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New citizens group joins chorus opposed to Ayd Mill linear park

Neighbors fear increased traffic on north-south streets

by Jane McClure

The newest group to join the debate over the future of Ayd Mill Road may be the only one with its own theme song. Two theme songs, really: "The Trying to Cross Lexington Parkway Blues" and "The Tale of a Fateful Street," sung to the theme of "Gilligan's Island."

The songs were performed last week at a meeting of Citizens for Safe Streets by the Blues Mothers and a troupe of children dressed up as speeding cars. But music aside, Citizens for Safe Streets delivered a serious message: If traffic on Lexington Parkway continues to increase, more pedestrians and motorists risk accidents and injuries. The group fears that is exactly what will happen if Ayd

Mill Road is removed and replaced with a linear park as some area residents have advocated.

"We're not saying make the traffic go away," said Lexington Parkway resident Jim Tolck. "Snelling Avenue takes its share of traffic and Dale Street takes its share. We're just asking for Ayd Mill Road to take its share."

A group of more than 40 people, most of them residents of neighborhoods on either side of Lexington, reviewed Ayd Mill Road reconstruction options on November 24 with Mike Klassen of the St. Paul Department of Public Works.

"We believe Ayd Mill Road should be connected to I-35E and I-94," said Summit Hill

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Anti-noise activists dispute claims that new runway will bring relief

by Jane McClure

Plans for a fourth runway at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport have been cleared for takeoff by the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB). The EQB's unanimous approval of the new north-south runway, however, has not ended the debate over air-traffic noise in South Minneapolis.

State legislators and activists from South Minneapolis are now challenging claims by the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) and Minneapolis City Council that the new runway will bring relief to that noise-

wracked area. They point out that MAC's own studies show an increase in air traffic over the Longfellow and Nokomis neighborhoods when the north-south runway is opened for use.

In approving the 8,000-foot, \$450 million runway, the EQB determined that MAC adequately analyzed the environmental impact of the new runway. Barring a possible legal challenge by the city of Richfield over low-frequency ground noise, EQB approval is the last hurdle for the runway, which is scheduled to open in 2003.

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Piram led city's parks through period of tremendous growth

by Jane McClure

A man who has done much for St. Paul's parks has decided to enjoy some recreational time of his own. Longtime Highland resident Robert Piram ended 38 years of city service on December 1 when he stepped down as superintendent of the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation.

"I came to the conclusion that it's time," said Piram, 59, of his decision to retire. His wife, JoAnn, retired last summer from her job at

Cretin-Derham Hall and the two of them are looking forward to having time to travel. "We've never taken a warm-weather winter vacation and now may be the time to start," Piram said.

During a retirement ceremony at the November 25 St. Paul City Council meeting, city officials praised Piram as a visionary who led Parks and Recreation through an era of great change. They noted his efforts to encourage public involvement in managing those changes.



Beginning to look a lot like Santa. Local department store Santa Mike Mann gives his brown beard its Christmas makeover with help from hairdresser/elf Harrison Havrilla (top left) of Rita Ambourn Hair Designers. The result was good enough to convince Desiré Ambourn, 5. Photo by Mike Long.

"There are people at the City Council table who weren't even born when you began working for the city," said council president Dan Bostrom. "I think everyone can appreciate the job you've done."

Ward 2 council member Chris Coleman recalled his first involvement with Piram while working at Como Park almost 20 years ago. "The name Bob Piram would be mentioned and it would get everyone's attention," Coleman said.

Ward 3 council member Mike Harris

praised Piram's willingness to embrace new ideas. Harris, Piram and Ramsey County officials worked together to secure a second rink for the Highland Ice Arena. "He'll be hard to replace," Harris said.

Parks and Recreation Commission members said Piram encouraged them to become stronger advocates for parks. "We appreciate the support (Piram) has given the commission," said commissioner Terry Huntrods. "I

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think we've taken a much more active role because of that."

Peggy Lynch, director of Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County, conceded that she and Piram did not see eye to eye on every issue. Still, she said parks advocates felt that he listened to them. "He tried to get as many people involved as possible," she said.

Piram in turn praised city employees, elected officials and citizens for their support of city parks. "We couldn't do what we've done without a lot of support," he said.

Piram attended Holy Spirit School and Cretin High School, where he was active in sports. He got his start as a recreation leader at the Wilder Recreation Center in 1960 and became director of the Arlington Recreation Center after graduating from St. Thomas College in 1963 with a degree in social sciences.

Over the ensuing decade, Piram served as a supervisor for West Side and West End recreation centers and then as the manager of refectories, now called special services, where he oversaw golf courses, swimming pools and other city facilities.

One of his early mentors was Marge Vick, the director at Edgumbe many years ago. She later became Piram's boss and good friend.

"She was a good teacher and a good person, but she could be tough," Piram said. "She really expected city employees to serve the public. If you didn't do that, you were out of there."

When Piram first started working for St. Paul, city government was much different from what it is today. City Council members were elected citywide and each served as a commissioner of one of six city departments. Parks, recreation, public buildings and libraries were lumped in one department.

Charter changes in the 1970s moved St. Paul to a strong mayoral form of government and City Council members no longer served as commissioners. All human service functions were placed under the umbrella of community services, including parks, recreation, public health and libraries. For about two years during Mayor Lawrence Cohen's tenure,

Piram also was community services director.

Under Mayor Jim Scheibel, the community services department was eliminated as the city shifted some services to Ramsey County and private agencies. Parks and recreation, libraries and public health were split into separate divisions, though Piram said the City Charter was never changed to reflect that action. "In theory the mayor could re-create that department at any time," he said.

During his tenure as parks superintendent,

Piram oversaw a \$35 million annual budget, 558 full-time employees and about 8,500 volunteers. He saw the evolution of recreation centers from small buildings, Quonset huts and even boxcars to a system of 44 buildings, including multimillion-dollar full-service centers.

Although the city has added few neighborhood parks over the past 38 years, the regional parks system has grown significantly with the addition of Hidden Falls, Crosby Farm, Pig's Eye and Lilydale parks. Piram

was also active in the city's purchase and redevelopment of Watergate Marina, which had been privately owned, and in ongoing efforts to improve St. Paul's riverfront.

Of all the issues that Piram has been involved in, he said the city's battle with Dutch elm disease was the most challenging. During the 1970s and 1980s, the city lost most of its mature elms. Residents packed community meetings at the time to demand help.

"We lost 85,000 trees in St. Paul," Piram said. "It was an unbelievable logistical problem. Some streets were just bare. Everybody had an answer. We had people out injecting stuff into trees. I can't even begin to tell you how many things we tried."

Other controversies during Piram's tenure included the rehabilitation of Como Park, the battle for more bicycle lanes and pedestrian trails along Mississippi River Boulevard, and cuts to recreation center staff.

"Something I learned early on is that people in St. Paul really care about their park facilities and the role parks play in their neighborhoods," Piram said. "You don't see anything like it anywhere else in the country. When we create new facilities or redevelop existing ones, people really feel ownership in



Bob Piram stepped down this week as superintendent of the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation. He oversaw the evolution of many of the city's recreation centers during his tenure, including the one at Hillcrest Playground shown behind him. Photo by Mike Long.

what we do."

In recent years, Parks and Recreation has looked at other ways of providing services as the city has held the line on property taxes. The city has entered into more partnerships with the St. Paul Public Schools and recently got into its first joint-use agreement with a private school with the construction of new athletic fields at Cretin-Derham Hall.

Some of those partnerships have not been universally popular. The city is currently in court with the former managers of the Rice Street sports dome after the city had to take over the facility and restructure its programs.

Piram conceded that there is a need to better educate residents on the reasons for such public-private partnerships. "A group like the schools can come in and add services that we can't provide," he said. "In these days of tight budgets, we have to look at those alternatives or look at not providing some services."

Special services manager Vic Wittgenstein will serve as interim superintendent until Piram's replacement is found. Mayor Norm Coleman will host a forum at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 3, at the Como Pavilion to hear comments on what the city should look for in its new parks superintendent. The

Friends of the Parks and Trails is pushing for a national search, but some City Council members are not sure that is the best way to go. "I think we have good people in our own department who know the city and can step into the job," Harris said.

Whoever takes the job will face new challenges. Ongoing problems caused by deferred maintenance, the debate over converting Ayd Mill Road into a linear park and a recent proposal by a private partnership to lease the Highland Golf Course are some of the issues on the horizon.

"We're not in a position where things are bad," said Piram in regard to parks maintenance. "However, if we continue to defer maintenance, one of these days we'll be at a point where it'll be difficult to raise the money to get things fixed."

Though he is retiring, Piram did not rule out becoming involved in community service as a volunteer.

"You just never know where I might turn up," he told City Council members. "Next Tuesday (December 1), I become a private citizen. On Wednesday, I'll be forming a non-profit group to tell you what you should be doing."

CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH CARE

Chiropractic Care May Be the Answer for Your Headaches

More than 90 percent of all headache problems are either the tension or muscle contraction type or the migraine variety. Treatment of these two types of headaches has been the focus of research by doctors at Northwestern College of Chiropractic's Wolfe-Harris Center for Clinical Studies for the last several years. Results from these studies are being incorporated into the treatment program for headache patients at Northwestern College of Chiropractic Clinics.

Muscle contraction headaches

The most common headache doctors of chiropractic treat is the muscle tension or muscle contraction headache. The patient with this type of headache often describes a tight band around the head and a constant dull ache and tightness involving the back of the neck and shoulders. Although many patients have attributed their headaches to stress, this is seldom the direct cause. The real cause is that the muscles of the neck and upper spine are abnormally contracted. This is often brought on by mechanical and postural faults—causes of headache that can be helped. The abnormalities cause "built in" abnormal muscle tightness

so that even additional "life stress" can bring on a headache. Doctors of chiropractic report good results in the treatment of muscle tension headaches by attending to the underlying causes of the headache condition.

Migraine headaches

Migraine headaches are particularly severe headaches that often begin to occur in childhood or adolescence. Migraines often affect one side of the head, with the vision being disturbed and the patient feeling nauseous and vomiting. Migraines are two times more common in women than men and often run in families. The throbbing pain is a result of the expansion (dilatation) of blood vessels in the head.

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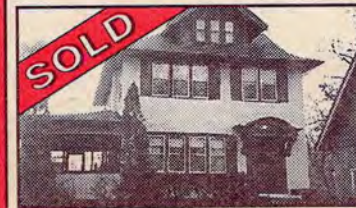
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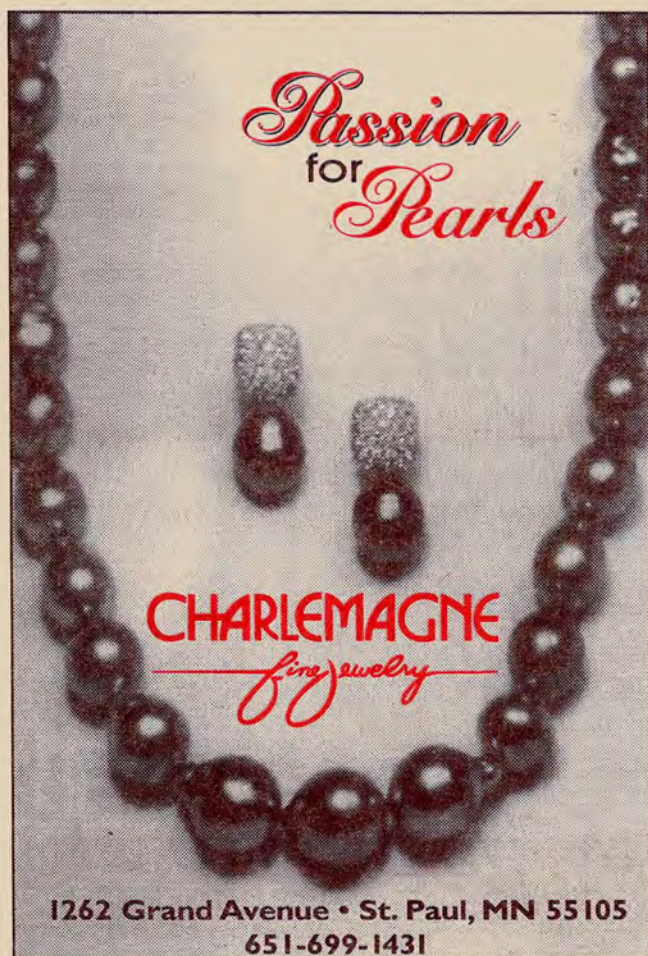


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resident Charlie McManus. "We don't advocate a specific alternative—just that it be connected."

A task force made up of area residents, business people and city staff has drafted an environmental impact statement (EIS) with six alternatives for Ayd Mill Road. Three of the alternatives involve a connection to I-35E and I-94. A fourth alternative, which has the support of the Snelling-Hamline Community Council (see story on page 5) and the citizens group Neighborhoods First!, would replace the road with a linear park.

"On the face of it, the linear park sounds really nice," said Summit-University resident Joan Nyberg. "But it would mean that the 10,000 motor vehicles using Ayd Mill Road each day would have to find other routes."

"This seems like such a classic case of wants versus needs," said Summit Hill resident Dan Bruggeman. "The people for a linear park are talking about their wants. The people on the streets affected by traffic are talking about our needs."

Nyberg noted that the case for a linear park is being made before most people have had a chance to read the EIS. "Public opinion is being shaped in lieu of the facts," Nyberg said. "The draft EIS isn't even out yet."

Just as linear park advocates are making themselves heard, supporters of a connected roadway also need to speak out, Nyberg said. "We need to tell people what it's like to live 20 feet away from an uncontrolled freeway, which is what Lexington Parkway has become."

During afternoon rush hour, Lexington Parkway carries as many as 2,550 vehicles per hour near Carroll

Avenue, 2,225 per hour at Randolph Avenue and 1,400 per hour at Lincoln Avenue, according to a traffic study presented to the Ayd Mill Road Task Force last year. In comparison, Snelling Avenue carries as many as 3,600 vehicles per hour at Iglehart Avenue and 2,400 per hour at Lincoln Avenue during the same period.

"I can't think of any other parkway in Minneapolis or St. Paul that's treated like a four-lane freeway," said Lexington Parkway resident Rick Smith.

