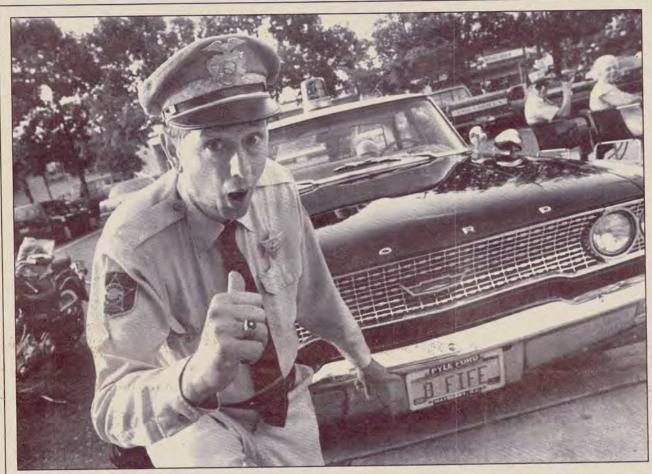


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Ayd Mill task force favors park option

But co-chair says he won't support it

by Jane McClure

Removing Ayd Mill Road and replacing it with a linear park won out as the preferred alternative of the Ayd Mill Road Task Force following an August 23 vote. However, that is not the recommendation that task force co-chair and St. Paul Planning Commissioner Steve Gordon will support when the issue goes to the Planning Commission on September 10.

Gordon, who abstained from voting with the rest of the task force, told fellow planning commissioners on August 27 that he does not intend to support the linear park. He would not say which alternative he would support."I think we need to take a long, hard look at what's best for the city,"

he said.

Twenty task force members representing nine district councils, two business associations, the St. Paul Bicycle Advisory Board and RIP-35E ranked eight roadway alternatives on a scale of 1 to 3. The linear park finished with a total of 47 points for an average score of 2.35. It was followed by the nobuild alternative and the transit system management/travel demand management (TSM-TDM) alternative, each with an average score of 2.1.

Reconstructing the 1.5mile Ayd Mill Road as a twolane connection between I-35E and I-94 received 40 points for an average score of 2. Four versions of a fourlane connection between the

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Fantasy Football stalwarts still huddling after 22 years

by Tom Cody

Thousands of local armchair coaches are making their Fantasy Football league draft picks this week in anticipation of the opening of the regular NFL season on Sunday. Of the hundreds of local leagues, one group merits particular attention.

The St. Paul Academy Fantasy Football League (FFL) was formed back in 1977more than a decade earlier than most in the state—and has continued to prosper despite geographic and demographic obstacles. The baseball coach Mike Brown explained the Football in California," Doar said. "I knew i

league is composed of current and former SPA teachers, administrators, coaches and maintenance workers. In its humble beginnings, the league's nerve center was the lower school's boiler room where the fantasy coaches would congregate to talk football. Today, the group gathers once a year for its draft, but stays in touch primarily via e-mail. Its members now hail from Alabama to New York to Illinois.

For the handful of football fans who are unfamiliar with Fantasy Football leagues, SPA

process."We draft NFL players at the opening of the season, turn in our lineups each week and total our team's point production after that week's games," he said. "Scoring a touchdown is worth 6 points, kicking a field goal 3, and passing for a touchdown 3. We've stuck with the traditional scoring rules throughout our history."

The league was organized by Tom Doar, who was teaching at SPA's lower school at the time. "My brother-in-law, Tom Mulley, worked at 3M and had heard about Fantasy would go over big with my co-workers. We had the first draft in my living room on Kenneth Street. This was back before they had fantasy guides, fantasy magazines and cable TV shows. All we had to go by was the morning paper. I think Chuck Foreman (of the Vikings) was the first draft pick that night. Steve Grogan (the Patriots quarterback) had about eight rushing touchdowns that year and carried his team to the title."

Doar is now the director of admissions at

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Design standards eyed for Shepard-Davern

by Jane McClure

The St. Paul City Council will hold a public hearing on September 8 regarding a redevelopment plan for Highland Park's Shepard-Davern area. The plan calls for adding 1,000 new housing units in the area, redeveloping West 7th Street as a more inviting gateway into the city and redesigning Shepard and Edgcumbe roads. If adopted, the plan will be used to guide future development in the

Members of the Highland District Council and Shepard-Davern Small Area Plan Task Force met on August 26 to begin work on design standards and a zoning overlay district for the area. The task force will meet again at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 14, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

The overlay district would be used to guide development more aggressively than what the city zoning code calls for. The design standards would affect any new buildings in the Shepard-Davern area. The standards would cover such things as building height and setback, exterior materials, off-street parking and landscaping.

Several design guidelines proposed by city staff and consultants from A Studio were reviewed on August 26. More than two dozen possible restrictions were suggested for new buildings alone. Some of these are:

- Building lots would be no smaller than I acre.
- New commercial buildings would not be set back more than 15 feet from Edgcumbe, Davern and West 7th.
- · Building materials would be in character with those at historic Fort

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Task force reps are free to vote as they wish

by Jane McClure

When Ayd Mill Road Task Force representatives Tim Kennedy of the Summit Hill Association (SHA) and Mike O'Brien of the West 7th/Fort Road Federation voted in support of the linear park on August 23, some critics of the linear park cried foul.

Both the SHA and the federation had given the two-lane parkway alternative their highest ranking following many months reviewing the six reconstruction alternatives described in the Ayd Mill Road environmental impact statement. Before voting, many of the district councils represented on the task force held public hearings to allow local residents and business people to have their say. Most of the groups expected that their preferred alternative would get the highest ranking from their task force representative.

However, the city's rules for citizen task forces hold that task force members do not have to vote the way their organizations tell them to, according to Ken Ford of the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development.

The rules state, "Unless other arrangements are made in a particular case, representatives requested from a particular group are asked to bring their particular knowledge and interest to the work of the task force, rather than to act in a formal capacity as a representative of a particular group."

Kennedy had told the SHA prior to his vote that he disagreed with that organization's choice and would instead support the linear park. O'Brien said that in the years he spent on the task force, his opinion of what should be done with Ayd Mill Road changed.

However, some task force members were not permitted to vote as they saw fit, according to Planning Commission member and Ayd Mill Road Task Force co-chair Steve Gordon. Snelling-Hamline representatives Mike Casey and John Galatowitsch told Gordon that while they did not personally support the linear park, both voted in favor of it because it was their district council's preferred alternative.

Overall, task force member groups in favor of connecting Ayd Mill Road to the interstate system with either a twolane or four-lane road outnumbered task force member groups that were opposed 7 to 6.

Had every task force member voted as his or her member organizations wished, the vote may have been closer between the linear park and two-lane roadway. However, the linear park likely would have won out anyway because it was considered the second-best alternative by many task force members.

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two interstates each received 28 points for an average score of 1.4.

As co-chair of the task force, Gordon determined the ranking system, a decision that came under fire from several task force members."I don't like it," said John Siekmeier of Summit Hill. The city's Long-Range Capital Improvement Budget Committee allows rankings on a scale of 0 to 4, he said, and "zero needs to be an option."

Gordon ruled all comments on the ranking process out of order and would not entertain any motions to change it. He called his system, which is also used by the city's Sales Tax Revitalization Board, a fair one. However, following the meeting he admitted that the voting system may have been flawed.

Ayd Mill Road was planned as a connection between I-35E and I-94 more than 30 years ago, but opposition to the connection at its north end blocked its completion. Two task forces have considered the roadway's future over the past two decades. The current task force has been meeting since

More than 50 people, many of them members of Neighborhoods First!, a group that advocates replacing the roadway with a linear park, jammed the meeting room at Concordia University's Gangelhoff Center to witness the August 23 vote. Afterward, Neighborhoods First! members were cautiously optimistic.

We see this as a victory and we're thrilled that the linear park came out ahead," said Snelling-Hamline resident and Neighborhoods First! member Michael Cline. None of the three top alternatives, he said, calls for a connection to I-35E or I-94.

In the prior weeks, Neighborhoods First! had tried to meet with as many task force member groups as possible

to explore compromises. One idea that was floated was to replace the current four-lane roadway with a two-lane roadway with no freeway connections at either end.

Business groups have not been receptive to that idea, Cline said. People living along Lexington Parkway, which is clogged with automobiles during rush hour, are also opposed to the idea. "We've sat in a holding pattern for 12 years waiting for the city to do something," said Kate Schultz. "We need some relief."

Schultz and her Lexington Parkway neighbors were disappointed with the lack of support for an I-35E connection. She questioned some task force members' belief that traffic calming measures alone, such as narrowing Lexington Parkway from two lanes to one, would address her neighborhood's con-

The Midway Area Chamber of Commerce and the Snelling-Selby Area Business Association, each of which had representatives on the Ayd Mill Road Task Force, came out strongly in support of connections to the interstates, as did task force members from the Summit-University Planning Council (SUPC) and the Highland District Council.

A four-lane Ayd Mill Road with connections to the interstates is the only way to alleviate the traffic congestion on Lexington Parkway, said Joan Nyberg of the SUPC. That option, she added, would allow for the future addition of a deck park over Ayd Mill Road and the possibility of closing the roadway to motor vehicle traffic on weekends for use by bicyclists and pedestrians.

Doug Zang of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council argued that the four-lane alternative would attract too much suburban commuter traffic.

Kate McGough, whose

Wilder Park townhouse lies within a stone's throw of Ayd Mill Road, agreed, saying the two-lane road balances the need for local traffic access with the desire for green space and walking and biking trails. "It's the only reasonable compromise," she said. Summit Hill, Hamline-

Totals

Midway and RIP-35E representatives complained that they could not vote for a direct downtown connection between northbound I-35E and westbound I-94 as a way to alleviate Ayd Mill Road traffic. That option was dropped from the study of Ayd Mill Road years ago.

"Our position all along is

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that St. Paul has not used its imagination to move traffic north and south through the city," said Thomond O'Brien of RIP-35E, the group that fought the construction of I-35E throughout the 1970s and early '80s.

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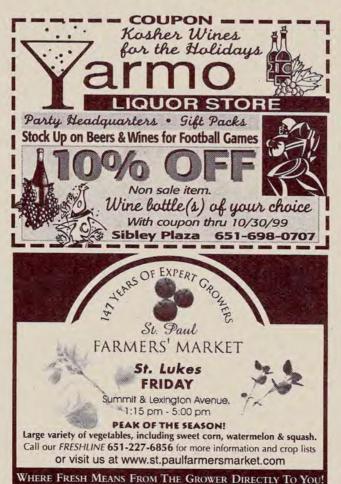
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The August 23 vote is not the end of the road for citizens who have been watching this issue play out over the past two decades. All sides in the debate are expected to start lobbying members of the Planning Commission and City Council this fall.

After the City Council chooses a roadway alternative, the task force will reconvene for a year or more to hammer out the final design.





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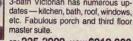
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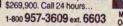


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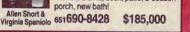


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Legal challenge likely if billboard ban is approved by voters

The billboard companies'

argument against the

ballot question hinges on

legal precedent and the

Legislature's recent ban of

amortization as a means of

removing billboards.

by Jane McClure

A referendum on whether to ban billboards in St. Paul is bound for the November 2 general election ballot. The St. Paul City Council voted on September 1 to approve the referendum after determining that the Scenic St. Paul Coalition had collected more than 5,000 valid signatures of registered St. Paul voters in its petition drive.

"It looks like we've got ourselves a campaign," said coalition leader John Mannillo of Highland Park.

The referendum question will ask voters if they are in favor of prohibiting new billboards in the city and removing existing ones within fives years. Coalition members believe billboards constitute a public nuisance and should be removed.

Billboard companies disagree and appear ready to take the matter to court. An August 12 letter from Eller Media to the City Attor-

ney's Office suggested that the city could face conference on August 23 to announce that it a legal challenge if the measure goes on the ballot. The letter states that a failure to find the petition improper "will entail extraordinary

businesses and citizens and compromise the integrity of the zoning initiative process."

Arizona-based Eller Media, which is a subsidiary of Clear Channel Communications, owns and manages by far the largest number of billboards in St. Paul. No litigation had

been filed as of last week, but Eller Media attorney John Herman said a legal challenge is likely because the billboard companies believe the ballot initiative is not legally valid.

The Scenic St. Paul Coalition held a news

may file a complaint of its own against Eller with the county and state. The coalition is complaining that Eller and other billboard expense for the city, unfair campaign costs for companies have not registered as a campaign

> committee, though they are spending money to oppose the ballot question.

> Herman said the billboard companies are not yet campaigning against the ballot question, so the complaint was not valid. He said the industry

plans to register as a campaign committee now that the ballot question has been approved by the City Council.

When Scenic St. Paul held its news conference beneath the billboards at Chatsworth Street and Randolph Avenue, the group was confronted by Eller Media officials and St. Paul Police. Eller claimed the group was trespassing. No one was arrested or charged with

The billboard companies are using two legal arguments against the ballot question. One hinges on legal precedent. Previous court decisions have suggested that adopting zoning rules by ballot initiative is not legal.

The other argument is based on the contention that the way the coalition wants to remove billboards is no longer legal in Minnesota. This year's state Legislature passed a law banning the use of amortization as a means of removing billboards. Amortization usually involves compensating a property owner so an undesirable land use can be changed. St. Paul used amortization more than a decade ago to rid the city of adult en-

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Shepard-Davern standards would prohibit certain land uses/from page 1

Snelling.Unfinished concrete, concrete blocks, corrugated or sheet metal, wood, tile or reflective materials would not be allowed.

- At least 25 percent of the first-floor facade of a new commercial building that faces a street would be windows or doors of clear or lightly tinted glass.
- · Outdoor storage of products, equipment or materials would be prohibited.
- Chain-link fencing would be prohibited. · New billboards would be prohibited.
- · Back-lit awnings and projecting or flashing signs would be prohibited, as would roof signs and signs advertising products. Any new freestanding signs would have a maximum height of 6 feet.
 - · All off-street parking would be located to

the side or rear of new buildings. Parking areas along public streets would have to be set back at least 15 feet and landscaped.

Some land uses that might be prohibited in the Shepard-Davern area include automobile sales and service centers, auto convenience stores, auto service stations and auto specialty stores. An exception might be convenience stores and service stations that are integrated into a hotel, office or parking ramp. Drive-up fast-food restaurants, recycling drop-off stations, currency exchange or check-cashing businesses and pawn shops might also be prohibited.

The design standards and overlay district could affect two major commercial developments now being eyed for the area. St. Paul developer Jerry Trooien has tentative plans to erect a four-story, 80,000 square-foot office building adjacent to his RiverBank Business Centre. The center, which was formerly home to Unisys, is now occupied by about 1,800 US Bank employees.

Kurt Williamson of Trooien's JLT Group said no time line has been set for the project, but he confirmed that his company has been talking with prospective tenants. A conceptual sketch of the building shows a stucco exterior. However, stucco would not be allowed under the design guidelines now being pro-

Another development that could be affected is the Gateway West Redevelopment Project in the triangular area bounded by Norfolk Avenue and West 7th and Davern streets. Minneapolis-based Christenson Building Corporation and former Thorpe Brothers Realty owner Sam Thorpe want to remove more than 40 homes and two businesses in the area and replace them with a \$50 million commercial development. Tentative plans call for a hotel, a 10-screen movie theater, office and retail buildings, restaurants, a two-level parking ramp and a 30-unit apartment building.

Christenson hopes to start construction next May if everything falls into place. Jim Zdon of the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development said about 50 percent of the homes in the area have already been purchased for the development.

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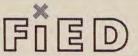


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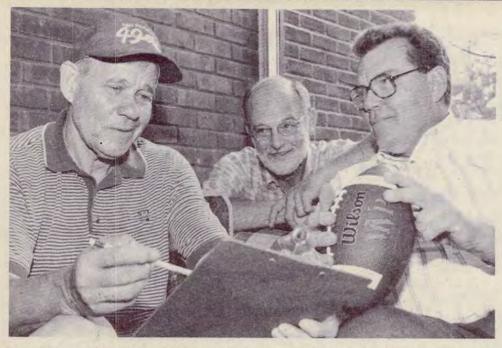
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Fantasy Football devotees Fred Arndt, Rick Welles and Tom Lundholm prepare for the upcoming draft—their league's 23rd annual. *Photo by Terry Faust*.

"One year, Pete

Albrecht and Dave

Kansas set fire to my

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Fantasy Football league/from page 1

North Shore Country Day School in Chicago. "We still enjoy it," he said. "There are three factors that keep it going: first, great people; second, Tom Lundholm's weekly reports; and third, Fred Arndt's unbridled passion for the game."

"It started as a really competitive thing," said Lundholm, a 6th-grade teacher at SPA. "It was the thrill of the hunt, with a great deal of good-natured ribbing among team owners. It's become a different league over the years. It's more of a connector for us now. It provides a way for us to keep in touch with each other.

"I used to type the reports and stuff them into the mailboxes in the faculty room," he said. "Now about half of what I send out is e-mailed. The results are in there, plus some written commentary. The Internet is quickly filled with reports from all over the country following the games."

"The group used to take coffee breaks with me down in the boiler room," said Arndt, the chief custodian at SPA. "Doar invited me to join. We got to know each other very well after years and years of trading players, bartering and kidding each other. This is a real good thing we've got going."

Lundholm's Lucky Stiffs, the Doar Bells, Dave Montgomery's Monty Pythons and Brown's Brown Cows are just some of the names the fantasy coaches have given to their fantasy clubs. League members ante up \$50 apiece at the start of the season, with the winner of the Fantasy Bowl taking home about \$200 in prize money. In between, coaches trade players and a lot of good-natured grief for poor performances.

Arndt has won a league-record five championships by employing a simple strategy. "I go with running backs," he said. "I try to get three good ones early in the draft. Wide receivers are a dime a dozen."

Lundholm said with a laugh that he has

never won a title "due to a variety of setbacks and poor coaching techniques." Brown has two crowns to his credit, including a 1996 title.

"I rode Terrell Davis (of the Broncos) all the way that year," he said. "That was sweet revenge for me, since the group ousted me as commissioner back in 1983. They didn't like it when I eliminated the tight end position from the lineups. I was forcibly removed from office, then a couple of league members wrote all over my sidewalk with colored chalk. There were some unpleasant remarks made

about the Cows. One year, Pete Albrecht and Dave Kansas set fire to my Cows mascot when I went to the bathroom during the draft."

Albrecht, who used to be an SPA coach and member of the school's maintenance staff, is now a TV news anchor in Mobile, Alabama. "Lundholm and Doar were my teachers and Brown was

my baseball coach at SPA," he said, "and I coached (Dave) Kansas in baseball. These are good friends who I've been able to maintain relationships with due to the FFL."

The league does not actually own a trophy, but the championship title is dedicated to Grant Hanson, a former SPA custodian and charter member of the league, who died in 1988. "We play our games at mythical Grant Memorial Stadium each weekend," Arndt said. "He was a real good friend of mine."

This year, SPA's FFL draft will be held on September 8 at the lower school. The draft will involve conference calls, faxes and Internet connections. "Doar's got the first pick. I think he'll go with Randy Moss," Arndt predicted.

"I used to get up early every Monday morning, waiting for the newspaper to see who scored," Doar said. "It's different now with the Web and all the cable post-game shows. My wife still asks now and then why I'm watching a Seattle Seahawks game."

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tertainment businesses.

When the City Council voted to place the billboard measure on the ballot, the resolution noted that the question does contain provisions that may be in conflict with state law. However, it also stated that it is ultimately up to the courts and not the city to make a determination of what is legal.

The billboard question will not affect recent requests by the Merriam Park Community Council and Hamline-Midway Coalition to create special sign districts in order to establish more stringent sign regulations in those neighborhoods. The City Council has agreed to hold a public hearing on their requests in October.

The St. Paul Planning Commission's Zoning Committee laid over the requests last month, saying they should not be acted on until after the billboard referendum is decided. However, Ward 4 council member Jay Benanav said the sign district requests are being made under current city ordinances and should be acted on independent of the ballot question.



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MICHAEL MISCHKE

Separating the wheat from the chaff primarily

'm in favor of improved student achievement in the public schools, greater parental involvement in school affairs, holding the school district's administration more accountable, and improved safety in school buildings. *Vote for me for School Board!*

I'm in favor of more efficiently delivered city services, greater citizen involvement in city affairs, holding the mayor's administration more accountable, and improved public safety on city streets. *Vote for me for City Council!*

You're excused if you're finding it hard to separate the wheat from the chaff as the primary election approaches. An unusually large number of School Board and City Council candidates have been intoning pretty much the same campaign mantras in their bids for election, and all of it has been heard hereabouts a hundred times before.

Voters in St. Paul's Ward 3 face an especially daunting task next week. (Ward 3 includes nearly all of the Highland Park and Macalester-Groveland neighborhoods.) Not only will Ward 3 voters be making a primary election choice among 15 candidates for four seats on the St. Paul School Board, as all city voters will, they will be considering the relative merits of eight candidates for the open Ward 3 seat on the St. Paul City Council. Eight School Board candidates will survive the primary cut, as will two City Council candidates in all wards for which there is a primary contest.

