has been working for property tax cuts and reform, and that would really be important for St. Paul."

"If we do end up with income tax cuts, I want to make sure they're fair," Skoglund said. "Across-the-board cuts would benefit one of my constituents \$100 and give Carl Pohlad \$50,000. We need to make that clear."

"This is going to be a very interesting session," Paymar said. "It's good to have a shakeup every once in a while. This can be healthy for the political process and the political parties."

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Embarrassed? No, tickled pink

It's true that if political credentials were everything, Governor-elect Jesse Ventura would have been the least prepared of the top three vote-getters to lead Minnesota into the 21st century. It's true that Ventura, despite his plain-spoken rhetoric, never did satisfactorily articulate exactly what he would do in the event that he actually won. And it's true that the media failed to subject the former professional wrestler's unlikely bid for governor to the same scrutiny that was afforded St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman's and Minnesota Attorney General Skip Humphrey's.

However, I can't help but detect an eggheaded elitism in the wringing of hands and gnashing of teeth by those who would cite the foregoing as reasons for being embarrassed that the people of Minnesota handed Ventura the keys to the mansion at 1006 Summit Ave.

Embarrassed? From what I've read and heard in the past two weeks, the majority of Minnesotans—including the majority of Minnesotans like me who didn't vote for Ventura—are tickled pink that he won. They see in Ventura the victory of the quality of the man over the quantity of the money. They see the embracing of the outsider at the expense of the two insiders. They see the power of the unencumbered independent voice over the backroom wheeling and dealing of the two major political parties.

They see the victory of *us* over *them*.

There is no doubt that Jesse (The Governor) Ventura is still an unknown commodity. But there is no doubt that Jesse (The Man) Ventura is not. He is someone whom voters correctly perceived as utterly guileless. He is exactly who he says he is.

Prepared? We'll see. But honest? Indisputably. Many converging influences accounted for his stunning victory on November 3, but in the end Ventura came out on top for only one reason: More people trusted him.

Bad timing

Timing is everything in politics, as all three major-party contenders to the governorship learned this month if they didn't know it already. Certainly Norm Coleman knew it. He masterfully, if somewhat disingenuously, won re-election as St. Paul mayor last year while simultaneously running a statewide campaign in anticipation of his subsequent bid for governor. His earlier switch from the DFL to the Republican parties was similarly adroitly timed to take advantage of the open seat that Republican Governor Arne Carlson's departure would soon create.

So it was surprising to find St. Paul Deputy Mayor Tom Fabel lobbying City Council members for a raise for the mayor while the ink was barely dry on the election ballots.

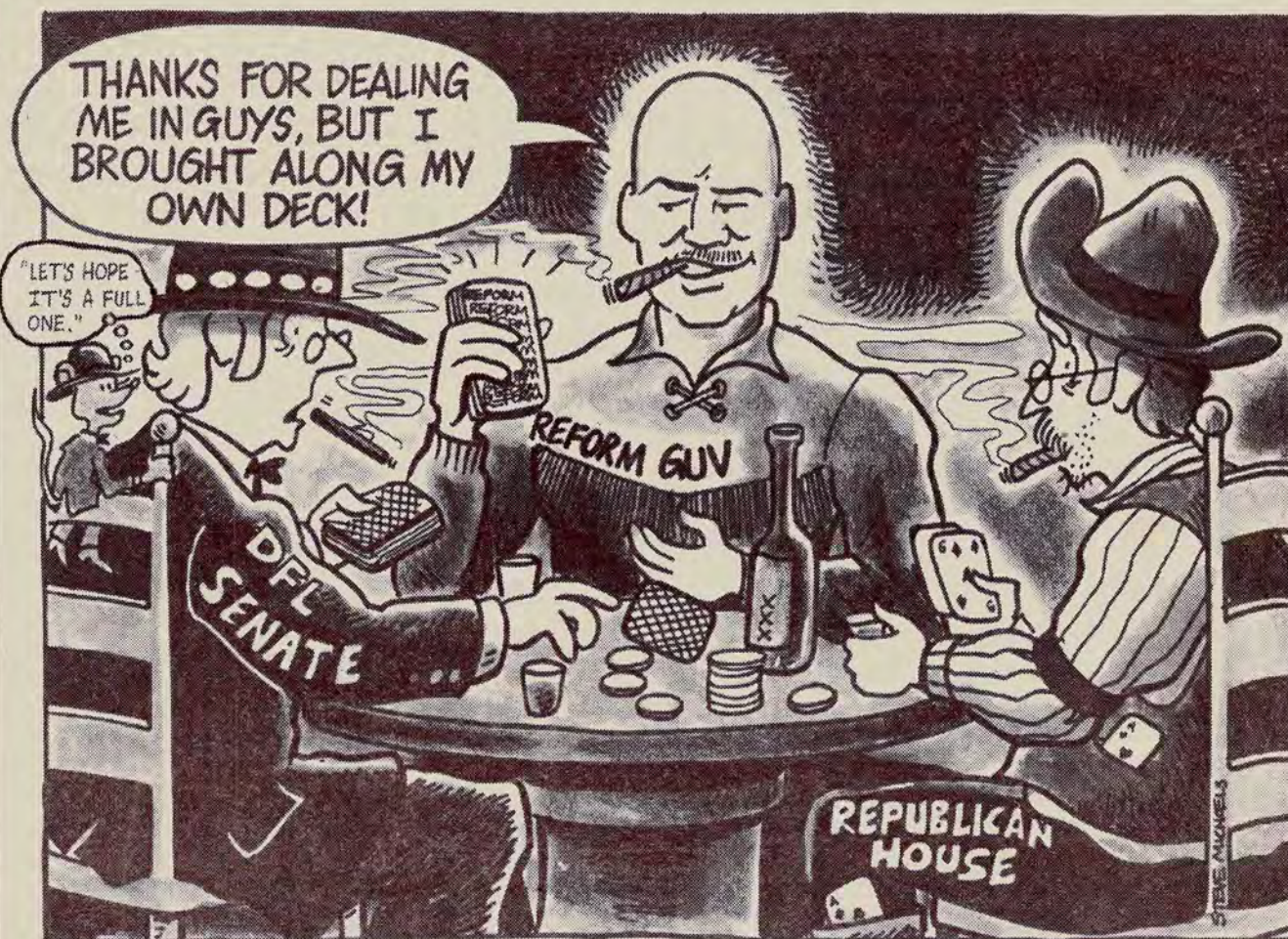
I'm not saying the case can't be made that the mayor of St. Paul deserves more than the \$83,668 annual salary plus benefits that Coleman is making now. There are, after all, 45 city employees who are now earning more than their boss.

But to request a raise for the mayor following a year of his nonstop campaigning for governor seems to me to be bad timing in the extreme. Better to review Coleman's job performance after a year of working full time for the voters who hired him and then decide whether a raise is called for.

The DFL drubbing

And what can you say about Skip Humphrey and the drubbing that his DFL party took in this year's general election? Even though he beat out Mike Freeman, the DFL-endorsed candidate, in the primary election with a name that since the DFL's inception has defined what the party stands for, Hubert H. Humphrey III came in a distant third on November 3 while the House of Representatives was gaining its first Republican majority in 12 years.

Whether it was the man or the message—or both—that didn't resonate, the DFL Party has some serious thinking to do about how it manages the business of politics in this state.



The latest in our long line of athletic leaders

by Dick Gordon

Much ado is being made of the fact that Minnesota's governor-elect is a former professional wrestler. However Jesse "The Body" Ventura (or "The Mind" as he is going by these days) is hardly the state's first governor to carry a sports portfolio.

Back in the 1970s, Wendy Anderson was the state's wonderboy guy who got his picture on the cover of *Time*. That was several years after Anderson had been a star defenseman, first for the Minnesota Gophers hockey team and later for the U.S. Olympic team.

That's not to suggest that Wendy and Jesse are alike, nor that hockey and pro wrestling are, even though there's plenty of mayhem in both. But certainly the visibility both men gained on the rink and in the ring contributed to the subsequent success of their political campaigns.

The same can be said of Orville Freeman, who served as Minnesota governor in the 1950s before becoming U.S.

Secretary of Agriculture. Though not a household word in football, Freeman was talented enough to earn a letter as a substitute quarterback for the Gophers on one of Bernie Bierman's Big Ten championship teams.

Broaden the horizon on the same theme and you'll find plenty of other examples of ex-jocks in politics. Locally, Minnesota Viking Hall of Famers Alan Page and Paul Krause were recently re-elected to the Minnesota Supreme Court and Dakota County Board of Commissioners, respectively. On the national scene, Jim Bunning, who pitched no-hitters in both major leagues, was re-elected to the U.S. Senate from Kentucky. Steve Largent, who caught passes in 177 consecutive games in the NFL, won re-election to the U.S. House from Oklahoma.

No, Ventura is hardly venturing into uncharted waters. In fact, the pattern was started nearly a century ago. Ed Rogers, a Chippewa Indian who captained Minnesota's famous Little Brown Jug football team in 1903, later served for many years

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Nativity says good-bye to Father Pat Lannan

by Jim Thuent

Nativity Parish lost yet another pastor last week. Four months after burying its longtime leader, Monsignor Clarence Steiner, the parish said good-bye to his successor, the Reverend Patrick Lannan.

A priest at Nativity since 1975 and the pastor since 1986, Father Lannan died in Jerusalem while leading parishioners on a tour of the Holy Land. He will be greatly missed.

Father Lannan was an engaging character, a strong priest who was never afraid to express his views and more than willing to back them up. An outstanding liturgist, he delivered his sermons from the heart and not from a scripted page. He welcomed people to the confessional for a meaningful discussions, not a chastising for their sins. Loved by many, he was a good pastor, a kind person and a close personal friend.



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The Reverend Patrick Lannan

Little contributions add up to a lot for the United Way of St. Paul

by Sheldon Olkon

You may have recently read that the United Way of the St. Paul Area is about halfway to its goal of raising \$25 million to support health and social services for residents of Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties. Merrill Corporation CEO John Castro, campaign co-chair, joked, "The last \$500,000 is always the hardest to raise."

When you're talking about millions of dollars, it's easy to miss what a small contribution can do. So forget the big numbers for a moment. Instead, consider for a second how a small gift to the United Way can help an agency such as Jewish Family Service of St. Paul serve the needs of area residents.

If you could give \$1.00 a week—the price of a cup of coffee—you could enable the head of a family to meet with a caseworker to develop a plan to decrease the family's reliance on emergency services and move it toward economic self-sufficiency. You could provide a teen-ager with CPR training, giving somebody the knowledge to save a life.

Those who can afford \$3.00 a week could provide for a

single mother to attend a job-readiness program to help her return to the work force.

A contribution of \$5.00 a week could provide a week's emergency shelter for a family. For that small amount—the price of a lunch—you could provide for an elderly person who can't drive to be given transportation for medical appointments and grocery shopping.

A donation of \$10 a week could buy a month's worth of hot meals for a child whose cupboard is bare. It could help three unemployed people get the necessary training and placement services to find and keep a job.

You get the idea—little numbers mean a lot. But numbers don't give a complete picture. Consider the story of Irv and Julia. Their physician referred them to us after Julia complained of an inability to sleep at night and Irv's health was in decline. He was suffering from short-term memory loss and could no longer drive or be left alone for very long. Naturally, Julia was sad about the turn of events and the resulting changes in their life together.

When our case manager went out to see the couple, it was determined that they could stay in their Highland Park home with some help. Subsidized cleaning helped Julia keep the

house in order and a local block nurse helped take care of Irv. Irv was directed to a day activity program that allowed him to participate in activities appropriate for a person with short-term memory loss. Julia got some badly needed time off and received counseling to deal with the changes in her life.

The result? Julia's sleep improved and her exhaustion decreased. She now accepts Irv's situation and works to improve it.

Without the funding that United Way gives us, we might never have been able to work with Irv and Julia. We're very thankful.

This year's United Way campaign runs through mid-January. Would they be thrilled if someone stepped forward and wrote a check for \$500,000? Naturally. Would they be just as thrilled if someone stepped forward and promised to forgo one cup of coffee a week to make sure that Jewish Family Service and the 79 other agencies that are funded by the United Way can continue to serve people with their programs?

Don't ask me. Ask Julia. She'll tell you every little bit helps.

The writer is director of Jewish Family Service of St. Paul.

Neighborhoods First! is concerned with more than its own backyard

Dear editor:

I would like to respond to recent accusations that Neighborhoods First! is a selfish, NIMBY organization.

I first got involved in this debate by attending an Ayd Mill Road Coalition meeting last January. It quickly became apparent that leaders of this group had resigned themselves to the idea that one of the build options was a foregone conclusion, and that the best hope for residents along the corridor would be measures to mitigate the effects of a reconstructed Ayd Mill Road. In other words, Snelling-

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Hamline would be violated, so let's exact a few concessions, like a \$21 million deck park.

I admire people who stand up and fight for their quality of life, but I live near Fairview and Marshall avenues, out of

harm's way, and I got involved for environmental reasons. You know, air quality, roadway runoff into rivers, noise pollution, urban sprawl, global warming—all those problems that we're waiting for the federal government to solve. The deck park does nothing to address those concerns. I went to the next coalition meeting anyway, and there I heard Michael Cline announce that he would host a meeting at his house to garner support for a linear park.

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as Walker County attorney in northern Minnesota.

St. Paul native Tommy Gibbons will always have his niche in boxing history as the man who lasted 15 rounds in 1923 with legendary heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey. The reputation Gibbons earned that day helped him get elected sheriff of Ramsey County in the 1930s and re-elected countless times thereafter.

Two of the best-known athletes who went into government service were Byron "Whizzer" White and Bill Bradley. Both were Rhodes scholars after being named All-Americans in football and basketball, respectively. They also starred professionally in the NFL and NBA before White became a

U.S. Supreme Court justice and Bradley a U.S. senator from New Jersey.

And don't forget Jack Kemp, an MVP quarterback with the Buffalo Bills who served as a New York congressman for 18 years and was Bob Dole's running mate in the 1996 presidential election. There's speculation that he may make his own bid for the presidency in 2000.

If football players, boxers and other professional athletes can make the transition into politics, why not a former wrestler like Ventura? Sure, there are those who claim pro wrestling is entertainment rather than a legitimate sport. But then, there's always Ronald Reagan, Sonny Bono, Florian Cmielewski...

The Reverend Patrick Lannan /from previous page

Lannan, 56, was born in Minneapolis and was raised in Edina. He graduated from Our Lady of Grace grade school, St. Thomas Academy, Nazareth Hall Preparatory Seminary and the St. Paul Seminary before being ordained in 1968.

During his seven years at St. Stephen's Church in Anoka, Father Lannan counseled chemically dependent patients at Anoka State Hospital. He served as the chaplain at the Anoka County Jail, presided over the Ministerial Association and served on the board of Mercy Hospital. He completed graduate studies in marriage counseling at the Catholic University of America and in liturgy at the University of Notre Dame.

Father Lannan was a member of the

President's Council of the University of St. Thomas and served on the boards of trustees of the St. Paul Seminary, St. Thomas Academy and St. John Vianney Seminary.

Father Lannan was dedicated to Catholic education and to the students of Nativity School. At Nativity, he was most proud of the chapel for Perpetual Adoration, an innovation of his that gives parishioners a place in the church to pray 24 hours a day.

Father Lannan is survived by his sisters Kitty (Tom) Galligan of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Maureen Kleiderer of Winnetka, Illinois, and brother Bob (Maureen) Lannan of Edina. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Eleanor, and brother-in-law Fred Kleiderer.

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From the beginning, Neighborhoods First! was concerned with far more than the benefits a linear park would bring them personally. We recognize that continuing to plan urban transportation around the automobile is a mistake. We welcome the development of the Ayd Mill Road corridor for light rail or commuter rail. At the first meeting I attended, it was acknowledged that traffic around Lexington Parkway and Randolph Avenue is intolerable, and we continue to say as much. We cannot, however, get behind a plan that reduces traffic in one neighborhood at the expense of another, or any plan that will bring an overall increase in traffic to the area.

It's probably true that the founders of Neighborhoods First! mobilized because of the immediate threat posed to their neighborhood, but we have grown and won the support of organizations like the Sierra Club because of our strong environmental stand and our advocacy for transportation and land use that put people before cars. Join us in our struggle to make all of St. Paul a better place to live.

Mike Madden
Merriam Park

Democracy and a linear park

To the editor:

I was absolutely appalled by Shirley Reider's op-ed piece "All neighborhoods matter in Ayd Mill debate" (*Villager*, November 4). I would expect a woman who is the former chair of the Ayd Mill Road Coalition and who is on the board of the Snelling-Hamline Community Council to have some respect for the democratic process. Instead, Ms. Reider is using her energy and political clout to encourage the nullification of two legitimate votes by nearly 200 citizens in her community.

I received a flyer in the mail this past September encouraging me to attend the Ayd Mill Road Coalition meeting where my vote would help decide the fate of the corridor. There were also public announcements in the *Villager* of the Snelling-Hamline Community Council's meeting, advising residents to bring a valid ID to legitimize their vote. To me, this represents democracy in action and not what Ms. Reider describes as "intimidation...to silence the interest of others." Both meetings enjoyed extremely high attendance, were orderly and well run, and the participants overwhelmingly supported a park for the Ayd Mill corridor.

Ms. Reider personally disagrees with the heartfelt vote that was registered. Instead of making her own agenda clear, she is proclaiming "these issues should not be decided in only one vote.... As there was no authority from the Snelling-Hamline board of directors that the vote would be binding, it will stand as a straw vote." Ms. Reider is attempting to suppress the voices of 200 residents of the city of St. Paul. If she succeeds, it will represent a gross violation of the democratic process and an abuse of her current and former positions within our neighborhood government.

Jean Madden
Merriam Park

Wake-up call for citizens

To the citizens of Mendota Heights:

I wish to thank all who supported me in the recent Mendota Heights mayoral race. Trying to offer change and unseat a mayor of 12 years was indeed a challenge. It was a most interesting experience meeting with people in the community. Just listening to their needs and desires for change has made the last five weeks worthwhile. The voting results tell me there are people out there who are interested in changes in our government.

I hope this election will be a wake-up call for citizens to become more active in their community. We need some young, energetic, innovative people to become involved in local government.

I encourage residents to go to the council meetings or at least watch them on cable TV to see how people are treated by the council and what decisions are being made. With two newly elected council members, I look forward to a more exciting and interesting year.