Neighborhoods First! members have stated that connecting Ayd Mill Road to the interstate freeways will encourage suburban sprawl and bring more traffic into the area.

"I hear a lot of suburban demonization in those arguments," said Summit Hill resident Brian Horrigan. "Are these drivers really all (suburban) folks using our streets to get to their jobs in Minneapolis?"

According to Klassen, traffic studies have shown that only 10 percent of motorists using Ayd Mill Road begin and end their trips outside of St. Paul.

"Everything we do with Ayd Mill Road, we have to ask, does it increase traffic or decrease traffic on surrounding streets?" said City Council member Chris Coleman of Ward 2.

Coleman said that keeping traffic from increasing on Ayd Mill Road is one of his priorities. He said he would "do all I can to keep Ayd Mill Road from looking like the I-35E Parkway." The parkway design has not been effective in slowing traffic, Coleman said. If Ayd Mill Road is connected to the freeways, it

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Snell-Ham supports Ayd Mill linear park

by Jane McClure

A compromise has for the moment quelled the controversy that was stirred up in October at the annual meeting of the Snelling-Hamline Community Council. Local residents and business people voted 101-46 at that meeting to support replacing Ayd Mill Road with a linear park.

Two weeks ago, Snelling-Hamline's board of directors agreed to abide by the vote. The board voted 8-4-2 to recognize the linear park as the preferred option of six alternatives being studied for Ayd Mill Road.

"Voting for anything other than the linear park would not represent the community faithfully. It would be against the very spirit of democracy," said Michael Cline, a Snelling-Hamline resident and member of Neighborhoods First!, which supports the linear park option.

However, the board also agreed to allow its representatives on the Ayd Mill Road Task Force to consider other roadway alternatives.

Task force member Mike Casey of Snelling-Hamline believes the task force as a whole will favor one of three options for reconstructing

the roadway. If that is the case, Casey said he needs to be able to negotiate for what is best for the neighborhood.

The Snelling-Hamline board also voted to keep the lines of communication open with the Snelling-Selby Area Business Association (SSABA) as options for Ayd Mill Road are discussed. According to Casey, recommending the linear park betrays an agreement the Snelling-Hamline Community Council made long ago to support SSABA's efforts to maintain Selby Avenue's access to and from Ayd Mill Road.

"If (the Snelling-Selby) corner goes bust, who from Neighborhoods First! and who from the linear park is going to pick up the slack?" asked Jim Bergstrom of Liberty State Bank, SSABA's representative on the Snelling-Hamline board.

In agreeing to abide by the community's support for a linear park, the Snelling-Hamline board departed from its bylaws, which state that a two-thirds majority is needed for such a vote to be binding. Of those attending the annual meeting, 180 were eligible to vote. A two-thirds majority would mean 120 people needed to support the linear park.



The Blues Mothers, a.k.a. Joan Nyberg and Camilla Horne, made their debut appearance belting out the "Trying to Cross Lexington Parkway Blues" during the inaugural meeting of Citizens for Safe Streets on November 24 at Central High School. Photo by Mike Long.

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would have to be done in a way that slows traffic and provides green space and park land, he said.

The Ayd Mill Road Task Force will vote on whether or not to approve the draft EIS at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, in Concordia University's Gangelhoff Center at Ham-

line and Marshall avenues. The study is expected to be released to the public in January, followed by a public hearing before the St. Paul Planning Commission and City Council.

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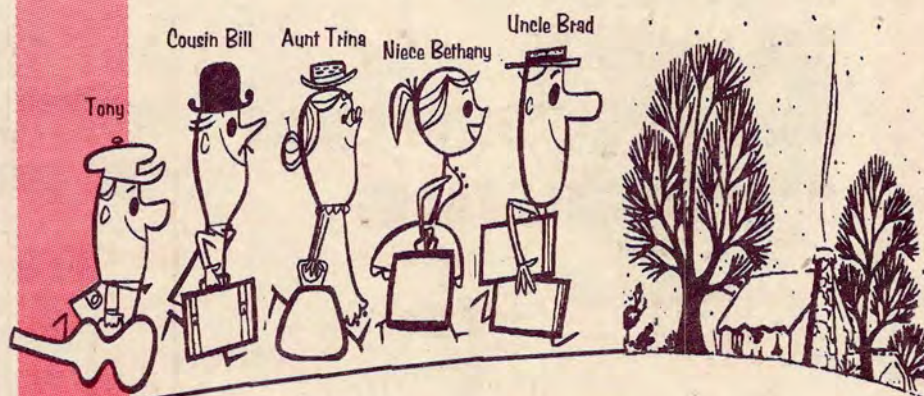
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Air-traffic noise relief disputed

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District 63 state Senator Jane Ranum and District 63A state Representative Jean Wagenius have argued with MAC director Jeff Hamiel over whether the 1996 Legislature had complete information when it decided to expand rather than relocate the airport.

"The north-south runway was sold on the basis that it would provide noise relief for this community," Wagenius said. With the new runway use of the south parallel runway is expected to decrease, bringing relief to Southwest Minneapolis. "But if more planes will be using the north parallel runway, that means that noise will increase over South Minneapolis," Wagenius said.

The two legislators were among 300 people who listened to Hamiel discuss airport expansion at a November 16 meeting at Hale Elementary School. The meeting was sponsored by the South Metro Airport Action Council (SMAAC) and the Nokomis East and Hale-Page-Diamond Lake neighborhood associations.

Hamiel said the new north-south

runway will operate to and from its south end, sending planes over Bloomington only. "We don't need any more operations over South Minneapolis," he said.

In 1996 the Minneapolis City Council supported the north-south runway as a means of shifting air traffic from South Minneapolis. Runway proponents argued that by agreeing to a north-south runway, Minneapolis would be blocking any plans for a third parallel runway.

Last summer state representatives Wagenius, Wes Skoglund, Myron Orfield and Linda Wejcman and state Senators Ranum, Alan Spear and Linda Berglin tried to persuade the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton to hold a hearing on the impact of the new north-south runway. The request was rejected.

According to SMAAC members Dean Lindberg and John Serrin, the number of flights using the south parallel runway will decrease from 107,800 in 1997 to 86,250 in 2005. But during that same period, the flights using the north parallel runway will increase from 112,700 to

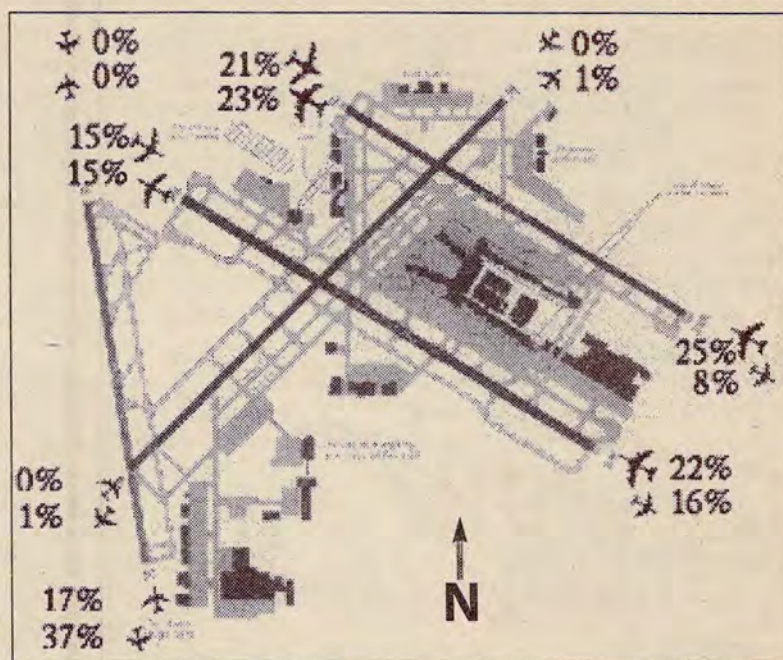
126,500. "If planes are making right turns after takeoff, this will send them right over Hale, Page and Diamond Lake and right over Nokomis East," Lindberg said.

According to Serrin, the airport's environmental impact study (EIS) does not take that information into account. "The EIS is fatally flawed and fatally unbalanced," he said.

Hamiel said he was not aware of official projections for increased use of the north parallel runway, but he promised to look into it and get back to SMAAC.

The new north-south runway is part of a \$2 billion expansion of the airport that was started after the Legislature decided against moving the airport to a site south of Hastings in Dakota County.

The new runway would allow the airport to increase its capacity by about 25 percent. The airport currently serves about 31 million passengers a year. That number is expected to increase to 36.3 million by 2005. The number of takeoffs and landings is expected to increase from 491,000 to 575,000 a year during that same period.



With the addition of a north-south runway (left) at MSP International Airport, the Metropolitan Airports Commission projects the above distribution of air traffic in 2005. Mendota Heights, to the southeast, will receive a total of 24 percent of takeoffs and 47 percent of landings via the two parallel runways, compared to 45 percent of takeoffs and 43 percent of landings in 1997. St. Paul, to the northeast, will receive 1 percent of takeoffs and virtually no landings, compared to 1 percent of landings and less than 1 percent of takeoffs in 1997. South Minneapolis, to the north, will receive a total of 38 percent of takeoffs and 36 percent of landings. The Minneapolis side of the north parallel runway received 22 percent of takeoffs and 28 percent of landings in 1997.

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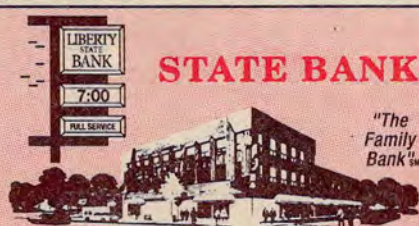
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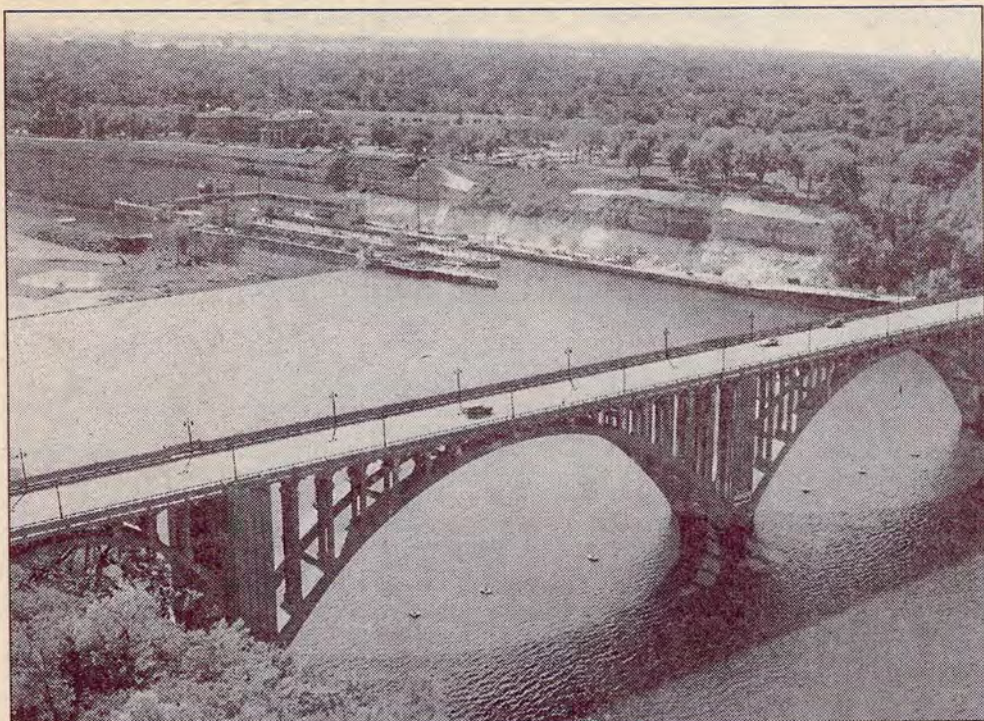
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A computerized view of what the Ford Bridge would look like under a \$9 million reconstruction plan that is being supported by those on both sides of the Mississippi River.

Bicycle access, other issues raised in discussion of Ford Bridge design

by Jane McClure

About two dozen people turned out for a public meeting on November 19 at the Hillcrest Recreation Center to hear an update on plans for the reconstruction of the Ford Bridge.

A \$9 million plan unanimously supported in August by the Ford Bridge Task Force calls for widening the span from 65 to 79.5 feet. The bridge would have four 11-foot traffic lanes, two 6-foot bicycle lanes and two 8-foot sidewalks. A guard rail would separate pedestrians from vehicles. At least two lanes of traffic would remain open during construction, which is expected to begin in 2000 and take 12 to 18 months to complete.

Some of those attending the meeting asked why more space could not be provided for bicyclists and pedestrians. "I'd rather see a narrower shoulder and a wider sidewalk," said Peggy Lynch, director of the Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County.

Ramsey and Hennepin county public works officials agreed to study her suggestion to put bicyclists on one side of the bridge and pedestrians on the other.

The 81-year-old Ford Bridge carries 14,000 vehicles per day. Keeping it open for traffic was a priority for residents and business people on both sides of the Mississippi River. Originally, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) had planned to close the bridge during construction.

"That obviously sent up a red flag for Highland Village businesses, as well as for businesses on the Minneapolis side of the river," said task force chair Mark Moeller, president of R. F. Moeller Jeweler in Highland Village. According to him, a survey indicated that some Highland Village businesses draw as much as 30 percent of their customers from Minneapolis. Closing the bridge would have meant a 2-mile detour for motorists.

Jim Tolaas of Ramsey County Public Works said that reconstructing the bridge will extend its life by 50 years. The bridge is still structurally sound, but its 28 expansion joints are showing significant deterioration. The joints were repaired in 1973 and 1984, but leakage around them has damaged some spandrel columns, the deck framing and the deck itself.

"This bridge has had a significant increase in maintenance needs," Tolaas said. "There are

critical things that have to be repaired."

Moeller said work will continue in the months ahead on railing designs, lighting fixtures, bicycle and pedestrian access, and how the bridge will tie into the park system on both sides of the river. A subcommittee will begin meeting early next year to discuss those issues.