I can't recall any City Council race attracting that many candidates since the ward system was established in St. Paul in 1982. It certainly hasn't happened since 1991 when voters made the position part-time and reduced the pay from \$42,500 to \$30,000. (The jury is still out on whether that was a smart thing to do. I'm becoming convinced that it wasn't.)

The crowded School Board and Ward 3 primary ballots are a mixed blessing. The good news is that so many apparently publicly spirited people are interested enough to have a go at elective office. The bad news is the distinct possibility that with such a congested field, the best candidates will split the votes at the top, paving the way for lesser candidates to succeed.

That, plus the fact that primary elections in off years attract notoriously low voter turnouts, makes your vote in the September 14 election particularly meaningful. However, don't expect a get-out-and-vote appeal from me. In fact, if you haven't taken the time to attend a candidate forum, to ponder the candidates' literature, to read the candidate profiles in the newspaper, to talk to the candidates on your doorstep—in short, to become an informed voter—I would encourage you not to vote.

No, far better to stay home and leave that civic right and responsibility to those who have a clue when they mark their ballots on election day. If you're just basing your decision on which candidate has the most solid Hmong, Mexican or Mozambican name, you're just gumming up the works.

The Ayd Mill mess

emocracy has been described as a messy process. What then would you call the process we've been engaged in for the past 30 years in attempting to decide the fate of 1½ miles of cracked pavement known as Ayd Mill Road?

The 20-member Ayd Mill Road Task Force did no one a favor last month when it gave its strongest support to removing the roadbed and replacing it with a linear park. That's no solution to the traffic problems plaguing the neighborhoods that lie between I-35E and I-94. Ayd Mill Road, originally known as the Short Line Road, was conceived of more than three decades ago as that future freeway connector. It was never finished.

The completion of I-35E 12 years ago made resolving Ayd Mill's future imperative. Yet the best that the Ayd Mill Road Task Force could come up with is the roadway's removal?

Minimizing the impact of a rebuilt Ayd Mill Road that connects the two freeways is a worthy goal. Removing Ayd Mill Road altogether is not. Build it; they're already here.



St. Paul can step into the light with new stadium

Dear Villager editor:

In your last issue, publisher Michael Mischke prefaced a series of negative guest editorials regarding the ballpark debate by writing, "If you feel otherwise about the issue, please also feel free to write your own piece."

Well, I do feel otherwise. I'm not hung up on how we are going to get a new ballpark, but what it is going to mean for the city of St. Paul when it is built.

I read an article the other day about an economic impact study that was done on the city of St. Paul. Did you know that a new ballpark would create 500 new, full-time jobs? Did you also know that a new ballpark would draw 2.5 million people to St. Paul every year? That influx of people would mean a lot of money for our city and it would help out local businesses tremendously.

I'm sick of St. Paul being in the shadow of Minneapolis. It's time to bring the city back to life, and I commend the mayor for trying.

Michelle Sheire Macalester-Groveland

Another spin on ballpark debate

Dear editor:

I've seen gross exaggerations in editorials before, but Tom Goldstein's "Five facts about the ballpark that the mayor won't talk about" (*Villager*, August 25) tops them all. I'm stumped as to how Goldstein can call what he wrote "facts" when they have no basis or context.

Goldstein contradicts himself. He claims that with all the traffic a new ballpark would bring, major road construction will be necessary. Then he says there will be no measurable economic return on the public's investment. Please, Mr. Goldstein, do you expect anyone to believe that the 40,000 baseball fans who would be traveling in and out of the city 81 times a year aren't going to spend any time or money here?

Here's another of my favorites: "Fifty million dollars in a few years will be like \$25 million today." Really? I'm curious to know when in history the value of a dollar decreased by 50 percent in just a few years. I could go on, but I'd prefer to offer five real facts about the impact of ballparks on their host cities:

- 1. Since plans for Denver's Coors Field were finalized in 1991, the area has seen an increase of more than 800 housing units, 50 bars and restaurants and five nightclubs.
- 2. Nearly a million square feet of building space has been added or upgraded in the formerly rundown area of Denver and hundreds of thousands of square feet of historic

buildings have been saved.

- 3. The Baltimore Orioles sold out 59 consecutive games in their first year at their new ballpark, Camden Yards.
- 4. Baltimore city officials report that there were enough Orioles fans staying overnight in Baltimore to fill a 123-room hotel 365 days a year.
- 5. More than a third of the Orioles fans went to downtown restaurants and bars before and after the games.

A hint to Mr. Goldstein: The people of St. Paul just want some information about what a ballpark could do for our city. We'll make up our minds based on facts, not imagination and certainly not exaggeration.

Matt Clark Highland Park

Let's play ball with the mayor

Dear editor:

I support Mayor Norm Coleman's effort to build a ballpark in St. Paul because I think it is good for the state, the city and its neighborhoods. With 2 million to 3 million people headed for downtown St. Paul each year to attend ballgames, some will patronize downtown shops and restaurants and some will shop and eat in our neighborhoods.

I have heard the economists' argument that a new ballpark would not create any additional spending, that it would just shift it from other forms of entertainment. As St. Paulites, what is wrong with increased spending—and added tax revenue—within our city? I for one would forgo trips to Camp Snoopy in Bloomington and movies in Roseville in order to take my children to an outdoor ballpark in St. Paul.

Opposition to the mayor's ballpark plan is easily arrived at, but is it justified? Opponents trot out the old mantra of "No public money for private owners." Where were they when the state spent money to help the Ford Motor Company build a new educational facility at its Twin Cities Assembly Plant? Did they think that was a bad idea? I feel it was a good use of state funds. It helps retrain workers and assures the presence of a vital industrial neighbor in Highland Park.

A new ballpark in downtown would accomplish a similar purpose. It would bring a large, desirable business to our city that would help stimulate new economic growth and development. So let's get behind the mayor and bring major league baseball to St. Paul.

Jim Lonetti Macalester-Groveland

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Editor's note: The new training center adjacent to the Ford plant is a partnership among Ford, the United Auto Workers and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU). The facility is owned by the state and maintained by Ford. It was built with \$5 million in state funds and was equipped with \$2.3 million from Ford and the UAW. Ford also spent \$800,000 on site preparation and utilities. Nearly \$200,000 in landscaping costs were covered by a grant through the city of St. Paul's half-percent sales tax. MnSCU conducts the courses at the center for Ford workers as well as students at 36 Minnesota state universities, community colleges and technical colleges.

Who'll step up to the plate?

Dear sir:

How come no local sportswriter or broadcaster or newspaper will support the overwhelming number of taxpayers who do not want tax money used for a stadium? I understand the Washington Redskins football team paid for its stadium. How did they do it?

Richard Smith Merriam Park

Mayor is moving too fast

To the editor:

St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman's recommendations for the Compete St. Paul initative are available to the public, and requests for proposals have been published in several places. I find it interesting, however, that district councils, the St. Paul Planning Commission, the Capital Improvement Budget. Committee, the business community and taxpayers have not held the mayor accountable to the recommendations of his own Compete St. Paul Task Force. The task force said, "We are confident that, just as in Indianapolis, empowered city employees will often be able to compete and win." Ask a current city of St. Paul employee if he or she feels empowered.

As the exclusive representative of employees who have had their jobs published in a request for proposals, I can tell you that the city never even mailed the union a copy of the proposal. Let's be honest: Norm Coleman has no intention of empowering city employees. Instead, he is instilling fear and uncertainty in them.

The Compete St. Paul Task Force recommended an

integration of Compete St. Paul into the city's broader, ongoing effort to "identify whether the city needs to be involved in certain lines of service and business at all." Has this been done in relation to the request for proposals already published? Has it been determined that we should be involved in grass mowing? I must have missed that meeting. Had I attended, I would have pointed out that we rely on these same employees to clean up storm damage and sweep, repair and plow our streets when they are not mowing grass. Who will perform these duties when we contract out their grass mowing jobs?

The recommendations of the task force go on to list at least eight specific criteria for Compete St. Paul. Hold the mayor accountable to these recommendations. Ask yourself: Has the mayor chosen service areas in which specific measurable performance criteria have been developed? Is there a management system in place to ensure cost accountability? Has he identified some areas for short-term success, set goals and learned from these experiences before expanding the effort into other long-term initiatives?

I think you will find that the answer to these questions is no. The mayor's Compete St. Paul initiative has moved too fast and too far. It is a very risky venture for the taxpayers and working families of St. Paul.

Dave Erickson, Area Business Representative International Union of Operating Engineers

Hospital handbill hoax

To the editor:

In the past few weeks, a handbill titled "Shocking Information Inside" was distributed by some Highway 55 protesters telling citizens to "Ask him (Wes Skoglund) about the hotel megadevelopment project at the existing VA Hospital site." Understandably, neighbors have called expressing their alarm about the future of the hospital.

There is absolutely no truth to that rumor. The VA denies it. So do Senator Paul Wellstone's and Congressman Martin Sabo's offices. The first I heard about it was when some citizens faxed me a copy of the flyer. Rest assured that the hospital will remain open and that there are no plans, whatsoever, for it to close.

State Representative Wes Skoglund District 62B

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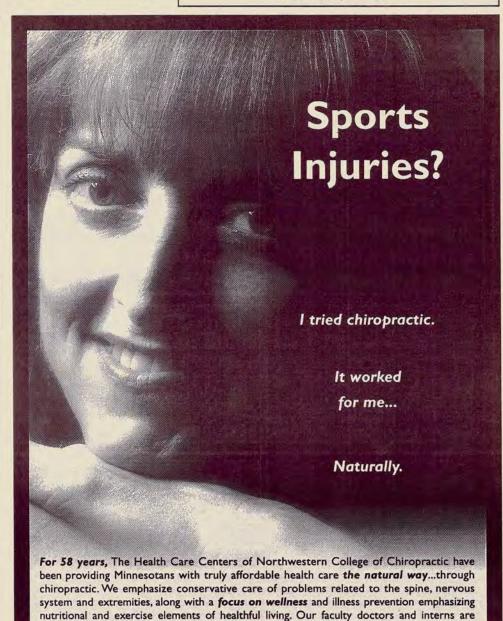
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Roar of jets, silence of candidates

To the editor:

The ever-worsening roar of airport noise starkly contrasts with the silence of the candidates seeking to represent Ward 3 on the St. Paul City Council. Judging from their campaign literature and advertisements, none of the candidates views fighting airport noise as a priority.

Noise pollution from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport poses a grave threat to the quality of life in the Highland and Macalester-Groveland neighborhoods. For many residents, a good night's sleep is becoming the exception rather than the rule. Being awakened by cargo flights between midnight and dawn is now common. The roar of the planes taxiing and taking off frequently lasts late into the evening. It often resumes early each day. Saturdays and Sundays are no exception. The ear-shattering screech of low-flying 747s taking off over Highland and Macalester-Groveland during the afternoon and evening also is no longer unusual.

These are not temporary changes that can be conveniently blamed on the reconstruction of the parallel runways. On August 16, the *Star Tribune* reported that in 2003 "the airport's hourly capacity is expected to increase 30 percent." It further reported that annual "flights could increase more than 20 percent from 480,000 to 580,000." The Metropolitan Airports Commission projected in an environmental impact statement that international flights departing on the 4-22 crosswind runway will rise from three to more than 20 jumbo jets a day.

The next time you read a City Council candidate's brochure or advertisement, ask yourself if he or she is committed to making the fight against airport noise a top priority. When these candidates come to the door asking for your vote, ask whether they support proposals to shift cargo traffic to Rochester and other measures to cut back late-night and early-morning flights. Invite the candidates to describe their plans to protect the quality of life in our neighborhoods, the value of our homes and the tax base in Ward 3 against airport noise pollution.

Airport noise pollution will never be brought under control so long as our candidates and elected officials remain silent about this important issue.

John Halla Macalester-Groveland

A vote for Conlon

To the editor:

I want to express my support for St. Paul School Board member Tom Conlon. His conservative fiscal inclinations help assure two important results: First, school resources are stretched as far as possible with a minimum of unnecessary spending; second, special interests are kept in perspective so that the needs of the vast majority of students in regular programs are met, too.

I have supported Tom for the six years he has served on the School Board and can attest that he is even fiscally conservative in the management of his election campaigns. He still uses most of his original lawn signs that volunteers like me have cleaned and repaired to support his "reuse" rather than "throw away" attitude as he runs for his third term.

Tom is also working on an important long-term legacy for the School Board. He is trying to restore the neighborhood school approach to education. This is a key to restoring neighborhoods as well as nurturing young minds.

Wayne Nelson West Side

Vote for Kvasnik in Ward 3

To the editor:

I have been a resident of St. Paul all of my life. For 21 years I have worked as a public employee driving a bus for Metro Transit. I have read many articles, listened to several ads and talked with most of the candidates running for City Council in Ward 3. With most of my interest centered on the proposed stadium tax, I cannot understand why anyone would want to raise taxes to build a stadium for a billionaire team owner.

Anne Wakely stated in her letter to the editor in your last issue that Mitch Gordon is the first and only candidate in Ward 3 to stand up against the stadium tax. Not true. Ward 3 candidate Renee Kvasnik published her campaign literature quite some time ago. I quote from it: "Stadium tax: no new tax. Team owners should finance as other business owners do. Use their own resources or finance from a bank."

Kvasnik has been a resident of Ward 3 for 40 years. She has been involved with the neighborhood schools through her children's, and now her grandchildren's, attendance. She has been a volunteer at the local police substation and is very concerned about the safety of our citizens. She is a very qualified and well-versed candidate. I urge all of your readers to cast their ballot on September 14 for Renee Kvasnik.

Paul Huber Highland Park

Vote for Gordon in Ward 3

To the editor:

Ward 3 City Council member Mike Harris will retire at the end of the year. It is important that we elect a new council member who shares our values and has the right priorities for the future of St. Paul.

Mitch Gordon, the DFL-endorsed candidate, has the background, training and experience to make an outstanding City Council member. Mitch is an attorney and lives with his wife Karen at 2012 Highland Pkwy. Besides his law degree from the University of Minnesota, Mitch holds a master's degree in public policy from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. He is a former board member of the Highland District Council and is a member of the Citizens League, Jewish Community Center and Temple of Aaron. Among Mitch's priorities for St. Paul are strong public schools, holding the line on taxes and protecting our high quality of life

We urge *Villager* readers to vote for Mitch Gordon for City Council in the primary election on Tuesday, September 14.

District 64 Senator Dick Cohen District 64A Representative Matt Entenza

Vote for Anfang in Ward 3

Editor

We need someone on the City Council who will carefully watch how our tax dollars are spent. Matt Anfang is that person. He believes in "kitchen table economics," the idea that government should make spending decisions the same way a family puts together its budget around the kitchen table. You simply can't spend more than you make.

Both labor and business have endorsed Matt because he

understands the priorities of our ward and our city. Matt's . common-sense approach will serve us well on the City Council. We need Matt as our voice at City Hall to work for more efficient city services and to keep our taxes down. Vote for Matt Anfang for City Council on September 14.

Joseph Zappa Highland Park

To the editor:

As a longtime resident of Highland Park, I have seen a lot of candidates come and go. Few have been as impressive as Matt Anfang, the candidate for City Council in Ward 3. An experienced public policy professional, Matt understands the issues that face our community. He shares our values and priorities. He has been endorsed by both the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and the St. Paul Building and Construction Trades Council. Business and labor, which are sometimes at odds, both believe that Anfang is the most qualified person to serve as our City Council member. I believe that says a lot about Matt's ability.

Rolf Middleton Highland Park

Around the horn with gratitude

Dear editor:

Another successful season of baseball and soccer has ended for the Highland-Groveland Recreation Association. (HGRA). On behalf of the HGRA's board of directors, I would like to thank everyone involved in bringing these sports to more than 1,500 children in the Highland, Macalester-Groveland and surrounding neighborhoods.

The 1999 soccer season was a resounding success, capped off by our return to the newly refurbished playing fields at Cretin-Derham Hall. A hearty thank-you goes to our soccer commissioner, our age group coordinators, our many dedicated coaches and volunteers, and the parents and players who participated in one of the finest soccer programs there is.

The 1999 baseball season was also a great success, with over 44 teams in various age groups playing the sport in the spirit of fun and friendship. Many thanks to our league, field and equipment commissioners, our 104 devoted coaches and the many parents and players who helped make HGRA baseball such a wonderful experience.

Finally, a special thank-you to Bill Driver, who took on the role of HGRA president this year and did a marvelous job with his special blend of skill, tact and humor. Under Bill's leadership, the HGRA is looking forward to continuing to serve the recreational needs of the community, as we have for over 40 years.

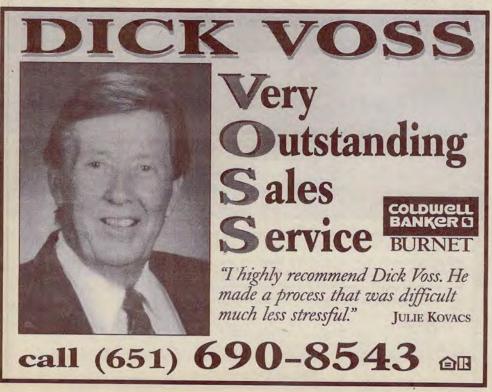
Dennis Merley, Secretary Highland-Groveland Recreation Association

Thanks for the article

To the editor

Thank you very much for such a wonderful article about Iron Ore Betty (*Villager*, August 25). I hope people will venture to the University of St. Thomas campus in downtown Minneapolis to view the exhibit. The article by Catherine Condon was well received by many of my friends, and the headline was eye-catching.

"Iron Ore Betty" Beissel Vachon Macalester-Groveland







Back to the basics. First-grader Ariana Bailey contemplates how to color in the weather chart while teacher Amy Lilla provides a guiding hand during the second day of classes at Dowling School on West River Parkway. Children at Dowling and other Minneapolis public schools began hitting the books on September 1, while St. Paul school kids got back to classes this week. *Photo by Brad Stauffer*.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Commission recommends subdividing Burow farm

The Mendota Heights Planning Commission has given its blessing to breaking off a corner of the city's last 19th-century farmstead.

In a 4-1 vote on August 24, the commission voted to recommend approval of an application by Brian Smith to subdivide the farm in order to build a single-family home on a 1-acre parcel of the property. The request will be taken up by the Mendota Heights City Council on September 7.

In June, the commission set aside action on Smith's proposal, stating that he first needed to present a long-term plan for the rest of the 9-acre farmstead, which is located at 1875 Victoria Road. Smith, who is a principal in a limited partnership that owns the land, had earlier presented a conceptual plan to the city to build a four-story senior citizen housing complex on the site. The proposal was withdrawn following an outcry from concerned neighbors.

Those same neighbors are now trying to raise enough individual and corporate donations to purchase the land and preserve it as open space. Depending on who is asked, the land is valued at anywhere from \$250,000 to \$750,000.

The farm is owned by Smith, Tom Burow and Mike Cashill, partners in Burow Management LLC. According to Planning Commission chair Ultan Duggan, Smith has agreed not to take down any structures on the farm and to give the neighbors up to 12 months to work out a purchase agreement for the property.

Group spokesperson Mary Roszak said an independent appraiser will be hired as soon as possible to determine the value of the land. "It's our desire to preserve and enhance the environment," she said, "and to make the property even more of an asset than it is."

Several years ago, neighbors unsuccessfully tried to convince the city to take over management of the farm. However, the City Council demurred, citing financial and legal concerns.

The Burow farm was originally a 40-acre parcel that produced grain and vegetables

and supported a herd of cattle and horses. In the late 1970s, 31 acres were sold off for housing. Burow has lived on the farm all his life.

Council agrees to postpone vote on Compete St. Paul

The St. Paul City Council has decided to delay voting on an ordinance that would put the controversial Compete St. Paul initiative on hold in order to give Mayor Norm Coleman and city employee union representatives a chance to work out their differences.

More than 500 union members rallied outside of City Hall on August 25 to protest Compete St. Paul, which calls for privatizing some city services. Hundreds of union workers jammed the council chambers that evening for a public hearing on an ordinance that would have given city employees affected by privatization a two-year period to come up with cost-saving measures of their own before the services were contracted out. The council was scheduled to take final action on the ordinance on September 1.

The ordinance was proposed by Ward 4 council member Jay Benanav. Six of seven City Council members indicated they would support it, insuring its immunity from a mayoral veto. Ward 3 council member Mike Harris, who chaired a city task force on Compete St. Paul last year, said he supports the privatization concept, but he disagrees with how it was being implemented.

On August 30, the mayor's administration and City Council members announced a 30-day"cooling off" period. In the interim, Coleman agreed to suspend talks with private bidders for city services and to meet with the

When the council postponed action on Benanav's ordinance on September 1, it was on a week-to-week basis. Benanav said the change from a 30-day to a 7-day period was made for two reasons: It would allow the council to act more quickly if the mayor and unions resolve their differences, and it would enable the council to act if the talks between the two sides break down.

News briefs were compiled by Jane McClure and Bill Wagner.