Joe Card
Mendota Heights

Exercising right to give thanks

Dear editor:

I commend all those who exercised their right to vote on November 3. It is too important and valuable a right to take lightly or to let others decide. My thanks to all who participated in the voting process.

My sincere thanks also to those who believed in me, encouraged me, supported me and voted for me for City Council.

Ultan Duggan
Mendota Heights

Stacking the deck against men

To the editor:

The Ramsey County Family Court system is one of the most archaic institutions in our society. It is a dissemblance of fairness to the men, women and children forced into its factory of lawyerism. It is on a near par with the racism of the 1950s.

After 14 years of marriage, my former wife petitioned for a divorce. Following a year's separation and some legal wrangling, she got the house, the cars and the kids, essentially because I acquiesced, knowing the deck was stacked against men. Four years later, I still can't afford a car, but I have gotten physical custody of the two older of the five children and have been able to move on.

I believe that many judges and Gestapo-type court officers are motivated by politically correct agendas and not by what is fair to the respondent and the children. While I recognize that domestic abuse is a real issue in many cases, it should not shadow every dissolution and custody case.

This past May I made a *pro se* motion to change custody of our 15- and 18-year-olds. After I made a rather complete presentation in court, the children and I were forced through the bureaucracy of custody investigations, counselors and

guardian ad litem. With all due respect to these people as individuals, it was all very unnecessary, yet I, of course, received a bill from the county for their services.

Though I disdain Rush Limbaugh, his use of the word "feminazi" is applicable to many of those who populate the Ramsey County Family Court. DWMs (Divorced White Males) are the enemy. No measure of reason has any credibility if it cometh forth from the mouths of DWMs.

Our situation is not unique and I'm not waving the banner of victimization, but the next great cause should maybe be men's rights. There are a litany of articles and books about the importance of fathers in the lives of their children. The family court system should not be working against that. We need equity and parity in the family courts.

John Lynn Gullickson
Highland Park

For democracy's sake

To the editor:

I would like to express my appreciation for everyone who helped with my campaign for the House District 38A seat. Your encouragement and hard work were so important.

I would also like to commend everyone who voted on November 3. It was exciting to see the large turnout.

It would be great to see this interest maintained. Some suggestions are: monitor the elected officials' voting records, see if they keep their campaign promises and evaluate their performances.

We all need to participate if we want our government to be responsive to our views and to ensure our democracy continues.

Sandra Masin
Eagan

Man-made misery

To the editor:

I recommend removing the speed bumps on the exit driveway between Lunds and the Highland Bank. These neck-snapping speed bumps are unnecessary because they are near the stop sign. With all the potholes on the street, do we really need these man-made bumps to annoy us?

Ralph Hietala
Highland Park

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St. Thomas continues efforts to stifle exhaust fan noise

The University of St. Thomas is going to new heights in its ongoing efforts to muffle the noise from the exhaust fans on top of its Frey Science and Engineering Center.

Work will soon begin on the installation of 9-foot-tall insulated steel panels around the five fans on Owens Science Hall at the corner of Cleveland and Cretin avenues. "Basically we'll be building a big box around the fans," said Doug Hennes, vice president for university and government relations. "Right now we have 8-foot-high panels that come within 3 feet of the top of the fans. The new panels will extend 6 feet above the units."

The existing panels will be reinforced to keep them from vibrating, Hennes said. Both the new and old panels will be wrapped with 3-inch-thick fiberglass batting and covered with a weatherproof film. The outside of the air discharge cones also will be covered with a 3/8-inch layer of damping compound.

The additional soundproofing will cost the university \$82,000. St. Thomas has already spent \$100,000 to try to quiet the fans. First metal shrouds were placed around the fans and the units were rotated so the discharged air was directed away from the homes on Goodrich Avenue. Later, the fans were encased with panels to absorb noise. Only four fans are being run during the day and three at night to further cut down on the noise levels.

In July, acoustic engineer William Kroll conducted 12-hour noise tests at four different locations around the center. He found that noise levels were still at or above state guidelines on Goodrich Avenue.

"The noise from the fans is ear-catching during quiet, nighttime hours and, with the exception of cars on the street or aircraft flyovers, does govern the noise in that neighborhood," Kroll wrote in his report.

Kroll tested the noise levels at 5 feet above the ground as well as outside a second-floor bedroom window on Goodrich Avenue. In both cases, decibel levels were found to be in the low- to mid-50s. State regulations prohibit noise above 50 decibels between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in residential areas.

Kroll said the new soundproofing steps should lower the fan noise by 10 decibels.

Measures sought to lessen Marshall-Cretin traffic woes

The Merriam Park Community Council voted on November 11 in favor of recommendations to reduce traffic problems near Marshall and Cretin avenues. The recommendations will be sent to the St. Paul Department of Public Works.

Residents in the Shadow Falls area of Merriam Park have been complaining that motorists take shortcuts through their neighborhood to avoid the congested Marshall-Cretin intersection. Rush hour traffic jams on Cretin Avenue sometimes extend from I-94 all the way to the University of St. Thomas.

Over the past several months, neighbors have discussed a dozen different traffic diversion ideas with Public Works and Ward 4 council member Jay Benanav and his staff. The measures recommended for implementation include:

- Banning parking from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the east side of Cretin between Dayton and Summit avenues. That would take on-street parking away from St. Thomas students, but would reduce traffic congestion. University officials have agreed to the ban, which could go into place this fall.

- Installing a concrete traffic diverter at Dayton Avenue and Exeter Street. The diverter would slow vehicles down and direct them out of the neighborhood and back onto arterial streets such as Marshall and Cretin. The diverter will be tested next spring.

- Installing a "Private Drive—No Through Alley" sign on the Exeter Street alley, which motorists have been using to bypass the Marshall-Cretin intersection.

St. Paul adopts stricter rules to deal with dangerous dogs

The St. Paul City Council adopted a more stringent ordinance on November 4 to address the problem of dangerous dogs.

The ordinance, which was brought forward by council members Jerry Blakey and Jay Benanav, does not identify dangerous dogs by breed, since that is prohibited by state law. However, it expands the definition of a dangerous dog to include dogs that exhibit unusually aggressive behavior, including those that cause injuries to people or other animals and those that have wounds from fighting with other dogs. Dogs also are considered dangerous if their owner possesses items or drugs used for illegal dog fights.

The ordinance requires the owner of a dangerous dog to notify the city of the animal's whereabouts and to pay an annual \$75 license fee. The owner of a dangerous dog that is caught running at large will be fined \$300.

The ordinance also raises the fine for impounded, unlicensed dogs from \$5.00 to \$50. City animal control staff has estimated that there are 30,000 dogs in St. Paul, but only about 8,000 are licensed.

At an October 28 hearing, the City Council heard from half a dozen people who have witnessed or been attacked by dangerous dogs. Only a few people testified against the ordinance. Owners of Rottweilers and American Staffordshire terriers expressed concern that the ordinance would discriminate against those breeds.

The city will use the additional fines and fees generated by the ordinance to hire an eighth animal control officer whose duties will include monitoring the whereabouts of dangerous dogs.

Merriam Park votes against supporting garage variances

The Merriam Park Community Council voted on November 11 against variance requests for a garage that was built at 1904 Ashland Ave. without a building permit.

Board members said the variances should have been approved prior to construction. They were troubled by property owner Peter Maranda's failure to halt work once he was notified by the city of the need for a permit.

If the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals upholds a staff recommendation to deny the variances, Maranda may have to tear down part of the structure to comply with city code. The BZA will take up the issue on November 23.

Maranda's old garage was crushed by a falling tree during last summer's windstorm. He said he was not aware that a building permit and variances were needed to replace the structure. "I thought it was grandfathered in," he said.

The finished garage is 5 feet from the side property line, whereas a 9-foot setback is required. It has 1,152 square feet of floor space, whereas only 1,000 square feet are allowed.

The BZA laid the variance requests over in October to allow Maranda and his neighbors to meet. The meeting produced a 7-4 vote in favor of the variances.

However, at the November 11 community council meeting, a motion to recommend approval of the variances was defeated on a 4-9-4 vote. A motion to approve the variances with a city-imposed fine failed on a voice vote.

News briefs compiled by Jane McClure and John Wadell.

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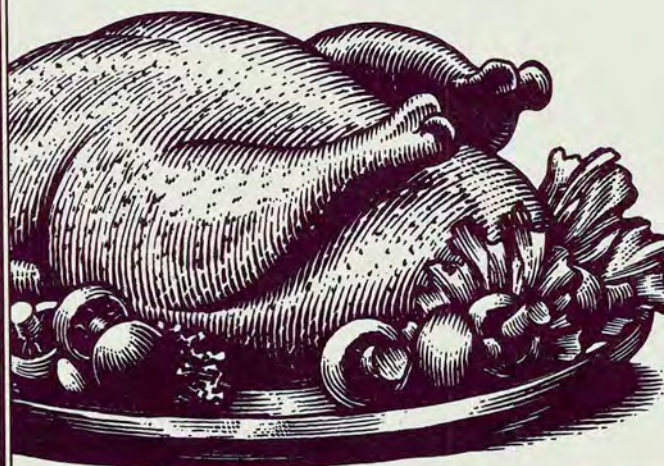
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Hiawatha light-rail transit line finds favor among Longfellow residents

by Iric Nathanson

South Minneapolis residents who attended an informational meeting presented by the Longfellow Community Council on November 12 signaled their strong support for a light-rail transit (LRT) line in Minneapolis.

They voted 131 to 26 in favor of a new transitway connecting downtown Minneapolis with Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and the Mall of America. But a substantially smaller majority—80 to 77—favored the proposed route along Hiawatha Avenue.

Many of those voting against the Hiawatha LRT route also oppose the Minnesota Department of Transportation's plans to realign Highway 55 south of Minnehaha Park. Opponents of the rerouting note that the current LRT plan will have to be redrawn if a pending lawsuit is successful in blocking the rerouted roadway.

Jill Walker, representing Stop the Reroute and the Sierra Club, two groups opposed to the highway plan, believes that reroute opponents have been unfairly accused of impeding LRT. "We support LRT," Walker said. "We're saying that there needs to be a plan B because the current plan will be derailed if the Park and River Alliance lawsuit is successful."

That lawsuit, which is pending in the U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, seeks a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Highway 55 reroute that would take into account Fort Snelling State Park, historic Camp Coldwater and its spring—areas that were not included in the initial EIS.

According to Hennepin County commissioner Peter McLaughlin, who chairs a seven-county light-rail transit planning group, LRT would be the most important infrastructure improvement in the Twin Cities in 50 years. "It will help solve a major transportation problem and reinforce our urban neighborhoods as places to live and raise a family," he said.

"We need to move quickly and slowly at the same time," McLaughlin said. "We have to move quickly to get our application to the federal government because we're vying with 170 other projects that are seeking federal funding. But we have to move slowly to incorporate neighborhood concerns about station design, parking and other lo-

cal issues."

About half of the \$446 million cost of the Hiawatha LRT line will be covered by the federal government, McLaughlin said. A \$17 million "downpayment" on that contribution was included in 5th District Congressman Martin Sabo's amendment to the 1998 federal transportation bill, he said.

John Caroon, a design engineer with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), said that parking at the LRT stations is a key issue that still needs to be resolved. "How do we handle parkers who are not local residents?" Caroon asked. "Do we build park and ride lots? Most people in the neighborhood would say no."

Six of seven panelists at the meeting supported the concept of LRT. The lone dissenter, Lyle Wray of the Citizens League, said that LRT will not solve the area's transportation problems and could weaken the Metro Transit bus system by siphoning off public funding.

"In Los Angeles, LRT sucked up all the transportation money and starved the bus system," Wray said. "Overall, transit ridership remained the same after LRT as before. LRT is not going to solve the problem of suburb-to-suburb commuting or relieve downtown congestion. Staggered work hours and telecommuting will have more impact than all transit development combined."

The connection between bus lines and the LRT route needs special attention, according to John DeWitt of Transit for Livable Communities. "Buses need to pull into the station to meet the trains," DeWitt said. "If I live in Prospect Park and I want to get to Highland Park, I want to be able to take the Franklin Avenue bus to the LRT station, get off at 46th Street and take the bus into Highland. If the connections are there, I won't have to wait at each stop."

"After 30 years, everything is coming together to make LRT happen," McLaughlin said. "The stars are aligned."

Area residents are invited to review and comment on possible new land uses around the proposed Hiawatha LRT stations at a workshop from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 18, at the Minneapolis Convention Center, 1301 2nd Ave. S. A formal presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Comments also may be made by calling the Metropolitan Council at 651-602-1464.



The Metropolitan Council will present various plans for new land uses around the proposed Hiawatha Transitway's light-rail stations during an evening workshop on Wednesday, November 18, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

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Partnership suggests reconstructing Highland links with private money

Wants first-rate course to beef up convention biz

by Dale Mischke

A partnership of five St. Paul businessmen has been floating an idea by city officials this fall to do with private money what the city so far has been unable to do with public money—renovate the Highland Park 18-hole golf course.

Blackheath Golf Limited would finance a roughly \$3.5 million reconstruction of the Highland links, putting it on a par with some of the best courses in the metropolitan area. Blackheath would then lease the facility from the city for \$1.00 and manage it as a public golf course, transferring all revenues to the city after deducting operating costs and a management fee. Course revenue would also be used to pay back any loans required to finance the reconstruction.

"We're moving real slowly and rationally on this," said D. Ward Johnson, a Summit Hill resident and the lead partner in Blackheath.

Johnson has met with city Parks and Recreation officials, City Council member Mike Harris and the presidents of the Highland Park men's and women's golf clubs to gauge their interest. He plans to meet with the full membership of the men's and women's golf clubs in December.

Blackheath is hoping to gain the financial backing of the St. Paul business community for 50 percent or more of the cost of the golf course project, Johnson said. Part of the plan is to reserve the course on weekday afternoons for conventioners, corporate clients and non-profit organizations holding fund-raisers.

"That's the reason private money would be invested in the golf course," Johnson said. "We'd fund the improvements with the help of people who would benefit most from an increase in convention business."

Summer has been the slowest time of the year for the RiverCentre convention center, Johnson said. According to him, most conventions during the summertime want to be able to offer golf as a component, especially at an upscale course, and there are few courses of that caliber as convenient as Highland would be.

"A huge investment is being made in RiverCentre," Johnson said. "Having a championship course (at its disposal) in Highland would give RiverCentre access to conventions that normally wouldn't consider St. Paul."

An investment banker by trade, Johnson, 53, has served as a consultant in golf course financing and operations for many years. He did not want to name his partners, but said that one has 12 years of experience in golf course construction, another helped put together Bunker Hills Golf Course in Coon Rapids, another was involved in running the professional Burnet Senior Classic golf tournament and the last is a former coach of the University of Minnesota golf team.

Leslie Carney and John Tauer, the presidents of the Highland Park women's and men's golf clubs, have reserved judgment on the plan until their memberships get a chance to look it over. "The problems at Highland are too major to ignore anymore," Carney said, referring to the rough shape that the 18-hole course has been in. "I like (Blackheath's plan) in that we end up with a brand new championship-style course, but I would like it more if we didn't have our playing schedule disrupted."

Both the men's and women's clubs are given three hours a week of reserved tee times at Highland, Carney said. The men take their three hours on Sunday morning. The women, with about one-third as many members, split theirs between Wednesday and Saturday mornings. With conventioners teeing off every weekday with shotgun starts at about 1:00 or 1:30 p.m., the women—and the general public—would only be allowed evening tee times or shotgun starts before 8:00 a.m.

"We're talking about significantly limiting the public's ability to play the course," Carney said. "I'd love to play at Highland and have it be a championship-quality course, but do we have to give up so much to get that?"

"I haven't come down on one side or the other (on Blackheath's plan)," Tauer said, "but I question whether it serves the taxpayers and senior citizens of St. Paul. Are they being pushed out?"

Tauer said he would like to see the Highland 18 upgraded, but like most members of the Highland Men's Club, he isn't convinced it needs a \$3.5 million overhaul. "We surveyed the club about a year and a half ago, and 80 percent of the respondents just wanted the course upgraded," Tauer said. "By upgrading, they mean solve the drainage problem, put some traps in, add some forward tees and redo the greens."

Under any lease agreement, the course would remain available for winter sledding and cross-country skiing, according to Vic Wittgenstein, manager of

Special Services in the city's Division of Parks and Recreation. Blackheath may hire a night watchman for security, Johnson said, but would not add any fencing.

Under Blackheath's plan, the course "might generate more revenue for the city," Wittgenstein said. Highland's greens fees would remain the same as those at the Como and Phalen golf courses—at least for residents of St. Paul, he said. The city may expand the definition of residency to include nearby municipalities, Wittgenstein said, but conventioners and corporate clients would pay a premium for those shotgun starts.

According to Wittgenstein, the Highland 18-hole course grosses about \$900,000 a year. After subtracting annual operating expenses, that leaves about \$100,000. But that isn't all profit, according to Harris. "From a pure budgetary standpoint, there must be 50 items that aren't included in those operating expenses and should be," Harris said. He cited liability insurance, worker's compensation and major capital expenditures as examples.

Harris and former St. Paul deputy mayor Tim Marx co-chaired Mayor Norm Coleman's Compete St. Paul Task Force, which recently submitted its report on how the city could incorporate the competition of the marketplace in the delivery of city services. Blackheath's plan does not quite fit that mold, Harris said, "but if we can improve the course and its ancillary services, that's something we need to look at."

Blackheath has yet to commission a new design for the course, but Johnson has no doubt that the Highland 18 has the makings for a championship layout. "You don't need a 7,000-yard course for that," he said.