Task force member Bob Price of South Minneapolis said he wants to make sure that the new lighting is designed in such a way that it does not create glare in the neighborhood. That was one of the complaints of residents when the new Marshall Avenue-Lake Street

Bridge opened seven years ago.

The Ford Bridge's plain metal railings and tall "cobra-style" street lighting that was installed in 1973 is currently scheduled to be replaced with art deco-style railings and lantern-style street lights similar to those in place when the bridge opened in 1927. Overlooks that were originally at each end of the bridge will be rebuilt. There also has been

talk of adding an overlook in the middle of the bridge.

Sandy Welsch of the Minneapolis Park Board staff said bicycle and pedestrian access to and from the west end of the bridge will be redesigned as designated in that city's park master plan. The plans include a redesigned 46th Street-Godfrey Parkway intersection and the separation of bicycle and pedestrian paths in and around Minnehaha Park.

St. Paul bicycle advocates had hoped the Mississippi River Boulevard underpass could be rebuilt to accommodate bicyclists. However, Tolaas said that is not within the scope of the project.

Final design of the bridge will start early next year, once the four firms that have bid on the project have been narrowed to one. Construction is expected to start in the spring of 2000, following an environmental study by MnDOT. The study will be less extensive than an environmental impact statement because the project involves rehabilitation, not replacement.

One environmental issue that has already been scrutinized is how to accommodate the peregrine falcons that have made their home in the bridge piers and arches. The birds will be relocated to a building on the St. Paul side of the river during construction. The rebuilt bridge will include a specially designed nesting area for the falcons.

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Public subsidies, private business

I couldn't believe we were actually standing in line on the sidewalk to get into Central Presbyterian Church in downtown St. Paul. Here it was, two days before Thanksgiving, and this many people didn't have anything better to do than attend an evening forum on the efficacy of public subsidies for private business? Could it be that so many of us were in such desperate need of a life?

As it turned out, the public forum proved to be highly entertaining, if not nearly as contentious as most of the 350 or so people in attendance might have expected.

The event was arranged by CityCare, a group of citizens who organized this fall to challenge the city of St. Paul's increasing use of debt financing to provide public subsidies for private businesses—or "corporate welfare" as CityCare calls it. From the outset, CityCare has been seen by some as politically motivated. It was organized just prior to this fall's elections, several of its charter members were on the staff of former mayor Jim Scheibel and have been outspoken critics of Mayor Norm Coleman, and the literature that CityCare has been distributing seems intent on convincing St. Paulites that their city is now going to hell in a handbasket full of red ink.

Certainly Mayor Coleman sees CityCare as politically motivated. The mayor responded to publicity touting the upcoming forum by sending a letter to several of the event's co-sponsors—including the Citizens League and the Urban Coalition—suggesting that CityCare was motivated solely by a desire to attack him personally. The letter was probably counter-productive for Coleman; it was good for another round of stories in the daily papers, which no doubt accounted for part of the surprising turnout that night.

CityCare's success in enticing former mayor George Latimer to moderate the discussion raised the stature of the event even as it raised the eyebrows of those who remember his administration. Latimer is widely viewed as a fair-minded man and a masterful moderator. On the other hand, he wasn't exactly shy about tapping the public trough to further his own economic development policies while he was mayor, and not always to the benefit of the city.

The participants on the panel included Arthur Rolnick, senior vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis and a well known critic of public subsidies for businesses; State Senator John Hottinger (DFL-Mankato), who co-chaired the Legislature's Corporate Subsidy Reform Commission last year; David Morris, vice president of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance (whatever that is) and a periodic columnist for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*; and Ward 4 City Council member Jay Benanav, one of the few DFL council members who didn't vote in favor of the recent round of city subsidies because he wasn't on the council at the time.

The only panelist who could really be said to have taken the other side was Pam Wheelock, director of the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development. Despite having the deck stacked against her, she did a creditable job of defending the Coleman administration's use of public subsidies. Public policy philosophy is all well and good, she said, but things look considerably different when you're actually hammering out a deal to provide the most public good at the least public risk.

Which is not to say that the other panelists were wrong in their criticism of corporate welfare. They were right. Looked at from a national perspective, bidding wars between cities and states to lure relocating businesses are universally detrimental to the public good. Corporate welfare picks the pockets of the nation's taxpayers while picking the winners and losers in a competitive marketplace in which government has no business siding with anyone.

At the same time, there isn't likely to be a truce in those bidding wars until the federal government enters the fray. No city or state is going to unilaterally disarm if it means that its own taxpayers are going to bear the brunt of the cost if a business and its employees move somewhere else.

Despite my own reservations about CityCare's motives, the group deserves the thanks of St. Paul citizens for bringing an important public policy issue to the fore. Mayor Coleman was wrong; we need more discussions like this.



Six-inch rough awaits city that would privatize

by Dale Mischke

Over the past two weeks, City Hall may have gotten a peek at what a hard sell Compete St. Paul is going to be. Mayor Norm Coleman's ambitious plan for introducing the competition of the marketplace to the delivery of city services was given something of a dry run with the recent proposal to privatize the Highland Park 18-hole golf course. Make no mistake, the two plans are separate, but they became linked in the minds of the citizenry—to the detriment of both, I'm afraid.

Both plans are merely concepts at this time, but when news broke two weeks ago of Blackheath Golf Limited's idea to reconstruct the Highland links with private money and then reserve the course at times for the benefit of those who put up the money, suddenly it all seemed so real. Complaints were heard from all corners of the city. It caught the City Council by surprise. Most council members hadn't heard of the plan.

That may have been a mistake by Blackheath and its principal partner, D. Ward Johnson of Summit Hill. When citizens are upset in St. Paul, the City Council hears about it first, and it must have been hard for those council members who had to plead ignorance. In Johnson's defense, he didn't want his plan to become public at that point, and it wouldn't have if the *Villager* hadn't been curious.

Johnson has been moving cautiously in his bid to bring a first-class golf course to Highland. A lifelong resident of St. Paul, he saw it as a way to give the Highland 18-hole course the facelift it needs while providing a shot in the arm for the downtown convention center. Blackheath would finance the \$3.5 million project with help from St. Paul businesses, and then make the course available to conventioners and corporations on some weekday afternoons—possibly two or three afternoons a week from mid-May to mid-September.

The city has invested \$85 million in its new RiverCentre, Johnson figured, and if the convention center doesn't succeed, St. Paul will likely see its property taxes increase to cover the debt service. Having a championship golf course nearby and at its disposal would give the convention center something that few other convention centers have.

Rather than trouble the City Council with a proposal that may not go anywhere, Johnson met with Parks and Recreation officials, the mayor, Ward 3 council member Mike Harris and representatives of the Highland Park men's and women's golf clubs to gauge their interest. He is scheduled to meet with the golf clubs' full membership on December 12. Without the support of these parties and that of the business

community, Johnson said, his plan is "dead in the water."

Judging by the reaction at City Hall, it may be anyway. But it would be a mistake for the City Council to dismiss the notion completely. Harris said last week that he would try to find money in the city's 1999 budget to fix up the Highland golf course. The city may be able to finance the reconstruction, perhaps with revenue bonds that are paid back with golf course receipts or a surcharge on greens fees. However, the city won't have access to the federal and state money that helped renovate the Phalen and Como golf courses in the 1970s and '80s. Unlike those city courses, the Highland 18 isn't part of a regional park.

Whether public or private money is used, Parks and Recreation officials agree that a major renovation of the Highland links is necessary, a project that will close the course for the better part of two years. Some \$2.5 million was spent renovating Como, and the city could spend that much at Highland. The course needs new greens and tee boxes that are large enough to handle the 50,000 rounds played there each year. Drainage has been a problem on the north end of the course ever since the city's sewer separation project. (The theory is that the old sewers had cracks in them that served to drain off groundwater and lower the water table.) New soil also could be worked into the peat that covers much of the course and causes the fairways to get mushy or hard-packed depending on the weather.

With its \$3.5 million, Blackheath would be able to do a more complete renovation of the course. Johnson talks of hiring a course architect with a national reputation such as Tony Jacklin or Raymond Floyd—a name that would help attract conventioners from across the country. Blackheath would bring to Highland a wealth of experience in golf course financing, construction and management, Johnson said. Among his four partners is Dick Tolle, the longtime manager of Bunker Hills in Coon Rapids, one of the best-run golf courses in the Twin Cities area.

Highland residents would have a championship course in their own backyard with greens fees that are no higher than at Como or Phalen. But is it worth the public giving up the chance to play there on, say, 37 afternoons a summer?

The answer to that question will decide where Blackheath's proposal is headed, but it shouldn't decide the fate of Compete St. Paul or the concept of contracting with a private party to run the golf course. Ramsey County has done just that with Manitou Ridge in White Bear Lake, a course that has improved greatly under private management and returns to the county net revenue of \$235,000 a year—about half of what Johnson says his Highland 18 would make for the city.

FDR's 'Day of Infamy' is a cause for recollection 57 years after

by Dick Gordon

For the ever-dwindling number of World War II veterans, the upcoming 57th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor is a time to remember. "It's easier to look back than to look ahead," said Harold Kurvers of Highland Park, citing the United States' current military standoff with Iraq. "Iraq is a no-win situation. Sadaam probably knows more about me than I know about him. I don't know what we should do any more than anyone else does."

What Kurvers does know is the difference in international confrontations then and now. Today, the U.S. stands poised with all manner of sophisticated weaponry. When the Japanese launched their sneak attack on December 7, 1941, America's peacetime army was almost a joke.

"When we were drafted at Fort Snelling," Kurvers said, "we were issued World War I uniforms. I remember when we arrived at Fort Lewis in Washington for training, the commanding officer there, Colonel Ernie Miller, took one look at us and shouted, 'Get them out of those dirty rags.'"

For Kurvers and his comrades on Luzon in the Philippines, the Day of Infamy was actually Monday, December 8, not Sunday as it was here, due to the difference in time zones. Kurvers remembers what a fellow soldier, Bill McKeon of Minneapolis, said the day before the attack. "The Japanese would



At Fort Lewis, Washington, in the summer of '41, Harold Kurvers (left) posed with fellow members of the 194th Tank Battalion (clockwise from Kurvers): Larry Maranda, who died in a Japanese POW camp; Keith Whitney; Steve Joyce, one of 1,800 American POWs killed when their prison ship was sunk en route to Japan; and a buddy he only knew as "Golden."

never dare hit us," he predicted. "We'd wipe them out in a week." Through the four years of their later mutual imprisonment, McKeon was often reminded of that remark.

Kurvers displayed a picture of himself and seven other Minnesotans, all of whom were inducted into the Army at the same time, were sent overseas together and were captured when Japanese forces overran

Bataan. Besides Kurvers, three others are still living, including Highland Park resident Bernie Fitzgerald.

When the radios blared the news of the bombing that fateful December day, I remember thinking how many lives—including mine—were going to change. It had already changed Kurvers', who was 21 at the time.

"The Japanese bombs hit our barracks near Clark airfield that same day and completely destroyed them," he said. "We never went back there."

Kurvers is a "relatively healthy" 80-year-old widower today. Looking at him, you wouldn't think he survived the Bataan death march, malaria and dysentery, or that two prison ships had been sunk with him, a non-swimmer, aboard.

Dorothy, his pre-draft fiancée who endured a lonely engagement before their marriage in January 1946, died a year ago, the day after their 50th wedding anniversary. Kurvers has three grown children, two in St. Paul and one in Stillwater.

Like a lot of others, Kurvers wishes that the United Nations forces had captured Sadaam Hussein during the Persian Gulf War in 1991. Now he wonders why the United States has to police the world and he worries that any bombings of Iraq will kill a lot of innocent people.

"Why don't the Iraqi people take care of Sadaam themselves?" he asks. "Do you think we Americans would put up with what's going on in Iraq?"

Then his thoughts revert to World War II and the situation in Japan at the time. He points out that the Japanese would never have thought of killing Emperor Hirohito because they considered him a god.

Maybe, one former soldier theorized to another, that's how the Iraqis feel about Sadaam Hussein.

Whose neighborhood is Neighborhoods First! representing?

Dear editor:

I read with some confusion Mike Madden's defense (*Villager*, November 18) of the desire by Neighborhoods First! to close Ayd Mill Road in favor of a linear park. He states that the organization "cannot get behind a plan that reduces traffic in one neighborhood at the expense of another." Yet that is exactly what will happen if Ayd Mill Road is closed.

No one involved in this debate disputes that if Ayd Mill is closed, the thousands of St. Paul residents who use the roadway daily will divert to Lexington, Hamline and Snelling, making the traffic on each of those streets more dangerous. C'mon, Neighborhoods First! Whose neighborhood do you pretend to represent? Not mine.

VILLAGE POST

Opponents of a freeway-connected Ayd Mill Road imagine a suburban commuter, insensitive to the concerns of us city dwellers, merrily driving between the southern suburbs and Minneapolis. Yet studies by St. Paul traffic engineers show that 90 percent of Ayd Mill users are St. Paul residents getting around the neighborhoods surrounding the roadway. Closing Ayd Mill will inconvenience us St. Paulites, not the suburban boogie man. This is our road and we have an opportunity to connect it in a way to enhance our mobility

and quality of life in the city.

Let's focus our attention on the thoughtful connection plans and enhanced green spaces that the Ayd Mill Road Task Force has considered. Invoking the Sierra Club, global warming and urban sprawl in support of closing a transportation corridor and replacing it with a manicured gully has no positive impact on the quality of life in St. Paul.

We residents are being given a chance to influence real public policy in order to improve our city. Let's make a thoughtful, not parochial, use of that chance.

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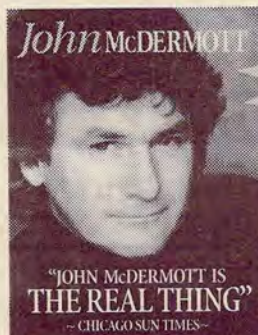
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Dear sir:

An article on the Ayd Mill controversy in the November 18 *Villager* makes a misleading statement. Referring to the October 22 meeting of the Snelling-Hamline Community Council (SHCC), the article states that the relationship between the council and the Snelling-Selby Area Business Association had been "strained... when park activists from Neighborhoods First! succeeded in passing a recommendation for a park at the community council's annual meeting."