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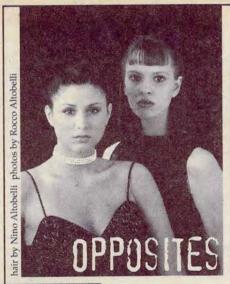
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Eight candidates curry the favor of voters in Ward 3

by Chris Smith

Property taxes, city services and the proposal to fund a new Twins stadium in St. Paul with another half-percent city sales tax have dominated the debate in the Ward 3 City Council race. Eight candidates are vying to succeed City Council member Mike Harris, who is stepping down at the end of the year. The top two vote-getters in the primary election on September 14 will advance to the November 2 general election.

Here's a look at the eight candidates:

Matt Anfang, 27, the manager of public policy for the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, believes his career and family background make him a unique candidate. "I'm young, but I4hink I have the experience to be able to represent the ward very well," he said. "I work with public policy every day. I know the City Council and staff. I know the County Board. I know our legislative delegation."

The son of longtime St. Paul labor leader Richard Anfang, who is the executive secretary of the St. Paul Building and Construction Trades Council, Matt Anfang said his endorsement by the Building and Construction Trades Council and the Chamber of Commerce demonstrate his ability to work with anyone.

Anfang is married and lives in Highland Park. He said he pays the same high property taxes as other Ward 3 residents. "At least part of the solution (to high property taxes) has to be encouraging development throughout the city," he said. "That will help lessen the tax burden on Ward 3 property owners."

Anfang believes some form of competition for providing city services would "spur innovation." However, he said, emergency services like police and fire should never be privatized and other city services should be open to competition only if city workers have a chance to analyze their operations and compete fairly.

Anfang believes voters should decide the baseball stadium issue, but he sees some value in the idea. "It might be a good economic development tool if it's done in the right place and in the right way," he said.

Todd Boys, 33, a national account executive for Roadway Package Service, said he is focusing his campaign on "quality of life" issues like traffic, parks and property taxes.

An economics major in college, Boys said that "the easy cost-cutting opportunities (in city spending) no longer exist. But my private-sector experience leads me to understand that there can be creative solutions to problems." One idea Boys would like to pursue is a greater sharing of services between the city, county and school district to save on administrative costs.

Boys, who lives in Highland Park with his wife and two children, describes himself as fiscally conservative and socially moderate. He feels he is one of the only true independent candidates in the race, calling his higher-profile competitors "the connected crowd."

"Independent should mean independent," he said. "There should be no sacred cows. Everything should be open for review."

Boys said he would bring to the City Council "no preconceived notions about how things should be done." He believes that vot-

ers should decide the stadium issue, and that if it is approved it must be carefully studied to make sure the stadium brings economic development to downtown. "We have to be sure we don't end up diverting revenue from other needs," he said. "I haven't seen enough details to know how I'll vote on the stadium myself."

Mitch Gordon, 26, an attorney with Lindquist and Vennum, is concerned with what he calls short-sighted city budget cutting. "Why should we get to the very end of the budget cycle and have parks and libraries be the first things on the chopping block?" he asked. "I think if people saw they were receiving value, they'd understand why their taxes are what they are. Basic city services like police, fire, parks and libraries have to be our number-one priority. Otherwise, we're giving people incentive to move to the suburbs."

Gordon faults Mike Harris for taking the part-time nature of the City Council too literally. "The council member has to go to community council meetings," he said. "You have

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Coleman faces four in bid for re-election in Ward 2

by Chris Smith

When Chris Coleman was first elected to the St. Paul City Council in 1997, he ran unopposed—from the DFL party convention in the spring through the November general election. This year, four candidates—Sharon Scarrella Anderson, Patrick Byrne, Bill Dahn and Victor Gomez—are challenging him in the September 14 primary for the Ward 2 seat. The top two vote-getters in the primary will advance to the November 2 general election.

Chris Coleman, 38, an attorney in private practice, is endorsed by the

St. Paul fire fighters, labor unions and the DFL Party. He is a lifelong DFLer, but describes himself as "a pretty independent thinker. I try to provide leadership and fight hard on important issues, whether the party agrees with me or not," he said.

Coleman, who lives on the West Side with his wife and two children, counts several major economic development projects in his ward among his accomplishments, including convincing Media One to move its headquarters across the river from downtown. Coleman said he has also fought to protect



Chris Coleman

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the city's affordable housing, which he said "is important for both moral and economic reasons."

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Coleman said that though he does not dismiss the notion, he is concerned about what he perceives as Mayor Norm Coleman's rush to privatize city services. "I think we're doing a good job of holding down costs now," he said. "We need to balance saving money and being fair to workers and not create a destructive work environment."

Victor Gomez, 28, a marketing consultant and workforce development specialist who lives downtown, is endorsed by the Republican Party, the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and General Vang Pao, the national leader of the Hmong community.

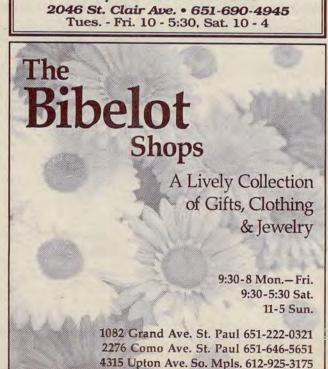
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cies on developing jobs," Gomez said. "And these are not just burger flipping jobs, but real career-type jobs." He said his strength is his ability to keep discussions moving in a way "that allows things to really be accomplished."

Gomez helped gather signatures to get the half-percent stadium sales tax question on the November ballot, but he did so to allow voters to decide the issue."It's vital to continually gauge the community's feelings," he said. "An elected official needs to provide the vision and get things on the table, then listen to the community. I can see some of the benefits that would come from having a stadium in downtown, but as a fiscal conservative I have a real problem with creating a new tax."

Gomez criticized Chris Coleman for opposing measures that would have created new jobs downtown and for allowing jobs to get away. "We're at a crossroads in the city," Gomez said. "We've stepped out of the shadows and are becoming a hot place to come. We have to get out of the attitude of chasing jobs away."

Patrick Byrne, 47, a civil engineer in the St. Paul Department of Public Works, said he is running in part to ensure that issues are addressed during the campaign. "I think Chris Coleman running unopposed in the last election kept communication and involvement down," he said. "I pledge to answer every question, hold forums and be honest. I'm just a regular person, not a politician."

A member of the DFL, Byrne said if he is elected he would involve as many groups and individuals as possible in deciding issues. He offered affordable housing as an example. "You need to have as much input as possible in planning development," he said. "I think you'll find that people are asking for a diversity of housing."

Byrne, who lives in Summit Hill with his wife and two sons, has been a union member since he was 16. He said there is merit in the mayor's privatization initiative for city services, but he favors giving city departments a full year to study operations and determine how they can save money, thereby avoiding the "adversarial posturing" that is now occurring between city employees and the administration. Byrne said it is possible to deliver city services efficiently while maintaining the quality of life that union jobs provide.

Byrne opposes the baseball stadium proposal on economic and social grounds."We should be putting our energy into parks and recreation centers," he said. "If the economics of (a stadium) really made sense, you'd have private business people building them."

Bill Dahn, 49, a West Side resident, said his goal in seeking the Ward 2 seat is to "expose corruption in all three branches of government." He ran for governor a year ago, filing as a Reform Party candidate, but then switched his party affiliation to Republican and lost to Norm Coleman in the primary.

"Dean Barkley paid for me to switch to the Republican primary," Dahn said of Jesse Ventura's campaign manager. "Now I'm suing him and the governor over it. They didn't want a Native American governor."

Dahn ran for governor, he said, in part to protest the government's unwillingness to clean up mistakes made on his house by a social service agency. He said overinsulation caused formaldehyde poisoning.

Dahn, who describes himself as part-Chippewa and part-Sioux, says he is now working as a lobbyist on issues affecting elderly people and Native Americans.

Dahn said his political beliefs are based on common sense. He said he is still seeking the Reform Party's endorsement for City Council despite his lawsuit with Ventura."I believe in the original Reform Party, the one founded by Ross Perot," he said.

Sharon Scarrella Anderson, 60, an unsuccessful candidate for St. Paul mayor and Minnesota attorney general in recent years, continues to claim as her legal residence a Summit Avenue home that was seized for back taxes more than a decade ago. Her contention that the home was illegally taken by the court exemplifies her belief that much of the political system is corrupt.

Anderson has called for Chris Coleman's resignation in the belief that the state Constitution makes it illegal for attorneys to serve in elected legislative positions. She said Coleman has a conflict of interest between his elected position and his work as a private attorney."I'm just sick and tired of lawyers at all levels of government," she said.

Anderson is opposed to the ballot initiatives to fund a Twins stadium with a half-percent sales tax increase, to ban billboards and to change the mechanism for allowing City Council pay increases. "The taxpayer is burdened enough already," she said. "Besides, it's illegal for the city to raise the sales tax, according to Minnesota statutes. That question should not even be allowed on the ballot."

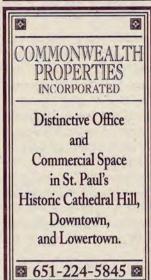
Anderson is not hesitant to admit she was forcibly committed to a mental institution years ago. "I'm the only certified sane candidate," she said. "I think all politicians should be checked."

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Gordon said he is strongly opposed to the baseball stadium proposal. According to him, the economics are shaky and a new stadium would not add to the city's quality of life."I don't know anyone who lives in Minneapolis because of the Metrodome," he said.

Gordon thinks it is time for change on the council, citing Harris' recent support of a mayoral veto of a "very reasonable plan" for affordable housing."The difference between a majority and a veto-proof majority is one vote," he said. "I know I can do better."

Gordon, who is married and lives in Highland Park, is endorsed by the DFL and the AFSCME public employee labor union. He has served on the Highland Area Community Council, is a member of the Citizen's League and holds a master's degree in public policy in addition to his law degree.

Patrick Harris, 33, who works in financial services for a subisidiary of Dain Rauscher, served as an aide to District 4 Ramsey County Commissioner Susan Haigh until recently. He believes that property taxes and city services will be the key issues in Ward 3 for the near future.

"It's time for real tax reform," Harris said. "In addition to holding the line on spending, I think we should freeze property values while we re-examine the system. The taxes are going up with the property values and they're driving people out of their homes in this ward."

Harris admits it is getting harder to hold the line on city spending,"but we have to innovate," he said. "We don't have to cut library hours. We can find efficiencies. We need to try things that seem to make sense and see if they work and not worry about the politics of it."

Harris is strongly opposed to the stadium proposal. "I'm against new taxes," he said, "and the deal is of questionable financial stability. It's fundamentally wrong from a lot of different standpoints."

A lifelong resident of Macalester-Groveland, Harris is a former president of the Macalester- Groveland Community Council. He has served on the boards of the Grand Avenue Business Association and Catholic Charities and was part of a St. Paul community development task force and a judicial ethics committee.

Though he differs in some respects from his brother, Mike Harris, the current Ward 3 council member, Pat Harris said the two share the same basic philosophy. "Michael and I are very much alike in our beliefs on what government is for and how it should focus," he said. "The bottom line should always be, is it good for the ward and the city?"

Renee Kvasnik, 60, co-owner of Kvasnik Photography and Frames on Snelling Avenue and a Highland Park resident for the past 40 years, said she is running to ensure that everyone's voice is heard.

An unsuccessful candidate for the Ward 3 seat in 1995, Kvasnik said her experience owning a small business and working with senior citizens has convinced her that not everyone is represented at City Hall, especially when big subsidies for large businesses are dispensed. "They spend money to help keep these downtown hotels open, but if the hotels can't make it without a subsidy they shouldn't be in business," she said. "I'm deadset against building a baseball stadium. Other business owners have to pay for their buildings. So should team owners."

Kvasnik, who is married and the mother of three and grandmother of two, believes that property taxes should go first to essential services and amenities like libraries, parks and recreation centers. "We're cutting things for our youth while we talk about supporting a baseball stadium," she said. "We're wasting money and energy when we should be focusing on public safety and on things that are for our young people."

St. Paul has seen growth in recent years,

Kvasnik said, but some of it has come at the expense of neighborhoods, working people and small businesses.

"I'm an inclusive independent," she said. "I feel the character of our leaders is the character of our city. What's good for St. Paul and its residents will be foremost in my mind."

Chuck Mitch, 53, is troubled by the priorities of the current leadership in City Hall. "The city is down 61 police and 40-some firefighters," he said. "Until police and fire and neighborhood services are up to 100 percent, I don't see how we can build a baseball stadium."

A Highland Park resident, Mitch is the owner of Mitch's Cocktail Lounge on West 7th Street and Mickey's Nook on Hamline Avenue. "I've been in this business for 34 years and I get a lot of insight into what people want," he said. "I know St. Paul people and care about St. Paul people."

Mitch, who lost to Mike Harris in the general election four years ago, said that while the city has been holding the line on spending, public services have decreased. "People need to see that their money is going to the right things," he said.

Mitch said that privatizing city services is not the way to hold the line on spending. "City workers are tested and trained and take pride in their work," he said. "I'm concerned about what you'll get if you go with the low bidder. That's not what people want."

Mitch said he is not against the city encouraging more hospitality businesses, but he does not think St. Paul citizens want the kind of downtown some civic leaders envision. "I've lived here all my life and this has always been a nice, neighborhood kind of town," he said."I don't know if people here want us to be like New York or Los Angeles or even Min-

Mitch wants city government to be "about what the people want. The City Council can pull the lever," he said, "but the people should

Amy Roberts, the Socialist-Workers Party candidate, did not return phone calls left at her Highland Park home or at the party's headquarters in St. Paul.

James Skjei, 63, a retired insurance agent living in Highland Park, is concerned with what he sees as the destruction of St. Paul in the name of progress. "Some people think progress is building new buildings," he said. "The city should be preserved as much as possible. You don't tear down businesses and neighborhoods without creating anything valuable in return."

Skjei (pronounced "Shay") believes that much downtown development has been misplaced. "The Lawson deal just moved a business from Minneapolis," he said. "That's not creating new jobs. Those people aren't going to move here because their office moved a few miles. Instead we tear down a block and build a new building that's a tax liability. Pretty soon, our historic buildings will be the World Trade Center and Galtier Plaza.

"Pro sports should have to survive on their own," Skjei said. "Teams are irresponsible in their own operation. They're talking about building a stadium with fewer seats and higher ticket prices. Does that tell you that they care about the fans?"

Skjei, who is married and has two children in college, works part-time at the Jewish Community Center. He said that if elected, the City Council would be his full-time concern. "I feel the council should be full time," he said. "This city is large enough to give it your undivided attention."

Skjei said he supports holding the line on taxes, but he wants to be sure people see where their money is going. "I'm concerned about what my taxes are going toward," he said. "If they go to provide real services and low-income housing, then I don't mind. And privatizing city workers is not a solution. If there are problems, address them, but not with someone motivated by making a profit."



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Sept. 14 primary to narrow School Board field from 15 to 8

by Michael Werner

As the election season heats up, voters are attempting to sort out this year's slate of races and faces. In the case of the St. Paul School Board contest, that may take some doing.

Fifteen candidates are vying for four open seats on the board this fall, including incumbents Tom Conlon, Greg Filice, Al Oertwig and Neal Thao. The September 14 primary election will narrow the field to eight. The top four vote-getters in the November 2 general election will serve four-year terms.

Here's a brief look at each candidate running for the board:

Beth Blick, 38, of Summit-University ran unsuccessfully for the School Board in 1993 and 1997. She said she is dealing with a seizure disorder and would like to see more disabled women like herself in public office. Blick, who is seeking the Green Party's endorsement, is campaigning for smaller class sizes and more support groups for gay and lesbian students. She volunteers in elementary schools and is studying to become a teacher's aide.

Anne Carroll, 44, is a Highland Park resident and mother of two children in the St. Paul schools. She is involved in various education-related organizations, including site-based management councils and parent-teacher organizations. She also edits a school newsletter and organizes an annual student literary publication. Carroll is endorsed by the DFL and the St. Paul Teachers Federation, among others. She is a writer and strategic planner by profession, and wants to improve the way the district communicates with the public.

Tom Conlon, 39, of Macalester-Groveland is seeking re-election to a third term on the School Board. He has served on numerous boards and committees, including the St. Paul

Charter Commission and the Minnesota State High School League Delegate Assembly. A Republican candidate and human resources consultant, Conlon wants to stress accountability in the public schools, academics rather than social agendas, parental rights and fiscal conservatism. He also advocates a return to neighborhood schools and a commitment to what he calls "character education."

Greg Filice, 51, of Summit Hill is also seeking re-election to a third term. He became involved in the schools 14 years ago as a parent and has one child entering senior high school this year. A Democratic candidate, Filice is a professor at the VA Hospital and a lifelong educator. His priorities include developing a healthy, respectful school environment, increasing school district efficiency and accountability, and enhancing neighborhood and parental involvement.

Bernae Gunderson, 39, of Merriam Park is an independent candidate with three sons in the St. Paul school system. Last year she volunteered more than 130 hours at Museum Magnet Elementary and served on the school's PTA. A self-employed softball umpire, she wants to improve communication between the district and parents and to see stronger disciplinary policies and equal educational opportunities for all students.

Frank Guzman, 65, of Lexington-Hamline is running in his second School Board campaign. He has served on several civic organizations, including the Ramsey County AIDS Task Force and the Human Rights Council. A self-employed consultant in health education, Guzman wants to increase neighborhood involvement in the schools by seeking public participation "at every move and every level."

Kelly Heimerl, 29, a Midway area resident and manager of quality and regulatory systems for Dahlberg Inc., said her job demands that she evaluate systems to improve their effectiveness. She wants to apply that experience to the St. Paul public school system. A Republican candidate, Heimerl wants the School Board to focus on the classroom. "I think when we're asking what kind of programs we should implement and how we should spend money we should be asking ourselves, 'how does that impact the classroom?'" she said.

Glenda Hernandez, 46, an East Side resident, serves on the advisory council at her son's school, Benjamin Mays. She is running as an independent and entered the race out of a concern for declining student achievement. Hernandez said she wants the school district's administration to be held more accountable for what is happening in the schools. She also wants to make schools safer by strengthening disciplinary procedures.

Thomas Hilber, 55, an East Side resident, is making a second run for the School Board as an independent. He has worked in the field of education for 38 years, including 10 years as a teacher in St. Paul, and has served on a variety of civic boards. Hilber wants to reemphasize neighborhood schools, focus spending on the classroom and help the district become more business-like in its dealings with employees and students.

Carol Hugley, 46, a Highland Park resident and Republican candidate, said her volunteer activity in the schools would benefit the School Board. She has three children in the St. Paul schools, serves on a school site council and works as a kindergarten teaching assistant. She said she is campaigning for equitable distribution of resources among the schools, higher student achievement and adequate support and funding for teachers.

Andy LaMotte, 45, an East Side resident and Reform Party candidate, entered the race

to improve poor student test scores, which he said are a direct result of what the School Board is not accomplishing. He is a longtime auto repair shop owner and serves on several civic boards. He said that the school district should be run more like a business.

Al Oertwig, 54, an East Sider and Democratic candidate, is seeking re-election to a fourth term. Oertwig became involved with the public schools as a parent in the early 1980s. He has served on several education-related committees and was recently elected chairman of the Association of Metropolitan School Districts. He also represents the district on the Council of Urban Boards of Education. Oertwig, a rental building owner and manager, wants to raise student achievement by soliciting the involvement of the parents and staff at the schools.

Alex Pavlov, 40, a Republican candidate and East Side resident, said the School Board has become too political and needs to focus on the issues, which he said includes holding schools accountable for student performance, improving school safety, increasing parental involvement and focusing on education rather than social services. Pavlov said half of the clientele at his Summit Hill salon, Hair Logic, are students, which has helped him understand their needs.

Neal Thao, 43, a West Side resident and Democratic candidate, is seeking re-election to a second term. He has two children enrolled in St. Paul public schools and has been involved with youths as a social worker for 14 years. Thao said he wants to get parents from all walks of life involved in their children's education. He also wants to make sure the board remains fiscally responsible, provides adequate resources for students and ensures a safe learning environment.

Michael Berger, a Reform Party candidate, could not be reached.

SCHOOL NOTES

"Second Shelf," a children's book drive, will be launched by Ramsey County, the city of St. Paul and other public and private organizations during the weeks of September 20-24 and September 27-October 1. People are being asked to place new and gently used children's books in labeled plastic bags and to set them out with their regular recycling materials during those weeks. Books also may be dropped off at the Red Balloon Bookshop and the Hungry Mind Bookstore oin Grand Avenue or at any St. Paul public library. "St. Paul Reads," an am-

bitious reading program in the St. Paul Public Schools, will be one benefactor from the book drive. Other books will likely be given to students, circulated through school classrooms and libraries, or offered to day-care centers, youth clubs and other organizations. Volunteers from the St. Paul Junior League as well as teachers, librarians and others will sort the books for redistribution. Those who are willing to lend a hand are asked to call the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium at 651-222-7678.

District 197 Early Childhood Family Education classes will be offered at two Mendota Heights locations beginning this month: the Learning Center, 1300 Mendota Heights Road; and at Somerset School, 1355 Dodd Road. Classes start the week of September 13. For information, call 651-405-2480.

A 10-week amateur radio class will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 16, at St. Paul Technical College. The course, which is being offered by the St. Paul Radio Club, will prepare participants to obtain an amateur radio license. The cost is \$19 for the required text. Call 651-483-1214.