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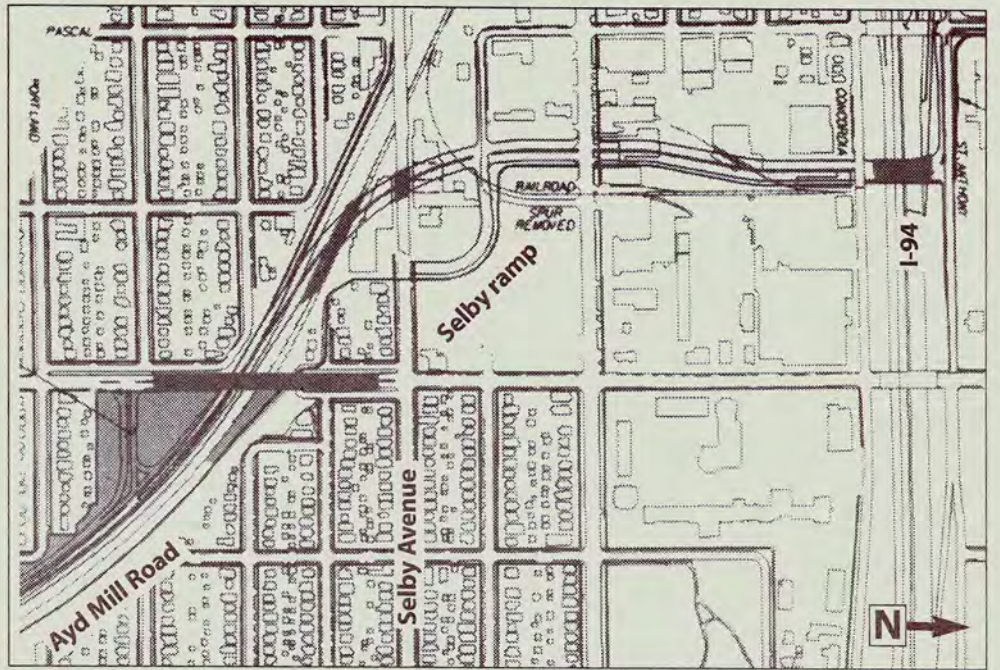
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A diagram from the draft Environmental Impact Statement for Ayd Mill Road includes this suggestion for a Selby Avenue exit/entrance to the east of the roadway.

Snelling-Selby joins commercial chorus opposed to Ayd Mill park

by Jane McClure

The debate over the future of Ayd Mill Road grew louder last week with the release by the Snelling-Selby Area Business Association (SSABA) of its position on the matter. SSABA has reaffirmed its support for connecting Ayd Mill Road to I-35E on the south and for maintaining a direct connection between Ayd Mill Road and Selby Avenue.

"A substantial portion of our customers use Ayd Mill Road," said SSABA president Eva Oswald, owner of Garden of Eva Florist at 1585 Marshall Ave.

The support among some area residents for replacing Ayd Mill Road with a park has alarmed some of the 65 members of SSABA, according to Jerry Sognesand of Liberty State Bank.

"We're hearing a lot of concerns among the businesses, especially storefront businesses," Sognesand said. According to him, business people are worried that a park would not only cut off customers driving from the southeast, but greatly increase traffic on already congested Snelling Avenue.

Over the years, Liberty State Bank has seen more of its customers move to the suburbs, Sognesand said. Many of those customers use Ayd Mill Road. "If the road is removed, we'd lose about 30 percent of our customer base over a four-year period," he said. If that happened, bank officials would have to consider moving out of the city, according to him.

The first draft of the Ayd Mill Road Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) examines several alternatives for reconstructing the roadway, including eliminating it in favor of the park, leaving the roadway as it is, and reconstructing it as a two-lane or four-lane road with a direct connection to I-35E on the south and an indirect connection to I-94 on the north via the frontage roads.

A firm plan for providing Selby Avenue access is not included in the rebuilt two-lane or four-lane options. Under those scenarios, Ayd Mill Road would extend north underneath the CP Rail tracks and underneath Selby and follow the existing railroad spur between Hamline Avenue and Pascal Street to Concordia and St. Anthony avenues. The Selby Bridge would need to be extended to the east to allow Ayd Mill Road to pass beneath it.

In some plans reviewed by the Ayd Mill Road Task Force, access from northbound Ayd Mill Road to westbound Selby Avenue is

removed. However, city staff members have indicated that the ramp from eastbound Selby to southbound Ayd Mill Road could remain in place. The city is also willing to work with area businesses on how best to facilitate travel between Selby and Ayd Mill Road.

One tentative plan has a two-way ramp providing access from northbound Ayd Mill Road to Selby just east of the bridge. Access from Marshall Avenue to southbound Ayd Mill Road is also possible via Pascal Street

and Dayton Avenue. That plan would require removing a portion of Concordia University's property.

In announcing its preferred alternative, SSABA pointed out its long-standing relationship with the Snelling-Hamline Community Council. That relationship was strained in October when park activists from Neighborhoods First! succeeded in passing a recommendation for a park at the community council's annual meeting.

"SSABA members would strongly favor the solution most acceptable to the community provided the road is not closed," Oswald said. "We'd also be open to supporting the no-build alternative if no other way could be found to keep the road open to Selby. But our ideal solution would be the retention of direct Selby access, the connection at the south with I-35E, and some mitigation such as a deck park to provide the Snelling-Hamline community the recreational space so clearly lacking now."

The Snelling-Hamline Community Council had scheduled a special meeting on Ayd Mill Road for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 17, at Liberty State Bank, after this issue of the Villager went to press.

Since its annual meeting on October 22, the council has received complaints from residents about not being notified of the meeting. Several people have claimed that they were not called upon to speak at the annual meeting because they did not favor a park.

The Snelling-Hamline council was expected to determine on November 17 whether the October 22 vote for a park was merely advisory or whether it constitutes the board's official recommendation. Some community council board members are concerned that, if binding, the vote will take away the neighborhood's bargaining position when the Ayd Mill Road Task Force states its

Ayd Mill/see next page

Fairview's restriping north of Summit supported

by Jane McClure

Despite concerns about parking congestion on adjacent residential streets, the Merriam Park Community Council voted on November 11 to ask the city of St. Paul to restripe Fairview Avenue between Summit and University avenues.

The project, which would be done on a trial basis, would involve banning parking on the west side of Fairview between Summit and Marshall avenues. In that area, Fairview would be restriped with a parking lane on the east side of the street, a traffic lane in each direction and a center turn lane.

Fairview between Marshall and University avenues would be restriped with one traffic lane in each direction and shoulders for emergency use. The Merriam Park board's recommendation also includes a request that the city conduct parking and traffic studies in the area, and increase enforcement of the speed limits.

Al Shetka of the Public Works Department said that the restriping would cost the city about \$60,000. He added that there is no money available for the project in the 1998 or 1999 city budgets. Ward 4 City Council member Jay Be-

nanav has pledged to seek funds for the project so it can be implemented next year.

The street restriping won the support of a majority of residents and business owners who met with Public Works staff in October. However, several people objected to the plans on November 11. They said eliminating parking on one side of the street would only add to the parking congestion that already exists in the neighborhood. There are several apartment buildings on and near Fairview that have little or no off-street parking.

"I think this is a bad idea," said Marshall Avenue business owner Tom Goldstein. "It seems like a lot of money to spend on something on an experimental basis."

The restriping of Fairview south of Summit Avenue in 1998 has been credited for slowing down speeding motorists and making the street safer. However, Goldstein disputed the benefits of the restriping in his Macalester-Groveland neighborhood. "It's only a proven traffic calming method if the traffic in front of you is driving slowly," he said.

"Most of us are very much against

this," said Sue Krumm, who lives near Hague and Fairview. "Most of us who live in the area already have trouble finding parking close to our homes. The street is full every night."

Neighbor Tim Faust said such traffic calming projects only create more traffic on side streets. "Traffic gets backed up for several blocks and people cut through the neighborhood," he said.

Scott Heiderich, who drives Fairview Avenue every day, disagreed. He said the street restriping projects in Macalester-Groveland and Highland Park have made Fairview safer. "It's working very well to the south of us," he said.

Neighbor Terry Kaiser said restriping would do the same for Merriam Park. "Forget the experimental stuff, let's just do it," he said.

Community council board member Michael McDonough said he was not comfortable with the amount of parking information presented as a basis for restriping the street. "I'd like to see a decision delayed until there's more study," he said.

However, Benanav said he must act quickly if he is going to have a chance to find funds for the project in the 1999 city budget.

Ayd Mill linear park opposed/

preferred option. Mike Casey, Snelling-Hamline representative on the Ayd Mill Road Task Force, said he will resign if he is forced to support the park.

SSABA joins the Midway Area Chamber of Commerce as business groups that have voiced a preference on Ayd Mill Road. The Midway Chamber favors

a direct I-35E connection and an indirect connection to I-94. Like SSABA, Midway has not stated a preference for two or four lanes.

The Merriam Park Community Council had planned to hold meetings on Ayd Mill Road on November 9 and 11, but decided to wait until the draft of

the EIS is released later this year.

The Ayd Mill Road Task Force will meet later this month to review an executive summary of the EIS. The St. Paul Planning Commission and City Council will then release the draft of the EIS for public review. A citywide public hearing will be held in February.

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Kloskin trades in his bicycle shop for some new wheels—18, no less

by Dave Page

Liz Stejskal walked into Macalester Bicycle and Skate Exchange to commiserate with owner Howard Kloskin about the imminent closing of his store and to ask when he planned to sell his collection of vintage bikes.

"My brother Joe collects Stingrays," Stejskal said, referring to the Schwinn model popular in years past.

Kloskin smiled and told her that as soon as more of the store's inventory is sold as part of its going-out-of-business sale—probably by the end of this week—he would bring out the old bikes that he inherited from his father. The oldest is a 1938 Schwinn Paramount.

"My father used to take bikes in trade," Kloskin said. "Now some of the reproductions of those old Schwinn's sell for \$2,100 and the originals go for as much as \$2,500 if they're in good shape."

Kloskin also has boxes of old bike catalogs and bike parts to sell—merchandise the shop has accumulated over the 60 years it has operated at the corner of Snelling and Jefferson avenues.

"The closing is a big deal," Stejskal said. "I grew up in the neighborhood and came into the store as a kid. I remember getting toys here."

The store was purchased by Kloskin's aunt and uncle in 1942. After World War II,

Kloskin's father, Ray, took over the business. Ray and his wife Florence raised Howard and their two other children in an apartment above the shop.

In its early days, the shop sold toys, manufactured tricycles and even repaired televisions and radios. Kloskin, 47, started working at the shop when he was only 3 and, except for a brief stint as the manager of a Seattle bike shop, he has been working there ever since.

Kloskin's three children have also worked at the shop and his daughters Jennifer and Emily still do. He and his sister Sue bought out their father 12 years ago. Kloskin became the sole proprietor in 1991.

Besides the old bikes and a few old toys, Kloskin is selling the antique ice skate collection that his late father owned. "The oldest skates in the collection were manufactured in 1650," Kloskin said, "but most were made in the 1800s."

Kloskin said he is closing the business to embark on a new career. He plans to enroll in Dakota County Technical College and learn to drive a semi-trailer truck. "I have a degree in geography from the University of Minnesota and I've always wanted to hit the road and see some of the countryside," he said.

The theft of close to \$100,000 in inventory also figured in his decision to close the shop. "In the spring we can have anywhere from 1,200 to 1,400 bikes on hand," he said. Those



Along with his store's inventory of new bikes, Howard Kloskin is selling off some old treasures, including a 1930s-vintage tandem bicycle, an 1864 "row-cycle" made in Minneapolis and one of the shop's own creations, an Atomic 80 tricycle. Photo by Mike Long.

bikes were stored in a rented warehouse near Marshall and Snelling avenues. Eighteen months ago, Kloskin discovered about 100 bikes were missing.

Kloskin suspects a former employee was involved in the theft. Although he has employee-dishonesty insurance, he said he could not collect on the policy because he could not prove an employee was involved. He tried tracking the missing bikes by checking the want ads, but to no avail.

"All in all, I've liked the business and I'm

sad to see it go, but it's time to move on," he said.

Kloskin owns the building that houses his shop and has enlisted the help of a Realtor to determine whether he should sell it.

He figures it will take until mid-December to sell off his remaining stock of bikes, snowshoes, hockey sticks, bike accessories, ice skates and in-line skates. It will likely take much longer for Kloskin to adjust to not working in the building where he has labored nearly his entire life.

Billboard opponents file suit to remove storm-damaged signs

by Jane McClure

A dispute over storm-damaged billboards on Grand Avenue and in Highland Village has moved from City Hall to Ramsey County District Court.

The anti-billboard group Scenic Minnesota, the Highland District Council and Summit Avenue resident J. Rogers Chambers filed a lawsuit on November 6 challenging a recent St. Paul City Council decision to allow the billboards to be repaired.

The same trio had appealed an earlier decision by the St. Paul Planning Commission to allow the repairs. The appeal was denied by the City Council on a 4-3 vote.

Named as defendants in the lawsuit are the city of St. Paul, billboard owner Eller Media, Abbott Paint owner Steve Abbott and Highland Shopping Center owner Howard Stacker.

The two billboards, which were damaged in storms last spring, are located atop a building Abbott owns at 1820 Grand Ave. and above the Highland Shopping Center on Ford Parkway and Kenneth Street. The billboards are located within the Grand Avenue and Highland Village special sign districts, which were established in the 1980s to control signs and billboards. Existing billboards are considered non-conforming uses in those sign districts and are allowed to remain. However, new billboards and the replacement or substantial repair of billboards is prohibited.

The plaintiffs are asking the court to interpret the sections of the city code governing special sign districts. The record indicates that even city departments disagree over what those ordinances say.

Staff from the city's Department of Planning and Economic Development and the City Attorney's Office initially determined

that the signs had incurred substantial damage and could not be repaired or replaced because they are in special sign districts.

The city licensing staff disagreed. Strong winds had damaged the billboards' sign panels and, according to Wendy Lane of the city's office of License Inspections and Environmental Protection, it is a long-standing city practice to allow the replacement of sign panels without a city permit as long as the structure that supports the panels is not damaged.

The Planning Commission sided with the licensing staff in a 10-0-1 vote in August, which prompted the appeal to the City Council.

The three plaintiffs in the lawsuit are seeking the removal of the billboards. They are asking for damages to be paid to Chambers and reimbursement of attorney fees and court costs.

The case will be heard by Judge M. Michael

Monahan. As of last week, the defendants had not responded to the lawsuit. Eller Media's legal counsel, Marvin Liszt, was out of town and had not reviewed the lawsuit. The City Attorney's Office and Abbott indicated that they would be filing responses soon, but could not comment further. Stacker could not be reached for comment.

The lawsuit is the second legal action concerning storm-damaged billboards to be filed this fall. In September, the city of St. Paul sued Eller Media over a storm-damaged billboard on Lafayette Road. Eller erected a new sign there without the required city permits, even though city staff had advised Eller that a permit was needed to replace the sign.

The city is asking that Eller be prohibited from maintaining the illegal sign and that Eller pay the city's court costs and attorney fees. That case is pending in Ramsey County District Court.

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Authors, artists and musicians will help St. Patrick's Guild and the new Doran's Deli and Irish Indeed gift shop celebrate the grand opening of their new or remodeled quarters from Thursday through Tuesday, November 19-24. Special events are scheduled on all six days in the three adjoining businesses at Randolph and Snelling avenues.

The schedule includes the following appearances:

November 19—Gary Egeberg, author of *My Feelings are Like Wild Animals*, at 2:30 p.m.; and Sister Rose Tillemans, author of *Savoring Grace*, at 3:30 p.m.

November 20—Pam Hoffman Jones, painter of a Mother Teresa tribute, at 10:30 a.m.; Mary Kathryn Love, author of *Grace*, at 1:30 p.m.; and Christian jewelry artist Kathy Bernu at 1:30 p.m.

November 21—College of St. Catherine professor Ed Sellner, author of *Wisdom of the Celtic Saints* and other books, at 10:30 a.m.; Donald Horton, author of the *Chestnut Pan*, at 10:30 a.m.; Pam Kurtz, illustrator of *The Littlest Christmas Tree*, at 10:30 a.m.; and St. Paul musicians Michael and Patrick Loonan, who recently recorded "The Day Has Come," at 1:30 p.m.

November 22—Mark Hellem's band Musical Reflections, which recently recorded "My Peace I Give You," at 1:30 p.m.

November 23—Herb Walfort, painter of the St. Paul Cathedral, at 10:00 a.m., the Rev-

erend John Forliti, author of *Straight Talk for Young Adults*, at 1:30 p.m.; singer Donna Peña at 1:30 p.m.; and James Shannon, former bishop and author of *Reluctant Dissenter*, at 3:00 p.m.

November 24—Painter Anna May McCallum at 10:30 a.m.; Art Zannoni, author of *Jesus of the Gospels*, at 1:30 p.m.; and Cretin-Derham Hall teachers Lou Ann Tighe and Tom Ruhland, authors of *Growing in Hope* and *Understanding Catechism*, respectively, at 2:00 p.m.

The grand opening is the culmination of a project that began two years ago when Mike Doran, the owner of St. Patrick's Guild, and Jim Weinberg, the owner of the former Bridgeman's, approached Slawik Properties about creating an interior link between the two buildings. Bridgeman's has since gone out of business and Weinberg has joined the staff of St. Patrick's Guild, but the project went forward anyway with the help of a loan from the city of St. Paul's Sales Tax Revitalization program. Doran's Deli, a cooperative venture of Doran and his brothers Tim and John, now serves as the link between the Guild and the new Irish Indeed gift shop, which is owned by Mike Doran and Scott Wilhelmy.

Now, Doran said, patrons of his book, gift and religious supply store can browse while listening to the melancholy airs of a Celtic ballad or munching on a hot pastrami sandwich.

Cherokee carries on Thanksgiving tradition for the disadvantaged

The Cherokee Sirloin Room, 886 S. Smith Ave., will serve as host for the restaurant's 15th annual Thanksgiving Day dinner on Thursday, November 26.

Single people who have no family living nearby and elderly and low-income people and their families who for whatever reason find it difficult to prepare a Thanksgiving meal are welcome to drop by and enjoy a free dinner of roast turkey with all the trimmings.

The tradition was started in 1983 by former Cherokee owners Bob and Dorothy Casper of Highland Park. It is being carried on by their sons and current owners, Rick

and Jim Casper. Last year, more than 2,500 take-out and sit-down meals were served.

Reservations are required for the dinners, which will be served at noon and 1:30 p.m. Transportation is available free of charge, or meals will be delivered to those who cannot get out.

For more information and reservations, call any of the following churches or agencies: St. Francis (651-228-1066), Neighborhood House (651-227-9291), Neighbors Inc. (651-455-1508), St. Matthew's (651-224-9793), Holy Trinity (651-227-6956) or Our Lady of Guadalupe (651-228-0506).

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MH voters fill three city seats

by Bill Wagner

Mendota Heights voters returned a familiar face to city office and brought in two new ones in the November 3 election.

Charles Mertensotto won his seventh and what he insists will be his final term as mayor by outpolling challenger Joseph Card 3,753 to 2,517. Mary Jeanne Schneeman and Michael Dwyer won open spots on the council with 3,249 and 2,876 votes, respectively. Rounding out the field for the council seats were Ultan Duggan with 2,498 votes, John Hartmann with 1,243 and Galen Funk with 635.