I introduced the resolution in support of the linear park and also spoke in favor of it, but I have never been to any function of Neighborhoods First! I am a former member of the SHCC board, having served from 1994 to 1997. I left the board in part because there was a successful attempt by Shirley Reider and one or two others to silence those board members—the overwhelming majority at the time—who favored a linear park as the preferred alternative to replace the present road.

I can understand the misgivings that area business owners have about replacing the road with a park—they have made substantial investments in the area and are concerned about their investments. Area homeowners have also made serious investments and are concerned about the value of their assets. One can only wonder at the motives of Ms. Reider, who owns neither a home nor a business in the area. She can easily pack up and leave should the neighborhood become blighted, but thinks nothing of invalidating a perfectly legitimate vote when she doesn't like the outcome.

I hope business owners and homeowners can come together in mutually respectful negotiations and reach a workable, livable solution. SHCC office-holders who cannot represent the position taken by their own community council by a margin of more than two to one should resign rather than invalidate the vote and the democratic process.

Suzanne Lechtman
Snelling-Hamline

The solution is a tunnel

To the editor:

Writer Jane McClure's ongoing reports on the latest hardening of positions relating to Ayd Mill Road do not suggest that we have before us a chance for a winning design scheme that would benefit everyone concerned. But in fact, Ayd Mill Road presents the greatest city planning opportunity in years to greatly improve our neighborhoods for residents and business people alike.

The answer to the question about what should be done with the Ayd Mill Road corridor came to me when I remembered a question posed to me by former City Council president Dave Thune. "What would be the best way to move a lot of traffic up to the Civic Center (now RiverCentre) from Shepard Road?" he asked.

"Via a tunnel," I said and he had to agree.

My solution for the Ayd Mill Road controversy involves

creating a tunnel starting at Jefferson Avenue. The tunnel would be created by constructing a platform above the roadway up to Grand Avenue, then gradually descending, ducking under Selby Avenue and Concordia University's ball fields and Concordia Avenue to a hook-up with I-94 at a juncture we might call Midway Commons. The name might apply to the transition from I-94 south to the tunnel and I-35E.

In addition, I propose that we reroute trucks that now must exit I-35E at West 7th Street, then push up the long Montreal Avenue hill to Snelling Avenue and north to I-94. What we ought to do is route the trucks north along I-35E to the Ayd Mill Road tunnel and rename it newly rerouted Hwy 51.

The construction of new parking platforms north of Grand Avenue would help solve the perennial problem of too little off-street parking on that congested street, and we could develop a transit station for connections to other points on Grand and to downtown. A raised linear park and new bridges at St. Clair, Summit and Grand avenues would integrate and beautify the space.

With the incorporation of a tunnel, we would not hear nor hardly see the hidden traffic now streaming through our neighborhoods. We would be accommodating that traffic, but on our terms, for our benefit, for the safety and quietude of our neighborhood streets and the health of our many economic endeavors.

Order the pre-cast platforms and columns and hire the ditch-digging equipment, Mayor Coleman. You've got a job to do.

Lanier Oxtom
Hamline-Midway

Editor's note: the writer is an architect and urban planner.

Setting the record straight

To the editor:

An article in the November 18 *Villager* concerning plans for reconstruction of the I-35E bridge contained information that misrepresented the St. Paul Transportation Management Organization (the St. Paul TMO).

First, we are not the St. Paul Transit Management Organization. The St. Paul TMO addresses all forms of transportation, including carpools, van pools, walking, biking and telecommuting in addition to transit. Our mission is to operate as a private-public partnership to promote and coordinate efficient and environmentally sound transportation networks to assure the continued growth and prosperity of St. Paul and the East Metro area.

Second, we are not a group of city staff members and elected officials. Our 15-member board consists of representatives from the private and public sectors, including the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, the St. Paul Building Owners and Managers Association, the Capital City Partnership, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Capitol River Council, the St. Paul City Council, Mayor's Office, Port Authority, Ramsey Council Board, Minnesota Department of Administration and Metropolitan Council.

The St. Paul TMO provides commuter transportation information, education and services to employers, commuters and residents in the downtown area. We

encourage transportation projects and programs that support a reduction in congestion and offer commuters viable options to driving alone.

Alison Johnson, Executive Director
St. Paul Transportation Management Organization

A slur against Sibley Manor

Dear editor:

As a resident of Sibley Manor Apartments for the last 14 years, I was appalled when I read the quote from Carolyn Krall of AStudio describing Sibley Manor as "a major drain" on our neighborhood (*Villager*, September 23). Now she comes along and says the *Villager* misquoted her (*Villager*, November 4). Knowing the accuracy of your newspaper, I seriously doubt that.

Krall should be aware that in December my wife, a citizen of the Ukraine, will be coming to Sibley Manor to join me permanently. Krall's comment is a racial slur which says that because Sibley Manor is composed mostly of immigrants and low-income people like myself, it is a drain on the neighborhood.

Whatever happened to the patriotic American mentality, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free"? Apparently, that dream has been swallowed up by the Kralls of the world who seek only to serve the causes of big corporate conglomerates.

Darryl M. Raasch
Highland Park

Wilkin gives thanks

To the editor:

I would like to thank all of the voters who supported me on November 3. You made my election effort a tremendous success and I am grateful.

I am eagerly anticipating the 1999 legislative session and the challenges we will face. I am confident we will be able to enact reform in the areas that we care most about: education, taxes and government spending.

I want to give a special thank-you to our campaign volunteers for all of their time and hard work. No candidate can win by himself. Their efforts were especially helpful because of the impending birth of our daughter, who was born on election night.

Again, thank you for the honor of representing you in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

Tim Wilkin, Representative-Elect
House District 38A

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City denies two variances for Merriam Park garage

A Merriam Park homeowner who built a garage this summer without the required variances must bring the structure into compliance with city code or appeal to the St. Paul City Council for relief. In a 4-2 vote on November 23, the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) denied two variance requests for Peter Maranda, 1904 Ashland Ave.

Maranda's old garage was crushed by a fallen tree. It had been built prior to current zoning codes and did not meet current setback and square-footage requirements. Maranda said he was not aware that a building permit and variances were needed to replace the garage.

Maranda's garage is 1,152 square feet. The maximum size for a garage on a lot like Maranda's, which is zoned for multi-family residential use, is 1,000 square feet. In addition, the garage has a side-yard setback of 5 feet; 9 feet is required.

A staff report and testimony from two building inspectors indicated that Maranda was told of the need for variances and a building permit before construction was completed. Maranda can appeal the BZA ruling to the City Council, though as of last week no appeal had been filed.

Board denies Baby Grand's request for attached garage

Variance requests by the owners of Baby Grand for a new attached garage behind the store at 1137 Grand Ave. have been denied on a 5-1 vote by the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

Store owners Greg and Patty Roedler wanted to tear down an 18-by-24-foot detached garage and replace it with an attached garage of similar size. The proposed garage does not meet the city's current zoning code for lot coverage and setback. The Roedlers are seeking a lot coverage of 39 percent where 30 percent is allowed. They want a rear-yard setback of 19 feet; a setback of 25 feet is required.

The Summit Hill Association's Zoning and Land Use Committee recommended denying the variances. The size of the addition and how it would change the character of the neighborhood were the primary concerns of the committee, according to executive director Ellen Biales.

Two neighbors testified against the garage,

saying that attaching it to the house would create too large a building in the neighborhood.

Roedler said he planned to meet with city staff to discuss his options, which include revising his building plans or appealing the BZA decision to the City Council.

Subway lot improvements resolve Mac-Grove dispute

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council has reached an agreement with the owners of the Subway shop at 1820 Grand Ave. and the owner of a parking lot behind the restaurant to resolve complaints about litter, traffic, late-night noise and indecent behavior.

In response to neighborhood complaints, Subway owners Jeff and Jackie Lunde installed new trash cans and took steps to increase trash cleanup in the parking lot. The lot, which is shared with the tenants of four second-floor apartments and other nearby businesses, is owned by Abbott Paint.

The St. Paul Department of Public Works has installed a left-turn-only sign at the south exit of the parking lot to direct traffic to Fairview Avenue rather than down the alley between Grand and Lincoln avenues. Abbott Paint has also agreed to install new lighting and new parking lot signs along the Fairview Avenue sidewalk.

Joint hearing set on St. Paul's new housing, comp plans

The St. Paul City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint hearing on the city's new housing and comprehensive plans at 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 7, at St. Paul Technical College, 235 Marshall Ave.

The housing plan focuses on ways to preserve the city's existing housing stock, add new housing wherever possible, expand the city's affordable housing stock and create more housing for the growing number of older residents who want to move out of their single-family homes and into townhouses or condominiums.

Comments on the plans may be made at the hearing or they may be submitted in writing by Friday, December 11. Copies of the plans may be obtained by calling Nancy Homans at 651-266-6557.

News briefs compiled by Jane McClure.

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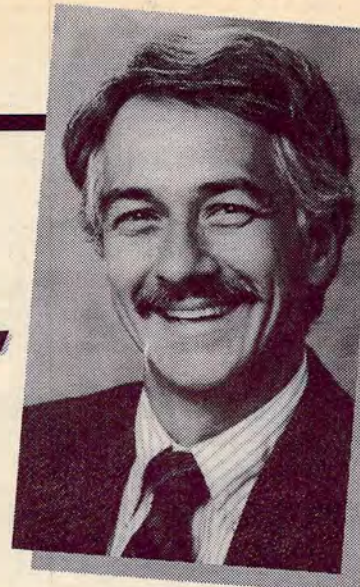
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Coleman finds silver lining in the clouds of 'Typhoon Jesse'

by Bob Gilbert

A fictional account of Norm Coleman's political journey of the past two years would fall somewhere between Homer's *Odyssey* and *Pee Wee's Big Adventure*.

The St. Paul mayor's back-to-back campaigns—the first, a successful re-election bid for mayor, the second, an unsuccessful bid for governor—is a testament to his hard work, ambition and ability to stand toe to toe with Minnesota's most formidable political figures.

Political campaigns can be brutal battles. Coleman lost some of his best staff following his mayoral race. Former Deputy Mayor Tim Marx and press secretary Paul Adelman both left partly because they were unwilling to make the personal sacrifices required to wage another campaign so soon, especially a much more daunting statewide gubernatorial race. Yet Coleman pushed on.

The goal, as Coleman and his campaign strategists saw it, was to beat Skip Humphrey, the son of the late U.S. senator and vice president, the state attorney general who took on the big tobacco companies and won, and the DFL candidate who handily defeated the best and brightest in his party's primary and had gained a 20-point lead in the polls by October.

To beat Humphrey, Coleman figured he needed to win big in the so-called "L" of Minnesota—the rural southern and western parts of the state. He challenged the conven-



Mayor Norm Coleman has settled back in his City Hall office to complete the task he started five years ago. Photo by Mike Long.

tional wisdom that a Brooklyn-born lawyer wouldn't play well out-state.

The night before the election, Coleman's pollsters told him that he would beat Humphrey by 6 points. They were right. The problem was, they did not account for what Coleman later called "Typhoon Jesse."

"We ran a great campaign except for the last two hours," Coleman said. "I won the race that I thought I had to win. We focused on the guy who had the big lead. We won that

battle, but we lost the war. In our polling, we didn't see the Jesse phenomenon. We didn't see it and the Democrats didn't see it either."

In retrospect, Coleman said he believes that Governor-elect Ventura fit right in with Minnesota's tradition of choosing unconventional, non-centrist candidates who tap into the state's independent spirit. He cited former and current U.S. Senators Eugene McCarthy, Paul Wellstone and Rod Grams as examples.

Many DFLers still hold a grudge against Coleman. They see him as an opportunist from New York who changed states, politics and parties in order to win the gubernatorial race against his former mentor, Humphrey.

As Coleman sees it, the 72 percent of voters who did not cast their ballots for the DFL gubernatorial candidate on November 3 vindicates his decision to change parties. Since he switched from the DFL to the Republican Party, he has defeated two DFL-endorsed opponents—Humphrey and District 65 Senator Sandy Pappas. In his opinion, the DFL is stuck in an ideological time warp and no longer represents the interests of working people in Minnesota. He vows to remain a Republican.

"Internally, I don't think I've changed who I am since my early days as a college radical," Coleman said. "I still consider my battle as a battle against the establishment. Who did I fight to get elected mayor? The DFL establishment in St. Paul. It's not much different from the establishment I was fighting when I was younger."

"You find out that when government takes your tax money away, you lose freedom. My message was freedom. Taxation is about taking away freedom."

The legislative session that begins in January will be a first in Minnesota history. It will feature a Reform Party governor, a Republican-controlled House of Representatives and a DFL-controlled

Senate. Coleman's message to both Governor-elect Ventura and Republican Speaker of the House Steve Sviggum will be that a strong urban center is essential to the state. He thinks that as the Republican mayor of St. Paul he is in a better position to get things done than Minneapolis' DFL Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton.

"The House of Representatives is Republican for the first time in 12 years and I campaigned for every one of the new Republican legislators and helped them get elected," Coleman said. "I consider most of them my friends. Jesse's views on the role of government, taxes and spending are close to mine. We have Democrats in the Senate like Randy Kelly to help build bridges. We're in a great position."

Coleman said he will finish his second four-year term as mayor, but has vowed not to run for a third term. He said he is happy that the projects he has put into place will be up and running before his term is over.

"This city will have undergone an incredible transformation, and I'm going to be around to see it all come to fruition," he said. "When the hockey arena opens, all of my critics will melt away."

One of Coleman's goals for the next three years is to make St. Paul a more competitive place to do business. "Competition drives quality," he said. "When you keep a lid on taxes, you generate confidence and

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Wilkin attributes victory in Dist. 38A to his stand on taxes and education

by Chris Smith

Tuesday, November 3, was a long and eventful day in the Wilkin household in Eagan.

Just before dawn, Eileen Wilkin went into labor with the family's second child. At 10:30 that evening, as Eileen and husband Tim prepared to head for the hospital, they learned that Tim had beaten Eagan City Council member Sany Masin for the Minnesota House of Representatives seat from District 38A.

"At 7:00 p.m., an hour before our election party was to begin, it was pretty clear that with the contractions five minutes apart it wouldn't be appropriate to go," Tim Wilkin said. "I called over and asked them to be sure to thank everybody no matter what the result was."