School District 197 Community Education will be offering a variety of classes in the next few weeks, including Thai cooking, basic computer, quilting, sewing, attracting wild birds, dog training, investment basics, square dancing, piano for the hopeless, swing and ballroom dance, aerobics, Tai Chi, yoga, karate and aquatic exercise. For information or to receive a fall catalog, call 651-681-2389.



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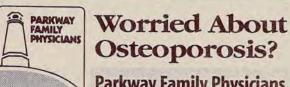
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'One and Only' Nativity County Fair set to take its 25th spin Sept. 17-19

From its early years it has been referred to as the "One and Only, Genuine, Original Nativity County Fair," and though that tag may have sounded quaint back then, after 25 years it truly fits.

The Nativity County Fair will be a quartercentury-old on September 17-19 when the parish once again turns its playground at 1900 Stanford Ave. into a carnival midway. Rides, games of chance and children's activities will once again form the centerpiece of the fair from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

But there's more. A lot more. Surrounding the carnival will be an array of events for all ages, including a collectibles and crafts show, bake sale and bingo on all three days of the

Taking the stage from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Friday will be the Second Generation dance band performing Motown, R&B and classic rock of the 1960s. Saturday's line-up features hour-long shows by the Venezuelan Dancers at 11:00 a.m. and the Splatter Sisters at noon, two hours of African drumming and storytelling beginning at 2:00 p.m., and Lucid Groove from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday's entertainment includes the Red Balloon Bookstore story hour beginning at noon, the George Hottinger Blues Band from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., and comedy by "The Rookie" of station KSTP-AM radio fame, Nativity grad Matt

Two raffles are also being held—one on Saturday for four cash prizes of \$250 each and a second on Sunday with three \$100 prizes, one \$500 prize and a \$5,000 grand prize, all of it in cash.

The parish will also dedicate its new Lannan Center at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Named for Nativity's former pastor, the Reverend Patrick Lannan, who died last year, the Lannan Center is located in the former parish convent. It houses the parish offices, conference room and preschool.

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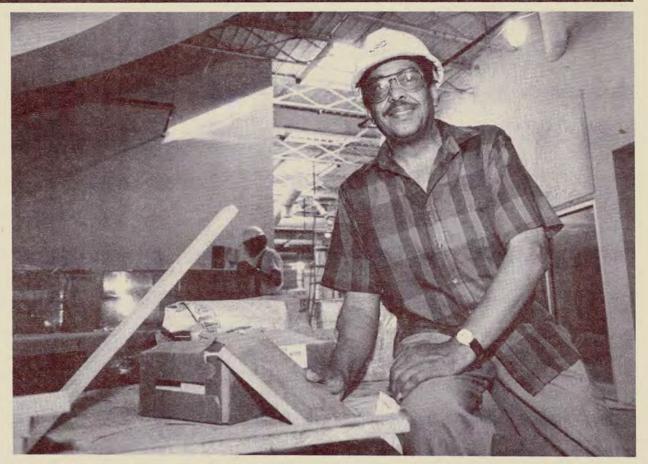
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REFRESHMENTS

Leading by example

Higher Ground Academy charts a new course of study that begins and ends with the student



Former St. Paul City Council member Bill Wilson heads up the new Higher Ground Academy. Crews were busy renovating the former National Check Corporation building in time for this week's opening. *Photo by Brad Stauffer*.

by Leslie Walters

When the new Higher Ground Academy charter school opened its doors this week, its students were immediately immersed in the development of leadership skills.

"All charter schools have a focus, whether it be the arts, math or language," said Bill Wilson, the former City Council member who is serving as the director of the academy at 1581 Marshall Ave. "Our focus is leadership.

"We must make leadership something that every young person aspires to," Wilson said. "If we're going to have a different future, it's because young people envision it, and for them to be innovative risk takers, they need the support of their elders."

According to Wilson, education begins with understanding the student. "We must find out from the parent what motivates the child," he said. "The academy starts with the perspective that all children are smart, that all children can learn. It's our job to find out how they've learned and build on that."

Wilson told the story of a child he met this year who was reluctant to go to school. Engaging the child in conversation, Wilson discovered the boy was fascinated with trucks. "The things he told me about trucks were so

revealing," he said. "It turns out his dad is a truck driver and he goes on trips with him."

Right there, they found common ground for a math and geography project.

Higher Ground received more than \$5 mil-

lion through the sale of revenue bonds to purchase the former National Check Corporation building, reno-vate it and equip it. The bonds were secured with a \$400,000 loan from the Bremer Foundation.

The academy now offers year-round instruction for students in grades K-9, but over the next three years it will expand to 12th grade, adding one grade each year.

Wilson's goal this fall was to enroll 400 students from the surrounding neighborhoods, but people talked, Wilson said, and the academy found itself with a waiting list after 500 students had enrolled from St. Paul, Minneapolis and the first-ring suburbs of Apple Valley, Brooklyn Center, Little Canada and West St. Paul. Enrollment is eventually expected to climb to

650 students.

The Higher Ground

Academy Foundation

also operates "Dollars

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scholarships.

Higher Ground, like other charter schools, is not governed by the school district but by the parents, teachers and administrators.

Higher Ground's leadership curriculum is

being augmented by several distinctive features. "Service learning" is designed to teach students the value of volunteering through the performance of odd jobs for the elderly, tutoring younger children and doing home chores.

Students will also be trained as peer counselors and then organized into small groups to provide mutual support. "It used to be the family, but now the peer group is the most

powerful influence in a child's life," Wilson

An after-school enrichment program offers students their choice of 26 clubs in such areas as journalism, chess, public speaking, sewing and photography.

The academy is working cooperatively with other neighborhood organizations, in-

cluding the Walker-West Music Academy on Selby Avenue, which is providing basic and advanced musical instruction.

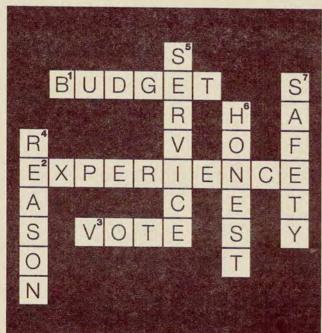
The Higher Ground Academy Foundation also operates "Dollars for Scholars" in partnership with the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America. The program secures postsecondary academic and service scholarships for students.

Since leaving the City Council in 1993, Wilson has served as a research fellow at the Humphrey Institute's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs. But with an M.A. in education, his interests have always revolved around academia, he said.

"There's been a lot of ground lost in education," Wilson said. "I've always been an advocate for change, but if they're not going to do it, you might as well do it yourself. I just collected a lot of thoughtful people who felt the same way.

"Twenty years ago I saw students who wanted to learn things about their own history and culture, only to have those dreams locked up in their heads," Wilson said. "To see them grow up to be adults with those dreams still locked up, that's unfortunate. So now we have the next generation, the children of those parents. It was time to do something."

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SafeWalk St. Paul will hold a demonstration up and down Snelling Avenue on Monday, September 13, in an attempt to educate pedestrians and motorists about the state's crosswalk law. From 3:00 to 6:30 p.m., volunteers will be carrying signs and handing out literature at the intersections of Randolph, St. Clair, Grand, Selby, University and Minnehaha avenues. They also will be crossing with the lights at those corners as a sign of support for the law.

Volunteers will gather on Saturday, September 11, to make the signs and plan their strategy for demonstrating. This session will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Hamline Park playground building at 1564 Lafond Ave. Volunteers also will be passing out literature on the crosswalk law during the Midway Festival on September 11 and at local places of worship on Sunday, September 12.

The crosswalk law states that motorists must stop and yield the right of way to pedestrians at all marked or unmarked intersections where traffic control signals are not in operation.

For more information or to volunteer for the demonstration, call Sherilyn Young at 651-644-1085.

BRUSH DROP-OFF

Area residents may drop off brush between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 25, in Midway Center's south parking lot on Pascal Street and St. Anthony Avenue. Fees are based on the amount of brush dropped off, but are approximately \$5.00 per carload and \$15 for pickups. No root balls or stumps will be accepted. For more information, call 651-222-7678.

SAFE APARTMENTS INITIATIVE

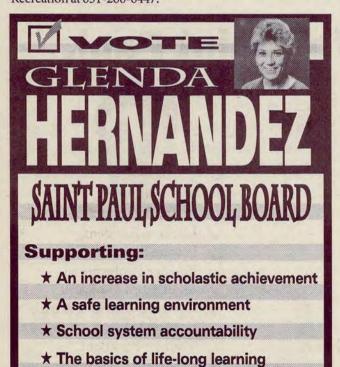
Renters in the Snelling-Hamline neighborhood are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, September 21, to discuss the community council's Safe Apartments Initiative. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103 at Liberty State Bank, 176 N. Snelling Ave. For information, call Nikki LaSorella at 651-644-1085.

READY FOR Y2K

The city of St. Paul and its district councils have been preparing for any disruption in services that might result at the end of the millennium because of the Y2K computer bug. Volunteers are being sought to staff specific locations from 9:00 p.m. on December 31 to 5:00 a.m. on New Year's Day in case of emergencies. For information or to sign up for a fourhour shift, call Nikki LaSorella at 651-644-1085.

OFF-LEASH DOG TASK FORCE

A task force has been meeting recently to consider whether to establish one or more public areas where dog owners can let their pets run unleashed. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 28, at the Martin Luther King Center, 270 N. Kent St. For information, call St. Paul Parks and Recreation at 651-266-6447.



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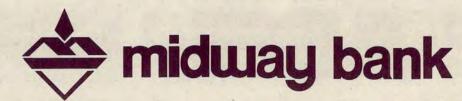
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The gems of Ramsey Hill

Twenty homeowners put out their welcome mats for biennial house tour

by Dave Page

The nose on the brass lion hanging from the front door of Paul and Becky Diekmanns' home will probably be a bit shinier after it greets all the visitors who take in the Ramsey Hill House Tour on Sunday, September 12. Though the rest of the plate-sized face has turned green from weathering, the tip of the nose glows like dark pewter.

"No one can resist touching it," said Paul

The Diekmanns' Holly Avenue residence

will no doubt be one of the most popular on the biennial "Gables, Gardens and Ghosts" house tour, which will feature 20 stately homes and gardens in the Historic Hill District. With its stone arch entry and matching wraparound porch, the 1896 limestone house has loads of what real estate agents call curb ap-

When they were shopping for larger quarters in 1993, Paul pointed to the mansion and kidded his wife that if he ever got to pick a home in the Ramsey Hill neighborhood, that would be the one. It just so couple, who have five chil-

dren, including 1-year-old twins.

'We fell in love with the house," Paul said. "We still love it." A lot of people apparently feel the same way.

"We hosted a Ramsey Hill Association Christmas party and the committee immediately started asking us if we'd take part in the home tour," Paul said. "It took a while, but we finally agreed."

Besides its architectural splendor, the Diekmanns'home has plenty of historical value. In the 1940s, their house and a house across the street served as the Holly Manor Boarding House. Together they accommodated approximately 60 people, all of whom took their meals in the Diekmanns'home.

The front porch was walled in at that time to create three sleeping rooms, the attic was divided into nine more sleeping rooms, and the entry closet was converted into a bathroom. The 17-inch-wide space reminds one of the toilets on airplanes.

"I know it's hard to believe," Paul said. "People supposedly had to back into it."

The Diekmanns now use the closet to keep one of their prized possessions: a safari shirt owned by playwright August Wilson, one of the former owners of the house. Wilson purchased the property in the early 90s, soon after the success of his Pulitzer Prize-winning play The Piano Lesson. However, Wilson's greatest contribution to the house was in the attic, which he turned into an inviting living space with over a half dozen skylights. The most striking feature of his half bath on the third floor.

In 1-inch red tiles, Wilson had his first name imbedded 8 inches high diagonally across the floor.

Unfortunately, the third floor could not be included on the tour because the stairs that lead to it are considered a bit too dangerous for crowds of people. In any case, most visitors to the home will probably be more interested in what the Diekmanns have done to the second floor bedrooms.



Paul and Becky Diekmann cradle their 16-month-old twins, Dillon and Delaney, while daughters Mackenzie, top, Libby and Mallory line the stairs. Their 1896 mansion will be open for viewing during the Ramsey Hill House Tour this Sunday. Photos by Brad Stauffer.

One of the children's rooms features an alphabet theme, with scenes for every letter. Another brings a fairy tale to life, complete with a Maypole, rabbit and a fairy princess in the likeness of their daughter who occupies the room. Both rooms were hand-painted by artist Margo Exsted. The boys room boasts a circus mural that complements the area rug. Pam Powell gets credit for the artwork there.

Off the master bedroom, numerous plants shade a private balcony. The master bath has a painted claw-foot tub and pedestal sink. Down the hall, the children's bath has a kid's claw-foot tub.

Down the backstairs is the busiest room in

the home—the kitchen. The previous owners added an island. A commercial stove now sits in the original brick hearth.

Although the kitchen was one of the rooms that attracted the Diekmanns to the house, it now is a bit too small with the most recent additions to the family.

"We have plans to expand the kitchen eating area," Paul said.

The self-guided Ramsey Hill House Tour will run from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tourgoers can park at the St. Paul Technical College on Marshall Avenue and catch a trolley

Ramsey Hill/see next page





Your Input is Needed

The Riverview Corridor Transit Study is seeking community input on transit related development issues in September.

These meetings will feature an update on study progress, responses to questions raised at previous meetings and an opportunity to participate in the creation of architectural drawings for possible transit system features. This will give residents a way to visualize possible changes in their neighborhood that can be driven by transit related development.

For more information, contact the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, 651-266-2762.

Meetings are scheduled for the following areas and times:

Monday, September 13

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Metropolitan State University New Main/ Great hall 700 East 7th Street St. Paul

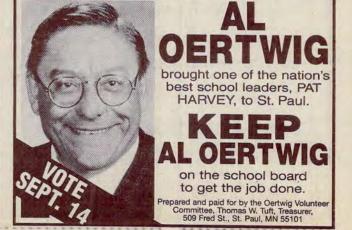
Tuesday, September 14

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. West 7th Community Center Gymnasium 265 Oneida Street St. Paul

Wednesday, September 15

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Ramsey Room Landmark Center 75 West 5th Street St. Paul





Ramsey Hill House Tour/from previous page

travel between houses.

Tickets cost \$15 in advance or \$20 on the day of the tour. They can be purchased at the Hungry Mind Bookstore, Bober Drug, Box Office Video, Traditions or any Hirshfield decorating center. Tickets can also be charged by phone by calling 651-221-0200.

Classic car clubs will be showing off their restored vehicles and food vendors will be set up at various locations during the tour. Ramsey Hill Association members also will be roaming the area selling \$2.00 raffle tickets for a chance to win a dinner for eight at a

ride. They can also pick up the trolleys as they Ramsey Hill home. Chef Alexander Dixon, owner of Zander Cafe on Selby Avenue, will prepare the feast.

Proceeds from the tour and raffle will benefit a variety of Ramsey Hill Association grant recipients, including a local food shelf, park beautification projects and neighborhood youth organizations. Last year, the association gave more than \$10,000 to the Summit-University Block Nurse Program, the YWCA's We Care for Kids program, the African-American Mentor Program, the Hmong-American Partnership, the Save Our Sons program and Common Bond Communities.

SENIOR NEWS

UST senior center offers fall courses

The Center for Senior Citizens' Education Meaning" will be offered from 1:00 to 3:00 at the University of St. Thomas will offer seven short courses this fall. The courses are designed for those age 55 and older and are taught by faculty members and experts in the field. Following is the course schedule:

"Myths and Legends of Greece and Rome" will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays, September 14-November 16, on the university's Minneapolis campus. The cost is \$40.

"Good vs. Evil in Modern Fiction: Novels, Short Stories, TV and Movies" will be offered from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, September 15-October 27, in the Brady Educational Center on the St. Paul campus. The cost is \$40.

"The Balkans in History and Myth" will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Mondays, September 20-November 22, at Brady. The cost is \$40.

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p.m. on Mondays, September 27-November 8, at Brady. The cost is \$50.

"Seoda: Gems of Contemporary Irish Culture" will be offered from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, September 28-November 16, on the Minneapolis campus. The cost is

"The Mystical Tradition: A Resource for Spirituality Past and Present" will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays, September 29-November 10, at Brady. The

"Vatican II: Renewal, Reform and Common Ground" will be offered from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, November 3-17, at Brady. The cost is \$25.

The center also offers one-to-one peer consulting services and a program that allows seniors to attend regular courses on a free, space-available basis. For information, call the center at 651-962-5188.

A 55 Alive senior driving refresher class will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 9, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$8.00. To register, call 651-698-0751.

The Merriam Park Senior Program will present the following programs in the coming weeks: a 55 Alive driver refresher course from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 14 (\$16.50); a "Seniors and Pets" seminar at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 15; a footcare clinic on Tuesday, September 21 (\$20 per

half hour); and a potluck supper at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 22 (\$1.00 plus a dish to share). For more information, call 651-645-7424.

A driver improvement course for those age 55 and older will be offered from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, September 20-21, at Nativity Catholic Church, 324 S. Prior Ave. The cost is \$16.50. Those who complete the course can qualify for a 10 percent reduction in their auto insurance premiums. For details or to register, call toll free 1-888-234-1294.



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Catholic Charities Division of Aging Services will hold a three-part training session for new volunteers from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays, September 9, 16 and 23, at the Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy., Minneapolis. Volunteers help frail and vulnerable seniors of all faiths continue to live in their homes by providing respite care, yard maintenance, snow shoveling, shopping and transportation. For information, call Gail Stalpes at 651-215-2206.

A community forum to document the impact of volunteerism in Minnesota will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. It is one of eight sessions across the state sponsored by the Minnesota Office of Citizenship and Volunteer Services. Local volunteers are invited to tell their stories, which will be made part of a five-year study. Written remarks and photographs are also appreciated. For information, call

Nell Hillsley of Summit Hill went to Southern Italy as a member of Global Volunteers. She was part of a 10-member team who taught English to school children in the town of Cisternino, located in the heel of Italy's "boot." Global volunteers pay their own costs to participate in the program. For information, call 1-800-487-1074.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is working with Ramsey County to form a citizen review panel to gather information on ways to better safeguard children from abuse and neglect. The voluntary panel will meet at least four times a year, and members will be asked to make a two-year commitment. For information, call 651-215-1284.

Camp Fire Boys and Girls has openings for volunteers interested in leading small groups, serving as mentors to teenagers or teaching self-reliance, baby-sitting or camping skills. Volunteers are also needed to help organize special events, develop recruitment materials and serve on training teams. For more information, call 651-647-4407.

Greening the Great River Park is seeking 300 volunteers of all ages to help plant hundreds of native trees and shrubs in the Mississippi River Valley on the morning of Saturday, October 9. Volunteers will also help prepare previously planted areas for the coming winter. Participants are asked to bring a shovel and gardening gloves if they have them. A celebration will follow. To register, call 651-224-9885 by September 10.

Sexual Offense Services of Ramsey County is seeking volunteers for its crisis counseling, information, outreach and referral services. A new training session starts in October. For details, call 651-643-3022.

Volunteers are needed to staff information booths at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Volunteers are asked to work at least eight hours a month dispensing information, paging travelers and escorting those who are elderly, foreign or disabled. For details, call Denise Dumas at 612-726-5570.



Volunteer Nell Hillsley helps a hotel desk clerk with his English in Cisternino, Italy.

Adults, especially bilingual adults, are being sought to serve as reading and writing tutors for children in grades 1-3. Training is provided in this program, which is sponsored by the St. Paul Public Library. The hour-long tutoring sessions will be held once or twice a week beginning in late September. For information, call the Hamline Library at 651-642-0343.

Dakota Area Resources and Transportation for Seniors (DARTS) will hold an orientation session for new or prospective volunteers at noon on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 28 and 29, in West St. Paul and Apple Valley. For information, call 651-455-1560.

Building Blocks Tutorial is seeking volunteers to work one or two afternoons a week helping students in grades 2 and 3 with reading, writing and math. The sessions, which run from October through May, will be held from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Cherokee Park United Church, 371 W. Baker St. Training is provided. For information, call Jill Jackson at 651-228-1378.

Volunteer baby rockers and "funny friends" are being sought by the Children's Home Society for its children's centers at 1030 and 1919 University Ave. For information, call Lorenzo at 651-646-7771, extension 113.

The Children's Safety Center at the Salvation Army, 401 W. 7th St., is seeking volunteers to supervise visits between parents and their children who may have experienced abuse, neglect, undue fear or other family dysfunction. The purpose of the program is to rebuild families by providing a safe place for constructive, nonviolent interaction. For more information, call Cathy at 651-748-1052.

The Minnesota Museum of American Art is seeking volunteers to work as tour guides for its exhibits in Landmark Center. Training is provided. For information, call 651-292-4395.

Volunteers are being sought to serve as health insurance counselors for senior citizens in Ramsey County, advising them in the areas of Medicare, HMO's and long-term care insurance. Training for new counselors is scheduled for September 20, 22 and 24. Call Neighbor to Neighbor at 651-407-0990.

Public forum ponders privatizing city services

CityCare/St. Paul will host a free forum entitled "Is Privatization Through Competition in the Best Interest of St. Paul?" at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 23, at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar St. A panel of commentators will discuss Compete St. Paul, Mayor Norm Coleman's initiative to switch the management of some city services from the public to private sector.