Mertensotto, 70, a partner in a St. Paul law firm, has been the city's mayor for 12 years and was an off-and-on member of the council for 16 years before that. He said he decided to run for re-election one last time due to popular demand.

"We have informed voters here and I had faith," he said. Nearly 79 percent of the city's eligible voters turned out for the election.

Card, 45, a construction company owner who was running for elective office for the first time, peppered the city with lawn signs in his campaign bid. "I only wish I'd started the

campaign a little bit earlier," Card said. He ran in the belief that the incumbent had been in office too long and had lost his ability to treat people with respect.

Mertensotto countered that he was proud of his efforts to look out for the interest of taxpayers. "They say that I run the city with an iron fist," he said. "I think that's one thing that got me a lot of votes."

Schneeman, 65, a full-time homemaker and mother of seven who previously served a six-year stint on the city's Parks Commission, said the key to her victory was an aggressive door-knocking campaign and increased participation in the electoral process.

"There was a lot more interest in voting this year," said Schneeman, who ran unsuccessfully for the council two years ago. "When I went door to door and showed my literature, the people said they'd read it and they did."

Dwyer, 43, an attorney and 10-year member of the Planning Commission, was appointed to the council earlier this year to fill out the term of Christine Koch, who moved out of town in July.

"I hope to bring some common sense to the table," he said.

Merriam Park COUNCIL CAPSULE

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Merriam Park Community Council voted at its October 14 meeting to begin work on a neighborhood transportation plan. The resolution was the result of board members' concerns that if traffic calming is done in one section of the neighborhood, it might push problems to other areas. Those who are interested in helping create the plan are asked to call community organizer Sherilyn Young at 651-645-6887.

GRAFFITI UPDATE

John Paul Lester, 20, of St. Paul has been charged with a felony level criminal damage to property. He is suspected of causing an estimated \$10,600 worth of graffiti in the police

department's West District. Police said he used the tags "Ace" and "Este."

COMMUNITY ISSUES

Community issues forums, which offer neighbors a chance to air their concerns on the topic of their choice, are held on the Monday before the Merriam Park Community Council's monthly meeting. Recommendations coming out of the forums are forwarded to the board. The next forum will take place at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 7, at the Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave. For more information, call 651-645-6887.

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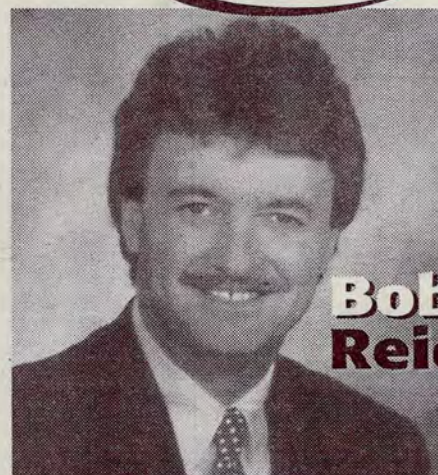
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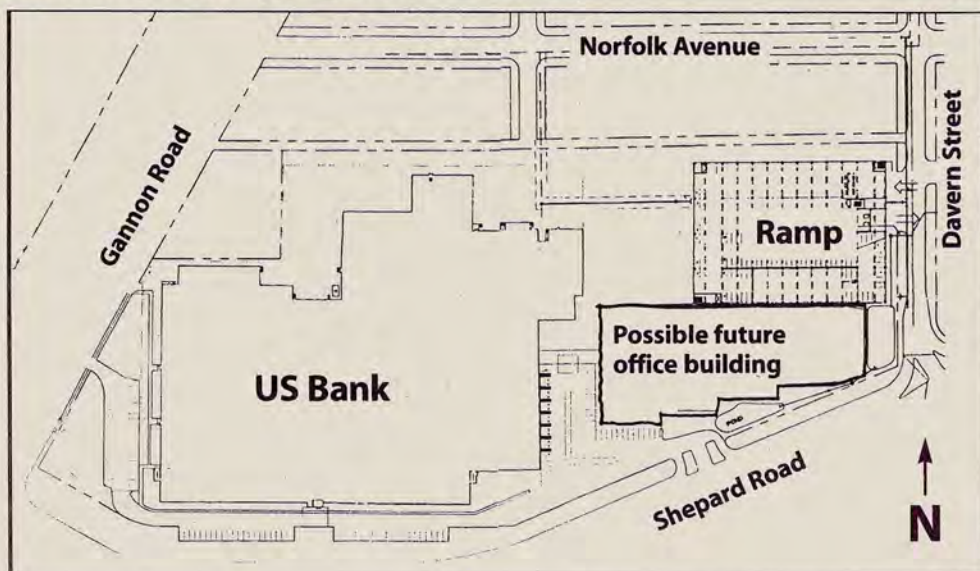
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Construction is scheduled to begin this fall on a 996-space parking ramp at Shepard Road and Davern Street that will serve US Bank and the Park 'n' Jet airport shuttle service.

Council upholds plan for four-level parking ramp at Shepard-Davern

by Jane McClure

The St. Paul City Council voted 5-2 on November 12 to approve plans for the construction of a 996-space parking ramp for the RiverBank Business Center and Park 'n' Jet facility in Highland Park.

Melvin Spiegler, who owns four apartment buildings on Stewart Avenue next to the proposed ramp, had appealed the St. Paul Planning Commission approval of a site plan and height and setback variances for the project. The commission's decision was made despite objections from neighbors, the Highland District Council and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Rejection of the appeal means that St. Paul developer Jerry Trooien will be able to move ahead with construction of the ramp, which will be situated west of Davern Street and north of Shepard Road on what is now a surface parking lot. The lot, the former Unisys building and a parking area east of Davern were purchased by Trooien in December 1996. The 325,000-square-foot building has since been renovated and is now fully leased by US Bank for 2,000 employees.

About 600 of the ramp spaces will be used by bank employees and the rest by Park 'n' Jet, a business Trooien owns that provides off-site parking for those flying out of Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. The surface lot currently has 1,150 parking spaces. The ramp will increase the overall number of off-street parking spaces on the site to 1,900.

The Planning Commission approved a 50-foot setback variance, which will bring the ramp within 15 feet of the northern property line. It also approved a height variance for the ramp, which will be 42.5 feet tall. The maximum height allowed in the Mississippi River corridor is 40 feet.

The ramp will be set back from Shepard Road to allow for future expansion of the RiverBank Business Center. Trooien said he is negotiating with a prospective tenant to occupy that new building.

In his appeal, Spiegler contended that there

was no hardship to justify the variances and that the proximity of the ramp to his apartments would have a negative impact on his property. He said the parking ramp would increase traffic and decrease property values.

A lawsuit is pending over the property line between Spiegler's and Trooien's land. That dispute may have an impact on the size of the setback variance needed.

Spiegler claims he obtained some of the property that his garages sit on through an agreement with Unisys. Trooien and his attorney contend there are no documents showing that the property transfer was ever made. That dispute is now in Ramsey County District Court.

Attorney Jeff Ansel, who represents Spiegler, said Trooien would not need the variances if he built a smaller ramp. "We're issuing variances for this thing for one reason only—money," he said.

Trooien's attorney, James Lockhart, argued that Spiegler's garages encroach on his client's property and that Spiegler's appeal was merely "an after-the-fact attempt to gain leverage in pending litigation."

Trooien said the larger ramp is needed to meet the parking needs of US Bank, Park 'n' Jet and the potential new tenant. Trooien also owns property east of Davern Street that is now being eyed for another parking ramp and a hotel.

Council member Mike Harris, whose Ward 3 includes the property in question, supported the variances. He praised the work Trooien has done to convert the former Unisys plant into an office building. "It was really kind of an eyesore, but now it's one of the nicer buildings on Shepard Road," he said.

Council members Kathy Lantry and Chris Coleman voted against the project. Lantry said she did not see any hardship to justify the variances. Coleman wanted to see the ramp design plans brought back for City Council approval at a future date.

"We're talking about the most critical corridor in the city here," he said. "This is a major structure and we want it to be well-designed."

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NAMES in the NEWS

Pfc. Leah Boyd of Highland Park graduated on November 5 in the top of her class of 183 cadets taking basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. She initially had received a medical disqualification for military service, but enlisted the help of her congressmen and others to have the decision overturned. Boyd, a 1998 Cretin-Derham Hall graduate, is currently stationed in San

Antonio, Texas. She plans to become a medic.

Gretchen Otto of Highland Park earned first place in the Area 25 and Fronter Division impromptu speaking contests. She was scheduled to compete at the District 6 speech contest in Rochester against other winners from Minnesota and Canada. Otto is president of the Viking Toastmasters Club.



Pfc. Leah Boyd

Up all night

In Highland Village, a growing number of workers are opting for the late shift to try and make ends meet

by Michael Werner

Jamal Abdur Salaam worries that he is working himself to death. Two years ago, his schedule was so demanding that he ended up in the hospital. "My body completely shut down," he said.

Abdur Salaam may be tempting fate again. He works the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift at Lifetime Fitness in Highland Village. Three hours after putting in a long night of cleaning, he is off to work again as a teaching assistant for the St. Paul Public Schools. By 3:40 p.m., he is headed back to his apartment for some well-deserved rest, but not before spending four hours of cleaning as the caretaker for his Highland Park apartment complex.

"I'm trying to put my wife in a situation where she can be with the children," he said. "My children need us. If they can't have both of us, they can at least have one of us."

Abdur Salaam is one of a growing number of Americans opting to work the night shift. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, evening and weekend work has been the fastest-growing area for job growth in the 1990s. Nearly 25 million Americans now work non-traditional hours.

"An extraordinary percentage of employees work non-traditional hours," said Dr. Mark Mahowald, director of the Minnesota Re-

gional Sleep Disorder Clinic. "Our society as a whole equates sleep with boredom and laziness. Americans seem to live by the motto that the less sleep you get, the better person you are."

Though the night shift at Lifetime Fitness provides Abdur Salaam with the additional income his family needs, the toll it takes is more than he bargained for. "I don't think I'll ever be adjusted," he said. "I have to sleep in spurts and that's not healthy. Sometimes I just have to lay down for a couple of days."

The demand for workers like Abdur Salaam continues to rise as more businesses stay open all night. Since Lunds opened its doors to the late-night crowd in 1991, other stores in Highland Village have followed suit, including Snyder's Drug Store, Lifetime Fitness and Perkins Restaurant. Of course, the Ford Plant has long buzzed with energy into the early morning hours. Seven hundred workers assemble Ranger pickups during the 5:00 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. shift.

The night shift doesn't appeal to most employees, which forces businesses to offer better compensation to lure workers. At Lifetime Fitness, late-night employees earn an extra dollar an hour. At Snyder's Drug Store, night owls work 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shifts for seven straight evenings. That amounts to 37 hours of overtime pay (77 hours instead of

the regular 40), but the workers get the following week off.

Mahowald warns that there are consequences to sleep deprivation and that society's advancing technology will magnify its dangers. "Even a trivial error can have disastrous results," he said. Several notorious accidents illustrate his point, including the nuclear disasters at Chernobyl and Three-Mile Island, both of which occurred after midnight.

Most nights in Highland Village consist of a steady diet of college students and night-shift employees who have just gotten off work. "Usually about 100 people come in each night," said Dave Buck, a night-shifter at Lunds. "Most of our customers who come in are second-shift workers. We get a lot of people who work for the airlines. On Friday and Saturday, we get people from the bars."

Late-night shoppers generally want a quick fix for their after-hour cravings. "A lot of them buy frozen dinners and things that are easy to make," Buck said. "A lot of people also come in for fresh squeezed orange juice."

Rich Geist, a regular on the redeye into Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, enjoys the convenience of nighttime shopping at Lunds. "I want to go through, grab my stuff and get out," he said.

Perkins on Cleveland Avenue also does a

brisk business during the night. Although all Perkins are required to remain open Friday and Saturday nights, the Highland Village restaurant is busy enough to stay open all week long. Perkins general manager Adam Varney estimates that nearly 100 people come in on a typical weeknight, and as many as 400 people a night on weekends.

During the week, college students burning the midnight oil populate the restaurant. "College schedules dictate when we have busy nights," Varney said. "Business really picks up during finals. On weekends it's a lot busier because we get the bar rush. We also have our share of high school kids in here every night. Perkins is a hangout."

Highland Village's late-night patrons find distinct advantages in their nocturnal ways. On most nights, Francisco, who preferred not to give his last name, works at a restaurant until 2:00 a.m. and then drops by Lifetime Fitness for a workout. "It's quiet. Nobody bothers me," he said. "Some people like to meet other people at the gym, but I don't."

The night shift clearly offers opportunities for anyone who is not a morning person. However, it also can be excruciating. "You don't want to joke around with this shift," Abdur Salaam said. "If it gets a hold of you, it'll drag you down. You've got to be desperate to work these hours."



Jamal Abdur Salaam was busy fixing equipment at Lifetime Fitness in Highland Park at 3:00 a.m. on a recent weekday. Behind him is Tommy Vans of Minneapolis, who likes to pump iron after the bar he works at closes. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

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HIGHLAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

HOLIDAY IN HIGHLAND

Santa Claus will join kids for breakfast in the Village from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 12, for the Highland Business Association's 11th annual Holiday in Highland celebration. All children and their adult guests are invited to the complimentary continental breakfast. Santa will be looking for gift ideas to pass on to his elves and will be available for photographs.

All those who attend the breakfast will receive Passports to the North Pole, which will lead them on a journey through the Village with numerous stops for passport stamping from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Once the passports are complete, children can present them to the staff at the HighlandBank, 2100 Ford Pkwy., where they will receive gifts for their efforts. Highland-area businesses will be offering special enticements for shoppers throughout the day.

Other events planned for December 12 include free horse-drawn hayrides, cookie decorating at Blimpie Subs & Salads, the screening of a holiday movie at the Highland Theater and strolling vintage carolers. For more information, consult the schedule of events in the December 2 issue of the *Villager*, or call the HBA office at 651-699-9042.

HOLIDAY PARTY AND SILENT AUCTION

The Highland Business Association will host its annual holiday party and silent auction from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday, December 4, in the lobby of the HighlandBank. A light dinner buffet, wine and beer will be served.

Items on the auction block will include tickets to sporting events, jewelry, clothing, artwork and more, all courtesy of the HBA members who donated them. Proceeds from the auction will pay for the Village's holiday light display.

The event is free and open to all HBA members, their employees and guests. RSVP by calling 651-699-9042.

Teens, businesses team up to make a difference

More than 550 bags of spare clothing, food, toys and household items were donated by Highland residents to the homeless women and children of Mary's Shelter on October 25 for "Make A Difference Day."

Led by 15-year-old Leora Maccabee of Merriam Park, some 30 area teen-agers joined forces with such Highland businesses as Lunds, Video Update, Snyder's, Mailbox Etc., Bruegger's Bagels and Papa John's Pizza to benefit the Eagan-based shelter.

"The people of Highland opened their hearts, their closets and their basements to give us everything from baby seats to a microwave oven," Maccabee said.

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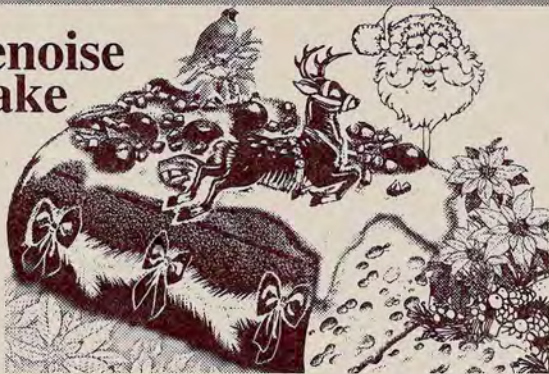
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Temple of Aaron Synagogue, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd., will offer the following events in the coming weeks: a Women's Rosh Chodesh meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, at the home of Marsha Schwartz; a Learner's Minyan at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 21; a Shabbat Lunch and Learn study group following services on Saturday, November 21 (\$5.15 for lunch); Men's and Women's Torah Break at noon on Wednesday, November 25; and a healing service at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 27. Call 651-698-8874.

The Guild of Catholic Women is holding its annual Angel Appeal. Donations are being sought to provide a holiday dinner and gifts for the mentally ill. Call 651-450-2217.

A Christian healing conference called "Healing Streams" will be held from November 20-22 at the Church of the Messiah, 1631 Ford Pkwy. The event will open with worship and a teaching on Friday evening, followed by four sessions and a healing service on Saturday and services on Sunday. The guest speaker is the Reverend Canon Mark Pearson, co-founder of the Institute for Christian Renewal and the developer of "whole-person" healing retreats. The registration fee is \$20 and \$15 for each additional family member. Child care will be available. For information, call 651-644-0761.

A Festive Eucharist and brunch will be held on Sunday, November 22, at Christ Lutheran Church, 3244 34th Ave. S., Minneapolis. The 10:00 a.m. Eucharistic service will mark the church's 87th anniversary. Brunch will follow at 11:00 a.m. in the gymnasium. For brunch reservations, call 612-721-6611 by noon on Friday, November 20.

The 1998 Archdiocesan Youth Gathering is expected to attract more than 500 young people in grades 7-12 to the University of St. Thomas on Sunday, November 22. The theme for the day is "Celebrate Youth in Liturgy." There will be guest speakers, interactive workshops and a dance with music by Johnny and the Peaches. The cost is \$10 and includes dinner. For registration information, call 651-291-4501.

People of all ages and religious backgrounds are invited to join in "Companions in Rever-

ence," a Thanksgiving celebration at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 25, at the Temple of Aaron, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. Participants are asked to bring a nonperishable food item for a local food shelf. Call 651-698-8874.

"Jesus and All That Jazz," a new series of evening services with music, will be inaugurated on Thursday, December 3, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. The public is invited to join the church in worship at 7:30. The Advent service will be accompanied by a live jazz performance by pianist Laura Caviani, bassist Peter Olson and saxophonist David Milne—all accomplished professional musicians. Subsequent services are scheduled for Sunday, February 14, Sunday, April 11, and Thursday, May 13. A variety of musical styles is planned, from jazz to gospel, blues and salsa, according to series organizer Amy Walter-Peterson.

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 341 S. Hamline Ave., is offering a special healing service at the conclusion of the 10:00 a.m. worship service on the first Sunday of each month. The healing service includes prayer, the laying on of hands and anointment with oil. "It is intended for anyone in need of physical, emotional or spiritual healing," said the Reverend Jay Eberth, who was installed as Calvary's pastor on October 11. Eberth, 54, is a graduate of the Association of Free Lutheran Theological Seminary in New Hope. For the past 20 years he has served Free Lutheran congregations in Michigan, Wisconsin, Northern Minnesota and Forest Lake.