Rebecca Wilkin was born at 2:00 a.m. on November 4, giving father Tim even greater reason to celebrate.

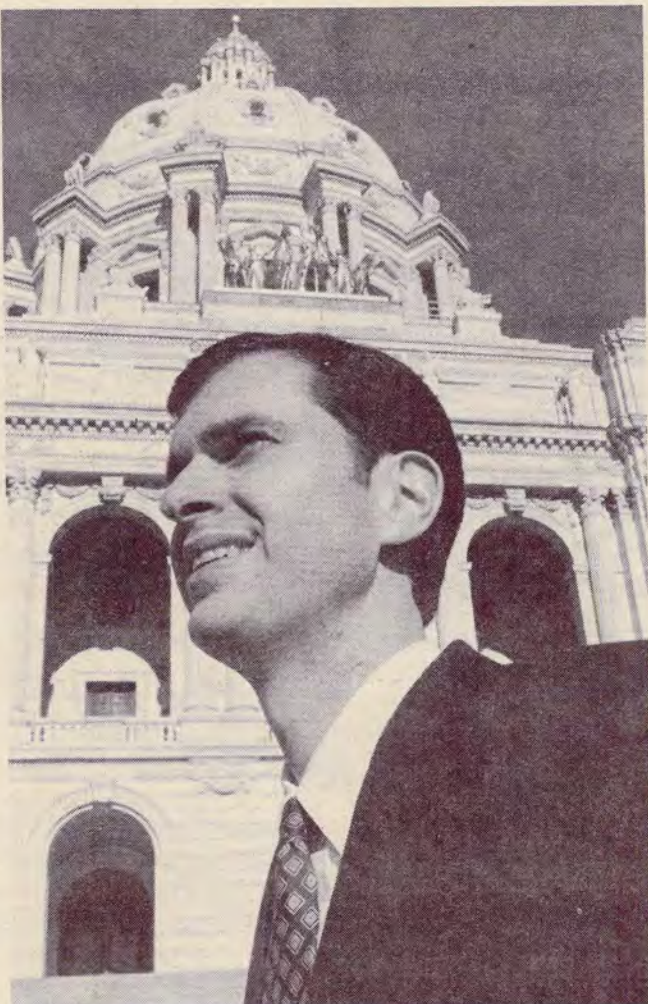
Wilkin, the Republican-endorsed candidate, received 56 percent of the vote in the district, which includes Eagan, Mendota, Lilydale and most of Mendota Heights. He attributed his victory to his stands on taxes and education.

"I think I was very clear on where I stood on the issues," he said. "People knew I was serious about tax reform and the fact that I want to give back any budget surpluses without hesitation. They also know that with two kids I have a vested interest in making sure public education is on the right track and improving."

"I want there to be a true competition of ideas (in education)," Wilkin said. "If you want to experiment with graduation standards and mandatory performance packages, that's fine, but then you should give families the option of having schools that focus on good basic education without all that."

Wilkin, 33, works as an underwriter for the Northland Insurance Company in Mendota Heights. A former banker, he has a degree in finance from the University of Iowa.

"I'm hoping my financial background will give me a chance to get on either the Ways and Means Committee, which does a lot of the work on spending bills, or on the Tax Committee," he said. "They usually only put one freshman legislator on those



Tim Wilkin at his new work place. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

committees, but I'm hopeful my experience will give me an edge."

Wilkin said he is committed to income tax cuts. "We are one of the highest taxed states in the country and yet we have these continual surpluses," he said. "Plus, the income tax is the worst tax. You tax something because you want to discourage it. An income tax cut would be a stimulus to the economy."

Wilkin believes the Republican victory in the state House of Representatives sends a clear message—that income tax cuts are what the public wants. "I'm hopeful that Governor-elect Ventura will agree with us on that," he said. "Then I think the pressure on the (DFL-controlled) Senate will be such that they'll have to go along with it."

Wilkin said the message in Ventura's third-party gubernatorial victory is simple: "Careers in politics are not what the voters want," he said. "They want straight talk. People respect you when you say where you stand and then hold your ground. I give (Ventura) a lot of respect for that. I think he'll work well with the Republican caucus."

Having no party in clear control of state government leaves Wilkin cautiously op-

timistic. "I'm very optimistic that we'll focus on policy," he said. However, he added, "sometimes there's legitimate political debate that some might call partisan bickering, but that's how you get good policy."

Wilkin, who will take a leave from his job during the January-to-May legislative session, has received a lot of advice from his predecessor, Tim Commers. "He was my campaign chairman and is helping me understand a lot of the inner workings of the Legislature," Wilkin said. "I think it'll be a very smooth transition."

Wilkin said he will strive to be a representative who stands for what he believes, but who also listens to his constituents and seeks out the advice of experts. "This is a district full of very talented people," he said. "And as a legislator, you deal with such a broad range of issues that no one person could have expertise in every area."

Wilkin is anxious to get started. "I want to get in there and learn the lay of the land," he said. "There's a steep learning curve and I won't be in there going off half-cocked. But at the same time, I'll stay on top of the issues I feel strongly about. That's why the voters put me there."

Coleman in defeat

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people invest. They bring businesses and jobs to the city and they raise families here too."

It is too early to tell how Coleman will go down in Minnesota history—as an accomplished mayor, the gubernatorial favorite who got body-slammed by Jesse Ventura, or some-

thing entirely different. Though his 1998 campaign fell short, his political career may not be over. It took Coleman two tries to win the mayor's office. He has not ruled out another shot at governor.



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School Board approves \$2 million to construct Highland field house

by Michael Werner

Highland Park High School parents are resting easier now that the St. Paul School Board has approved funding for a new field house at the school.

The School Board voted on November 17 to allot \$2 million for construction of the new facility. The vote came as a surprise to some parents after School Board chair Mary Thornton Phillips indicated in October that Highland's request would not be approved this year.

"I truly couldn't believe it. I had to read it twice to make sure," said Elana Stern, who had been out of town at the time of the School Board's vote. "I started yelling and screaming. We worked hard for it and I felt like we deserved it."

Stern, who has two children at the school, is one of many Highland parents who had been campaigning for the new field house. Linda Haugen, who also has two children attending Highland, is credited with spearheading an aggressive grassroots effort to get the School Board's attention. "There were so many parents who rallied behind this," Haugen said. "It's nice to see that parents do make a difference."

Though plans are still preliminary, Highland athletic director John Heller said the field house will be built on the southwest corner of the high school campus. Construction is scheduled to begin next April and be completed by September.

Under the current proposal, approximately one-third of the new space would be dedicated to gymnastics, with the remainder for basketball and volleyball. Heller said the auxiliary gym space at Highland that is currently used for gymnastics would be turned into a fitness center, which will house weight-lifting equipment, treadmills and stationary bicycles for use by students, staff and area residents.

"This is not just a wonderful addition for Highland High School, but for the entire Highland Park community," he said.

The new field house is expected to double Highland's gym space and ease pressure on athletic facilities strained by increasing enrollment and the growth in girls athletics brought about by the federal Title IX program.

"Highland has distinctly inferior gym space in comparison to other high schools," said St. Paul School Board member Al Oer-twig. "It has the same gym space that it did 30 years ago and Title IX wasn't present back then. It was time for Highland to have facilities comparable to other schools."

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Parents had previously raised safety concerns regarding the inadequacy of the athletic facilities at Highland, which was built in 1964. The school currently has a single large gym that can be divided into two full basketball courts plus an auxiliary room for gymnastics. A total of nine teams vie for that space, including freshmen, junior varsity and varsity basketball teams for boys and girls, and wrestling, gymnastics and cheerleading/dance-line teams.

With so many programs competing for gym space, coaches have been forced to schedule practices before school and well into the night. The school also has several physical education classes using the gym simultaneously during the day.

"There are times when you have 80 to 100 kids in the gym at the same time with just a few coaches or instructors and that's a safety concern," said Kevin Petersen, whose son is a senior at Highland.

The new field house will be built at the expense of other proposed capital improvement projects that were before the board. Those projects, which include upgrading Highland's cafeteria, will be put on hold until next year.

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St. Paul Schools expands testing procedure for gifted and talented

by Dave Page

The St. Paul Public Schools embarked in November on a four-month effort to visit every kindergarten and 2nd-grade classroom in the district to identify students who are gifted and talented. Trained observers are sitting down with students and watching them work with geometric shapes, tell stories and perform other tasks. It's part of the Discover program developed at the University of Arizona to draw out a child's academic gifts without relying on his or her abilities in English.

The program replaces a pencil-and-paper test that has been given for years at Capitol Hill, the district's very popular magnet school program for gifted and talented students. Concerns raised about the lack of minority students identified by that test led the School Board to revise the testing procedures.

Leslie Warner, supervisor for the district's gifted and talented program, has been busy trying to find enough observers to implement the program. A decision last month to raise the observers' wages from \$7.00 to \$10 per hour brought in more than enough applicants, Warner said, but the School Board has since decided to extend the testing to kinder-

gartners and 2nd-graders enrolled in private schools in St. Paul. Warner has had to find observers willing to come in on Saturdays after working a five-day week in the public schools.

Although plans are still being finalized, parents of private school students will probably have to bring their children to the district's administration building for Discover screening. Public school students who miss the regular screening will also be able to test on Saturdays at that site.

Observers receive five days of training with June Maker, one of the developers of Discover. According to Warner, the first group of 25 applicants fit the mix for which district officials were hoping.

"Over half had their bachelor's degrees," Warner said. "Six had their master's and one had a doctor of divinity degree. They range in age from 18 to 80. The youngest has had a lot of experience with children, including jobs as a camp counselor and a lifeguard. The oldest earned a master's degree in the 1930s."

Warner is also happy with the cultural mix. "We have American Indians, Hispanics and African-Americans represented in the group," Warner said. She hopes to employ

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RELIGIOUS NOTES

A 40-foot canvas labyrinth will be available for meditative walking from 1:30 to 8:30 p.m. on three Fridays in December at the College of St. Catherine. The labyrinth will be set up in St. Joseph Hall on December 4 and 18, and in Frey Theater on December 11. There is no charge. For information, call Wisdom Ways, a resource center for spirituality, at 651-690-8830.

Minnehaha United Church of Christ, 4001 S. 38th Ave., Minneapolis, will host a Christmas concert at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 13. Featured artists will include Lori Dokken, Debbie Duncan and Judy Donaghy, along with the Minnehaha choir. A free-will offering will be taken. The church also will celebrate the winter solstice with a service at 7:00

p.m. Monday, December 21. For information, call 612-729-7556.

A Learner's Minyan will take place at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 12, at the Temple of Aaron, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. For information, call 651-698-8874.

The St. Paul Area Council of Churches is challenging businesses, schools and churches to collect toys and clothing to be distributed to low-income families during its second annual "Spread the Joy, Give a Toy" drive. New and unwrapped gifts may be dropped off between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, at the council offices, 1671 Summit Ave. For information, call Peg Wangenstein at 651-646-8805, extension 20.

Gifted and talented test

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Hmong observers, but there will be Hmong translators in the classrooms, she said.

Students who are not identified as gifted and talented through the Discover program may be chosen in other ways, Warner said. Teachers may recommend a student based on past performance. Parents may bring information to the observers. A student's portfolio also may be used to assess his or her abilities.

The unanimous decision by the School Board on November 9 to allow private school students to participate in the Discover program was in response to complaints by private school officials who feared that parents would pull their children from private schools to give them a chance at attending Capitol Hill. That same night, the School Board voted 4-3 not to extend its sibling preference policy to Capitol Hill. Although the

School Board opened the district's other magnet schools to sibling preference earlier this year, a majority felt the policy would give an unfair advantage to students less qualified for Capitol Hill.

The biggest challenge now facing the school district is finding the money to pay for the Discover program. A \$219,000 state grant was intended to defray the cost of the screening at just the 2nd-grade level, as initially planned, according to Warner. The School Board will have to use district funds for the expanded program. In addition, the Discover process could mean that hundreds of additional students are identified as gifted and talented. Serving all of those children may require expanding the gifted and talented programs at schools across the city.



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City Council pencils in a few additions to budget for 1999

Expects to complete work by Dec. 8 hearing

by Jane McClure

More money for parks maintenance, library materials, district councils and neighborhood-based crime prevention programs are among the additions to the city of St. Paul's 1999 budget that have been penciled in by the City Council.

Whether funds can be found for street paving, more police officers and library staff, new playground equipment or improvements to the Highland 18-hole golf course is still in doubt.

The City Council will continue its number crunching at a meeting on Wednesday, December 2. It hopes to have its budget completed in time for the joint city-county-school district truth-in-taxation hearing at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, at Arlington High School. The council will approve its 1999 budget and property tax levy at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 9.

Mayor Norm Coleman presented the council with a 1999 budget of \$485.5 million earlier this year. Coleman's budget would have kept the city's tax levy at \$63.8 million, the same as 1998 and \$2.9 million less than 1993. However, that is expected to change with the City Council's additions.

St. Paul is the last of the three local units of government to approve its 1999 budget. The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners voted on November 24 to cut about \$6 million from the \$416.7 million county budget proposed earlier this year. That is a decrease from the \$412.9 million budget adopted in 1998, but will bring a 0.4 percent increase in the county's share of the property tax levy. The St. Paul School Board approved a maximum levy of \$106.1 million in September, down about \$4 million from the \$110 million levy in 1998.

The City Council is expected to wrap up its budget discussions on Wednesday, December 2. Among the latest proposals to be debated is money for improvements to the Highland 18-hole golf course.

Some City Council members were irked to learn two weeks ago that staff from the city's Division of Parks and Recreation had been discussing for several months a proposal to reconstruct the Highland course with private money. Blackheath Golf Limited, a partnership of five Twin Cities businessmen and golf industry executives, has suggested investing about \$3.5 million in private funds for reconstructing the links. Blackheath would lease the course from the city for \$1.00 a year, charge a management fee, and return to the city all revenue after deducting operating expenses and loan payments. Blackheath would reserve the course several afternoons each week for corporate clients, charity fund-rais-

ers and conventioners.