The keynote speaker will be Skip Stitt, former deputy mayor of Indianapolis and now a consultant to cities across the country that are seeking competitive alternatives to the traditional delivery of municipal services. He will speak on "Competition: The Indianapolis Experience and Stories from Ohio, New York and Texas."

Panelists will include Randy Croce, a

labor education specialist in the Department of Industrial Relations at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management; Shar Knutson, president of the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly; City Council member Chris Coleman; and Erich Mische, Mayor Coleman's director of strategic initiatives. The moderator will be for-



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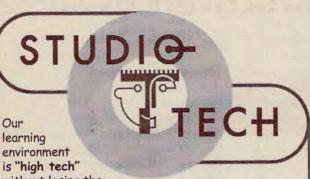




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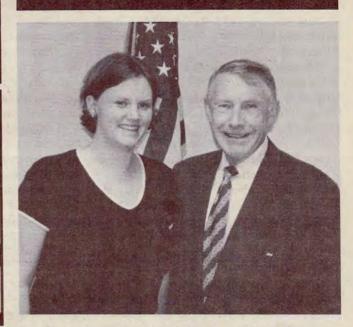
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NAMES in the NEWS



Norah Barrett, daughter of Marge and Tom Barrett of Macalester-Groveland, recently completed a staff internship in the Minneapolis office of Fifth District U.S. Representative Martin Sabo. A 1998 graduate of Mounds Park Academy, Barrett is a sophomore majoring in urban studies at Columbia University's Barnard College in New York City.

Timothy Robertson, son of Gwen and Norb Robertson of Highland Park, has been promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army. A 1974 graduate of Cretin High School, Robertson has completed 21 years in the service. He commanded the 82nd Personnel Service Company during Operations Just Cause, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He now commands the 18th Soldier Support Group at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Isaiah M. Maki, son of Darryl M. Maki of Minneapolis' Longfellow neighborhood and a 1997 graduate of Roosevelt High School, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Peter E. Palacio, son of Mary Covey of Mendota Heights and Peter V. Palacio of St. Paul, has been promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Army. He is a staff physician assigned to Fort Drum in Watertown, New York.

The St. Paul Jewish Community Center has elected the following officers for the coming year: president Dr. Richard Smookler; vice presidents Tim Bloom, Donald Mains and Sharon Farsht Torodor; treasurer Jean Witson; and secretary Harriet Glick.

The Dale Warland Singers, the acclaimed choral group founded and directed by Dale Warland of Macalester-Groveland, has received the Chorus America Award for Adventurous Programming of Contemporary Music from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Jonathan Jay of Macalester-Groveland has been appointed chair of the Catholic Defense League's legal task force. The group investigates rights violations and responds to attacks against the Catholic faith. He is an attorney with Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly in St. Paul.

Christine Barich of Macalester-Groveland has been chosen as one of the 11 Who Care winners for 1999 by KARE-TV. Each winner will receive a bronze statue as well as \$1,100 for his or her favorite charity at a ceremony on September 8. Barich is a founding member of the StreetWorks Youth Stakeholder Group and an advocate for disadvantaged youngsters.

Chris Matteson's painting "Zydeco Flowers" is now hanging in the governor's residence on Summit Avenue at the request of Governor Jesse Ventura. Matteson, a Macalester-Groveland resident, has loaned the painting to the governor for six months.

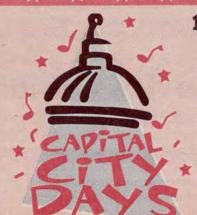
Kevin Gallatin, son of Colleen and Lawrence Gallatin of Macalester-Groveland, has graduated from the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps' Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Washington. A 1996 graduate of Cretin-Derham Hall, Gallatin is studying at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Paul Kirkwold, director of Public Works for Ramsey County for the past nine years, has been named interim Ramsey County manager until a successor can be found for Terry Schutten. Schutten, county manager for the past 13 years, has left to take a similar position with Sacramento County, California.

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Hiawatha light-rail plan criticized...constructively by some

by Jane McClure

Light rail may be on track in the Hiawatha Corridor, but that doesn't mean everyone is on board. Of the 17 speakers at a September 1 public hearing, eight supported the Twin Cities' first light-rail transit (LRT) project and nine were opposed.

The hearing drew about 150 people to the Minneapolis Convention Center. It was the first of three scheduled to review preliminary designs for the Hiawatha Corridor, the \$548 million light-rail transit (LRT) line that will connect downtown Minneapolis with Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and the Mall of America.

The other two hearings are set for 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 8, in the Bloomington City Hall, and 5:30 p.m. Thursday, September 16, at Roosevelt High School, 4029 28th Ave. S. in Minneapolis. A 90-minute open house will precede both hearings.

The Hiawatha light-rail line is needed as a means of coping with growing traffic congestion, according to Hennepin County commissioner Peter McLaughlin and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) district engineer Richard Stehr. McLaughlin recalled that when he moved to the Twin Cities in the 1970s, rush hour was all of 10

minutes long. "Now we have a bona fide rush hour or rush two hours or rush three hours," he said

"In the absence of a good transit system, we're going to see gridlock like we've never seen before," McLaughlin said. He envisions the Hiawatha light-rail line as the backbone of a multi-modal transportation system that includes commuter rail, other light rail, buses and motor vehicles

A few speakers questioned the project's cost, which has risen from a 1997 estimate of \$446 million. Half of the estimated \$548 million cost is expected to be picked up by the federal government with the remainder from state, Hennepin County and Metropolitan Airports Commission funds.

Lisa Lee of St. Paul complained that the money used for the Hiawatha Corridor could purchase more than 2,000 buses, which according to her are more versatile than lightral transit.

Of the nine speakers against the Hiawatha line, six said they supported the movement to stop the rerouting of Highway 55. Bruce Shoemaker of Minneapolis, a longtime supporter of light-rail transit, accused MnDOT of using the light-rail line as a justification to reroute Highway 55.

Claiming that two of her Native American

ancestors are buried at the site, Minneapolis resident Pam Womack said, "I don't want that light rail running over my ancestors' graves." She and others argued that both the light-rail line and Highway 55 should be placed along the existing highway's alignment.

"You continue to cut up the city," Highway 55 reroute opponent Mary Keating of South Minneapolis complained. "You continue to take our parks away."

All of those who stepped up to support the light-rail project suggested ways to make it better. They included building well-lit and climate-controlled stations, providing adequate access for the handicapped, and expanding the number of buses that intersect the Hiawatha Corridor.

Minneapolis resident Louise Holmes, who works with single mothers struggling to get off public assistance, asked how the light-rail line would provide better transit for single parents dropping children off at day care before going to work. She suggested having small buses circulate in neighborhoods on either side of the light-rail line.

The Nokomis East Neighborhood Association (NENA) testified in favor of keeping the 50th Street/Minnehaha Park station. Transit planners considered cutting the station as a cost-saving measure this spring, but so far

have agreed to maintain it.

NENA representative Greg Bastein said he hopes the Hiawatha line is the catalyst for mixed residential and commercial development in the neighborhood of Nokomis Village

University of Minnesota geography professor Phil Gersmehl questioned some of the arguments made in favor of light-rail transit. "Year after year, hearing after hearing, we hear about Portland and San Diego and the success of light-rail transit in those cities," he said. "But the comparisons are sloppy," he added, because of differences in climate, topography and the availability of other modes of travel.

Gersmehl also questioned the argument that light-rail transit would be a boon to the local economy with greater population density and increased property values. "People need to ask, 'how much will my property taxes go up?" he said. "How much will my rent go up?"

MnDOT and the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority must submit the final version of a preliminary draft for the Hiawatha light-rail line to the Federal Transportation Administration by September 30.

For more information on the hearings, call 612-743-2296.

Three meetings offer the latest on Riverview Corridor transit study

Three meetings will be held this month on the proposed Riverview transit corridor in St. Paul. The meetings will provide the latest information on a study of the corridor, which would extend west along the Mississippi River from the East Side through the West 7th and Highland Park neighborhoods to Fort Snelling, where it would link up with

the proposed Hiawatha light-rail transit line.

The meetings are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday, September 13, at Metropolitan State University, 700 E. 7th St.; 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 14, at the West 7th Community Center, 265 Oneida St.; and 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 15, in the Ramsey Room of Landmark Center, 75 W. 5th St.

Transit alternatives currently being studied for the Riverview Corridor include low-cost bus-related improvements and a variety of routes for dedicated busways or light-rail transit lines. Professionals will be on hand to explain the possible impacts of each option.

Responses will be given to questions raised at previous meetings on the Riverview

Corridor, and those who attend will be asked for their thoughts on transit stations and transit-related developments along the corridor.

For more information on the Riverview Corridor meetings, call Kathryn DeSpiegelaere at the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority at 651-266-2762.

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Selby Dayz is here again September 11

The 17th annual Selby Dayz Festival and Parade will return on Saturday, September 11.

The celebration will commence with the YWCA of St. Paul's ninth annual 5K Run, Walk or Blade to benefit its transitional housing program. In-line skaters will take off at 9:30 a.m., followed by runners and walkers at 9:45 a.m. A half-mile youth Fun Run will begin at 11:00 a.m. Food, prizes and T-shirts will be provided.

The registration fee for the 5K is \$15 in advance and \$18 on race day. The cost for the youth Fun Run is \$8.00. To register or volunteer, call the YWCA at 651-222-3741.

The Selby Dayz Parade will step off at 11:00 a.m. from Boyd Park and will head west to Oxford Street. The parade will be led by grand marshal Ron Pauline, executive director of the Aurora-St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation.

After the parade, the festival will continue from noon to 7:00 p.m. on Selby Avenue between Oxford and Milton streets. There will be children's activities, a vertical climbing wall, dunk tank, moonwalk, face painting, clowns, costumed characters, food and plenty of music.

Footsouldiers Entertainment will sponsor an R&B and hip-hop stage in the parking lot at Right Step Academy, 1025 Selby Ave. A gospel/jazz stage will be set up on the playground at J.J. Hill School, 998 Selby Ave.

For more information on Selby Dayz, call 651-



Liz Fulford shopped for jewelry on the playground at J.J. Hill School during a previous Selby Dayz. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

Grand fashions get their turn on the runway

The clothing collections of 12 Grand Avenue shops will be highlighted during a fashion show from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, September 23, at the University Club's downtown clubhouse, 340 Cedar St. Called "In Grand Fashion," the show will feature clothing styles from Annette's, the Bibelot Shop, C'est Fou Showroom, Chico's, Coat of Many Colors, Grand Remnants, Initially Yours Monogramming, Just Grand, Into the Woods, Textilis, Timbuktu Station and Trade Winds.

The clothing will be modeled by customers of the participating businesses as well as Donna Cruz of KS95, Cindy Fitzpatrick of the Uptown Art Fair, St. Paul Deputy Mayor Susan Kimberly, Lee Koch of the Capital City Partnership, Mary Stucky of Minnesota Public Radio and St. Paul mayoral assistant Sarah Todd.

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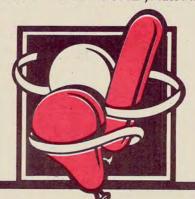
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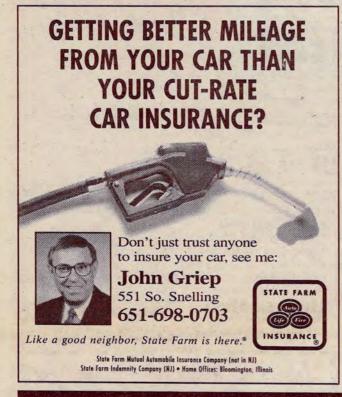
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Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

BOARD MEETING SET

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will hold its next board meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 9, at the Edgcumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. The agenda will include consideration of the Transportation Committee's recommendations for traffic calming measures for streets in the area bounded by St. Clair, Cleveland, Randolph and Fairview avenues.

The committee is suggesting that the city install bumpouts at each corner throughout the area as part of next summer's street paving project. The bumpouts are expected to slow traffic and enhance pedestrian safety. They also would prevent cars from parking within 30 feet of the crosswalks.

The agenda also will include discussion of Macalester College's plans to place retail on the first floor and apartments on the top two floors of a proposed building at the northeast corner of Grand and Cambridge. Board members also will hear a presentation on a revised long-range plan for the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood.

For information on the meeting, call the council office at 651-695-4000.

KIDSPARK TO REOPEN

KidsPark, the community council's licensed drop-in childcare program, will reopen for its 12th year on Wednesday, September 8, in the warming house at the Groveland Recreation Center, 1961 St. Clair Ave.

The KidsPark Parent Advisory Committee has set new rates effective this fall. The new fee will be \$3.50 an hour for toddlers and preschoolers and \$11 per morning for infants between 6 weeks and 16 months. The membership fee will remain at \$30. Parents who are willing to work mornings at KidsPark can exchange hours of service for hours of child care. Reservations can be made up to one week in advance by calling KidsPark at 651-698-7841.

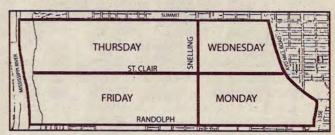
CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council and the Neighborhood Energy Consortium will be promoting a children's book drive between September 20 and October 1. During those two weeks, area residents are invited to place new and gently used children's books out with their regular recy-

cling. The books should be in labeled plastic bags. Books also may be dropped off at the Red Balloon Bookshop, the Hungry Mind Bookstore or any St. Paul public library.

JOB CONNECTION

The Macalester-Groveland Job Connection is looking for experienced workers interested in providing housecleaning, window washing, gutter cleaning and indoor and outdoor painting for area seniors. Pay and scheduling are negotiated by the senior and the worker, with the average worker being paid \$7.50 an hour. For details, call Laura Gutmann at the community council office at 651-695-4000.



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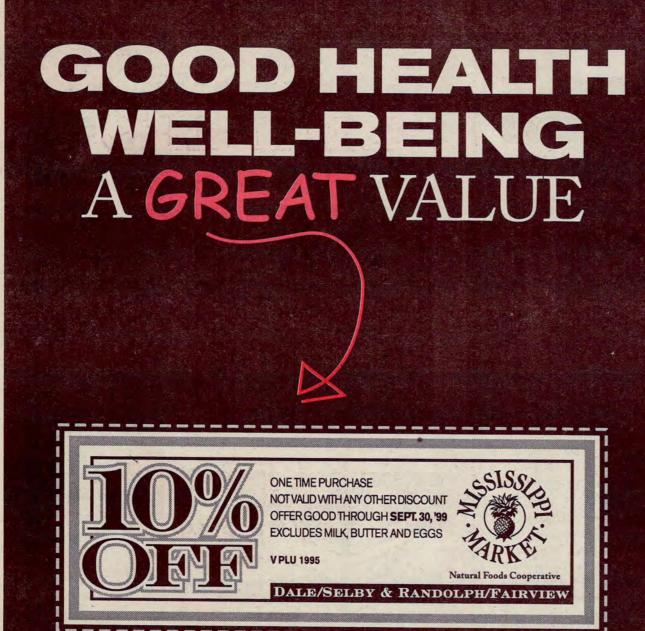
"SafeWalk St. Paul," a citizen's group that is focusing on pedestrian safety, will hold a demonstration at six intersections along Snelling Avenue between 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 13. Volunteers are being sought to carry signs and pass out information about pedestrian safety and the state's crosswalk law. To lend a hand, call the Macalester-Groveland office at 651-695-4000.

BOULEVARD STUMP REMOVAL

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council has a group contract with Midwest Tree Technology to remove stumps on city boulevards in the neighborhood. The cost to Macalester-Groveland property owners is \$25. The contractor will also grind stumps outside the neighborhood for \$30. To sign up, send a check made payable to the MGCC at 320 S. Griggs St., St. Paul, MN 55105.

FALL CLEANUP

The community council's fall cleanup will be held on October 16. Residents of Macalester-Groveland and Highland Park may bring unwanted items for recycling, reuse or disposal to the parking lot at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. that day. Dozens of volunteers are needed for this event and will receive free entry to the cleanup site. To sign up for a three-hour shift, call 651-695-4000.

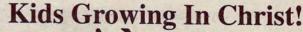


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Council nixes neighbors' request to block Mac-Grove townhomes

by Jane McClure

A seven-unit townhouse project overlooking I-35E in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood can be built now that the St. Paul City Council has upheld issuing a special condition use permit for the development.

The council voted 6-1 on August 25 to uphold the Planning Commission's earlier approval of the permit for Ridgewood Bluff Townhomes. Neighbors had appealed the decision to the City Council. They argued that the project will block their views of the river valley, make their homes less valuable, increase traffic on Lexington Parkway and add to the demand for on-street parking.

"The neighbors are just furious about this," said retired Judge Ronald Hachey. He and neighbor Deb Capron said after the meeting that they will discuss their options with other neighbors, including the possibility of taking the city to court.

Hachey argued that the development did not meet the requirement of at least 80 feet of frontage on an improved street. Developer John Kratz and city staff disagreed, saying the street frontage was arrived at after conducting the required replatting of the property.

Hachey also disagreed with a city staff finding that the project is compatible with the housing in the surrounding neighborhood. He urged Kratz to build single-family homes on the site. "We'd welcome that with open

Ward 3 council member Mike Harris, who represents that portion of the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood and cast the lone dissenting vote, said he believes Kratz should either build fewer townhouses on the property or single-family homes."I think too little has changed from two years ago," said Harris, who opposed a more ambitious project proposed for the site in 1997. "There are just too many units on the property."

Other council members said the townhouses should be built.

"This is exactly the kind of housing we need in St. Paul, otherwise we lose people to Mendota and Eagan," said Ward 4's Jay

Benanav. "I'd love to have this in my ward."

Ward 2's Chris Coleman said he felt Harris was being arbitrary in trying to block the project."We need to go forward with this," he

Harris' attempt to uphold the neighbors' appeal failed on a 3-4 vote, with Benanav, Coleman, Kathy Lantry and Dan Bostrom dissenting. A motion by Harris to deny the appeal but allow only five townhouse units

Kratz has been trying for more than three years to build townhouses on the site, which is located between Lexington Parkway and the freeway and between the hilltop ends of Palace and Juliet avenues. The special condition use permit is needed because he is planning a cluster development that will group five townhouses in one building and two in another in order to retain more open space on the irregularly shaped vacant lot. The proposal won the support of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council in July.

Kratz said the project is much different from the one he proposed in 1997. His earlier plan to build a three-story, eight-unit townhouse on the site was opposed by the community council and neighbors and was rejected by the Planning Commission and City Council. The building's height, mass and design were all cited as reasons for opposing the permit.

The new proposal calls for fewer buildings that are not as tall and will more closely resemble nearby homes. Kratz said three of the seven townhouses are already spoken for. Each unit will have 1,714 square feet of space with three bedrooms, a two-car garage and a walk-out basement. The townhomes will cost from \$250,000 to \$290,000.

Kratz said the development will not have an adverse affect on the neighborhood. Rather, he said, the new housing will help meet the city's need for step-up or emptynester housing."This project will let people leave their larger homes yet remain in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood," he

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Dr. Jae Shin, a specialist in internal medicine and pediatrics, has joined the staff at Fairview's Highland Park Clinic, 2155 Ford Pkwy. A graduate of the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo, Shin served his residency at Fairview-University Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Leslie J. Erickson of Macalester-Groveland, a library media specialist at the St. Paul Public School's Rondo Education Center, has been elected president of the Minnesota Education Media Organization.

Textilis, 1064 Grand Ave., will present a free home decorating seminar from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 12. For reservations, call 651-224-8741.

The University of St. Thomas will offer informational sessions in September for its nondegree courses for entrepreneurs and would-be entrepreneurs. A 45-hour course for the owners of businesses with less than \$2



Dr. Jae Shin

million in annual sales will be explained in programs at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, September 9, and 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 11. A 32-hour course for prospective business owners will be explained at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, September 16, and 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September-18. A course for the owners of businesses with more than \$2 million in annual sales will be explained at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 21, and 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Sep-

tember 23. For information, call 651-962-4501.

An all-day seminar on starting and operating a business will be offered by the Service Corps of Retired Executives on Tuesday, September 21, at Century College in White Bear Lake. The \$39 fee includes materials and follow-up counseling. Call 651-223-5010.

Women in the Trades will hold a free orientation session for women who are considering a career in the building trades at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 21, in the Minnesota Women's Building, 550 Rice St. For information or to register, call 651-228-9955.

"The Savvy Navigator," a business conference on future trends cosponsored by the National Association of Women Business Owners, will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 30 and October 1, at the College of St. Catherine. For information, call 651-690-6819.



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RELIGIOUS NOTES

The Highland Catholic Community will gather for an outdoor Mass at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, September 12, on Hillcrest Playground. Archbishop John Roach will be the celebrant. At noon, parishioners will help dedicate the new addition to Highland Catholic School. The addition includes a new office area, updated nurses room, restructured library and dualplatform computer lab. It is accessible to handicapped people via an elevator and ramps. Children's games and food will follow the dedication ceremony.