The Council of Catholic Women of St. Helena is planning a Christmas party for Wednesday, December 9. The program will begin at noon in Rowan Hall at the church, 3201 E. 43rd St., Minneapolis. Participants are asked to bring an unwrapped gift for Sharing and Caring, a wrapped gift for bingo and finger food to share. The Sunshine Girls will perform.

Groveland Unitarian Universalist Church, 1671 Summit Ave., has scheduled the following speakers for the coming Sundays: the Reverend Dena McPhetres on "To Agree in Love" on November 22, and author Julie Landsman on "Living with Men" on November 29. All programs begin at 10:15 a.m.

Rabbi Yisroel Meir Lau, Israel's Chief Rabbi, will be the guest speaker at the second annual banquet of the Merriam Park-based Lubavitch Yeshiva of Minnesota-Wexler Learning Institute on Sunday, November 29, at the Decathlon Hotel in Bloomington. The cost is \$90 for the banquet or \$10 just to hear Rabbi Lau's talk at 8:30 p.m. For information or reservations, call 651-642-9122.

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The nonprofit Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels was founded by Foussard and Aslesen in 1970 when the two Merriam Park neighbors were still in high school. That first year, Foussard and Aslesen prepared eight meals for one family. This year, the two are overseeing the preparation of 14,000 meals for 2,700 low-income families throughout Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Several hundred volunteers are once again being sought to deliver the meals. All those with a car and a few hours to spare on Thanksgiving morning are invited to pick up the meals and a routing map at Cretin-Derham Hall, 500 S. Albert St. Drivers should arrive

at 7:00 a.m. and are welcome to enjoy complimentary coffee, rolls and orange juice before the delivery commences at 8:00 a.m. The delivery should be complete by 10:30 a.m., in plenty of time for the delivery crews to enjoy their own Thanksgiving Day meals.

"We request that there be two adults per vehicle, and we invite people to bring their kids along and make it a family outing," said Foussard, a Highland resident.

Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels is also seeking financial assistance to help defray food costs. (The bill for the turkey alone will run over \$40,000 this year, according to Foussard.)

Contributions both large and small may be sent to Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels in care of Firstar Bank Highland, 757 S. Cleveland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116.

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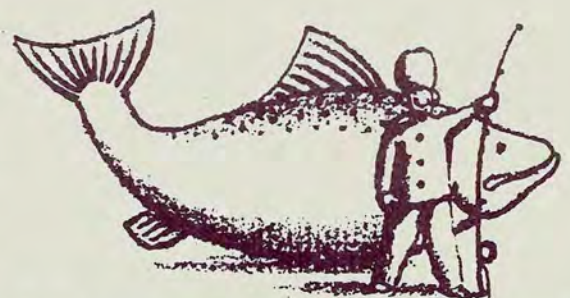
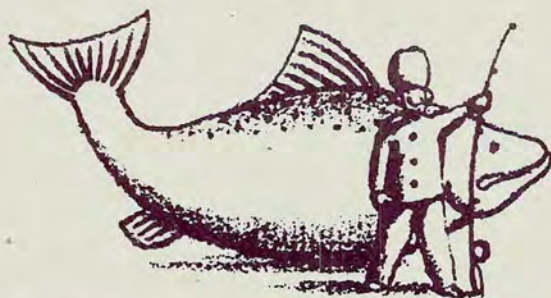
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Snow emergency sirens silenced despite last year's drop in snowbirds

by Jane McClure

The St. Paul City Council reviewed the city's 1998-99 snow plowing policy on November 12 and, though no vote was taken, only Ward 2 council member Chris Coleman spoke in favor of continued use of sirens to warn people to get their vehicles off the street.

The sirens were tested last year in the southwestern quarter of St. Paul, including the West 7th, Highland Park, Macalester-Groveland, Merriam Park, Snelling-Hamline and Summit Hill neighborhoods. The experiment was conducted despite objections from city Fire Department and state emergency preparedness officials that sounding the sirens in the winter would confuse the public.

Even though the number of cars that were tagged during snow emergencies was down significantly in the tested neighborhoods last year, Public Works director Tom Eggum recommended that the sirens not be used this winter. He said that the fewer number of snowbirds last year could be attributed to other factors, including a mild winter and increased efforts to notify college students when snow emergencies were declared.

Eggum said there has been little support for the sirens from citizens. He said City Hall received only about a dozen calls about the sirens last year and most of them were negative.

However, Coleman continues to favor the sirens. "I'd like to see them continued," he said. "I thought they were helpful." Other council members said they would rather see Public Works use other methods to get snow emergency information to the public.

Eggum said the city will continue to declare snow emergencies after at least 3 inches of snow have fallen. The threshold previously was 4 inches. The change was expected to increase the average number of snow emergencies in St. Paul from four to six per season.

Only four snow emergencies were declared in 1997-98.

Once declared, snow emergencies start at 9:00 p.m. At that time, vehicles must be off of posted night-plow routes, which include arterial streets and one side of north-south residential streets.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. the next day, the east-west routes and the non-posted sides of north-south streets will be plowed. Unless it is an unusually heavy snowfall, St. Paul typically has its streets cleared in 20 hours.

The city issues about 5,000 snowbird tickets per winter at a cost of \$40 each. About 10 percent of those vehicles get towed. Bailing a vehicle out of the impound lots can bring the total tab to \$165. The price goes up if a vehicle is stored for more than a day. Vehicles not claimed after 15 days can be sold at auction.

On average, St. Paul tags 653 vehicles during the night plow cycle and 1,144 during the day. In neighborhoods where the sirens sounded last year, the average number of tags was 692 at night and 752 during the day.

St. Paul is encouraging more citizens, businesses and institutions to receive snow emergency information via e-mail. About 800 people already use this free service. People can subscribe directly through the city's Internet site at www.stpaul.gov.

Last year, Public Works asked officials at the St. Thomas, Macalester, St. Catherine's, Hamline and the University of Minnesota to publicize snow emergencies for their students. Eggum said the effort was effective.

SuperAmerica stores also have agreed to distribute snow emergency fliers. The city will also give the fliers to any group or business wishing to distribute them. Call Citizens Service at 651-266-8989 or Public Works at 651-266-6147.

For pre-recorded snow emergency information in St. Paul, call 651-266-PLOW.

Groveland Tap to open even more grandly due to total reconstruction

Demolition work on the interior of the Groveland Tap (formerly B.B. Dixon's) has begun three months after an August 12 fire nearly gutted the bar and restaurant at 1834 St. Clair Ave.

The fire, which was ruled by investigators to have been the result of an electrical power surge that ruptured the conduit and set a wall aflame, caused \$267,000 in damage to the building and equipment.

No one was at the Groveland Tap when the fire was reported at 8:20 a.m., but 21 children at the neighboring Bright Start child care center had to be evacuated. Two firefighters who were overcome by heat were treated at the scene.

The Groveland Tap was to have celebrated its grand opening on September 16 after its purchase last spring by a group of Highland and Macalester-Groveland residents. Among the group are Stephanie and David Burley, who also own the Highland Grill in Highland Village.

The grand opening of the Groveland Tap has now been pushed back to at least late January, according to David Burley, but the opening is likely to be grander than ever.

To meet the requirements of the city code and federal Americans with Disabilities Act,

the Groveland Tap is expanding to the west into what has been the Curl Up and Dye hair salon. Curl Up and Dye, in turn, is moving two doors west where Open Hands, a therapeutic massage center, has vacated in favor of an office at Fairview and St. Clair avenues.

By gutting the 70-year-old bar and restaurant space down to the rafters and studs, Burley said all sorts of improvements are now possible, including a totally redesigned kitchen with new equipment, upgraded wiring, and an elaborate air purification system. Windows that had been paneled over by earlier owners have been uncovered and new windows are being installed elsewhere.

In removing layer after layer of previous wall coverings and floor treatments, crews working at the Groveland Tap discovered art deco designs dating from the late 1930s when the restaurant was known as Fabian's Fairview Palms. (It was later purchased and renamed The King and I and, later yet, B.B. Dixon's.)

Though the striking designs could not be retained due to the removal of some walls and the damage to others, Burley said the new interior of the Groveland Tap will incorporate the former palm leaf and sand color scheme.

SCHOOL NOTES

Sessions on state graduation standards kick off November 18 at Highland

Parents will have several opportunities to learn about Minnesota's new graduation standards during informational sessions being offered by the St. Paul Public Schools over the next several months.

The first session will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 18, at Highland Park Senior High School, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. Sessions also will be held at each of St. Paul's six other public high schools from now through March. The one

at Central High School will take place from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, February 20.

The graduation standards require completion of "subject-based performance packages" designed to ensure that students have the skills they will need in adult life. High school students are required to complete the packages in order to graduate.

For information, call the district's Family and Community Involvement Office at 651-293-5162.

Skills for Tomorrow junior and senior high schools, 547 N. Wheeler St., will hold their grand openings from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 18. The charter schools specialize in teaching children the skills they need to be successful in the work world. Both programs have openings for additional students. Call 651-647-6000.

District 197 Community Education is offering social ballroom dancing for beginners at 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays beginning November 18 at Friendly Hills Middle School, 701 Mendota Heights Road, Mendota Heights. The cost is \$40. Preregistration is not required. For details, call 651-681-2389.

Sylvester Turbes was presented with St. Thomas Academy's seventh annual Opus Sancti Thomae Medal during a banquet on October 26 at the Town and Country Club. Turbes, 81, was honored for his lifelong dedication to the school. He taught history at STA for 45 years. After his retirement in 1982, he spent two years as a substitute teacher and wrote the definitive history of the academy for its centennial year. He now spends his time delivering meals on wheels, driving for Sisters' Care, distributing communion to seniors in retirement homes and looking after an elderly neighbor.

The University of St. Thomas School of Education will host a conference on "Thirty Years of Metro-Area Education" on Wednesday and Thursday, November 18-19, at its downtown Minneapolis campus, 1000 LaSalle Ave. For registration information, call 651-962-5431.

Adult Basic Education classes will be held beginning this month at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 700 Wesley Lane, Mendota Heights. On Tuesdays, adults can prepare for the GED tests and build skills in

math, writing and reading. Wednesdays and Thursdays are earmarked for those learning English as a second language. Classes meet from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and registration is now open. Call 651-457-9441.

Blai Vang, a 7th-grader at Highland Park Junior High School, submitted the winning poster in the Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the Downtown St. Paul Lions Club. His poster will advance to district competition against other winners from Ramsey, Dakota and Washington counties. The posters will be displayed at the Children's Museum.

University College will present information on its evening education courses from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on November 30 and December 7 at 101 Westbrook Hall on the University of Minnesota's East Bank. For information or a course catalog, call 612-625-3333.

St. Paul Academy and Summit School will host an open house for prospective students in grades K-6 and their parents at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 3, at its Lower School, 1150 Goodrich Ave. Call 651-698-2451.

Homeward Bound Theatre Company will offer "Speak Well and Win" classes for adults from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesdays, December 2 and 9, at Ramsey Junior High School, 1700 Summit Ave. Participants will learn breathing, projection, body movement and how to remain calm. Call Ramsey Community Education at 651-293-8948.

The Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria will be marked by a celebration from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, November 22, at the College of St. Catherine. All alumnae are invited to attend. There will be Mass, a brunch and mini-sessions about financial aid, student life and preparing for college. Admission is free. To register, call 651-690-8850.

SENIOR NEWS

The Merriam Park Senior Program will be offering the following programs in the coming month: a foot-care clinic (by appointment) on Wednesdays, December 2 and 16; bingo at 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays, December 9 and 23; Christmas caroling for the homebound at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 11; and the movie *Fly Away Home* at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 16. Weekly programs include exercise class at 10:00 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; line dancing at 1:00 p.m. Monday; cribbage at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday; 500 at 9:00 a.m. Thursday; bridge at 12:30 p.m. Thursday; and poker at 12:30 p.m. Friday. For information, call 651-645-7424.

St. Paul Parks and Recreation will hold its 18th annual holiday party for those age 55 and older on Thursday, December 3, at the Como Lakeside Pavilion. The party includes transportation, lunch, program and door prizes. For information, call 651-266-6370.

A four-hour driver improvement refresher course for seniors who have completed the eight-hour course and need the refresher to maintain their auto insurance discount will be offered twice in the coming weeks: from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, November 20, at the Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave.; and from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, at House of Hope Presbyterian Church, 797 Summit Ave. The eight-hour course will be offered from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 1 and 2, at House of Hope. For information, call 1-888-234-1294.

The District 197 Senior Center will offer a holiday bazaar and holiday light tour on Thursday, December 3; a trip to see *Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding* at the Hey City Stage on Thursday, December 10; and an outing to see *Oklahoma* at the Ordway on Saturday, January 2. For information, call 651-451-3239.

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Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

BOARD MEETING SET

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. Topping the agenda will be a caucus of residents of Grid 3 (see map) to elect a new representative to the board.

The board also will discuss an application by the University of St. Thomas to allow the police substation at 2057 Grand Ave. to serve as a neighborhood headquarters for St. Paul city code enforcement staff. The university is no longer using the building for its campus security office. Because the property is zoned residential, it cannot be used for office space unless it is determined that the new use is similar to the old one. The council's Housing and Land Use Committee is recommending that the board support St. Thomas' request.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

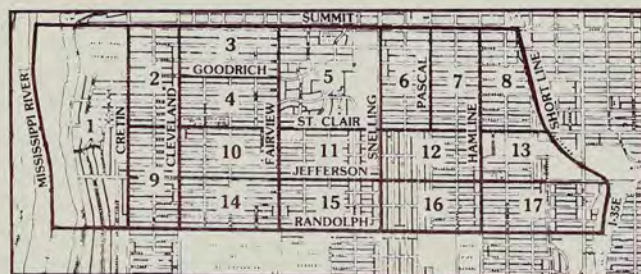
The Macalester-Groveland board also will consider three recommendations by its Transportation Committee at the November 19 meeting. The committee is recommending that the board seek Capital Improvement Budget funds for the construction of medians on Fairview Avenue between Summit and Randolph avenues. Drivers are apparently using the center lane as a passing lane.

The committee also is recommending that the board oppose the state's preferred design for a new I-35E bridge. The committee, which is concerned that the state will eventually convert the proposed service lanes into driving lanes, is recommending that the board oppose the plan unless the state agrees in writing never to change the lanes.

GRAND/FAIRVIEW COMPLAINTS

Earlier this month, the Housing Committee met with owners and neighbors of the Subway restaurant at 1820 Grand Ave. The neighbors had asked the community council for help in dealing with trash, parking lot signs, traffic and late-night noise in the parking lot behind the restaurant.

The community council asked the city to install a "no right turn sign" at the alley's egress from the parking lot. The property owner and his tenants were asked to install trash containers in the parking lot, collect trash daily, replace existing signs on the sidewalk along Fairview Avenue with signs that do not block the pedestrian right of way and install dusk-to-dawn lighting. If the owner and tenants comply with the recommendations, the community council will not ask the city to hold a hearing on the renewal of Subway's license.



Macalester-Groveland neighborhood by grids

THEFTS FROM AUTOS

The Macalester-Groveland neighborhood has experienced an increase in thefts from automobiles this fall. Residents are being reminded to remove all valuables and lock the doors of their vehicles even if they are only leaving them unattended for a short time.

Those who must put items in the trunk are urged to place them there before arriving at their destination. Motorists should park in a well-lit area and should call police immediately if something is stolen.

censes for the benches at the intersection of Ford Parkway and Cleveland Avenue so they can be replaced with benches that are more appropriate to the Village's streetscape.

The council also voted not to hold a December board meeting. A meeting of the executive committee will take place in early December to address any issues that need to be dealt with immediately. For information, call 651-298-5138.

DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The council's Community Services Committee met with neighbors on November 12 to discuss plans for reducing the deer population in the heavily wooded bluff above West 7th Street. The committee approved a motion recommending that the city try to eliminate all of the deer living in the area. Previous attempts to reduce the herd to 10 have had limited success. The deer have been blamed for destroying plants and posing a traffic hazard in the area.

HOMECROFT IMPROVEMENTS

Neighbors and city staff have been meeting over the last few weeks to develop a plan to improve Homcroft Recreation Center. The hope is to improve the meeting spaces in the building, add an area for gymnastics, replace the aging play

AIRPORT NOISE

The community council's Airport Noise Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 30, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center. Committee members have invited state Senator Dick Cohen and state Representatives Michael Paymar and Matt Entenza to discuss airport concerns. For information, call 651-698-7973.

GREAT PUMPKIN DROP

Nearly 10 tons of pumpkins were collected from hundreds of residents during the Great Pumpkin Drop on November 7. The pumpkins were delivered to a suburban buffalo farm where they were rolled out onto the fields as feed. Hauling and a dumpster were donated by the community council's recycling contractor, Superior Services/Eagle Environmental.

SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED

The Job Connection is seeking workers age 13 through adult to shovel the sidewalks of senior citizens in Macalester-Groveland and Highland Park. The hours are flexible and workers are paid an average of \$6.50 an hour. For details, call Jessica Bakkene at 651-698-7973.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council is seeking a new part-time coordinator for its environmental programs. The coordinator runs the community council's weekly curbside recycling program and works to address a wide range of environmental issues. For details, call community organizer Kathie Tarnowski at 651-698-7973.

LOGO CONTEST

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council is looking for a logo to be used in promoting its teen and family snow-sculpting contest, which is held each year in February. The logo contest is open to area young people ages 15-20. For an entry form, call Lee Wallace or Avery Cook at 651-698-7973.

equipment and redesign the entrance to the center.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 1, at Homcroft, 1845 Sheridan Ave. Those interested in attending should call the HDC office at 651-298-5138.

RECYCLING BINS

A new supply of recycling bins has arrived at the district council office, which is located in the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The next recycling days in the Highland area will be Mondays, November 23 and December 7.

THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS

The district council office will be closed from November 24-30 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 18: Shepard-Davern Task Force meeting, 7:00 p.m. Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

November 19: Ford Bridge meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hillcrest.

December 1: Homcroft Recreation Center design meeting, 6:30 p.m., Homcroft, 1845 Sheridan Ave.

The Highland District COUNCIL CAPSULE

FORD BRIDGE MEETING

A public information meeting on the proposed rehabilitation of the Ford Bridge will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Parkway. The meeting will include an overview of the bridge's current condition, a presentation of the preferred reconstruction alternative, environmental findings and the schedule for the final design and construction. Questions and comments will be addressed following the presentation. For details, call the Highland District Council office at 651-298-5138.