The proposal has raised questions about whether such an arrangement would limit public access too severely. The apparent lack of support on the City Council and the number of calls registered by the city's complaint line prompted Ward 3 council member Mike Harris to explore other ways for the city to pay for golf course improvements.

When the city's Phalen and Como golf courses were renovated in the 1970s and 1980s, the city was able to draw on outside funds to help pay for the improvements, according to city budget director Joe Reid. Unlike Highland Park, Como and Phalen are regional parks and qualified for regional park funds. Phalen also received money from the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission because a sewer line had to be replaced beneath the course. Como received a federal Environmental Protection Agency grant because of its status as a drainage pond for the area.

Other proposed budget additions for 1999 include the following:

- Ward 4 City Council member Jay Benanav is seeking an additional \$225,000 apiece to upgrade equipment at six city playgrounds, including Desnoyer Park and the Highland Park picnic area.

- City Council President Dan Bostrom succeeded in returning \$30,000 to the budget for graffiti removal on private property. Money for the removal of graffiti from parks and public works facilities are included in the budgets of those departments.

- The city's 17 planning districts are expected to split \$40,000 in additional money, representing a 6 percent increase in city funding for 1999. The councils will also split \$25,000 for neighborhood crime prevention programs. However, a request for \$17,000 to cover rising neighborhood cleanup costs has been rejected.

- City Council members have agreed to add \$50,000 for library materials, but set aside a proposal to hire additional technology and outreach staff until December 2.

- The council has agreed to provide \$100,000 for the second year of Historic St. Paul Foundation operations. The council also gave the organization \$100,000 in 1998.

- An additional \$180,000 has been earmarked for park maintenance. Parks and Recreation Commission chair Jill Danner said some of the city's recreational facilities are at or near the breaking point. She noted that many trees destroyed by last summer's storms would have withstood the strong winds had they been trimmed properly. At one time, the city trimmed its trees every four to five years, Danner said. That cycle has been expanded to 10 or more years.

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Dressed in holiday style

Merchants prepare to greet the season with 26th annual Grand Meander

Carolers will be singing and sleigh bells will be ringing when Grand Avenue businesses herald the height of the holiday shopping season with the 26th annual Grand Meander on Saturday, December 5.

In keeping with tradition, a multitude of activities will be taking place from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Highlights include a free pancake breakfast with Santa at the Tavern on Grand, complimentary soup tasting at 17 restaurants, a juried arts and crafts show at Ramsey Junior High School, strolling carolers, free horse-drawn hayrides up and down the avenue, roasted chestnuts, holiday characters and live music.

Businesses along the avenue will be decked out in their holiday finery from Dale Street to Fairview Avenue as they compete in the annual holiday decorating contest. Scores of merchants also will be serving holiday refreshments and holding open houses to entice shoppers to drop in.

Several new items have been added to this year's Meander. A free screening of the holiday classic *A Christmas Story* will be presented at 10:30 a.m., compliments of the Grandview Theatre and its owner, Mann Theatres. The family comedy tells the story of a young boy growing up in the '40s with his

sights set on getting a Red Rider BB gun for Christmas. Seating starts at 10:00 a.m. and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Moviegoers are asked to bring along a new or used children's book for charitable children's programs in Ramsey County.

"Sesame Street Live's" Cookie Monster will make a special appearance before the movie at the Grandview and again at 11:00 a.m. at Victoria Crossing West, 867 Grand Ave. KS95-FM radio personality Pat McKeever will be hosting a live broadcast at Victoria Crossing West from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Children and their parents can meet and greet a live reindeer from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Milton Mall, 917 Grand Ave. Meanderers also can have their gifts wrapped from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the mall. Donations for the service will go to the Race for the Cure for Breast Cancer.

The Grand Avenue Business Association assisted in compiling the following list of activities for this year's Grand Meander:

ALL ALONG THE AVENUE

• **Hayrides/trolley rides.** The avenue will return to holidays of yore with horse-drawn hayrides from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The hay wagon will travel from Dale to Fairview, stop-

ping to pick up and discharge passengers all along the route. Those who prefer a faster mode of travel are invited to board one of three antique trolleys that will be operating on Grand during those same hours.

• **Strolling carolers.** The air will be filled with the strains of holiday music as students from Linwood A+ Elementary School, neighborhood residents, the Lexington-Hamline Community Band and other groups of carolers spread good cheer all along the avenue.

• **Soup Tasting.** Seventeen Grand Avenue chefs will be serving up free samples of their best soups from noon to 3:00 p.m. The participating businesses from west to east are Whole Foods Market, Coffee News Cafe, Table of Contents, the Green Mill, Pasqual's, Kowalski's Grand Market, Great Harvest Bread Co., D'Amico & Sons, Sidney's, Cooks of Crocus Hill, Billy's on Grand, Café Latte, Bruegger's Bagel Bakery, the Wild Onion, the Acropol Inn, the Tavern on Grand and La Cucaracha.

The "Grandest Soup" will be determined that day by judges Sue Zelikson of WCCO Radio's "Food For Thought," Pat Burke of *Midwest Home and Design*, and Jackie Fletcher of *Minnesota Monthly*.

• **Holiday food and refreshments.** There

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INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS

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A. Johnson & Sons Florist, 1738 Grand. Free cookies and refreshments will be served during the floral shop's annual open house from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Get your picture taken with Santa and receive a sprig of holly. Door prizes also will be awarded.

Ramsey Junior High School, 1700 Summit. Art at Ramsey, the annual holiday arts and crafts show, will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Works by more than 60 professional artists will be featured at the juried affair, proceeds from which will benefit the school. Admission is free.

Wet Paint, 1684 Grand. Stop by the arts and crafts store to make a holiday ornament from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Former weaver has discovered a national outlet for her creation of one-of-a-kind, hand-bound books



Highland Park artist Nancy Goodman displays some of her hand-bound books. She is one of nearly 60 artists who will be featured in the juried art fair taking place at Ramsey Junior High during the Grand Meander. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

by Victoria McCurdy

Thai marbled paper, vintage kimono fabric, petite glass tiles—these are just a few of the artistic elements that Highland Park artist Nancy Goodman brings together to create hand-bound journals, albums and picture books.

Though better known for the past 25 years as a weaver, Goodman also studied other art forms, including papermaking, Japanese brush painting and flower arranging. She launched her line of hand-bound books two years ago under the company name Purple Moon.

"I've always liked color and texture, and in a way paper is similar to weaving," said Goodman as she picked up a vivid green journal in which a pottery garden charm had been set in recess. "And not just on the outside of the book, but the pages themselves. I like to use heavy textured, acid-free paper that's good with pen and ink and watercolor."

Though Goodman markets a production line nationally, it will be her one-of-a-kind, hand-bound books that will be on display during the fourth annual Art at Ramsey, a

holiday arts and crafts show that will run from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 5, at Ramsey Junior High School, 1700 Summit Ave. The event is being held in conjunction with the Grand Avenue Business Association's annual Grand Meander.

Goodman will join nearly 60 other artists in what art advisor Marit Kucera calls "a high-caliber juried art fair." Leather goods, hand-made soaps, watercolors, jewelry, baskets, wooden toys, hand-painted ties, stone sculpture, dolls, puppets, pottery, holiday ornaments and other items will be on sale, with proceeds going to benefit the junior high.

"The Grand Avenue Business Association is pleased with the addition of Art at Ramsey," Kucera said. "We're another draw for the Meander. Some people come specifically for the art show."

Art at Ramsey was the brain child of Bill Hanson, area coordinator for the St. Paul Public Schools' Community Education. He approached artists associated with the former Craft Connection on Grand Avenue about doing a fair for the benefit of the school. The idea was well received. According to Kucera, Art at Ramsey has proved to be a

great opportunity for area artists to sell their work during the holidays.

Though she is a veteran of art shows and fairs, this will be Goodman's first year participating in Art at Ramsey. "I like to patronize shows that benefit a good organization," Goodman said.

Picking up a memory album with a velvet patterned cover, Goodman pointed out the gold lashed binding that is a decorative part of the piece. "I wanted this book to expand to hold pictures, to open and lay flat," she said. "Though it wasn't made in the traditional book binder's way, it's made to operate well."

Goodman begins a piece in her home studio by wrapping a book board with designer fabrics or handmade paper from around the world. She enhances the design with beads, glass bits or ceramic pottery. The covers are placed in an antique book press overnight and then the inner pages are added.

"I like to find different ways of binding," said Goodman, holding up books bound with beaded pamphlet stitch and Japanese stab bindings. For the stab and lash bindings, she bores holes through the entire book with a converted drill press. "Do you want to see

something funny?" she asked as she turned on the press. Her cockapoo pattered down the stairs. "She likes to eat the paper pellets. She runs down to the studio whenever I turn the press on."

Goodman attended Highland elementary, junior and senior high, but she never took art classes in school. "That came later," she said. She launched Purple Moon several years ago and now has two representatives who sell her line nationally, mostly to boutiques and art stores.

"It's interesting to note what sells in different regions," she said. "In California, the memory book with the garden charm is a big seller."

Goodman said she is always experimenting with new ideas, like her accordion-style "Perfect Little Picture Book." The book is covered in black hand-screened paper from India and folds out to hold six photos.

"Each time I get an idea I have to do research and experiment," she said. "I don't have time to work up everything that goes on in my head. The most important thing for me is that my books stand the test of time."



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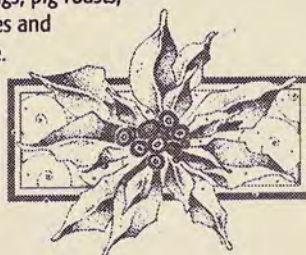
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Grand's Pied Piper

Meanderers flock to sound of Fitzgerald's bagpipes

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—From an old Irish piping song

by Sean Kelly

No one would ever mistake Tim Fitzgerald with Tiny Tim of *A Christmas Carol* fame, but the roly-poly bag-piper exudes plenty of the holiday spirit nonetheless. One day a year he flocks his generous beard and trades in his kilt for the traditional red suit to become "the Piping Santa" for Grand Avenue's annual Grand Meander.

On Saturday, December 5, "Fitz," as he is called by all who know him, will once again set down his piper's song book for the day, trading in "The Campbells Are Coming" for the more seasonal "Here Comes Santa Claus." If past years are any indication, the kids will flock to him as if he were the jolly old elf himself.

"He's into the character and you can see he loves the people," said Molly O'Mara, co-owner of the Irish store at 1124 Grand Ave. "He wouldn't miss doing it for the world."

Fitz first appeared as the Piping Santa at the Grand Meander four years ago and the idea immediately took off. A local television station did a report on him, pitched it to the network and it became the ending sound segue on the national news that very same night.

"Fitz tells us he departs from the North Pole with one stop in Ireland to pick up Christmas goods and comes right here to Grand Avenue to regale kids of all ages," O'Mara said. "The bag-pipe has such an ancient, primeval and mystical effect on people that it sends their hearts a-reeling. It's become an integral part of the Grand Meander."

"It's great fun to see the expressions on the kids' faces," Fitz said. "One of Molly's relations, little Aisling O'Neill, saw me for the first time two years ago and now calls out 'Santa' every time she hears bagpipes."

Fitz's first appearance at the Meander



Music will encircle Tim Fitzgerald's head like a wreath when he clenches a pipe in his teeth at Irish on Grand on December 5. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

was at Irish on Grand's original store down the avenue. The Piping Santa was a hit and lines of kids formed to get a chance to sit on his lap.

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Grand Meander heralds holiday season /from page 17

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Crescent Moon, 58 S. Hamline. Stop in for complimentary beverages and desserts. A drawing will be held for a \$50 gift certificate.

Legacy Fine Arts, 1209 Grand. Bruce Foster will perform "A Song in a Sack" and refreshments will be served from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Anything & Everything, 1208 Grand. Come join in a song during the shop's second annual caroling party from noon to 1:00 p.m. The singing will be led by vocal artist Diane Lillehei. Refreshments will be served.

Mella Day Spa, 1204 Grand. Warm up with a complimentary paraffin hand dip from noon to 2:00 p.m.

Laurel Street Flowers, 1129 Grand. Register to win a free holiday wreath valued at \$150 and enjoy complimentary holiday goodies.

C'est Fou Showroom, 1128 Grand. Hot apple cider and cookies will be served.

Irish On Grand, 1124 Grand. Irish singer John McDermott will sign autographs at noon, a bagpipin Santa will perform from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., and artist Johnnie Fitzpatrick will display artwork from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Traditional Irish tea and biscuits will be served all day.

Wuollet Bakery, 1080 Grand. Follow your nose to where the scents of the season don't get more mouth-watering. Those who stop by may sample Wuollet's Christmas cookies, fruitcake and other holiday specialties.

Creative Kidstuff, 1074 Grand. Kids



Carolers will spread holiday cheer all along the avenue during the annual Meander on Saturday, December 5. Photo by Mike Long.

can make their own bead-and-wire holiday decorations from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Textilis, 1064 Grand. Look for the Grand Avenue caroling shoppers performing at the store and all along the avenue. Hot cider and cookies will be

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Great Harvest Bread Co., 1049 Grand. Hear the Bread Production Carolers from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Meandering/see next page



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Piping Santa on Grand /from previous page

everyone," Fitz said. "The people on the horse-drawn hayrides holler their lungs out as they go by."

There are some hazards to the job.

"One year there was this bunch of guys in Santa suits going by and they all began to throw snowballs at me," he said with a twinkle in his eye. "I think they were either off-duty Vulcans or members of the Santas' union claiming jurisdiction."

Fitz is a member of the Minnesota

Pipes and Drums and has been known to play the group's big bass drum in parades as well as his pipes. He often plays solo at weddings and funerals.

The Minnesota Pipes and Drums is the official band of the Emerald Society, a group of Irish-American police, so it is often called on to play at services for fallen officers. Fitz said one of his most touching memories was the march to the Cathedral of St. Paul for the funeral Mass of officer Ron Jones, who was slain

in the line of duty.

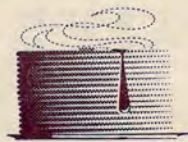
"That was the most emotional—to see that great sea of blue uniforms on either side as we marched along John Ireland Boulevard to the Cathedral," he said.