Macalester College will welcome the Jewish New Year on Saturday, September 11, with a Rosh Hashanah service created by Rabbi Bernard Raskas of the Temple of Aaron Synagogue. The service will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the Weyerhaeuser Chapel. The singing will be led by cantor Debbie Feinwachs. Call 651-698-8874.

Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 E. 50th St., Minneapolis, will kick off a new year of Sunday school with a Beanie Baby giveaway on September 12. Sunday school runs from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. This year it will feature a new handson curriculum using movement, drama, storytelling, puppetry and music to explore the Bible. Call 612-721-6231.

A women's spirituality workshop will be offered from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, September 17, in Jeanne d'Arc Auditorium at the College of St. Catherine. Author Sue Monk Kidd will explore "Four Passages on the Feminine Spiritual Journey." The cost is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. To register, call Wisdom Ways at 651-690-8830.

Minnehaha United Church of Christ, 4001 S. 38th Ave., Minneapolis, will celebrate American Indian Ministries Sunday during the service at 10:30 a.m. on September 19. The

Vietnamese archbishop to speak at St. Thomas

Vietnamese Archbishop Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan, who was imprisoned for many years and is now president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, will visit the Twin Cities from September 11-16.

Van Thuan, 71, was appointed archbishop of Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) during the closing months of the Vietnam War. He was imprisoned from 1975-88 by Communist authorities who opposed his appointment. He spent nine of his 13 years in prison in solitary confinement though he was never charged with a crime.

He has lived and worked at the Vatican since being forced into exile by Communist authorities in 1994. That year he was named vice president of the Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace and last year became the council's president. The council was created by Pope Paul VI in 1967 to articulate church teachings on social concerns and to promote peace and justice throughout the world.

During his visit here, Van Thuan will celebrate Mass and deliver a free lecture at the University of St. Thomas on Tuesday, September 14. The Mass will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas. The lecture, "Justice in the World on the Verge of the New Millennium," will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center.

Van Thuan also will discuss "Global Justice from a Third World Perspective" at 7:00 a.m. Thursday, September 16, at St. Olaf's Catholic Church in downtown Minneapolis. The lecture is part of this fall's series of Faith and Work Breakfasts sponsored by St. Olaf and St. Thomas. The cost is \$15. For details, call 612-332-7471.

church's Simple Living Support Group will meet at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 6. Call 612-729-7556.

"Globalization and Christian Responsibility in the New Millennium" is the topic of a forum set for 9:00 a.m. Sunday, September 19, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1935 St. Clair Ave. The forum will be led by Charles Amjad-Ali, a professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Call 651-699-6886.

The archbishop's annual Mass for people with disabilities will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 19, in St. Mary's Chapel on the south campus of the University of St. Thomas. The Most Reverend Harry Flynn will preside. The Mass will be preceded by a sing-along at 2:00 p.m. and will be followed by a reception. Call Joanne or Alan Foley at 612-925-1203.

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 341 S. Hamline Ave., is offering after-school youth entertainment the week of September 20-24. Each day from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., Calvary's "Kids

Growing in Christ" program will feature entertainment, snacks, a Bible lesson and a free gift for each child in attendance. The lineup will include musician Jack Pearson, the Amazing Jeffo, "The Bugs" puppets, the Doctor of Merriment and Peanut Butter Express. All children in grades 1-6 are invited. Admission is free. To register, call 651-698-6138.

A nine-month labyrinth retreat will hold its first session from 9:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, September 22, at the College of St. Catherine. Participants will combine labyrinth walking with the Enneagram, a tool for understanding personality. The cost is \$270 for the series. Partial scholarships are available. To register, call Wisdom Ways at 651-690-8830.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave., will hold Rally Sunday on September 12. There will be a silent auction beginning at 8:30 a.m., Sunday school open house at 9:00 a.m., worship service at 10:00 a.m., pig roast at 11:30 a.m. and live auction at 1:30 p.m.



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Kircher marks 40 years of getting preschoolers off to a good start

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

When House of Hope Preschool began its 40th year this month, the young students found their rooms just as they always have-by looking for the pictures of a teddy bear, Humpty Dumpty or Peter Rabbit. And just like always, they were greeted by the smiling face of director Jo Kircher, who has been at the Summit Avenue school from day one.

For the past several years, Kircher has been teaching the children of many of her former students. Those parents can attest that she seems hardly to have changed a bit. She still folds her small frame easily into a pint-sized chair and enthusiastically children greets grownups.

Former student Sheila Burke has her third child attending the preschool this fall. "Mrs. Kircher is such a warm and caring person," she said. "She has such a spark and genuine enthusiasm for the kids. You can see that she is into it as much as she was 40 years ago."

Kircher spent 35 years teaching and serving as the school's director before becoming the full-time administrator five years ago. "The day I wrote my letter to the parents telling them I was going to quit teaching I cried," she said. "That was what I loved, but somebody has to run the show."

Kircher still finds time to spend with the children, who often visit her office. "I've got the best of both worlds," she said."I have my hand in the classroom, but I have more time for the parents."

When the preschool first opened, Kircher had two young children of her own and said she really was not looking for work. However, she saw an opportunity to put her ideas and degree in early childhood education from Macalester College to

"I remember it clearly," she said."I had my interview at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m. I called back and said, 'I really want that job!' They hired me, obviously."

Polar explorer Ann Bancroft was in her first class, as was Kircher's own son. She arranged her schedule so she could see her daughter off to school in the morning, hurry home over the noon hour to have lunch with her and then leave as soon as her students were dismissed in the afternoon. Now, she said, she usually arrives at school by 7:15 a.m. and is there all day.

Throughout the last 40 years, Kircher's philosophy has remained constant. She and her staff emphasize the development of the whole child, placing equal empha-



Like laughter, director Jo Kircher's enthusiasm at House of Hope Preschool is contagious. Photo by Mike Long.

sis on social, spiritual, emotional, cognitive and physical growth.

"We don't drill children here," Kircher said. "My goals are for the children to improve their social skills, learn to function in a group and be able to listen, follow directions and complete a task. If they have that before they go to kindergarten, they'll have self-confidence and be ready to try new things."

The school has had several schedules over the years, ranging from two- to fiveday programs, but now it operates three morning and three afternoon sessions a

Most mothers of House of Hope preschoolers do not work outside the home.

"That's why we kept it a three-day school," Kircher said. "Those moms want to be home with their children. There aren't many three-day programs today. We're like the dinosaurs."

Since the school day at House of Hope Preschool has only 21/2 hours of classroom time, there are no computers."Where are their social skills with computers?" Kircher asked. "We want them to interact with their peers and share ideas and have fun."

Several professional programs are offered during the course of the year, including a children's aerobics class called Stretch and Grow, an animal program, science projects with Mr. Wizard from 3M and a "story lady." Parents also serve as classroom volunteers, coming to school to share skills or read to the children.

The "lunch bunch" gives children more social time and a chance to practice good manners while they mix with other age groups. Up to 14 youngsters sign up each day to bring a bag lunch and eat together with two teachers. "The conversation is wonderful," Kircher said.

According to her, children today have gathered more information by the time they enter preschool than they did 40 years ago. Most of them arrive knowing their colors and many can write their own names. "They travel more, too," she said. "When I started, it was very unusual if a child had been on an airplane."

Kircher has noticed other changes as well."I think children are verbally more creative," she said. "They take more risks as far as behavior is concerned than they ever would have years ago."

In the early days, parents simply called to enroll their children. Today it is a rare parent who has not spent the time to visit the school, observe classes and interview Kircher. "They ask very good questions," she said. "Parents are very aware of what makes a good preschool and what they want."

Members of House of Hope Presbyterian Church have priority when it comes to registering for classes. Kircher begins accepting registration for new students in January. Enrollment currently is at 86 students, with some places still available for

Eight years ago the preschool was among the first in the United States to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. "It's really an affirmation of what you're doing in the classroom," Kircher said.

Despite her many years on the job, Kircher said she has given little thought to retir-

ing.
"I'm blessed," she said. "The day that I don't want to come to work, that's the day

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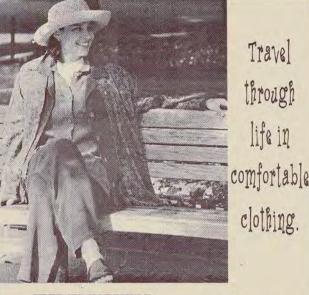
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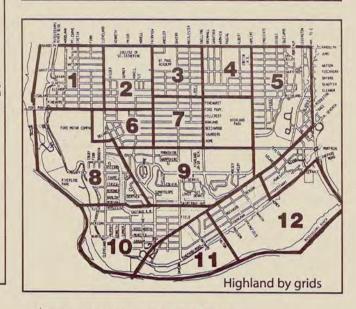


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BOARD MEETS SEPTEMBER 16

The board of directors of the Highland District Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 16, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Topping the agenda is a request by St. Mary's Home, 1925 Norfolk Ave., for multiple variances in order to build an assisted-living facility adjacent to the nursing home.

All area residents are invited to attend and to present any issue they would like the board to consider. For information, call the district council office at 651-695-4005.

NATIVE PLANT WORKSHOP

The St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium (NEC) will be offering free workshops on landscaping with native plants this fall. The closest one to Highland will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 30, at the Linwood Recreation Center, 860 St. Clair Ave.

Native plants are accustomed to the extreme highs and lows of Minnesota's climate, and are thus hardier and require no fertilizer and less water than exotic plants. Native plants also attract more birds and butterflies and help to keep nearby lakes and rivers healthy.

Though the workshops are free, participants are asked to preregister by calling the NEC at 221-4462. The NEC will also be selling native plants at the workshops at a discount.

HIGHLAND IS NOW ON LINE

Area residents are invited to visit the new Highland District Council Web site at stpaul.gov/neighborhoods. The site was created by volunteer Bob MacNeal.

BLOCK CLUB LEADERS NEEDED

Block club leaders are now being sought by the Highland District Council as part of its stepped-up crime prevention efforts. Crime and the fear of crime can threaten a neighborhood's sense of well-being. Crime feeds on the social isolation it creates. Today's lifestyles in which both parents work during the day, households are run by single parents and people move from job to job may also contribute to this isolation.

According to Linda Moeller, the council's crime prevention coordinator, organizing a neighborhood against crime requires one to two hours a month of a block club leader.

Block club leaders work with their neighbors to address immediate crime problems, focus on home security and build neighborhood cohesion. If they wish, they can educate residents about child protection, drug abuse victim services or domestic violence. They can also explore long-range solutions to crime by considering the circumstances that might contribute to crime in their neighborhood, such as the design of buildings, traffic patterns and a lack of recreational opportunities for teenagers.

Statistics tell the story: The St. Paul Police Department reports substantial decreases in crime and fear due to the crime prevention efforts of block clubs.

Moeller will help new block club leaders plan and facilitate their first meeting. The district council will provide training, access to meeting facilities and copy machines and updated neighborhood crime statistics. For more information, call Moeller at 651-695-4005.

WEAR YOUR CIVIC PRIDE

A new supply of the popular Highland Park, Minnesota, T-shirts are now available in the district council's office. Adult sizes cost \$20 each and children's sizes cost \$15. Highland Park sweatshirts are available for \$30 each.

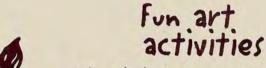
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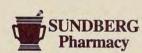
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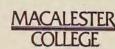






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Wednesday/September 8

THE LONGFELLOW GARDEN CLUB will meet at 7:00 this evening at Mother Earth Gardens, 3738 42nd Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Bob Churila, past president of the Minnesota Rose Society, will speak.

"HURTING, HEALING AND Moving on After Divorce" will be discussed by marriage counselor Mary Kay Olson at 7:00 this evening at the St. Paul Cathedral. For information or to register, call 651-228-1766.

Thursday/September 9

VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II battles in Northern Italy will talk about their experiences in a free program at 7:00 this evening at Historic Fort Snelling. Call 612-726-1171.

Friday/September 10

A BENEFIT for the children of Kosovo and Rwanda will be held from 5:00 to 9:00 this evening at the Como Lakeside Pavilion. The family event will feature children's entertainment, a silent auction and music by J.K. Simmons, Bradley Joseph, David Simmons and UBU, Wayne Hamilton and Michael Loonan and African drummer Brother Heru. A \$5.00 donation is requested.

Saturday/September 11

A TOUR OF THE STATE CAPITOL

focusing on architect Cass Gilbert's role in selecting the decorations, artwork and furnishings of the century-old building will begin at 1:30 this afternoon. Cost of the 90minute tour is \$5.00, \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children. Call 651-296-2881.

A CHILDREN'S DAY will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 this afternoon at the Sibley Historic Site in Mendota. Children will learn how American Indians used natural materials to create useful items. The cost is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors and \$1.50 for children ages 6-16. Call 651-452-1596.

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, a volunteer service club, will hold a house tour and gift boutique from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today at 476 Summit Ave. Admission is \$5.00.

A MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today at



"Chalk Walk" artist Ryan Madden, 4, took part in a previous Art Flair on St. Clair. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

Kids have Flair for art on St. Clair

Giant puppets from Barebones Puppet Productions will lead a parade of neighborhood children holding decorated flags, signs and other art forms beginning at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 12, at ArtScraps, 1459 St. Clair Ave.

The "art on a stick parade" is just part of the fun scheduled for the fourth annual Art Flair on St. Clair running from noon to 4:00 p.m. The festival will feature dozens of art activities, including funky flag making, car painting, couch decorating, clay sculpting and airborne art making.

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items. Proceeds will benefit EXPO School.

SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL RESCUE

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today at Petco, 2272

Sunday/September 12

THE ST. PAUL CLASSIC BIKE TOUR will

begin at 7:30 this morning at the University

of St. Thomas. Bikers can choose between a

15-mile or 31-mile traffic-free route. Music,

along the way. The cost is \$25 for adults and

food and art will be featured at rest stops

will hold an animal adoption day from

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Many of the activities are free. For those that are not, an art pass can be purchased at \$5.00 for three art projects.

Art Flair participants also are being invited to help revise the outdoor mural at Sundberg's Pharmacy at Snelling and St. Clair avenues. Squares for the mural will be painted during the flair and assembled later on the pharmacy's wall.

In case of rain, the Art Flair will be held in the Macalester College Field House at Snelling and Osceola avenues. For information, call 651-698-2787.

\$12 for children. Call 612-882-3180.

THE HEADWATER FUND WALK for Justice will take place at 1:00 this afternoon at Boom Island in Minneapolis. Proceeds from the 3.5-mile pledge walk will go to benefit All, a nonprofit animal protection organization. For information or to get a pledge form, call 612-872-0488.

Monday/September 13

A BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE will be held from noon to 1:00 p.m. today at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The lecture will focus on a new exhibit "Tales of the Territory: Minnesota 18491858" which will open in October. Visitors may bring their own lunch or may purchase one in the History Center's cafe. Admission is free. Call 651-296-6126.

Tuesday/September 14

"HOW TO READ THE BIBLE," a fourweek series for adults, will begin at 7:00 this evening at the St. Paul Cathedral. For information or to register, call 651-228-1766.

THE RAMSEY COUNTY Community Corrections Department is recruiting volunteers to work with clients of the county's juvenile, adult and family courts. Twelve hours of training is offered. The first orientation session will be held at 7:00 this evening at the Juvenile Justice Center, 480 St. Peter St. To register, call 651-266-2386.

COMPUTER CLASSES for adults will be offered at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. "Welcome to the World Wide Web" will be taught from 10:00 a.m. to noon today through Thursday, September 16. The cost is \$40, or \$30 for JCC members. "Internet Search Skills" will be taught from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, September 21 through Friday, September 24. The cost is \$55, or \$40 for JCC members. To register, call 651-698-0751.

A WORKSHOP on "Kids, Parents and Power Struggles" will be led by Mary Sheedy Kurcinka from noon to 1:00 p.m. today and every Tuesday through December 7 at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$75. To register, call 651-698-0751.

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will meet at 7:30 this evening at 1935 Summit Ave. for a walk around the neighborhood. Other upcoming hikes will begin at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, September 19, in the parking lot of the downtown St. Paul Farmer's Market and at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 21, at Lynnhurst Community Center, 1345 Minnehaha Pkwy., Minneapolis. For information, call Chuck at 651-644-7502.

Wednesday/September 15

A JEWISH SINGLE PARENTS GROUP will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening and every Wednesday through October 20. The free group will offer an opportunity to meet

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A LANDSCAPE PAINTING CLASS will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today at the Sibley Historic Site in Mendota. Admission is free. For information, call 651-452-1596.

Thursday/September 16

LA LECHE LEAGUE (St. Paul metro chapter) will meet at 7:00 this evening. The discussion will focus on the art of breastfeeding and avoiding difficulties. For meeting location information, call Barb at 651-645-8516.

Friday/September 17

A BENEFIT LUNCHEON and Fashion Show will be held at 11:30 this morning at the Town and Country Club, 2279 Marshall Ave. A social hour and silent auction will be followed by the luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and a fashion show at 1:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Home of the Good Shepherd, a facility that helps women who are struggling with abuse, poverty and homelessness. The cost is \$35. For tickets, call 651-483-1124.

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY will hold its 26th annual garage sale from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. today and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. tomorrow at 4200 W. River Road, Minneapolis. There will be a huge selection of antiques, toys, sports equipment, furniture, books, clothing, electronics and more.

Saturday/September 18

A VICTORIAN COOKING CLASS for children will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. today at the Alexander Ramsey House, 265 S. Exchange St. Children can help mix dough and bake cookies in the woodburning stove. The cost is \$4.00. Call 651-296-8760.

THE ANNUAL SUMMIT HILL neighborhood garage sale will begin at households are expected to participate in the sale. The list of locations will be available after September 9 at the Linwood Recreation Center, 860 St. Clair Ave., or on the day of the sale at each sale location. Participating households will be identified by a yellow garage sale sign. Call 651-222-1222.

A FALL FESTIVAL will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 this evening and from noon to 3:30 p.m. tomorrow at St. Peter's Church in Mendota. The event will feature food, children's activities, bingo and raffles, a book sale, silent auction and golfing contest.

Sunday/September 19

AN OPEN HOUSE will be held from 1:00 to 3:30 this afternoon at the Alexander Ramsey House, 265 S. Exchange St. Costumed guides portraying the Ramsey's servants will lead visitors through the house. Admission is free. Call 651-296-8760.

A KAT DAZE FESTIVAL will be held

by Feline Rescue, a nonprofit, no-kill cat shelter, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today at the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center, Hwy. 280 and Territorial Road. There will be musical entertainment, food, cat shows, a cat's eye marble tournament, cat gifts, cat clowns and more. Admission is free. Call 651-642-5900.

Tuesday/September 21

MARY SHEEDY KURCINKA, author and parent educator, will be available from 10:45 to 11:45 this morning to answer parents' questions on child behavior at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$6.00. To register, call 651-698-0751.

MICHAEL MEDVED, film critic, author and nationally syndicated radio talk show host, will give a talk on "Confronting Media Lies About Sex and Marriage" at 7:30 this evening in the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center at the University of St. Thomas.



Minnesota presents its annual Czech and Slovak festival from noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, September 12, in and around the pavilion. Booya and other

ethnic and American foods will be served. Folk dances will be performed by

both Slovakian and local troupes like Tanecni Mladez, above, featuring

Jennifer Gedde and Andrew Bream. Glen Wondra and his band and the

Country Gentlemen will provide the tunes. Games of skill and chance will

also be played. Call Sharon at 612-920-5949. Photo by Tom Conlon.

Admission is free. Call 651-962-5700. 9:00 this morning. More than 50 big daddy's reason Our scalpers are more polite.

ONTHETOWN

Staying on track

Short Line Editions survives curves to roll out limited edition chapbooks

by Leslie Walters

hen Chris Hubbuch and Dallas Crow set out to create Short Line Editions two years ago, their new business venture became an adventure tale of its own. Nothing in their book-selling and editing backgrounds had prepared them for the printing delays, marketing hurdles and other challenges that accompanied getting the small press off the ground.

Hubbuch, events coordinator for the Hungry Mind Bookstore, and Crow, a former editor for the Hungry Mind Press who is now a teacher at Breck, have gone to press with a series of limited-edition chapbooks by nationally known poets Gigi Marks, Campbell McGrath, Franz Wright and Joe Wenderoth. The volumes of the first three are now available at area independent bookstores. The Wenderoth

collection is due out later this fall.

"This is something I've wanted to do since I was 17 or 18," said Crow, a Highland Park resident."We thought that using a subscription-based series would help us get some funds up front. We got people to buy all four or one or two in advance. That was key."

Readers can subscribe to the series for \$27 (\$20 for each additional subscription) or purchase the books for \$9.00 each.

The partners said they only published 300 copies of each book to make the titles collectible, reduce costs and keep sales to bookstores as simple as possible.

Crow focused on the editorial end of the chapbooks while Hubbuch was responsible for their design. They split the publicity and marketing tasks, which they said was the least enjoyable part of the job.

"It's what we do at our jobs all day," Crow said. "By the time you're done with that at 10:00 p.m., it's not what you want to be

doing." Whoever has the most spare time at the moment picks up the lion's share of the marketing duties.