NOVEMBER BOARD NOTES

At its November 5 meeting, the Highland District Council heard a presentation from U.S. Bench, the company that owns most of the bus benches in the Twin Cities. The district council will be requesting in January that the city not reissue the li-

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Wednesday/November 18

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Thursday/November 19

A FORUM ON THE GENETICALLY engineered organisms that can be found in food will be held at 7:00 this evening in Weyerhaeuser Chapel at Macalester College. Speakers include Macalester sociology professor Michal McCall and University of Minnesota agronomy professor Dave Somers and ecology professor Philip Regal. Admission is free, but tickets are required. They are available at Mississippi Market co-op and Macalester (651-696-6203).

THE MIDWAY-HIGHLAND CHAPTER of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1:00 this afternoon at the Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1298 Pascal Ave.

LA LECHE LEAGUE (St. Paul Metro chapter) will meet at 7:00 this evening to discuss the advantages of breastfeeding to mother and baby. For the meeting location call Deonne at 651-645-3083.

A SEMINAR on women's health will take place from 6:00 to 8:30 this evening in the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center at the University of St. Thomas. Author and syndicated columnist Jane Brody will give a presentation on health and fitness. For tickets, priced at \$5.00, call 651-697-3333.

A FAMILY CELEBRATION will be held at noon today at the Sheraton Midway, I-94 at Hamline Ave. Six families and two businesses will be honored for their commitment to improving their own and others' lives by overcoming challenges and instilling a strong sense of family.

A PANEL DISCUSSION on "Is Public Information Public?" will be held by the Minnesota chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening in the Key West Room at Dixie's On Grand, 695 Grand Ave. A social hour will take place from 6:00 to 7:00. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for students.

BESS SHERMAN, a longtime official with the National Park Service, will speak about challenges faced by the Park Service today at Macalester College. Sherman will discuss "Diversifying Careers in the National Park



War's dark side. Air Force ROTC cadet Caleb Christopherson marches past memorials of American soldiers during a Veterans Day vigil on November 11 at the University of St. Thomas. The 24-hour vigil has been a tradition at the school for more than a decade. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

Service" at noon in the Board Room of the college's Weyerhaeuser Hall. She will also discuss how to make the Park Service more accountable to taxpayers at 4:30 p.m. in Room 150 of the college's Olin-Rice Science Center. Admission is free. For information, call 651-696-6203.

Friday/November 20

A HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. tomorrow at Cleveland Avenue United Methodist Church, 225 S. Cleveland Ave. There will be homemade gifts and crafts and Grace Mahle's "Old-Fashioned Baby Dolls." For information, call 651-699-2350.

AN INSIDER'S BREAKFAST will be hosted by the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce from 7:30 to 9:00 this morning at the Town & Country Club, 2279 Marshall Ave. Guest speakers will discuss the issues surrounding corporate philanthropy in the East Metro area. The cost is \$20. To register, call 651-223-5000.

Saturday/November 21

A GREEK BAKE SALE will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today and from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. tomorrow in the Social

Hall at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 1111 Summit Ave. Besides baked goods, there will be a boutique with Greek icons and other imported items and Cafe Athens will offer Greek food. For information, call 651-222-6220.

A HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE and Grandma's Attic will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 S. 37th Ave., Minneapolis. Lunch will be available at 11:30 a.m.

A CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE will be held by the Little Sisters of the Poor from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today and tomorrow at the Holy Family Residence, 330 S. Exchange St. There will be a bake sale, ham dinner, raffles, crafts, a gift area and more. Author and illustrator Warren Hanson will visit from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Santa Claus will drop by from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. For information, call 612-227-0336.

A CRAFT AND BAKE SALE will be held at 4:00 p.m. today and at 8:30 and 10:30 tomorrow morning at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 512 S. Albert St.

A WORKSHOP on iconography will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today in Room 101 of the Brady Educational Center at the University of St. Thomas. Presentations will focus on the history, use and making of icons. Admission is free. Box

lunches will be available for \$10. To register, call 612-333-1381, ext. 3326.

Tuesday/November 24

CITYCARE/SAINT PAUL will hold a free symposium at 7:00 this evening at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar St. The symposium will examine Mayor Norm Coleman's economic development policies and debt management strategies for the city. George Latimer will serve as moderator, Federal Reserve Banks research director Art Rolnick will be the keynote speaker, St. Paul Planning and Economic Development Department director Pam Wheelock will give the city's view, and state Senator John Hottinger, David Morris of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance and Ward 4 City Council member Jay Benanav will respond.

Friday/November 27

WEEKEND TOURS showing how the holidays were celebrated during the Victorian era will be given from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today and tomorrow and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Alexander Ramsey House, 265 S. Exchange St. Tours will leave every 20 minutes through December 27. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children ages 6-15. For reservations, call 651-296-8760.

THE NATIVITY MEN'S CLUB will hold its annual Christmas Tree Sale from today through December 19 at Nativity School, Wellesley and Prior avenues. Hours are 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sundays. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

Sunday/November 29

A CHRISTMAS OPEN HAUS will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today at the Germanic-American Institute, 301 Summit Ave. German food will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and there will be Christmas music from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. For information, call 651-222-7027.

Tuesday/December 1

A CHRISTMAS TREE-LIGHTING ceremony will take place at 5:30 this evening on the north side of the arches between Aquinas and Albertus Magnus halls on the campus of the University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Ave. A reception and refreshments will follow.

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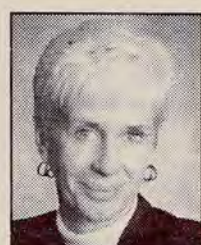
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Marilyn Murray recalled holding her 6-year-old daughter's hand as they walked across the street to an audition for *Sea Change* in 1971 at Theatre in the Round in Minneapolis.

"She'd read the notice in the paper and insisted on coming with me," said Murray of her daughter Tena May Gallivan, now 33. "They needed a kid in it. I wasn't even going to audition, but we both ended up in it."

Twenty-seven years later, the pair will perform together again in Theatre in the Round's production of *On Golden Pond*. They have been cast in the mother and daughter roles made famous by Katharine Hepburn and Jane Fonda in the 1981 film version of the Ernest Thompson play. The film was nominated for 10 Academy Awards and garnered Best Actor honors for Hepburn and co-star Henry Fonda.

The Theatre in the Round production opens November 27 and runs weekends through December 20.

Though Murray and Gallivan have acted in a half-dozen plays together, this will be the first time they will portray mother and daughter.

Murray, 60, a Summit Hill resident, has acted for more than 40 years. She was a debater studying political science and history at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, when she caught the acting bug during a season of summer stock.

"We did eight shows in eight weeks," she said. "It was a different play each week. I was hooked."

After receiving a master's degree in theater from Tufts University in Boston, Murray married and moved to St. Paul 35 years ago.

While raising four children and three stepchildren with her second husband, attorney Robert Healy, she taught acting at the Minnesota Museum of Art for 13 years. A portrait painter, she also ran her own studio on Grand Avenue in the 1970s.

Throughout that period, Murray was constantly on stage, performing in mostly community theater. "I've done close to 125 shows, including two seasons of summer stock," she said. *On Golden Pond* will be her 34th production at Theatre in the Round. Her latest was last summer's *The Chalk Garden*.

"It's a show that I'd done in 1958 in summer theater at Tufts," she said. "I played the 16-year-old granddaughter then. This time I played the grandmother. It brings a whole new meaning to, 'I'm my own grandma.'"

A longtime voice-over artist, Murray has performed in commercials and in-house films for firms like Dayton's and American Express. Currently, she portrays a casino patron in a Treasure Island television ad.

"You can't blink or you'll miss me," she said. "I'm yelling 'Bingo!' but you don't hear me because the music is going."

Gallivan, a Summit-University resident, began following in her mother's footsteps as a preschooler, landing roles at Theatre in the Round and other Twin Cities stages. She spent four months studying at New York's Circle in the Square Theatre before graduating from St. Paul Open School. While studying at the University of Minnesota, she interned for almost a year with the Almeida Theatre in London. She also had a small role as a dancer in the 1984 film *Purple Rain*.

Though Murray supported her daughter's interest in theater as a hobby, she said with a laugh that "I tried to discourage all of my children from acting. For financial reasons,



Tena May Gallivan hams it up with her mother, Marilyn Murray, at Theatre in the Round. Photo by Terry Faust.

you've got to keep your day job."

Gallivan does. She manages Antiques Minnesota, a 95-merchant retail center on University Avenue, and is teaching aerobics at the Cathedral Hill YWCA.

For 10 years, Gallivan took a break from theater and worked as a waitress to make ends met. Then, like her mom, she discovered voice-over work. Her recent jobs have included a commercial for Rosedale, a drunk driving campaign for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and an advertisement for Minnesota Credit Unions.

"I was the voice on the Slumberland commercials for years," she said. "I did a Target ad and a Lee Jeans ad that went national. I also did Cost Cutters ads for a long time."

A year ago, live theater lured Gallivan back. She landed roles in Park Square Theatre's *Lady Windermere's Fan* in the spring of 1997 and Theatre in the Round's *The Diviners* a few months later. Since then, she has appeared regularly on Twin Cities stages.

That Gallivan and Murray both auditioned for roles in *On Golden Pond* was unplanned. Actually, Gallivan said, she nearly did not try out.

"I'd forgotten about the auditions," said Gallivan, who at the time was rehearsing for Theatre in the Round's production of *A Delicate Balance*, which ended its run last weekend. "I went late and she'd already left."

Murray and Gallivan's personal relationship and the characters they portray in *On Golden Pond* could not be further apart. "In the play, the daughter has stayed away," Murray said. "She hasn't seen her parents for eight years. They couldn't have been close."

In real life, Murray and Gallivan live minutes from each other and maintain a close personal relationship.

"She's very, very good and very, very strong. She's held us all together," Gallivan said of her mother. "How she does it, I don't know."

Replied Murray with a laugh: "All my kids have inspired me to stay as sane as possible."

Everyday miracles

Mac prof resurrects living dead in his latest stories

by Bob Gilbert

In his new short-story collection *How The Dead Live*, Summit Hill writer Alvin Greenberg examines the world of living characters with dead souls. "The 15 stories are about people coping with difficult lives," Greenberg said. "They're part of a group I call the living dead—people who miss out on the kind of life that we'd all like to have. Most of the characters are middle-aged men who look as if they're leading successful lives, but something is missing."

Greenberg, 66, refers to himself as the utility infielder of writing. His newest work, published by Graywolf Press of St. Paul, is his 14th book and fourth collection of short stories. He has also written three novels and eight books of poetry.

"If you hang in there long enough and write regularly, you're going to end up with this kind of compilation," he said.

Writing wasn't always natural for Greenberg. The Ohio native earned a doctorate in English literature from the University of Washington, but he found it difficult to find an authentic narrative voice. Part of the problem, he said, was that he was intimidated by the difference between his own work and that of such masters as Vladimir Nabokov and Samuel Becket.

"Young writers face a different problem than young composers or visual artists," Greenberg said. "While the others are being taught how to put notes together or to mix paints, young writers have the mistaken idea that they've mastered the language because they speak it every day. But writing it is

different.

"If you were going to be an electrician, you'd start off as an apprentice," he said. "You wouldn't be given the responsibility for wiring a 35-story office tower. It's the same with writing, but nobody told me that when I began. I thought that I just couldn't do it."

"I use that metaphor with my students all the time. To be a writer you have to put in your apprenticeship. Even Yeats was once a novice."

Greenberg has been teaching English literature at Macalester College since 1965. In 1972, he began teaching a creative writing course as well. It was a period of political unrest on college campuses across the United States and Macalester was no exception.



Alvin Greenberg writes about life as he sees it from his office at Macalester College. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

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Music

Pianist Andre Watts will perform with the Minnesota Orchestra at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, November 18, 20-21, and at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 19, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced from \$17.75 to \$63.50, call 612-371-5656.

"Swing Night in the Caves," will take place from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. every Thursday at the Wabasha Street Caves, 215 S. Wabasha St. The line-up will include the following: The Minnesota Jazz Orchestra on November 19. Free dance lessons will be given at 6:15 p.m. Admission is \$6.00. Call 651-224-1191.

The St. Paul Early Music Series will present Romanesca performing music from the 17th and 18th centuries at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19, in Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University. For tickets, priced at \$12 and \$18, call 651-523-2459.

Violinist Steven Copes will make his solo debut with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 21, at United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. For tickets, priced from \$16 to \$41, call 651-291-1144.

The Singer's Voice, an autobiographical music series hosted by Dan Chouinard, will continue at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Dakota Bar & Grille in Bandana Square with the following singers: Connie Evingson, Arne Fogel, Prudence Johnson and T. Mychael Rambo on November 22; and Joe Juliano and Cynthia Johnson on December 6. For information, call 651-642-1442.

The St. Catherine Choral Society will perform Handel's "Messiah" at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, November 22, at St. Olaf Catholic Church, 215 S. 8th St., Minneapolis. The cost is \$8.00. For information, call 651-690-6690.

The Hill House Chamber Players will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 23, at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Tours of the house will also be given. For tickets,

priced at \$12, call 651-292-2555.

The St. Paul Police Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 24, at Landmark Center, 75 W. 5th St. Admission is free. For information, call 651-292-3225.

Stanislaw Skrowaczewski will lead the Minnesota Orchestra in concerts at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Friday and at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 27-28, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced from \$17.75 to \$63.50, call 612-371-5656.

The Cedar Exchange Performance Series will conclude with the Dick King Classic Swing Band with vocalist Prudence Johnson at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, November 28, at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar St. For tickets, priced at \$14, call 612-870-1099.

Leo Kottke will perform at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 29, at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced from \$21 to \$26, call 651-224-4222.

Jazz musician Irv Williams will perform at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, November 29, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is free. For information, call 651-296-6126.

An ensemble concert will be given by a small group of musicians from the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, including Hugh Wolff on piano at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 29, in the Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University. For tickets, priced from \$20 to \$25, call 651-291-1144.

Jorja Fleezanis, violinist and concertmaster of the Minnesota Orchestra, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, November 29, in the Ted Mann Concert Hall on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota. Admission is free. For information, call 612-626-8742.

The Twin Cities Jazz Society's "Jazz from J to Z" Concert Series will present the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble I at 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 30, at St. Paul Central High School, 275 Lexington Pkwy. The St. Paul Central jazz band will open the concert. Ad-

ON THE TOWN briefly



The Music in the Park Series will continue with *Lionheart* at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 29, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. For tickets, priced at \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door, call 651-645-5699.

mission is \$7.00, or \$5.00 for students and seniors. For information, call 612-939-4050.

Books

The Hungry Mind bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted): Alvin Greenberg will read from his collection of short stories *How the Dead Live* on Friday, November 20; Gioia Timpanelli will read from her book *Sometimes the Soul: Two Novellas of Sicily* at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, November 21.

Bill Stumpf will discuss his new book *The Ice Palace That Melted Away* at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 18, at the Highland Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy.

Brent Spencer will read from his latest collection of stories *Are We Not Men?* at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 18, in the 3M Auditorium of Owens Science Hall at the University of

St. Thomas.

Jon Hassler will read from his new book *Underground Christmas* at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19, in Cochran Lounge at Macalester College.

Eleanor Ostman, food columnist for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* for 30 years, will talk about and sign copies of her book *Always on Sunday* from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, November 22, at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy.

Robert Bly and Marion Woodman will read from their book *The Maiden King* at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 24, at Macalester College.

Family

The Nokomis Community Library, 5100 S. 34th Ave., Minneapolis, will offer "Toddler Tales" at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays throughout November. Preschool storyhours will be held at 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. on

Wednesdays throughout November. Family films will be offered at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 30. Also help with homework will be available to children from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Call 612-630-6700.

Number the Stars, a musical production based on Lois Lowry's Newbery Award-winning story, will be performed by a cast of 35 5th- and 6th-graders at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 19, and Saturday and Sunday, November 21-22, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The play is a tender and intense adaptation of Lowry's novel about one of the most inspiring episodes in human history—the rescue of Danish Jews during World War II. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for seniors and children. Call 651-698-0751.

The Golden Bough, Wilor Bluege's full-length, theatrical children's ballet, will be performed at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 20, at 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 21,

and at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 22, at the O'Shaughnessy on the campus of the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced at \$18 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children, call 651-690-6700.

Storytime activities will be offered at 10:30 a.m. on the following Wednesdays and Saturdays at The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave.: Margaret Willey will introduce her newest picture book *Thanksgiving With Me* on Saturday, November 21; and storyteller Mary Lynn Regnier will appear as Mrs. Santa Claus and entertain children with her original poems and stories on Saturday, November 28. Admission is free. Call 651-224-8320.

The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., will offer the following events: Dave Kapell, creator and president of Magnetic Poetry, will introduce the latest work he has created with Sally Steenland, *The Kid's Magnetic Poetry Book and Creativity Kit* at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 21. Call 651-224-9508.

"Snow Ball! A Winter World of Fun," an interactive exhibit bringing outdoor activities inside, will open Saturday, November 21, at the Minnesota Children's Museum, 10 W. 7th St. The exhibit will run through February 21. Admission is \$3.95 for toddlers and seniors, \$5.95 for others. Call 651-225-6000.

"Manoomin Stories: A Wild Ricing Puppet Show" will be offered at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, November 21-22, and again on November 27-29 and December 5-6 at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is free. Call 651-296-6126.

Minnesota Youth Symphonies will perform at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 22, at Orchestra Hall. The concert will include the music of Gershwin, Bernstein, Copland and Berlioz. For tickets, priced from \$3.00 to \$16 and free for children 6 and under, call 651-699-5811.

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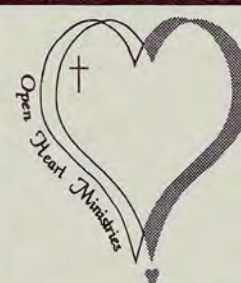
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"Sundays at Landmark," a family-oriented event series, will offer the following events at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays in the Cortile at Landmark Center: Native American folk artist Gen Huitt on November 22. Admission is free. For information, call 651-292-3225.

Dance



An Irish ceili, or dance, to live music will be held on Friday, November 20, in St. Joseph Hall at the College of St. Catherine. Dance instruction will be offered at 7:30 p.m. with the ceili to follow. Admission is \$5.00 for individuals, \$4.00 with a non-perishable food item, and \$7.00 for families. For information, call 651-690-6416.