When he is not playing the pipes, Fitz can be found working as the night manager at Kieran's Irish Pub in Minneapolis. He also is a house painter and carpenter, and did the remodeling for the current Irish on Grand.

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Holiday in Highland

Merchants prepare to salute the season Dec. 12

Highland area merchants will be wrapped up in the holiday spirit once again when the Highland Business Association presents its 11th annual Holiday in Highland on Saturday, December 12.

The holiday promotion will once again begin with the HBA's venerable Breakfast with Santa in the auditorium of the Hillcrest Recreation Center. All children and their adult guests are invited to enjoy the free continental breakfast. Santa will be on hand to listen to the youngsters' holiday wishes and pose for photographs.

During breakfast, youngsters can pick up a passport to the North Pole and after breakfast journey to participating ports of call. After the children get their passports stamped at shops throughout the Village, they can take them to R.F. Moeller Jeweler to receive a prize.

Families also are welcome to stroll over to the Highland Theatre after breakfast for a free 10:00 a.m. showing of the family holiday classic *A Christmas Story*, compliments of Mann Theatres and the HBA.

Horse-drawn hayrides will also once again carry holiday shoppers throughout the Village. Cookie decorating will be done over the lunch hour at Blimpies and



Pietro DiLorenzo, 4, gave the head elf an earful during last year's Breakfast with Santa. Photo by Mike Long.

holiday music will be presented throughout the day by strolling carolers.

In addition, the HBA is making gift certificates available this year for holiday giving, courtesy of 26 Highland area shops. "Holiday Bucks" are now being sold in denominations of \$5.00, \$10, \$20 and \$50 at the Highland Bank, Firststar Bank Highland and Highgrove Credit Union. The recipients may apply the Holiday Bucks toward the purchase of any item at the 26 participating stores. A list of those stores is provided with each gift certificate sold. The gift certificates are valid for purchases made anytime between now and December 1, 1999.

Following are the highlights of Highland's salute to the holiday shopping season as compiled by the Highland Business Association:

Breakfast with Santa. A complimentary continental breakfast will be served and Santa will be available to listen to children's holiday wishes and to pose for pictures from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Parents are welcome to bring along their cameras for photos of the kids on the jolly old elf's lap.

Journey to the North Pole. Children who pick up a passport at the Breakfast with Santa can then visit a series of ports of call—oth-

erwise known as participating businesses—in Highland between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Youngsters who reach the North Pole (R.F. Moeller Jeweler at 2073 Ford Pkwy.) with a filled passport will be rewarded with a prize for their efforts.

Free holiday movie. Families are invited to view the family holiday classic *A Christmas Story* on the big screen at the Highland Theatre beginning at 10:00 a.m. There is no admission charge. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m.

Cookie decorating. Buy a children's meal for 99 cents at Blimpies Subs & Salads, 1817 Randolph Ave., between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and receive a free cookie to decorate any way you like.

Horse-drawn hayrides. Rest your weary legs after a day of shopping by hitching a ride on a horse-drawn hay wagon between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The rides begin and end on Cleveland Avenue outside the Highland Grill, the Roastery and Home Decor.

Strolling carolers. Sounds of the season will fill the Village as vintage carolers take to the sidewalks from noon to 3:00 p.m.

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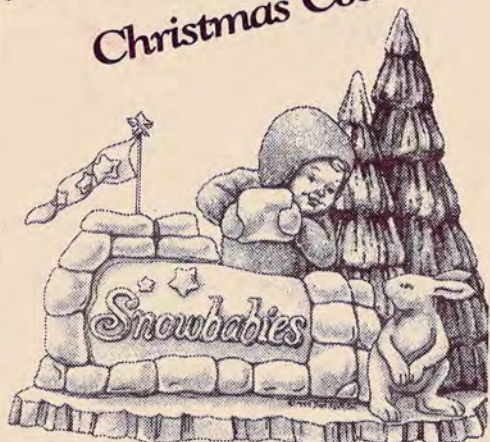
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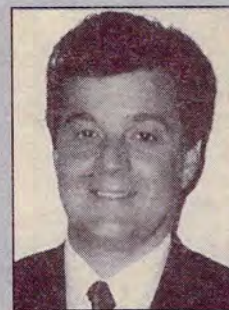
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Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

BOARD SEATS

At its November 19 meeting, the Macalester-Groveland Community Council elected Renee Jensen of 2047 Grand Ave. to serve as the representative of Grid 3 (see map). The board also accepted the resignation of Grid 11 representative Mike Pexa. Residents from that grid will be given an opportunity to elect someone to serve the remaining months of that unexpired term. For information, call 651-698-7973.



Macalester-Groveland neighborhood by grids

MEETING NOTES

The Macalester-Groveland board voted on November 19 to support an application by the University of St. Thomas to allow the building it owns at 2097 Grand Ave. to serve as a neighborhood headquarters for St. Paul city code enforcement staff. The university is no longer using the building for its campus security office. Because the property is zoned for residential use, it cannot be used for office space unless the

new use is similar to the old one. A police substation also will occupy the building.

The board also voted to support further traffic calming efforts on Fairview Avenue. It plans to seek Capital Improvement Budget funds for the construction of medians between Summit and Randolph avenues to keep drivers from using the center lane as a passing lane.

The board also voted in opposition to plans to double the size of the new I-35E bridge over the Mississippi River. The state's preferred design for the new bridge calls for two driving lanes and one service lane in each direction. Concerns were voiced that the state might eventually convert the service lanes into driving lanes.

No December meeting is scheduled for the Macalester-Groveland board. Committees that will meet this month include the Environment Committee on December 3, the Long Range Planning Committee on December 9 and the Transportation Committee on December 21. All of the meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. For information, call 651-698-7973.

GROVELAND PLAYGROUND

The St. Paul City Council is expected to approve funding next week for completion of the children's play area at the Groveland Recreation Center. This project was ranked as the community council's top capital improvement for 1998-99.

Funding for the \$300,000 project will come from a state Department of Natural Resources grant, local capital improvement budget funds, the city of St. Paul's extra half-percent sales tax dollars and a small grant from the St. Paul Public Schools.

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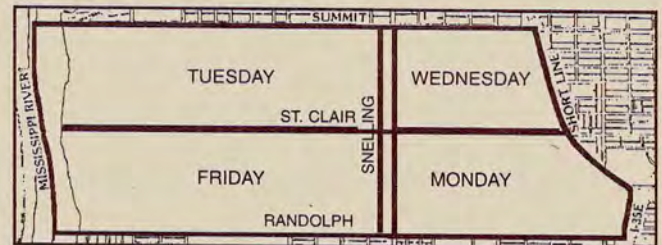
The Macalester-Groveland Community Council's Job Connection continues to connect students and adults who want to earn extra money with Macalester-Groveland and Highland

Park senior citizens who need shoveling, raking, housecleaning and minor repairs done. The average pay is \$6.50 an hour, depending on the age of the worker and the difficulty of the job. For information, call Jessica Bakkene at the community council office at 651-698-7973.

ENVIRONMENTALIST SOUGHT

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council is seeking a new part-time coordinator for its environmental and recycling programs. The coordinator promotes and runs the council's weekly curbside recycling program, provides public information on waste reduction and re-use, organizes the neighborhood cleanup and works with the Environment Committee to address a variety of other environmental issues.

Resumes will be accepted at the council's office at 320 S. Griggs St. until December 15. For more information, call community organizer Kathie Tarnowski at 651-698-7973.



Macalester-Groveland recycling days

RECYCLED NOTICE

Recycling is collected in Macalester-Groveland weekly (see map). Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, bottles, cans, corrugated cardboard and other recyclables should be separated and set out on the curb by 6:30 a.m. on the specific recycling day for each area. For information, call the community council office at 651-698-7973.

Snelling-Hamline COUNCIL CAPSULE

BOARD VACANCIES

An election will be held on Thursday, December 3, to fill two open seats on the Snelling-Hamline Community Council's board of directors. The positions are open to all those who live or represent a business within the boundaries of Summit, Snelling, University and Hamline Avenues, and Ayd Mill Road. The election will be held as part of the community council's December meeting, which begins at 7:00 p.m. at Liberty State Bank, 176 N. Snelling Ave. For information, call Karen Dalton at 651-644-1085.

PARKS AND REC SUPERVISOR

Bob Piram recently announced his retirement as superintendent of the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation after

38 years of service to the city. Mayor Norm Coleman is now seeking comments from citizens to help identify what the priorities of the new director should be. A public meeting to receive those comments will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, December 3, at the Como Lakeside Pavilion. Those who want to be included on the agenda as a speaker may call Mary-Helen Mische at 651-266-8533.

SNELLING-HAMLINE WEB SITE

The Snelling-Hamline Community Council is now in the process of developing a Web site to provide information about the programs and activities of the council and its board, and about neighborhood services and amenities. Those who have ideas about what to include on the site are invited to call Christine Yanchar at 651-644-1085.

SAFE APARTMENTS INITIATIVE

The Snelling-Hamline Community Council is a supporter of the Safe Apartments Initiative, which provides information to landlords and tenants about their rights and responsibilities,

assists in making contacts between block clubs and renters, and seeks comments from renters and landlords on neighborhood activities.

Half of the housing units in Snelling-Hamline are rental properties. The community council's goal is to have at least one resident contact in each rental building in the neighborhood.

Those who are interested in being a Safe Apartment contact are invited to call Christine Yanchar at 651-644-1085.

FREE MARKET SITE

The St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium has launched a new Web site at www.twincitiesfreemarket.org. The site is a listing service for residents who want to give or receive free reusable goods for the home and garden. The site is an effort to reduce the amount of reusable goods being thrown away.

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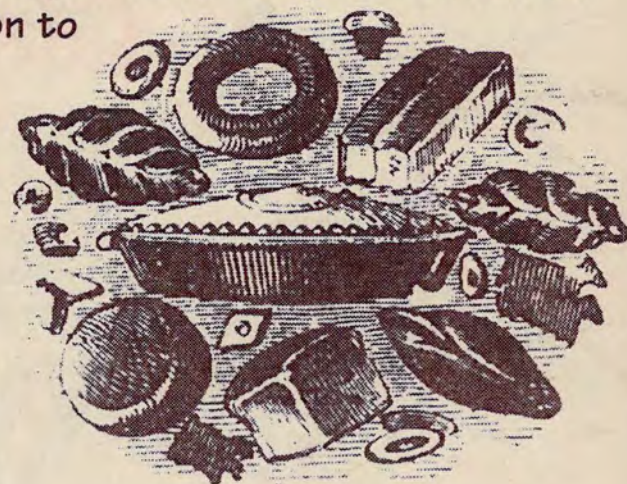
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Blue Ribbon Schools Week is being celebrated now through December 4 in honor of Central, Highland and Cretin-Derham Hall high schools, which received the prestigious Blue Ribbons Schools Award this year from the U.S. Department of Education. St. Paul is the only city with three award winners in the same year. St. Paul residents are being asked to dress in blue and to decorate their homes with blue ribbons on Thursday, December 3, in honor of the achievement. The schools will be decorating their grounds with ribbons and holding celebratory events throughout the week, with most culminating on that day as well.

The **College of St. Catherine** has been assessed a \$1,800 penalty by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for violations related to the school's permitted discharge of water from campus air-conditioning systems. The college failed to submit monitoring results of the water discharge for the third and fourth quarters of 1996 and all of 1997. The MPCA agreed to forgive \$600 of the penalty since the college has submitted a report detailing the steps it would take to ensure future compliance. The remaining \$1,200 fine has already been paid by the college.

St. Paul School Board member Becky Montgomery has been chosen to chair the Council of Great City Schools, a coalition representing 6 million children in the nation's largest urban public school systems. She will begin her duties in July.

The **University of St. Thomas' FastTrac** entrepreneurial education program has been recognized as the best of its kind in the nation for the third year in a row by the Denver-based Entrepreneurial Education Foundation. Sixty-five such programs are now offered in 36 states and Canada, Sweden and Australia. Since 1995 more than 1,200 people have taken St.



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Thomas' program, including Jeanne Voight of Macalester-Groveland and Susan McCloskey of Lilydale, winners of the Small Business Administration's Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year awards in 1997 and 1998, respectively.

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

Visitation School in Mendota Heights will hold a Lower School open house at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 5. The open house is for prospective families interested in grades 1-6. The school plans to add an additional coed section of 6th grade for the 1999-2000 school year. For information, call the admissions office at 651-683-1707.

District 197 Early Childhood Family Education is now taking applications for winter classes designed for children ages birth to pre-kindergarten and their parents. Classes will be held at Somerset School, 1355 Dodd Road, and the Learning Center, 1300 Mendota Heights Road. For information, call Dolly at 651-405-2480.

The **St. Paul Optimist club** honored 15 outstanding seniors from St. Paul high schools on November 19 at the Town and Country Club. Local honorees included Diana Yang and Jimmy Chien of Central, Tami Ellis and Willy Tully of Highland Park, and Jim Krieger of Cretin-Derham Hall.

Lynn Schleeter has been named director of the new Center for Sales Innovation at the College of St. Catherine. The center, which opened this fall, offers major and minor degrees in sales through St. Catherine's undergraduate Weekend College and Day Program. The college has also appointed **Marilyn Urrutia** as director of donor relations.

Families are being sought to host international high school students for the second semester through Pacific Intercultural Exchange. Students will be arriving in St. Paul in mid-January and staying until June. For information, call regional coordinator Pat Blundy at 1-800-382-7439.

The **Dodge Nature Center** broke ground on November 4 for a multi-purpose education building at its model farm in West St. Paul. The building will provide space for expansion of the center's agricultural curriculum and will be home for an after-school, extended day program for elementary children. The building is the fourth of five major projects funded by the center's "Reaching for the Dream" capital campaign. The final project will be the construction of a three-classroom preschool.

Elizabeth Keyes of Summit Hill has been elected president of William Mitchell College of Law's alumni association. Keyes is a 1986 Mitchell graduate and works as vice president of private financial services for US Bank.

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Course builds a support network for families of mentally ill

by Leslie Walters

Twenty years ago, when Reta and Richard Lancaster's college-age son was diagnosed with schizophrenia, it was a lonely and frustrating time for the relatives of people with mental illness. Along with the stigma and misconceptions attached to mental illness, the Lancasters had to deal with a dearth of information, understanding and support.