Despite their lack of time and a virtually nonexistent advertising budget, the McGrath chapbook recently received a \$280,000 McArthur Genius Award, a "fortunate publicity coup" for Short Line, Crow said.

Crow's home serves as the company's business address, although work goes on at both their homes. "We aren't actually together working very much," said Hubbuch, a longtime Summit Avenue resident who recently moved to Frogtown. The partners get together for a beer every few months to make sure the business is on track.

Short Line Editions is named for the railroad line that runs halfway between their two apartments."It has some resonance for what we're doing," Crow said. "One of my goals was to have the series not represent any single school of poetry. I picked four writers



Chris Hubbuch, left, and colleague Dallas Crow review proofs for their fourth publication, The Endearment by Joe Wenderoth, due out later this fall. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

Chicago. He teaches at Florida International University.

Wright has been called "the poet laureate of despair and disappointment" by the Utne Reader and his chapbook, Knell, is dark and austere. He is the author of numerous books,

most recently Rorschach Test, and lives outside of Boston.

Wenderoth's chapbook, The Endearment, is a booklength poem in 30 parts that has been called "a book of nightmares." He is the author of one previous book, Disfortune, and lives in Wisconsin.

"Gigi Marks really inspired the whole chapbook series," Crow said. "I saw some of her poems in a magazine and they just knocked me out. I saw that she'd been published in a few magazines, but she had no book

Crow recalled the call he made to Marks."I said, 'I read your poems. I really like them. We're starting a chapbook series and we'd like to include you," he said. "At the time, I thought she might hang up on me, thinking it was a practical joke. Marks replied, 'This is the call I've been waiting for for 10 years."

Crow and Hubbuch said they have not decided whether they will publish again anytime soon. "It didn't happen as easily as we envisioned," Hubbuch said. "Neither of us has as much spare time as we thought.

Crow said people have offered to help write grant proposals to take Short Line to the next level, perhaps to publish something other than poetry with a larger print run. But, he said, "we'd have to become a little more established.

The two men said they will be satisfied just to break even with the series they have already put out. "We'll actually be happy if we can sell enough to pay the printing bills," Hubbuch said.

"All we ever intended to get out of this was the personal experience," Crow said. "We wanted the enjoyment of publishing books that we wanted to publish without having to lose money or pay out of pocket. At the beginning we both agreed on a maximum amount we could afford to part with and it looks like we're not going to have to do that."

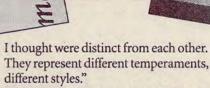
The following is from Campbell McGrath's poem"Hemingway Dines on Boiled Shrimp and Beer":

I'm the original two-hearted brawler. I gnaw the scrawny heads from prawns, pummel those mute, translucent crustaceans, wingless hummingbirds, salt-water spawned. As the Catalonians do, I eat the eyes at once, My brawny palms flatten their mainstays. I pop the shells with my thumbs then crunch.

Just watch me as I swagger and sprawl, spice-mad and sated, then dabble in lager before I go strolling for stronger waters down to Sloppy Joe's. My stride as I stagger shivers the islands, my fingers troll a thousand

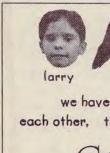
My appetite shakes the rock of the nation. The force of my miction makes the mighty Gulf Stream.





Marks lives in upstate New York and teaches at Hobart and William Smith Colleges and Ithaca College. Her chapbook, What We Need, explores family life. Her work has previously appeared in BOMB, Crazyhorse, Poetry, Prairie Schooner, Northwest Review and other publications.

McGrath's chapbook, Mangrovia, focuses on his adopted home state of Florida. He has been referred to as "an expansive poet in the tradition of Whitman and Ginsberg." His previous books include Capitalism, American Noise and Spring Comes to







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Music

The Prospect Park Players will open its season with "Pan's Party," a concert featuring the music of Copland, Villa-Lobos and Crumb, at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 12, in Sundin

Music Hall at Hamline Univer-

sity. For tickets, priced at \$15,

call 612-331-8345.

Violinist Midori will perform with the Minnesota Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 15, at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 17, and at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 18, at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced from

\$17.75 to \$63.50, call 612-

371-5656.

The Lynne Arriale Trio, featuring Arriale on piano, Billy Peterson on bass and Steve Davis on drums, will perform their jazz music at 9:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday, September 17-18, at the Artists' Quarter, 366 Jackson St. For ticket information, call 651-292-1359.

Soprano Kathy Lee will kick off the "Sundays at St. Paul's" classical music series at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 19, at St. Paul's Church on the Hill, 1524 Summit Ave. Joining Lee will be pianist Tim Strand, soprano Ruth Bruell and vocal ensemble Dare to Breathe performing works by Schubert and Monteverdi. Admission is \$10, or \$5.00 for students and seniors.

"Cathedral Concerts," a monthly series of free organ concerts, will kick off with "A Trumpet and Organ Spectacular," featuring Mark Adler on trumpet and James Biery on organ, at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 19, at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 239 Selby Ave. For information, call 651-228-1766.

Brazilian idol Gilberto Gil will perform at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 21, at Northrop Auditorium. For tickets, priced at \$20.50 and \$25.50, call 612-624-2345.



"Cinema With Passion," a festival of Hong Kong films, will take place at midnight on Fridays at the Riverview Theatre, 3800 S. 42nd Ave., Minneapolis, and at 11:00 a.m. and midnight on Saturdays at the Oak Street Cinema, 309 S.E. Oak St., Minneapolis. A Better Tomorrow on Saturday, September 11; A Better Tomorrow II on Friday, September 10, and Saturday, September 18; and A Better Tomorrow III: Love and Death in Saigon on Friday, September 17. Admission is \$6.00. Call 612-376-7715.

Books



The Cathedral Hill Book Club, a new reading group for those who enjoy sharing ideas and opinions on classical and contemporary literature, will meet from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. every Saturday at Nina's Coffee Cafe, at the corner of Western and Selby. Upcoming books will include Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur S. Golden and The Professor and the Madman by Simon Winchester. For comments and questions, e-mail htiller@yahoo.com.

Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy., will hold the following events for adults: Jonis Agee will read from her novel The Weight of Dreams at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 9; a Ya-Ya Sisterhood party will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 12; James Patrick Shannon will read from his book Reluctant Dissenter at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14; the Wednesday Night Bookclub will discuss Ceremony by Silko at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15; a travel talk on England will be

ON THE TOWN



"American Alphabeticians," an exhibit of alphabet paintings by Chank (Macalester College alumnus Charles Anderson), left, and torched metal plates and abstract wire sculptures by Spunk (a.k.a. Jeff Johnson), is now on display in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. A reception will take place at 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 10. The exhibit will remain on view until October 1. For information, call 651-696-6416.

given at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 19; and Thomas McBurney will read from his book *Artistic Greatness* at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21. Call 651-690-9443.

The Hungry Mind Bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted): Elwood Reid will read from his collection of stories *What*

Salmon Know on Monday, September 13; Freya Manfred will read from her memoir Frederick Manfred: A Daughter Remembers on Tuesday, September 14; Edwidge Danticat will read from her novel The Farming Bones on Wednesday, September 15; Chang-rae Lee will read from his novel A Gesture Life on Monday, September 20; and Dan Wakefield will dis-

When It's God on Tuesday, September 21. Call 651-699-0587.

Virginia White, author of Over the Hill in Hungary, will give a travel talk at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 14, at Books For Travel, 857 Grand Ave. For information, call 651-225-8006.

James Hillman will discuss his book *The Force of Character* and the Lasting Life at 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 17, in the chapel at Macalester College. Admission is free.

Kurt Vonnegut will read from his book Bagombo Snuff Box: Uncollected Short Fiction at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 18, at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar St. Admission is free.

Dance

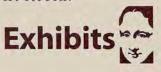


The Twin City Ballroom, 265 W.7th St., will present dances on every Friday and Sunday throughout September. Dancing, including the waltz, foxtrot, tango, hustle, Latin and swing, will take place from 10:00 to 11:30 p.m. on Fridays and from 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. on Sundays. Dance lessons will be given one hour prior to the dances. Admission is \$5.00. Call 651-292-8463.

"Swing Night in the Caves" will take place from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. every Thursday at the Wabasha Street Caves, 215 S. Wabasha St. The line-up will include the following: Swing Fever on September 9; and Beasley's Big Band on September 16. Free dance lessons will be given at 6:15 p.m. Admission is \$7.00. Call 651-224-1191.

The TGIS Singles Social Club will hold the following smoke-free singles dances at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays: Dancer will provide the music for a dance on September 11 at the Thunder-bird Hotel in Bloomington; and the Underbeats and Hi-Tops will provide the music for a dance on September 18 also at the Thunderbird Hotel. Admis-

sion is \$10, or \$8.00 for those arriving before 9:00 p.m. Call 651-644-3443.



"NewArt," an exhibit of recent work by Patricia Canelake, Barbara Lea and Mary Gibney, has opened at Cafe Latté, 850 Grand Ave. The exhibit will remain on view until October 15.

"American Glass: Masters of the Art," an exhibit showcasing the works of 13 contemporary glass artists, has opened at the Minnesota Museum of American Art in Landmark Center. Their techniques range from intricate blown glass to glass pictures. An opening reception will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 9. The exhibit will remain on view until October 31. For information, call 651-292-4355.

Three new exhibits will open with a reception from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Friday, September 10, at the Argyle Zebra Gallery, 308 Prince St. The exhibits will include sculpture by Brent Nelson Baggett, drawings and paintings by Terry John Frid and an Associations Group exhibit featuring the works of regional artists. The exhibits will remain on view until October 2. Call 612-837-3741.

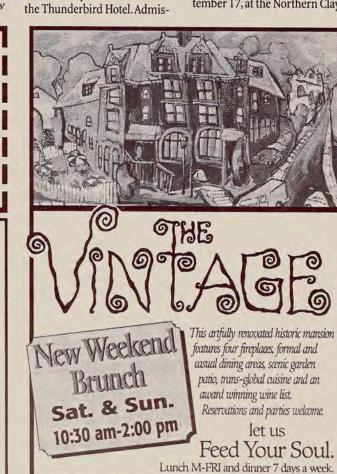
An exhibit of prints and drawings by Michael Kareken will open with a reception from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, September 11, at Groveland Gallery, 25 Groveland Terrace, Minneapolis. An exhibit of contemporary prints from the nationally acclaimed print studio, Tandem Press, will also open that same day in The Annex at Groveland Gallery. Both exhibits will remain on view until October 16. Call 612-377-7800.

An exhibit of current works by ceramic sculptor Jun Kaneko will open with a reception from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 17, at the Northern Clay





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A capital idea for a festival

The Capital City Days festival will be held from noon to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 11, and from noon to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 12, on the grounds of the Minnesota Brewing Company at West 7th Street and Jefferson Avenue.

St. Paul Pioneer Press columnist Don Boxmeyer will serve as grand marshal of the parade that will step out at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday from the corner of Randolph Avenue and Milton Street before heading east to the brewery.

Children's activities will



Mick Sterling will be rockin' at 7:00 p.m. this Saturday for Capital City Days. Photo by Mike Long.

be featured from noon to 4:00 p.m. on both days, including a petting zoo, pony rides, carnival games, face painting, clowns and performances by Ronald Mc-Donald's Suitcase Magic Show, the Teddy Bear Band and Tricia and the Toons.

Musical entertainment will include Mike Ryan at 3:30 p.m., Big John Dickerson at 5:00 p.m. and Mick Sterling at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday; and the District at 3:30 p.m., Honey Wagon at 5:00 p.m. and G.B. Leighton at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Center, 2424 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. The exhibit will remain on view until October 30. Call 612-339-8007.

"The Art of Art Therapists," an exhibit featuring the works of members of the Minnesota Association of Art Therapists, will open with a reception from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 17, in the Larson Art Gallery at the University of Minnesota, 2017 Buford Ave. The exhibit will remain on view until October 8.

An exhibit of watercolors by Mary Virginia Micka will go on display Saturday, September 18, at the Table of Contents, 1648 Grand Ave. The exhibit will remain on view until October 29. Call 651-696-2758.

"Power of Painting," an exhibit featuring the portraits of Vera Klement and "The Mysteries," Patricia Olson's life-sized panels that portray a woman's mid-life journey to her creative source, will open with a reception from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, September 18, in the

Catherine G. Murphy Gallery at exhibit will run until October

a tycoon and a much younger woman. Performances will be given at 8:00 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays until Octop.m. performance on Monday, \$15 for Thursdays and \$19 for

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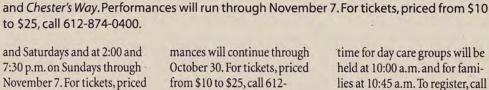


Road to Rouen on Friday, September 10, at the Hennepin Center for the Arts, at 6th and Hennepin, Minneapolis. The play tells the story of Meg Schulman, who must face her bitter past as a brilliant child pianist and the parents who drove her away from her music. Performances will continue at 8:00 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 2:00 p.m. Sundays through October 10. There will also be a matinee at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 7. For tickets, priced from \$12 to \$18, call 612-824-9717.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, starring Patrick Cassidy and Deborah Gibson, along with the Osmond 2nd Generation, will open Tuesday, September 14, at the Historic State Theatre. Performances will continue at 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, at 2:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and at 7:30 p.m. Sundays through October 3. For tickets, priced from \$23 to \$58, call 612-673-0404.

15 Head will open Dracula, a play exploring the intricacies of human fears through movement, music and high drama, on Thursday, September 16, at the Red Eye, 15 W. 14th St., Minneapolis. Performances will continue at 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and at 7:00 p.m. on Sundays through October 9. There also will be an 8:00 p.m. performance on Monday, October 4. For tickets, priced at \$15, or \$10 for students and seniors, call 651-306-2207.

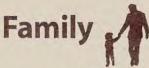
The Jungle Theater will open Lobster Alice on Friday, September 17, at its new location at Lyndale Ave. and Lake St. in Minneapolis. The play is a romantic comedy based on Salvador Dali's real-life visit to Hollywood in the 1940s, where he became involved in Disney's creation of the animated film Alice in Wonderland. Performances will be given at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, at 8:00 p.m. Fridays



Theatre in the Round Players will open Wendy Wasserstein's An American Daughter on Friday, September 17, in their performance space at 245 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis. The play tells the story of Dr. Lyssa Hughes, a health care expert who is nominated for Surgeon General, and how a minor incident from her past threatens her future. Performances will continue at 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 7:00 p.m. Sundays (with 2:00 p.m. matinees on September 19 and October 10) through October 10. For tickets, priced at \$15, call 612-333-3010.

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822-7063.



The Children's Theatre Company, 2400 S. 3rd Ave., Minneapolis, has opened A Village Fable. The production is a musical tale of three individuals who find themselves outcasts in their own community. Performances will continue through October 30. For tickets, priced from \$10 to \$25, call 612-874-0400.

The contents of her new purse surprise Lilly (Britta Ollmann) and friends Wilson (Andrew

Madson) and Chester (Dean Holt) in Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, opening at 7:30 p.m. Friday,

September 10, at the Children's Theatre Company, 2400 S. 3rd Ave., Minneapolis. The play

is adapted from Kevin Henkes' books Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, Julius, the Baby of the World

History HiJinx will take place from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The lineup will include the following: meet St. Paul's first public school teacher, Harriet Bishop, portrayed by a History Center Player, and create your own slate on September 12; and make your own hobo stew on September 19. Admission is free. Call 651-296-6126.

Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy., will offer the following children's activities: a pajama party featuring Arthur will be held at 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 17; and stories about puddles will be read at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 20. All events are free. For information, call 651-690-9443.

Preschool storytimes for children ages 3-5 will be held at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. The six-week session will begin on September 17 and continue on Fridays through October 15. A storytime for day care groups will be held at 10:00 a.m. and for families at 10:45 a.m. To register, call 651-642-0385.





"Women of Substance," a series celebrating women's artistry and contributions to public life, will take place at the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. The series will kick off with jazz artist Diana Krall at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, September 12, and will continue with Sister Helen Prejean, author of Dead Man Walking, speaking at noon on Friday, September 17, also at the O'Shaughnessy. For tickets, call 651-690-6700.

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SPORTS

CODY'S CORNER

TOM CODY



The going gets tougher and so will the Vikings

irst, the bad news: Despite the fact that the whole state of Minnesota is expecting some sort of payback victory, the Minnesota Vikings will lose in Atlanta next Sunday, 27-24. The offense will produce, but I don't see the Purple defense coming up with an answer to the Falcons' Jamaal Anderson. Allowing 100 yards rushing usually spells L-O-S-E in the

Here's another dire prediction for the Vikes: a 12-4 season—and this by a team that might be better than last year's 15-1 ball club. Remember, the Vikings got almost every break last season, and the '99 schedule is murderous with away games against the Broncos and Giants and home games against the 49ers and Cowboys.

Chances are that Gary Anderson will miss a field goal or two this fall. It's a statistical probability that Randy Moss will not match his 17 TDs of last season, and the law of averages will catch up with Randall Cunningham as well. I've never been sold on Cunningham's passing game. Many of his long-range missiles to Moss last season were underthrown. If it weren't for Moss' acrobatic adjustments, Cunningham's completion rate wouldn't have been nearly as high. And despite his career stats in rushing, Cunningham has trouble escaping the pass rush when the blocking breaks down.

So, what's the good news? I like this team's chances to advance one and maybe two steps further in postseason play. A few regular-season losses might actually help the team's march to the Super Bowl. Coming into the NFC title game last January, the Vikes hadn't been involved in a close game for nearly two months, and the lack of competition down the stretch hurt them in the Falcons game. A few battle scars this season will help this team improve. A hard-fought battle for home-field advantage would be the ideal motivator.

A LOOK AT THE REST OF THE LEAGUE

Believe it or not, I'm going with the Vikings over the Jets in the Millennium Bowl. Bill Parcells has put together the kind

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Pride in purple, but no gold

Performing is payment enough for Vikes cheerleader

by Matt Tustison

Performing in front of 63,000 screaming fans can be an out-ofbody experience. Just ask Allison Harrington, a 1999 Highland Park High School graduate who recently made the Minnesota Vikings cheerleading team.

"It was a rush," said Harrington, referring to the team's first preseason game against the New York Giants on August 13. "I didn't want the game to

"Most of the cheerleaders-and most of us are rookies-were mesmerized by looking up and seeing a nearly sold-out stadium," she said. "It can be intimidating. You're dancing for the whole game, so of course you're going to mess up every once in a while, and when you do it's kind of like, 'Shoot, everyone just saw me-63,000 people!'

"For the most part, though, your adrenaline is going so much that you just dance your heart out."

About 200 women tried out for the Vikings cheerleading team. The first cut brought that number to 100 and the second to 50. Those 50 were invited to the Mall of America in April for a one-day tryout.

"(At the mall) I was dancing with the best in Minnesota," Harrington said."It was really intimidating, but it was probably the biggest thrill of my life next to that first preseason game. They pushed you to the limit to see what you could handle."

When Harrington found out she was among the 36 cheerleaders to make the team, "I was really sur-

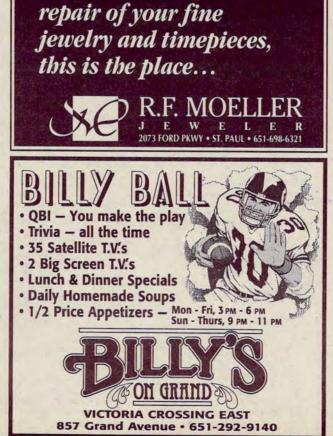
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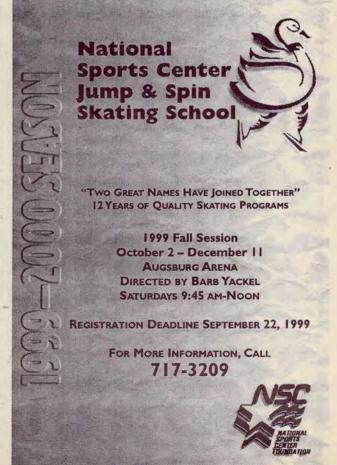
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For the love of dancing and the thrill of performing before a full Metrodome, Allison Harrington is leading cheers this fall for the Vikings. Photo by Terry Faust.







America's World Cup runneth over

Girls ranks are on the rise in soccer as is competition among area preps

by Bill Wagner

It's been only two months since the U.S. women's soccer team made its big splash at the World Cup, but it appears the ripples are already being felt in the ranks of local girls soccer programs.

High school coaches in the Villager area are all reporting an increase in the number of players in their programs. Though some would not say that it's due to the success of Briana Scurry and Company, there is mounting evidence that the world title was a big factor, according to Mark Anderson, coach of the girls soccer team at Minnehaha Academy.

Minnehaha is the defending state champion in Class A, and Anderson said that while his varsity numbers are only up five players, his junior varsity has grown by as much as 25 percent this year. The U.S. team's success is really being felt in the younger ranks, Anderson said. "I think three or four years from now we're really going to see an explosion (in the number of girls out for soccer)," he said.

Meanwhile, there is a season to be played. Here's how the eight teams in the *Villager* area stack up in their respective leagues:

CENTRAL

League: St. Paul City 1998 record: 13-4-1 Coach: Bo Conroy

Key players:

- Kitty Montgomery, junior midfielder, a consensus Division I college prospect.
- Megan Strom, junior midfielder.
- · Ester Bedard, junior midfielder.
- Abby MacKenzie, senior sweeper and team captain.
- Megan O'Connell, senior defender and a returning starter.
- Katie O'Rourke, junior defender and a returning starter.