The TGIS Singles Social Club will hold the following smoke-free singles dances at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays (unless otherwise noted): the Underbeats will provide the music for a dance on November 21 in the Grand Ballroom of the Thunderbird Hotel, 2201 E. 78th St., Bloomington; Second Generation will provide the music for a dance on Wednesday, November 25, in the Main Ballroom of the Double Tree Grand Hotel, 7901 24th Ave. S., Bloomington; and Dancer will provide the music for a dance on November 28 in the Grand Ballroom of the Thunderbird Hotel, 2201 E. 78th St., Bloomington. Admission is \$10, or \$8.00 before 9:00 p.m. Call 651-644-3443.

Greenberg writes about life

Greenberg compared his Monday night seminar to a keg of dynamite.

"The class was filled with volatile young writers who couldn't talk to each other—angry young blacks attacking white privilege and Vietnam veterans shouting out that others didn't know what it was all about. The average, middle-class 20-year-old was totally baffled."

Part of the problem was that the students did not know how to talk to each other about their writing, Greenberg said. Words like narrative, point of view, scene and orchestration meant nothing to them. Their writing may have been cathartic, but it was not literary.

To remedy the situation, Greenberg created an entry-level course to teach the technique of writing and introduce students to the basic elements of form. It helped enormously.

Many of the characters in Greenberg's stories are, like him, Midwesterners and



Jim Brickman, recording artist who wrote "Angel Eyes," "Valentine," and "The Gift," will perform at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 28, at the Historic Orpheum Theatre. He will be joined by Clay Crosse and Anne Cochran. For tickets, priced from \$22.50 to \$32.50, call 612-989-5151.

O'Shaughnessy Dance! will present Danny Buraczski, Zoe Sealy and Cathy Young performing an all-Ellington program in celebration of Duke Ellington's 100th birthday at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, November 27-28, at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 29, at 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 4, and at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 6, at the O'Shaughnessy on the campus of the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced from \$18 to \$21, call 651-690-6700.

Film



The 2nd annual Jewish Film Festival will take place from November 16 through December 6 in the Bell Museum Auditorium, 17th and University avenues on the East Bank of the University of Minnesota. The festival will continue with the following films: *The Jew in the Lotus* and *Bubbeh Lee & Me* at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, November 18-19; *The*

Photographer and *The Milky Way* at 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, November 21-22; *Freud Leaving Home* at 7:15 p.m. Friday through Sunday, November 27-29; *Rothschild's Violin* at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, November 28, and at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 29, and *Farewell* also at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 29; and *Evgueni Khaldei: Photographer Under Stalin* at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, November 28. Admission is \$6.00, or \$5.00 for students and seniors. For further listings, call 612-627-4431.

"Cinema With Passion," a festival of Hong Kong films, will take place on Fridays and Saturdays at the Riverview Theatre, 3800 S. 42nd Ave., Minneapolis, and on Sundays at Metro State University, 700 E. 7th St. The festival will include the following: *A Chinese Ghost Story II* at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, November 22; *A Chinese Ghost Story III* at midnight Friday, November 20, at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 21, and at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, November 29; and *A Chinese Ghost Story—The Tsui Hark Animation* at mid-

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night Friday, November 27, and at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 28. Admission is \$6.00. Call 612-376-7715.



An art exhibit and auction will take place beginning at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, November 21, at Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Ave. There will also be wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and entertainment. A sale will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 22. Admission to the auction is \$7.00. A \$25 patron donation will allow for early preview. Call 612-431-7760.

Exhibits

A new exhibit of popular prints and engravings from the 19th century has opened at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. The exhibit will be open for viewing from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays until March 27. Admission is \$1.00. For information, call 651-297-2555.

"Minnesota Churches: Just Down the Road," a photo exhibit by Doug Ohman, will open with a reception at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, November 19, in the gallery at Lutheran Social Service, 2485 Como Ave. The exhibit will remain on view until January 10. For information, call 651-969-2286.

"Consider the Twig," a salon style exhibition of works by students, faculty and community artists highlighting what we often consider inconsequential and forgettable, has opened at the College of Visual Arts, 173 Western Ave. An artists' reception will be held from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 20, and will feature performances by drummers from Walker-West Music Academy. The exhibit will remain on view until December 11.

"Discover Greatness! An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues



The Children's Theater Company will open *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas* at 7:30 p.m. Friday, November 20, in their performance space at 2400 S. Third Ave., Minneapolis. Performances will continue through January 2. For tickets, priced from \$13 to \$28, call 612-874-0400.

Baseball," a new traveling exhibit featuring 100 photos and memorabilia, will go on display Sunday, November 29, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The exhibit will remain on display until March 14. Admission is free. For information, call 651-296-6126.

Theater

A Little Night Music, a romantic musical comedy featuring the music of Stephen Sondheim, has opened in the Ordway's McKnight Theatre. Performances will be given at 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and at 2:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through November 22. For tickets, priced from \$30 to \$45, call 651-224-4222.

The Penumbra Theatre Company has opened *The Day the Bronx Died* at the Stoll Thrust Theatre, located in the Rarig Center on the West Bank of the Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota. The play, about an affluent, African American man who revisits his childhood in the Bronx in 1968 in an effort to make sense of his own son's savage beating in a New York City subway, will be performed through November 22. For tickets, priced from \$12.50 to \$27.50, call 651-224-3180.

Gross Indecency: The Three

Trials of Oscar Wilde will open at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 18, in the Guthrie Lab, 700 N. First St., Minneapolis. Performances will continue until December 6. For tickets, priced at \$17.50 and \$19.50, call 612-377-2224.

Theatre de la Jeune Lune will open *Cyrano* at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19, in their performance space at 105 N. First St., Minneapolis. Performances will run through January 31. For tickets, priced from \$9.00 to \$24, call 612-333-6200.

The University of Minnesota School of Music will perform Mozart's opera *Così fan Tutte*, the comedic tale of what happens when two young men dare to put their lovers' fidelity to the test in order to win a bet, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Saturday, November 19 and 22, and at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 22, in the Ted Mann Concert Hall on the West Bank of the U of M. For tickets, priced from \$6.50 to \$15, call 612-624-2345.

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

The Henry Sibley Drama Department will perform *Oliver* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through

Saturday, November 19-21, in the school auditorium, 1897 Delaware Ave., Mendota Heights. Admission is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

Mixed Nuts, a comedy centering on the life of Michael Caldwell and his struggle to find fame and fortune in New York City, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, November 19-20, at Highland Park Senior High School, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.50 for students.

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SPORTS

CODY'S CORNER

TOM CODY



Gather posse for a shootout at the dome

It's been a while since a game of this magnitude has been played in the Twin Cities. Sunday's Vikings-Packers showdown should determine the site of the NFC championship game, and there's no professional sport in which home-field advantage matters more. And that's not even considering the disparity in temperature on January 17 between Lambeau Field and the Metrodome. New owner Purple McCombs has been credited for much of the Vikings' success this season. I think it has much more to do with a solid offensive line, an improved defensive secondary and the best trio of wide-outs in the league. Still, there's no way on turf that the Vikings can duplicate the performance they turned in against the Pack in October. Brett Favre has his professional pride at stake in this one. He was completely humiliated the first time around. He'll bounce back and produce this Sunday.

The game will revolve around the play of the Green Bay defensive front. Last time, the Pack put no pressure whatsoever on the quarterback, and Cunningham picked their under-sized secondary apart. Look for more blitzes from defensive coordinator Fritz Schurmur. He knows that his corners can't handle Carter, Reed and Moss one-on-one.

A few tips for Sunday's border battle: Unless you have a death wish, don't wander into Gabe's wearing Viking horns; don't stand too close to a Packer fan when he's urinating; if there are any green and gold devotees around, refrain from making any disparaging remarks about dairy products.

Good news: The Vikes win in overtime, 27-24. Bad news: The Vikes suffer a letdown in Dallas four days later. More good news: The Vikes win the home-field advantage on a tie-breaker head-to-head.

JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM

These are the observations of a trained professional sports writer. Read at your own risk:

- Best news for any sports columnist in Minnesota? Jesse Ventura's election as governor. The former professional wrestler was one of the WWF's "bad guys," but any writer who claims The Body will be bad for Minnesota is lying through his teeth. His election is the ultimate proof that we are a free, democratic society. Even if you don't like Jesse, you've got to appreciate living in a place that allows him to be elected. This

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Boys puck preview

Area prep teams gear up for start of a new season

by Tom Cody

Before they put their uniforms on, high school hockey players will have spent about \$500 on equipment and skates this season.

"The face masks and all that protective equipment have changed the way the game is played," said coach Bill Ross of St. Paul Academy. "Kids wear the big shoulder pads and the face masks and they play more fearlessly now. The puck movement is not as good as it used to be. We've lost some of the finesse as hockey has developed into a power game."

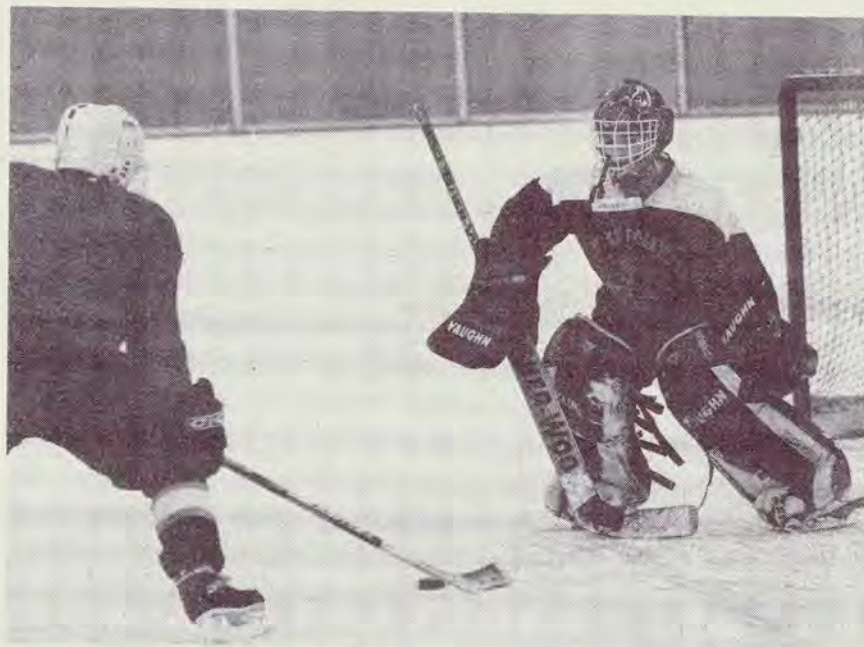
"Kids have trouble completing three passes in a row," said St. Thomas Academy coach Billy McCarthy. "Developments in hockey equipment have protected the players, but they've hurt their skills."

"The kids are well-protected, but they're also bigger, stronger and faster," said Sibley coach Scott Reddy. It's more of a collision sport than a contact sport now.

Minnehaha Academy coach Scott Gengler concurred. "The face masks are certainly necessary, but they've had a bad side effect," he said. "High-sticking has become the most common penalty. There's very little fear with those masks on."

Six local boys prep hockey teams will face off when non-conference games begin later this month. A seventh, Minneapolis Roosevelt, will be playing as a cooperative team with Minneapolis South this year. Coach David Fromme will have only one key player, senior forward Jay Dahlegger, from the Teds' program on that combined team. "It's a down period for hockey at Roosevelt," he said.

Here's how the local coaches rate their prospects for the coming season:



Junior forward Andy Norman of Central gets ready to try and slip one by senior goalie David Shelley during practice. Photo by Mike Long.

CENTRAL-HIGHLAND-HUMBOLDT-ARLINGTON

League: St. Paul City Conference
1997-98 record: 12-11-1

Coach: Jim Munkwitz

Key players and their strengths:

- David Shelley (senior goalie, Central). Good hands and feet. Plays stand-up style well in the nets.
- Tim Osborne (senior wing, Humboldt). Quick. A good touch around the cage.
- Scott Barrick (senior wing-defense man, Central). A physical, 6-foot-1 player.
- Andy Norman (junior wing, Central). Fast skater with a knack for scoring goals.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

Munkwitz loses 11 seniors from last year's squad, which was over .500 for the first time. "But we do have a nice group

of younger kids coming up," he said. "We lost a ton of our scoring punch. The newcomers will have to pick up the slack."

Outlook for 1998-99:

Munkwitz points to Johnson and Cretin-Derham as favorites in the conference race and he likes Hastings in the section. "We played Hastings in the playoffs last year and lost 10-1," he said, "and I thought we played pretty well."

CRETIN-DERHAM HALL

League: St. Paul City Conference
1997-98 record: 17-7-1

Coach: Brandon Ferraro

Key players and their strengths:

- Ben Jardine (senior wing). Strong skater and hard worker who can score.
- Kevin Knapp (senior wing). Solid

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New leagues or not, five local girls teams take to the ice

by Bill Wagner

At the start of this decade, few could have predicted that a credible statewide format for girls high school hockey was in the offing. However, when girls prep hockey begins its fifth season of play this month, no fewer than 98 teams will be hitting the ice.

With the phenomenal growth in girls hockey has come the inevitable realignment of some of those squads. This year, three of the five girls hockey teams in the Villager area will be changing leagues. The St. Paul Blades, which includes players from all of the Capital City's public schools, will move from the North Suburban Conference to the Tri-Metro Conference, as will Cretin-Derham Hall and St. Paul United, which combines St. Paul Academy and Visitation. The two other area teams, Henry Sibley and Minnehaha, will continue to play in the St. Paul Suburban and Tri-Metro, respectively.

The change in conference is especially noteworthy for St. Paul United, which is coming off a four-year run as the North Suburban champion. "It's geography," said United coach Charlie Stryker. "We enjoyed our years in the North Suburban, but a lot of those teams were further away. I like our chances in the new conference."

Other coaches aren't sure what to expect. "It's hard to tell until we start playing games in this conference," said St. Paul Blades coach Tom Gutterman.

"The games we play will be a lot more competitive," said second-year Cretin-Derham coach John Grafstrom, whose team only picked up three wins last year in the North Suburban.

Here's a look at how the local teams stack up this season:

CRETIN-DERHAM HALL

League: Tri-Metro
1997-98 record: 3-17-2
Coach: John Grafstrom

Key players and their strengths:

- Sarah Ray, senior forward-defender. Versatile player and the team's leading scorer last year.
- Brenda Anderson, senior wing. A veteran who will vie for first-line action.
- Katie Hermes, junior wing. Good skater who also has a knack for scoring.

Outlook for 1998-99:

The Raiders should be able to put the puck in the net, but they will be inexperienced on defense and in goal. "We lost three key seniors



Britta Hanson and Melissa Burk of the St. Paul Blades work the puck up the ice during practice at the Pleasant Avenue Ice Arena. Photo by Mike Long.

to graduation," said Grafstrom, "but we have six freshmen with good skills who'll make the varsity team." He said a .500 season is a respectable goal for CDH this year.

ST. PAUL BLADES (St. Paul Public Schools)

League: Tri-Metro
1997-98 record: 12-8
Coach: Tom Gutterman

Key players and their strengths:

- Kyleen Puffer, senior center (Harding). Outstanding player and co-captain. Was one of the league's top scorers before suffering a knee injury last season.
- Courtney Adney, senior wing (Harding). Good skater and fellow co-captain who teams well with Puffer.
- Melissa Burk, senior wing (Central). New to the team this season. Can skate and shoot.
- Ingrid Neve, 8th-grade center (Capitol Hill). Good quickness and poise for a player so young.
- Britta Hanson, sophomore wing (Central). Has outstanding play-making skills.

Outlook for 1998-99:

This year's club will be young, with only

three seniors returning, Gutterman said. However, the Blades have three strong lines and should be able to put the puck in the net.

ST. PAUL UNITED (St. Paul Academy/Visitation)

League: Tri-Metro
1997-98 record: 16-5-2
Coach: Charlie Stryker

Key players and their strengths:

- Brynna Halligan, senior wing. Solid first-line plugger.
- Kim Hayes, senior wing. Fast skater with a fine shot.
- Keri Herman, sophomore defender. Returning starter who is strong on her skates.
- Alexa Gollinger, senior center. All-conference player who passes well and plays a smart game.
- Kerry Rollwagen, sophomore goalie. Quick netminder who saved 94.8 percent of shots taken last season and was all-state honorable mention.
- Kathryn Grande, senior wing. A solid three-year veteran.

Outlook for 1998-99:

St. Paul United should contend for the title

this year despite the league change. "We have a good goalie and five very strong defensemen," Stryker said. "We also have good leaders on the forward line."

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

League: Tri-Metro
1997-98 record: 3-12
Coach: Dennis Malarkey

Key players and their strengths:

- Emily German, junior goalie. Fundamentally sound between the pipes.
- Holly Douglas, senior center. A hard worker and team captain.
- Taylor Hilker, junior forward. Good all-around athlete. Key player on the Red Hawks' state championship soccer team.
- Jenny Myers, senior defender. Plays with tenacity.
- Stephanie Williams, sophomore wing. Good goal-scoring potential.

Outlook for 1998-99:

The Hawks don't have much depth, but they're quick and they look ready to improve on last year's disappointing showing. "We're young and it's going to be a rebuilding year," Malarkey said, "but I'm pleased with this team's work ethic."

Malarkey, who is now in his first season with Minnehaha, said the St. Paul Blades will be the team to beat in the conference this year.

SIBLEY

League: St. Paul Suburban
1997-98 record: 15-9
Coach: Dan Wilson

Key players and their strengths:

- Angie Neska, senior wing. Team leader.
- Stephanie Seiler, senior goalie. Returning all-conference player.
- Katie Strassener, sophomore wing. Led the team in scoring and was eighth in the league last year.
- Leah Weber, senior defender. A steady player since 8th grade.
- Andrea Henjum, junior defender. All-conference honorable mention last season.

Outlook for 1998-99:

The Warriors are fundamentally sound. They should give up few goals this season, but they may have some trouble scoring many.

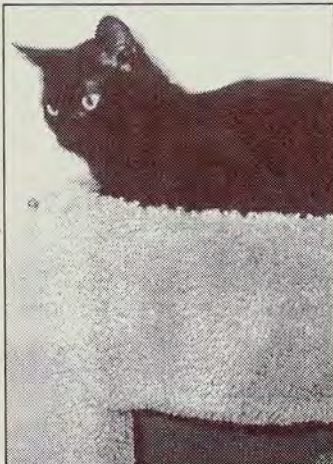
"We have a lot of experience on defense, but we're looking for a bit more firepower," Wilson said. He figures his team will be in a dogfight for the league title with South St. Paul, last year's conference champs.

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skater who can shoot the puck.

- J.P. Gagne (senior defenseman). Likes to rush the puck from the defensive end.
- Dan Ehrmanntraut (senior defenseman). Likes to create chances on offense.
- Tony Scheuring (senior defenseman). Anchors the defensive end.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

Junior Kris Unise and senior Dan Fieberger will share the goalie job for the Raiders. Three of CDH's defenders also return from '97. "We have a lot of experience," said Ferraro. "We'll have three solid lines, good balance, good goaltending. But we won't be a real physical team. We're not very big up front."

Outlook for 1998-99:

Johnson always battles Cretin for the conference title and that will not change this year. "We can compete with anybody," said Ferraro, "but Hastings might be a cut above the pack (in the section)."

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

League: Tri-Metro Conference

1997-98 record: 4-15-1

Coach: Scott Gengler

Key players and their strengths:

- Nick Hubbard (senior wing). One of the team's leading scorers.
- Tim Pederson (senior defenseman). Stable on the blue line.
- Jake Fox (junior defenseman). Handles himself well in the defensive end.
- Kevin Hennessey (sophomore goalie). Started half the games last year as a freshman.
- Kerry Haigh (junior goalie). Another steady netminder.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

First-year coach Gengler plans to build around goaltending and defense. "That'll definitely be our strong suit," said Gengler, a former assistant coach at the University of St. Thomas. "We've got to find some forwards who can put the puck away." Depth will be a problem for the Red Hawks.

Outlook for 1998-99:

Breck and Blake should go one-two in the Tri-Metro. "We're going to make the conference title one of our goals every season," Gengler said. "The question is whether we can compete with those two."

SIBLEY

League: St. Paul Suburban Conference

1997-98 record: 12-11-1

Coach: Scott Reddy

Key players and their strengths:

- Bubba Hauglund (senior center). A playmaker who can also play defense.
- Mike Maracle (senior wing). Understands the game.
- Mike Casalenda (senior wing). Good with the biscuit. Sibley needs some points from him this season.
- Troy Troje (junior defenseman). Will anchor blue line as the team's only returning defender.
- Andy Gross (senior goalie). Unproven between the pipes. Played forward last year.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

Sibley returns 11 players. Hauglund is the top forward and Gross is an excellent athlete who should step right in as goalie. "We have question marks on defense," Reddy said, "and we need to find a few scorers."

Outlook for 1998-99:

Hastings is the conference and section favorite. "They'll be one of the top teams in the state," Reddy said. "A legitimate goal for us would be a top three conference finish."

ST. PAUL ACADEMY

League: Tri-Metro Conference

1997-98 record: 6-15-2

Coach: Bill Ross

Key players and their strengths:

- Charlie Dickinson (senior wing). Heads-up player who scored 11 goals as junior.
- Tyler Montgomery (senior defenseman). Great skater who can shoot.
- Mark Heinert (senior defenseman). One of the leaders of the blue-line corps.
- Sam Polk (junior defenseman). Smart, heads-up athlete who can move the puck.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

Defense is the strong suit for the Spartans. "Montgomery's a four-year vet back there," said Ross, "and we have three other guys back. But we're a little thin after the top four." Dickinson should be an offensive asset. Depth is poor at forward and goaltending is uncertain.

Outlook for 1998-99:

"Flip a coin for first place," Ross said. "Breck and Blake are always one-two in our league. If we don't improve on last year, I'll be disappointed."

ST. THOMAS ACADEMY

League: St. Paul Suburban Conference

1997-98 record: 6-16-0

Coach: Billy McCarthy

Key players and their strengths:

- Ethan Keller (senior goalie). A strong, stand-up netminder.
- Nate Howard (senior wing). Tremendous athlete. Should score lots of goals.
- Bill Flikeid (senior wing). Good hands and good size at 6-foot-2.
- John Funk (senior center). Plays with finesse. One of the area's best face-off men.
- Mike Fretschel (senior defenseman). Solid on defense.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

The Cadets had a hard time scoring goals last season. "The returning forwards should improve our offense," McCarthy said. "We played a lot of juniors last year and that should pay off. We'll have three competitive lines and good goaltending." Fretschel is STA's only returning defender.

Outlook for 1998-99:

"Hastings will win the conference unless they forget where their arena is," said McCarthy. "Woodbury, Park, South St. Paul and the rest of us are pretty even." STA will play in Class A once the playoffs begin. Mah-tomedi is the preseason section favorite.

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Senior wide receiver Ben Jardine accounted for three touchdowns in the Raiders' 27-20 win over Maple Grove in last Friday's state Class AAAAA quarterfinal. Photo by Terry Faust

Unbeaten Raiders top Maple Grove to keep state football hopes alive

by Bill Wagner

Ben Jardine made it clear after he and his Cretin-Derham Hall teammates had edged out Maple Grove 27-20 in last Friday's state Class AAAAA quarterfinal at Bakken Field. "We're going for 'The Body!'" Jardine cried.

The Raiders will be taking on Champlin Park, whose volunteer assistant coach is Minnesota Governor-elect Jesse Ventura, in the state semifinal at 8:30 p.m. this Friday at the Metrodome.

Cretin-Derham, which is making its ninth consecutive tournament appearance, preserved its unbeaten record when junior defensive back Joe Clifford intercepted a Maple Grove pass in the end zone with barely a minute to play.

Jardine, a senior wide receiver and defensive back, scored three touchdowns on passes of 16, 43 and 26 yards from senior quarterback Dan Salmen, who completed 14 of 24 attempts for 229 yards. The other Raider score came on a clutch 5-yard canter by senior running back Dom D'Valle with just over three minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. D'Valle, who saw only limited time in practice last week, was playing with a bad ankle but still picked up 141 yards on 21 carries.

"It was the night of our lives," Jardine said. "Maple Grove is a very solid team—the best we've played this year, by far. It was tough, but we did what we had to do. Now we have to be ready for Champlin Park."

The Raiders' performance did not go unappreciated by Raider coach Rick Kallok. "We were down 6-0 and it could've been worse than that, but we didn't quit," he said. "We were confident heading into the locker room at halftime."

The Crimson drove the length of the field after receiving the opening kickoff and looked to do the same with their second possession before fumbling on the Raiders' 2-yard line. Cretin-Derham tied the game at 6-6 just 13 seconds before the half when Salmen hit Jardine in corner of the end zone.

Cretin-Derham took the lead at 13-6 early in the third quarter when Salmen threw a screen pass to Jardine, who raced to paydirt from 43 yards out.

"That isn't Mr. Kallok's favorite play," Jardine said with a laugh. "He doesn't like screen passes much, but we made it work."

With the score tied at 20-20 and time running out, Cretin-Derham marched to the Crimson 11. Peter Schletz missed a 28-yard field goal attempt, but Maple Grove was called for roughing the kicker and D'Valle was later able to punch it in from the 5.

The Crimson got the ball back with 2:40

left and moved to the Raider 20. Maple Grove quarterback C.J. Woodrow tried to hit Brent Lawson in the corner of the end zone, but Clifford snared the ball to secure the Cretin-Derham win.

Despite their 11-0 record, many in the Raider camp have felt that they have not been given much respect throughout the year. To some of them, the Maple Grove game served as notice of the team's talent.

"This was a big one. We wanted to prove that we could play with the suburban teams," said Jardine, who had five receptions for 110 yards. "Now we'll see what happens."

Class AAAAA

In other area playoff action last Friday night, St. Thomas Academy prolonged its season by defeating North St. Paul 27-13 in its Class AAAAA quarterfinal game, while Minneapolis Roosevelt saw its stellar season end with a 33-12 loss to undefeated Hutchinson.

STA lost its first two games of the season to Woodbury and Hastings, but has a 10-game winning streak heading into its semifinal match against Owatonna at 6:00 p.m. this Thursday at the Metrodome.

The Cadets are making their second straight tournament appearance. They had to do without ace running back Vern Simmons against the Polars, but Pat Sullivan took up the slack nicely, rushing for 113 yards and two touchdowns.

The game was knotted at 13-13 going into the fourth quarter, but two scores within four minutes proved to be the difference. Cadet quarterback Dave Raih passed for 162 yards and one score.

"I think we're a pretty good team right now," said STA coach Bob Slater. "We've been improving every week."

Slater said Owatonna (8-4) is a disciplined ball-control type of team that creates big trouble if it can get a lead. "They're a lot like us," he said.

Roosevelt, which was making its first state tournament appearance since 1986, knew it would have its hands full in the quarterfinal game against undefeated and top-seeded Hutchinson (12-0). The Teddies fell behind 16-0 before getting on the board midway through the second quarter when David Bryant picked off a pass and returned it 32 yards for a score.

Roosevelt added one more touchdown on a 22-yard pass to Akpan Akpan from Marcus LeVesseur, but it was not nearly enough as the Teddies saw a disappointing end come to a 9-3 season. Akpan made three receptions for 39 yards for the Teddies, while LeVesseur was 11 for 24 for 148 yards passing.

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Raiders suffer third straight state tourney disappointment with dignity

by Jeff Mores

Cretin-Derham Hall made its third straight appearance in the state high school volleyball tournament last week, and for the third straight year it was ousted in the first round. But the loss last Thursday to White Bear Lake ended anything but a disappointing season for the Raiders.

Though CDH has made a habit of advancing to the Elite Eight, few people expected them to make a return trip this fall after graduating four starters from its talented 1997-98 roster.

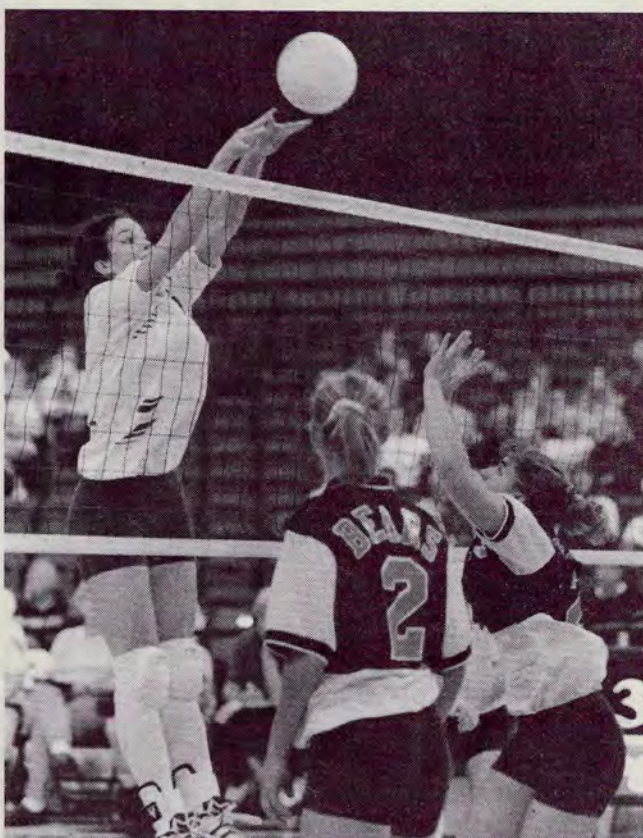
This year's squad was young and, to a certain degree, inexperienced, but bucked the odds and rolled off a sparkling 17-3 record en route to a third-consecutive Section 3AA championship.

"I think a lot of people questioned how good we'd be this year, but this team made some vast improvements," said senior middle Kris Kraut. "We played so hard all year and came so far."

Kraut and the Raiders were hoping to overcome one last hurdle by defeating White Bear Lake, a team that had beaten them 8-15, 13-15 earlier in the year.

The Raiders were soundly beaten in the first game 7-15, but refused to give in, pushing the Bears to the limit in the final two games before bowing out 10-15, 10-15.

White Bear Lake appeared to be in complete control of



CDH sophomore Emily Rongitsch knocks back a Bear serve in the Raiders' tourney loss. Photo by Terry Faust.

the match after jumping out to a commanding 8-2 lead in the second game, but junior outside hitter Melody Swanson sparked a Raiders rally with three consecutive aces. CDH narrowed the deficit to three points late in the contest before the Bears pulled away.

Kraut (18 kills) and sophomore outside hitter Katie Plummer (12 kills, 2 aces) delivered the excitement for CDH in the third game. The co-captains helped erase an early 3-0 deficit by stringing together eight unanswered points for the Raiders' largest lead of

the night. The Bears lived up to their No. 9 ranking in the final AP poll, however, piecing together a rally of their own to eliminate the Raiders.

"Going into the third game, we told each other that we weren't going to walk away without putting everything we had onto the floor," Kraut said. "We came too far this season to just give up. We kept pushing and we're proud of that."

White Bear Lake went on to place third in the state tourney while Eagan (28-3) defeated Hibbing (30-1) for its second-straight Class AA state championship.

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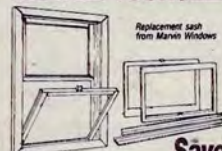
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is going to be fun.

Despite his sports connections, Ventura may not be the governor that the local professional sports franchises wanted. Fresh off the Civic Center's demolition, Norm Coleman was ready to blow the vault for new publicly funded stadiums. Ventura's fiscal dealings have been—well, let's call them frugal. This guy still has the first dollar he earned from wrestling in a match versus Tiny Mills. Voters may have just given the go-ahead to new stadiums in Cincinnati, Denver and San Diego, but that won't have any effect on Ventura's plans. Stadium proponents will have to try to get it done despite the new guy.

• Best-case scenario: The Minnesota Timberwolves would benefit greatly if the NBA strike ends around Christmas. There will be a shortened pre-season training camp, giving the advantage to teams with younger players who are more likely to come back in the best physical condition. The revised schedule will likely feature many more games on consecutive days, again favoring younger, fresher legs.

Worst-case scenario: The Timberwolves would be devastated by the cancellation of the entire 1998-99 NBA season. Stephon Marbury's option year would be wasted completely and the momentum gained from last season's success would be lost.

• My Christmas wish list for the Minnesota Twins would include one very large package. The best deal on the free-agent market may carry a hefty price tag, but the Twins would be well-advised to make a run at Boston Red Sox slugger Mo Vaughn. I know, I know. The local nine plans to reduce the payroll this winter. They've already dumped a couple of big contracts (Terry Steinbach and Otis Nixon), and Paul Molitor's will be next. But the team has to give fans at least one reason to come out to the ballpark. It makes economic sense to shell out for one marquee name like Vaughn. Recently, the New York Mets spent way too much on Al Leiter, then signed Mike Piazza for half the national debt. Vaughn at \$10 million per would be a steal by comparison.

• The Lewis and Clark Expedition officially gets under way next week at the University of Minnesota. Quincy Lewis and Kevin Clark will be the mainstays in a young Gopher line-up. Prognosticators put Clem Haskins' squad somewhere in the middle of the Big Ten pack. Fifth place in the conference will probably yield an NCAA bid, but it would preclude the U from defending their 65th place (NIT) championship of a year ago.

Seven-foot Joel Przybilla looks like the real deal at the post, but the freshman is light years away from contributing against the likes of Michigan or Purdue. Kyle Sanden (6-foot-11) and Antoine Broxie (6-foot-10) also have the size but not the physical style necessary to compete in the Big 10 paint. The Gophers' only rugged post performer is, of course, our old friend Miles Tarver. This guy could lead the league in rebounds, but he shoots the ball like a geology major.



Minnehaha Academy defender Kelly Haag sends a header skyward while being challenged by St. Louis Park's Jenny Johnson during the Red Hawks' 2-0 victory in the girls Class A state soccer title game. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

MINNEHAHA TAKES STATE SOCCER TITLE

Coach Mark Anderson's Minnehaha girls capped a perfect 23-0-0 season with a solid 2-0 win over St. Louis Park in the girls Class A state soccer championship game. The Red Hawks, who allowed only two goals all season, allowed only one shot on goal in the title game. Naomi Struve and Birabwa Mutebi scored against St. Louis Park, and J.C. Richard set up both goals with passes.

Cretin-Derham Hall's girls soccer team brought home the third-place hardware from the state Class AA tourney, beating Eagan 2-1 in overtime. Brie Valento knocked in the winner for the Raiders.

St. Thomas Academy took third in the Class A boys tournament by pounding Duluth Marshall 4-0.

Named to the all-tournament team were STA's Jeff Chuy and Kevin Fitzgerald; CDH's Chad Clausen, Kitty Montgomery, Brie Valento and Kate Townley; and Minnehaha's Taylor Hilker, Morgan Anderson, Sarah Kron, Naomi Struve and Birabwa Mutebi.

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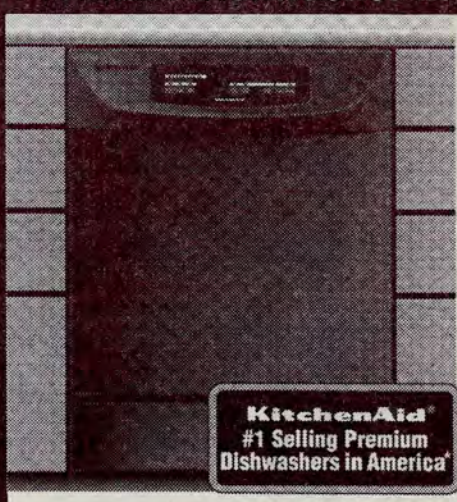
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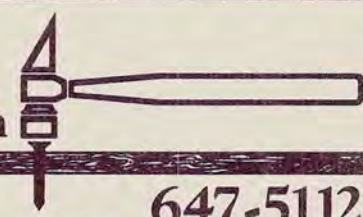
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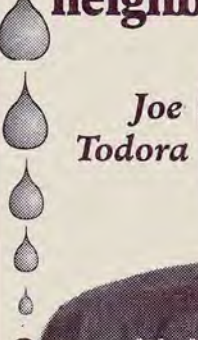
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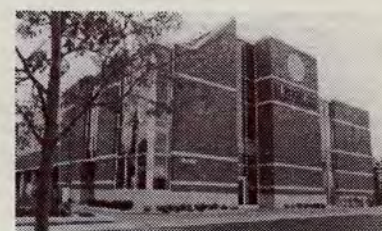


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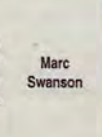
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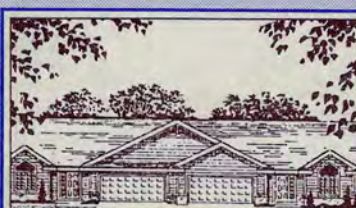
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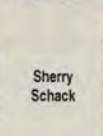
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