Team strengths: Central is hoping to make up for a lack of size with speed and a strong defense and midfield.

Outlook for 1999: Conroy is predicting a

two-way battle for the conference crown between his team and Cretin-Derham Hall. "I think we have a good shot (at the conference championship)," he said, "but I wouldn't want to call the race yet."

CRETIN-DERHAM HALL

League: St. Paul City

1998 record: 19-3-2, city, section champs. Coach: Kate Hand

Key players:

- Ann Borer, senior forward/midfielder, team captain and leading scorer.
- · Kristin Greenwood, senior midfielder.
- · Mary Dienhart, junior midfielder.
- · Shannon Schneeman, freshman forward.

Team strengths: CDH fields a solid midfield and should be able to score, but its defense is questionable. Hand lost six starters from last year's squad, including Kitty Montgomery, who transferred to Central. Also, senior goalie Kate Townley, who injured her ankle playing basketball this summer, will see only limited action this fall.

Outlook for 1999: "We'll be OK," Hand said. "We have some good team speed." That and the Raiders' scoring ability should be enough to keep them in the running for the city crown, she said.

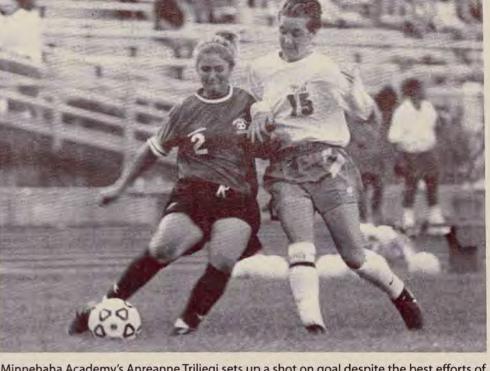
HENRY SIBLEY

League: St. Paul Suburban 1998 record: 11-8-1 Coach: Sarah Lund

Key players:

- Andi Johnson, senior forward, team captain and returning starter.
- Heather Maracle, junior midfielder and team captain.
- · Gina Daily, junior defender.
- Tori Keen, sophomore defender and returning starter.

Team strengths: Sibley is fielding nearly an entire new team from its state Class AA championship squad of two years ago, and though the squad has some talented young players, it



Minnehaha Academy's Anreanne Triliegi sets up a shot on goal despite the best efforts of Washburn's Kari Haines in a preseason scrimmage. *Photo by Terry Faust.*

is hurting from the transfer of goalie Katie Steberg to Woodbury.

Outlook for 1999: Woodbury will be the team to beat in the St. Paul Suburban Conference, according to Lund, a former Sibley assistant who takes over this year from Mike Holbach. Her young club has some experience on defense, but it may have trouble scoring. "I'd like to be in the top three in the conference," Lund said.

HIGHLAND PARK

League: St. Paul City 1998 record: 11-5-1 Coach: Sarah Connelly

Key players:

- Laura Haugen, senior forward and team captain.
- Emily Buzicky, junior midfielder and forward.
- Laina Stevsvold, senior defender and a returning starter.
- Alison Falkenhagen, junior defender and team captain; all-conference last year.

Team strengths: The Scots will be starting three freshmen and though the youngsters are talented, the team's overall inexperience may manifest itself in a scarcity of scoring.

Outlook for 1999: Connelly said her team has the potential to join CDH and Central in the fight for the league crown. "But we'll need to score goals if we want to win," she said. "And if we have a breakdown on defense, we'll be in big trouble."

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

League: Tri-Metro

1998 record: 23-0, Tri-Metro, state champs Coach: Mark Anderson

Key players:

- Sara Kron, senior sweeper and captain; returning all-stater.
- Taylor Hilker, senior midfielder and captain; all-state the last two years.
- Birabwa Mutebi, senior forward and captain; all-state honorable mention last year.
- Kelly Haag, sophomore midfielder, a starter since 8th grade.
- Naomi Struve, junior midfielder and a starter since 8th grade as well.

Team strengths: Anderson lost four of his five top defenders from last year, but the Red Hawks still have a strong midfield and a scoring machine that is hard to stop.

Outlook for 1999: Anderson rates his team right up there with Blake, Breck and SPA in a tough Tri-Metro Conference. He wouldn't say it, but opposing coaches say the defending state champs are loaded once again.

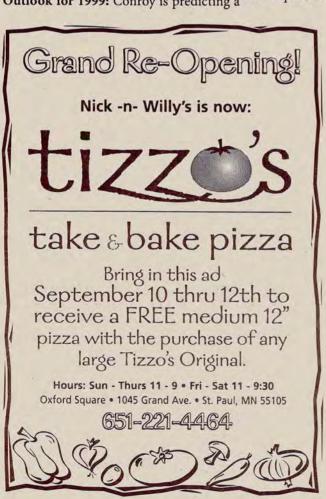
ROOSEVELT

League: Minneapolis City 1998 record: 2-9 Coach: Regina Jackson

Key players:

• Erin Dobberstein, senior forward and team captain.

Girls soccer/see next page





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Girls soccer preview/from previous page

 Anneka Sulvbach, senior forward and team to adapt. midfielder.

Team strengths: Rookie coach Jackson has seven players returning from last year and overall the team's numbers are up. However, inexperience and a lack of depth could make this a rebuilding year for the Teddies.

Outlook for 1999: South and Southwest are the top shelf in the Mill City this year, according to Jackson. The Teddies will try to win a few more games than last year. "Our objective is to build a foundation, to start a strong program," she said.

ST. PAUL ACADEMY

League: Tri-Metro 1998 record: 10-7-2 Coach: Ted Kroeten

Key players:

- · Anne Peick, senior midfielder; all-state honorable mention last year.
 - DeeDee Schulman, senior forward.
- · Lindsey Dowdle, senior midfielder.
- Al Lahr, junior defender.
- Dena Milligan, junior midfielder.

Team strengths: The Spartans are deep, with a slew of solid players who can score. However, new coach Kroeten, who comes over from Concordia University of St. Paul, is trying a new defense and it may take time for the

Outlook for 1999: Kroeten ranks his club in the Tri-Metro's top three along with Blake and Minnehaha Academy. "We only lost three starters from last year," he said.

VISITATION

League: Tri-Metro 1998 record: 8-9-1 Coach: Jim Adams

Key players:

- · Katie Hanson, senior defender and forward, team captain and returning starter.
- · Christina Cappecchi, senior defender, team captain and returning starter.
 - Maria Steelman, sophomore midfielder.
- · Leenie Semerad, junior midfielder.

Team strengths: The Blazers will be quick and talented for their age, but inexperience could spell inconsistency.

Outlook for 1999: "We have eight players back from last year," Adams said, "but half of the roster is freshmen and sophomores and we have a tough schedule this year." With topcaliber conference opponents like Blake, Minnehaha Academy, Breck and SPA to play, Adams does not predict many victories for his club, but he sees a lot of opportunities for improvement.

SPORTS SHORTS

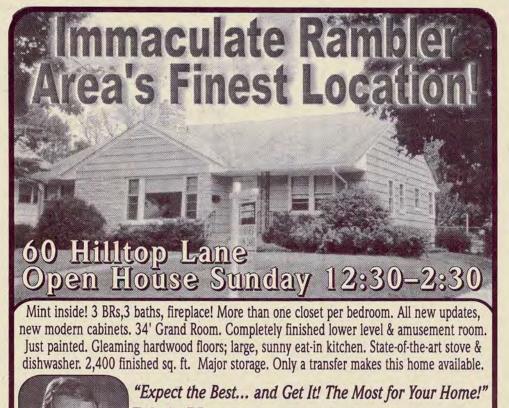
The St. Paul Clay Courts, a tournament for the state's top male tennis players, was held August 25-29 at the St. Paul Tennis Club, 1055 Osceola Ave. Harsh Mankad of India, a freshman at the University of Minnesota, lived up to his top ranking by defeating second seed Mickey Maule in the finals.

Edgcumbe Hockey will sign up children ages 5-15 for the 1999-2000 season in three upcoming sessions at the Edgcumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. Registration will run from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, September 12; 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 14; and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, September 23. Parents are asked to bring along their child's birth certificate and social security number. Registration may also be made by calling 651-690-0786.

The Highland Central Hockey Association will hold registration for the 1999-2000 season from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 12, and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 15, at the Highland Ice Arena on Ford Parkway and Snelling Avenue. Play is open to area youths ages 5-16. For information, call Pam Bott at 651-603-0908.

Registration is open for the 2000 season of the Sibley Area Sting's traveling soccer teams. The club will hold tryouts in October for the summer program, which is open to boys and girls ages 8-18. Prospective players may register in person between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Monday, September 13, at the Wentworth Library, 199 E. Wentworth Ave. in West St. Paul. An informational meeting will begin there at 7:00 p.m. The registration deadline is September 15. For more information or registration materials, call 651-457-2814.

Turners Gymnastics Center in Mendota Heights has hired Ryan Rohloff, a Minnesota state gymnastics champion and high school All-American, as a coach.



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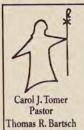
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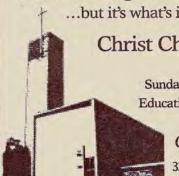


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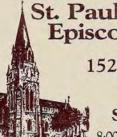
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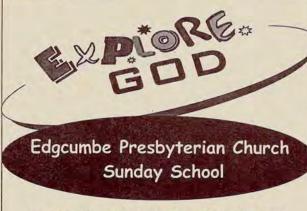
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Gophers' last gridiron title was bittersweet

by Dick Gordon

ope springs eternal even for the titlestarved Minnesota Gophers who, theoretically if not realistically, are contending for the 1999 Big Ten football championship. Glen Mason's Gophers, who opened their season with a nonconference victory over Ohio University last Saturday, have no blemishes on their Big Ten record. They are 0-0 in the Big Ten standings and will remain so until their October 2 conference kickoff at Northwestern.

It is common knowledge among gridiron buffs that Minnesota has not scaled the championship heights since 1967. What is not common knowledge is this bit of irony: the Gophers were actually disappointed 32 seasons ago after beating Wisconsin for a share of the conference title.

As McKinley Boston well remembers, that was a bittersweet victory. He and his teammates would have much preferred a second-place finish—and the Rose Bowl trip it guaranteed.

"We were all rooting for Purdue to beat Indiana and win the undisputed title," said Boston, an all-conference tackle at the time and now vice president of development and athletics at the U. Owing to a peculiar set of circumstances then, the

Gophers could not have both the conference title and the trip to Pasadena.

Although Boston takes some solace in being a member of his alma mater's last championship football team, he still recalls his disappointment when he heard that Indiana had upset Purdue to assure the Gophers a share of the title as well as a stay-at-home Christmas.

"We all would've preferred the Rose Bowl to the title," Boston said. "Absolutely."

Going into that crucial Saturday of long ago, Minnesota and Indiana had 5-1 conference records, while Purdue was 6-0. The Gophers beat Wisconsin to finish 6-1 and had Purdue defeated Indiana, the Boilermakers would have been the undisputed champion. However, since the Boilermakers had been to the Rose Bowl the previous January, they could not return under then-prevailing Big Ten rules. So second-place Minnesota would have gotten the bid.

When the three teams wound up in a first-place tie, the conference presidents voted to invite the Hoosiers to Pasadena because they had never been to the Rose Bowl and Minnesota had been there twice.

Coach Murray Warmath and athletic director Marsh Ryman both said at the time that they preferred the prestige of the Rose Bowl to a share of the conference crown. They thought the Pasadena exposure would help

future recruiting and they looked at an additional month of practice as a plus for the ensuing season.

The players may not have relished more workouts, but California sunshine and the glamor of the game would have more than compensated.

In light of what has happened—or has not happened—since, it is hard to understand the U of M's disappointment with its 8-2 overall record that season. In 1973, Cal Stoll's Gophers finished 7-4 overall and were 6-2 in the Big Ten, good for a third-place tie. That is the closest Minnesota has come to the "disappointment" of 32 years ago. The best that the ballyhooed Lou Holtz could muster was a 7-5 record (4-4 in the conference) in 1985.

More recently, Minnesota has been closer to the bottom of the conference with eight straight losing seasons. There has been improvement since Mason took over the coaching reins in 1997. A couple of missed place kicks in the final game last November was all that kept the Gophers from a 6-5 record. Any sort of winning season this year would probably mean a bid to one of the less prestigious bowls.

As of now, with their unblemished record, Mason and Company can still dream of a conference crown. If and when the Gophers do something to end their long title drought, it will be an occasion for celebration by all Minnesotans.

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prised," she said. "I was more than thrilled to be invited to the finals at the Mall of America, but then to get the call, I was overwhelmed.

"I think the majority of the Vikings cheerleaders come from a dance background," said Harrington, who at 18 is the youngest member of the Vikings cheerleading squad. She performed on the dance line at Highland Park Senior High School and was captain of the team her junior and senior years."That's not to say that cheerleading is not a hard sport, but it isn't as hard to pick up as something like dance technique," Harrington said.

Harrington was encouraged to try out for the Vikings squad by Polly Warren, a 1991 Highland Park graduate who had tried out for the cheerleading team several times herself. "I coached Allison when she was a sophomore," Warren said."Even then I could see this huge potential in her. I told her to stick with it and she'd make something positive out

"Allison is an all-around amazing person," Warren said. "She is outgoing, dedicated and motivated. I think she is a great role model for teen-age girls because of her school work, dance ability, friendship and loyalty."

Harrington has been involved in Highland Gymnastics (formerly Backer Gymnastics) since age 9. In high school, she reached the second division of the Midwest Amateur Gymnastics Program, and for the past three years she has been a coach for Highland Gymnastics. This year her team won the championship in the second division and has since advanced to the first division.

Like nine other cheerleaders on the Vikings squad, Harrington attends the University of St. Thomas. She is considering majoring in business."For now it's business," she said, "but that may change about 10 times. I might walk out as a psychology major."

Harrington estimates that she spends about eight hours a week practicing her dance techniques and another four or five hours rehearsing before Vikings home games. Even with that busy schedule, she finds time for three or four charity appearances a month, most of them for the Minnesota Vikings Chil-

"In the past, cheerleaders were paid for games, but they took away our money this year," Harrington said. "We don't get a penny for our work."

Nor do the cheerleaders get to mingle

with the players. "Everyone asks me if I've met Randy Moss or Cris Carter, but it's not like that," Harrington said. "Our relationship with the players is strictly professional. If we're caught associating with a player outside of a Vikings-related event, we're automatically off the team. There's maybe been two of them who've walked by and said hello to us."

That has not dampened Harrington's enthusiasm, however. "We have to try out every year and I definitely plan on trying out again next year," she said.

"My ultimate goal is to dance as a professional, either traveling with a musical group or doing other live performances. And maybe when I'm 21 I'll try out for the Timberwolves dance team."



Bees as in best. The Bees won the Highland-Groveland Recreation Association's major league baseball championship this summer by defeating the Seals 10-8 in the final game of the season. Pictured, from left, are (front row) Madeline Mooney-Hart, Tim Otte, Jordan Ruprecht, Stephen Collins, Nate Ryss, Andrea Baglino, Sam Gaylord and Ming Tran; (second row) Wesley Bergstrom, Jerrod Montgomery, Sam Lauer, Ozzie Totten and Nate Wieser; and (back row) coaches Gary Collins, Joe Otte and Will Totten.

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of team that's poised for a big run, and Keyshawn Johnson has a monster year ahead of him. I just don't see the Vikings losing a game to Vinnie Testeverde. You read it here first.

The Jets will beat Denver in the AFC title game. Terrell Davis is the best running back in the NFL, and the Denver defense is Rocky Mountain solid, but I don't see Parcells losing a game to Bubby Brister. Still, the defending champs won't go out without a fight.

It'll be the 49ers against the Vikes in the NFC title game. Did you know the San Francisco receiving trio of Owens, Rice and Stokes had more yards in '98 than the Vikings' Reed, Carter and Moss? SF's Garrison Hearst is lost for the season and Lawrence Phillips will be long-gone by Halloween, but if the 'Niners can find any semblance of a running game, they'll

Green Bay will be a strong playoff contender this season as well. Last year was an aberration for the Green and Gold. Favre will be improved, and there's no way on earth that the Packers' secondary can be as lousy as they were against the Vikes last year. Atlanta, Jacksonville and Miami (one last time for Marino) are sure things for the playoffs. Bubble-battlers for wild card spots include Seattle, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Dallas, the Giants and Arizona. Tampa is still one player away from legitimate contention. Unfortunately for Trent Dilfer, that one player is still the quarterback.

Even more interesting than the playoff chase this year will be the fight for the first draft choice in '00. The expansion Cleveland Browns would be obvious front-runners, but they've got three decent ex-Vikes (Fuller, Alexander, Ball) on defense this year. The Bears would finish last in the Central but for the toothless (read Barry-less) Lions. Peyton Manning's likely 30 interceptions will bolster Indy's last-place hopes. But when push comes to shove, I don't see how Philadelphia can possibly avoid a perfect 0-16 season.

NCAA OUTLOOK

Penn State served notice to the Pac 10 by thumping highly rated Arizona in its season opener. But the Nittany Lions have a long way to go before they can reserve a hotel for New Year's in New Orleans. (The Sugar Bowl will be hosting this year's title tilt.) The grueling gauntlet of the Big Ten schedule will be a worthy test for what is sure to be one of Joe Paterno's best defensive teams ever. LaVar Arrington might win the Heisman from his linebacker position.

Florida State is loaded. Quarterback Chris Weinke, 27, a 1990 Cretin-Derham Hall grad, makes for a captivating story. However, his supporting cast, including All-American Peter Warrick, truly makes the Seminoles special. The best news for FSU is its schedule: Only two tough road games (Georgia Tech and Florida) stand in Bobby Bowden's title path. Weinke will lead the Seminoles to the big game and win it all, and next year he'll be playing with a team (the NFL Eagles?) with less talent than his current club.

Apparently, the Gophers are bowl-bound as well. A 4-0 start and a 7-4 year seem to be foregone conclusions, by most media accounts. I'm just wondering, HAVE YOU PEOPLE

BEEN PAYING ATTENTION FOR THE PAST 38 YEARS? Despite the favorable schedule (Michigan does not appear on the rodents' itinerary), I wouldn't make any Christmas travel plans just yet.

PENNANT FEVER

There just may be a little excitement down the stretch in Major League Baseball after all. No, I'm not talking about the McGwire-Sosa home-run derby. Though it's truly remarkable that this duo is staging a stirring reprise of their '98 slugfest, I'm talking about the team races.

I see the Braves holding off the Mets in the tight NL East chase. Starting pitching will be the difference in the last two weeks of September. The Mets should win enough games to clinch the NL wild card though. I'm thinking a Mets-Braves rematch in the NLCS. It should make for some great October

In the NL Central, Houston deserves to win more than Cincinnati, and not just because the Astros' payroll is double the Reds'. I just feel sorry for the people in Texas after 100 consecutive 100-degree days.

It's a three-way race for the AL wild card berth. Heading into the final month, Toronto is trailing Oakland and Boston, but I still think the Jays are the best of the three. Carlos Delgado and Shawn Green give Toronto more punch than their challengers, and closer Billy Koch gives the Jays another

Some honor: The wild card champion will be so much playoff fodder for the Indians. Cleveland is too good for any of them.

PREPS OPEN PLAY

 Veteran coach Phil Toconita's Central boys soccer team, 14-5 last season, is expected to play a major role once again in the City Conference and Section 3AA play this fall. The Minutemen are led by senior midfielder Casey Schutte and defensemen Alex Lacy and Sidney Kou. "We've got a lot of guys back from last year's team," Toconita said. "Schutte was one of our leading scorers in '98, Lacy is a strong presence on defense and Kou is really tough as well." Central will also get some scoring from the Brothers Thao: junior forward Cheng and sophomore midfielder Xong. "This might be my final year," said the 62-year-old coach. "I'm thinking about hitting the road and shooting a few ducks next fall."

 Terry Doud's Sibley boys soccer team finished second in the St. Paul Suburban Conference at 11-2-4 last year. This year the coach welcomed back only five returning starters. "We have our work cut out for us," Doud said. "Woodbury is ranked first in the state." To challenge the Royals, the Warriors must get solid production from senior midfielder Dan Preiner and senior forward Sean Doyle. "Preiner controls the center of the field well and Doyle is a great finisher," Doud said. Senior midfielder Kevin Lindgren and junior forward Jim Langer both provide Central with quick, talented offensive threats as well.

· Sibley 9th-grader Natalie Livschitz, a recent immigrant from Russia, has served notice on the local girls tennis scene. In her team's first match, Livschitz defeated defending Section 3AA singles champion Laura Amundson of Central.

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To appeal even more to this unusually responsive market, the Villager is once again planning a special Home Improvement Section in our September 22 issue. It will include feature stories on home repair and improvements,

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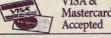
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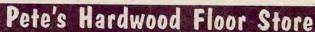
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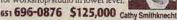




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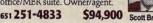
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