"Here my husband and I are both educators," Reta said. "Our son is diagnosed with schizophrenia and nobody tells us squat about it. People dealing with diabetes or kidney disease receive much better health education in comparison to this major mental illness."

The Lancasters, who live in Highland Park, read the only information they could find on mental illness—dry, professional journals—at the public library. "But I couldn't hold any of that in my head," Reta said.

Then in 1990, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) began offering Family-to-Family Education, a 12-week course by and for families who have a loved one with a serious mental illness. In 1994 NAMI's Minnesota chapter adopted the course. Reta Lancaster was one of its first teachers.

"The course is for the family of people with major psychiatric illnesses: schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, panic and anxiety disorders and obsessive-compulsive disorder," said Lan-

caster, who now directs the Minnesota program.

"One in four families has someone with a severe mental illness," she said. "It's estimated that 40 to 60 percent of people with schizophrenia live with their families. The families have got to know what this disease is all about or they can't be a source of help and support."

The course is not open to mentally ill people themselves unless they have stabilized and have other family members with mental illness. "If the person with the illness were in the class, the families would not open up," Lancaster said.

The Family-to-Family program recently received the Minnesota Association for Continuing Adult Education's 1998 Outstanding Organization Program Award. "It was recognized for its exceptional strengths, innovation and quality," said Pat Koppa, executive director of NAMI-MN.

The curriculum was designed by Vermont psychologist Joyce Burland, who directs the program nationally. It provides information about the illnesses and their emotional impact on individuals and families.

In assessing the impact of mental illness on a family, the course uses a psychological model similar to that for dealing with a natural disaster such as a flood or earthquake. It recognizes three stages.

The first stage after diagnosis is denial, "hoping against hope" that the illness will go away, Lancaster said. While learning to cope with



Pat Koppa (left) and Reta Lancaster accept the Minnesota Association for Continuing Adult Education's 1998 Outstanding Program Award for the Alliance for the Mentally Ill's Family-to-Family Education.

the illness, family members deal with anger, guilt, resentment and grief. Finally, they move toward understanding and acceptance.

What makes Family-to-Family effective is that it is conducted by the relatives of mentally ill persons. The teachers, who work in teams of two, have often been through the program themselves. "The idea is that they don't have to be a psychologist or psychiatrist," Lancaster said. "They're family members who really know about this on a feeling level."

"There are case managers and technical people who are treating (mentally ill) people in an institution who don't know as much as family members," Lancaster said.

The Lancasters' son, Brad, was diagnosed with mental illness in the late 1970s, but it took the family years to begin grieving, Lancaster said. One reason for the delay was the Lancasters' reluctance to acknowledge the illness. The family was living at the time in a small town, and Richard Lancaster was the president of a college there. They did not want the illness revealed.

"Now, we tell everybody," Lancaster said.

Lancaster has seen countless families healed by the course. She told of one father who insisted that recovery was just a matter of his mentally ill daughter pulling herself up by her bootstraps. The father

took the course and did a complete reversal.

"He now knows and understands the illness," Lancaster said. "He's full of empathy and compassion."

More than 500 people have taken the Family-to-Family course in Minnesota. The free program is offered throughout the Twin Cities area, Rochester, St. Cloud and Grand Rapids.

Brad died of heart disease four years ago at the age of 38. However, the Lancasters are more dedicated than ever to sharing his and their story with other families.

"It took our son years to appreciate the situation he was in," Lancaster said. "Brad would be really difficult and the next day he'd say, 'I don't know what made me do that.' Not only were his thought processes scrambled up, his emotions were, too. He got to a point, though, where he'd say, 'You and dad are the only ones who care about me.'"

"If it weren't for NAMI, we wouldn't be doing this," Lancaster said. "Nobody else would be doing it either. This is not some obscure illness. It affects a lot of people. We just haven't talked about it."

"The more people like myself talk about it, the easier it's going to be for other people," she said. "If you're not going to be open about it, you're not going to get any support. People can't sympathize."

A new session of Family-to-Family Education will begin on January 21. For information, call Theresa Prior at 651-225-9840.

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Charting a new course

Former engineer is relying on years of boating experience to keep his new business shipshape

by Catherine Condon

An old sailboat's transom rests atop the sales counter, and its red, white and blue bow hangs over the sidewalk, serving as the sign for the Boat-House. The new business sells nearly anything that can be rowed, sailed or paddled.

"Most boat shops concentrate on a particular kind of boat," said shop owner Dale Hedtke of Highland Park. "They'll have all kayaks and canoes, or all sailboats, or all motorboats. We're focusing on all types of small, non-powered boats."

Hedtke, 48, grew up in Hibbing, where boats were a preoccupation of his. A lifelong sailor and avid sea kayaker, Hedtke moved to Highland Park in 1972 after receiving an engineering degree from Cornell University. He worked for 26 years in sales and mechanical engineering before deciding to turn his hobby into a business. He opened the Boat-House at 937 W. 7th St. this fall.

"This is something I've thought about ever since I was a kid," said Hedtke, who built his first speedboat at age 15. At the Boat-House, he sells kayaks, small sailboats, rowing dinghies, birch bark canoes, and canoeing and kayak accessories, as well as plans, kits and

building materials for a variety of watercraft.

Ten boats hang from the ceiling or rest on the floor of the 1,800-square-foot shop, including a new Windrider three-hulled trimaran, folding and inflatable kayaks, and a soon-to-be restored 1940s duck boat. Twenty more boats will arrive soon, as will Optimist sailboat kits, for which Hedtke is the Midwest distributor.

"It's the most popular sailboat in the world," he said of the 8-foot-long plywood racer, which is designed for youngsters ages 6 to 15. "Over 400,000 of them have been launched. I'm very excited about them. You get a complete hull, but then have to finish the woodwork and painting."

Also on display is Hedtke's 10-foot-long, 1960s Klepper from Germany. "It's a cross between a boat and a rubber raft," he said. "It's got a hard center and inflatable sponsons. The windshield comes off and you can put a mast in to make a sailboat. The rudder clamps on and the seats slide back and forth and go up and down. We think it's the only one in North America."

To inquire about the boat's purpose, Hedtke e-mailed the Klepper factory. "They e-mailed back saying they didn't have a clue," he said. "It

was apparently a spectacularly unsuccessful commercial endeavor. We're going to use it on the St. Croix to just bum around."

According to Hedtke, the shop's boat-building services alone will keep him more than busy. "Sea kayak sales are growing somewhere between 15 and 25 percent a year here and the kits and plans business seems to be growing much faster than that," he said. "The market is way bigger than I ever imagined."

"The funny thing is, cost doesn't seem to be a hurdle for the do-it-yourselfers. This boat cost me almost \$500," he said, nodding at a kayak he built for his teen-age daughter. "It's a good buy, but it's still a lot of money."

The typical boat constructed from blueprints that Hedtke sells consists of about 40 pounds of Israeli-manufactured marine plywood, which is available through the Boat-House. "This is a real serious boat. It's not a toy," Hedtke said. "It can go anywhere, any ocean, if you'd like."

Though he does not design boats, Hedtke shares with customers the lessons he has learned from building 50 boats over the years, including eight sea kayaks. "I plan to offer some classes and seminars as well," he said.



Highland resident Dale Hedtke shows off the sea kayaks and other rigs that can be found at his new Boat-House on West 7th Street. In the foreground is a 1960s hydroplane he is repairing. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

Despite opening the Boat-House only three months ago, Hedtke already is building up a regular clientele. "We're a destination shop," he said. "It's not a 'Let's poke our heads in' place."

Hedtke is fond of his business

neighbors, most of whom live in the area. "On Saturdays, we get together for tacos at Joe & Stan's Bar," he said. "I put signs on the door telling customers where I am. Every once in a while, somebody will come into the bar asking, 'Is the kayak guy here?'"

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Irish Indeed, 482 S. Snelling Ave., will host two events for the holiday season: a book signing by Sarah Kirwan Blazek, author of *An Irish Night Before Christmas*, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 5; and a Waterford crystal signing and glass-cutting demonstration from 11:00 a.m. to

1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 9. For information, call 651-696-5139.

Artgarbs Gallery has opened at 488 S. Hamline Ave. It is the first retail location for L.J. Omodt Design, a company owned by Lisa Jane Omodt of Mendota Heights, who has been producing wearable art for women for

more than six years. Each garment is an original design that is handpainted and signed.

A. Johnson & Sons Florist, 1738 Grand Ave., was one of two businesses honored on November 19 at the 13th annual Family Celebration luncheon at the Sheraton Inn Midway. The florist was sin-

gled out because of its support of families and commitment to community service. Home Based Industries on Payne Avenue and six St. Paul families also were honored.

Jan Cronquist of Summit Hill has joined the Friedmann Group Inc. as an executive search consultant. She previously was president of Minnesota Health Watch. Cronquist also serves as president of the Women's

Health Leadership Trust, a professional organization of women executives in health care.

Emanuele Fontanini of Bagni di Lucca, Italy, will make an appearance from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 10, at St. Patrick's Guild, 1554 Randolph Ave. Fontanini will sign pieces by the world renowned House of Fontanini, which has been creating elegant nativity figures for 90 years.

Kowalski's Grand Market, 1261 Grand Ave., is now offering group tours to teach consumers how to read labels and make healthy food choices. Upcoming tours led by a registered dietician will be offered on Thursdays, December 17, January 21 and February 18. The tours are cosponsored by the HealthEast Diabetes Resource Center and the Midway Lions Club. To register, call 651-698-3366.

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Wednesday/December 2

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A TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING on the tax levy will be held at 6:00 this evening in the council's chambers on the first floor of Mears Park Centre, 230 E. 5th St. The council will also hold a public hearing on its proposed 1999 unified operating budget and the 1999-2004 capital improvement program and the 1999 capital budget at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 3, also in the council chambers. Comments about the proposed budget may be made by calling 651-602-1500.

A SUPPORT GROUP for those dealing with depression and the support-givers in their lives will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening and the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For information, call 651-698-0751.

Thursday/December 3

A WORKSHOP for families with a child with Attention Deficit or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity disorders will be offered from 7:30 to 9:00 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For information, call 651-698-0751.

Friday/December 4

TOURS WILL BE GIVEN every 15 minutes from 6:30 to 8:00 this evening at the Alexander Ramsey House, 265 S. Exchange St. Costumed actors will portray guests and servants preparing for a festive evening gala. Tours will continue on Fridays and Saturdays (starting at 6:00 p.m.) until December 19. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children. For reservations, call 651-296-8760.

A LUTEFISK DINNER will be held beginning at 5:30 this evening with a social hour at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. Swedish meatballs and sausage will also be served. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 and under. For information, call 651-699-1378.

"BY HAND AND HEART CHANUKAH Showcase" will take place from 10:00 a.m. to



Blur of beads and feathers. Bill Taylor shows his steps during a Native American dance demonstration at Horace Mann Elementary School. Students also heard Native American storytelling and flute playing last week. Taylor is a member of the Sioux Valley Nation of Manitoba. Also represented were Shine River of South Dakota and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwa. *Photo by Mike Long.*

1:00 p.m. today and on December 8, 10 and 11 at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. There will be hand-painted cards, hand-knit goods, ceramic name tiles and more. For information, call 651-698-0751.

Saturday/December 5

A HOLIDAY BRUNCH and an opportunity to learn what role the city charter really plays in government will be offered from 9:30 to 11:30 this morning in Sorin Hall at Hamline University. A \$2.00 donation is requested. Call 651-222-1215.

HOLIDAY TOURS will be given every 30 minutes from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today and from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. tomorrow and every weekend through December at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children 6-15. For reservations, call 651-297-2555.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS will hold its 11th annual powwow today and tomorrow in the Coughlan Field House. Approximately 5,000 American Indians from a dozen Midwestern states, both coasts and Canada will vie for cash prizes in dance and drumming competitions. Sessions will

take place from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. and from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. today, and from noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. There also will be art and craft items for sale. Traditional foods will be served in the student dining room of the Murray-Herrick Campus Center. For information, call 651-962-5957.

A HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS

boutique will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. today at HeartSoul, 497 Selby Ave. Jewelry, cards, pottery, candles, dolls, lamps and more will be sold.

Sunday/December 6

A WORKSHOP, featuring Chanukah storytelling, will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 this afternoon at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$6.00 for families, or \$4.00 for JCC family members. To register, call 651-698-0751.

A TALK on "Challenging Genocide: A Report on Iraq" will be given by Kathy Kelly, who just got back from Iraq, at 7:30 this evening at the Twin Cities Friends Meeting House, 1725 Grand Ave. For information, call 612-321-9787.

A CHILDREN'S USED BOOK SALE will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 this afternoon at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For information, call 651-698-0751.

A DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION will be held beginning at 5:00 this evening at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. For tickets, priced at \$25, call 651-696-3315 by December 2. Proceeds will benefit the Concert Choir and help defray the cost of its tour to New York City later this year.

Monday/December 7

THE ST. PAUL HOUSING PLAN, a blueprint for meeting the city's future housing needs, will be addressed tonight in a public hearing before the St. Paul City Council and Planning Commission. The hearing will run from 6:30 to 8:30 in the auditorium of St. Paul Technical College, 235 Marshall Ave. Copies of the plan may be obtained by calling Nancy Homans at 651-266-6557. Written comments on the plan will be accepted until Friday, December 11, by mail at 1500 City Hall Annex, 25 W. 4th St., St. Paul 55102; fax at 651-228-3220; or e-mail at nancy.homans@st.paul.gov.

WHAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT knew of Japanese plans to bomb Pearl Harbor before the attack of December 7, 1941, will be discussed this evening by Jim Johns, histo-

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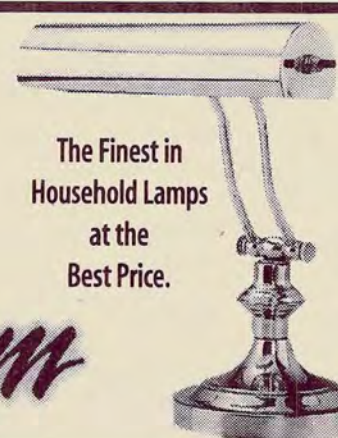
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Tuesday/December 8

A PARENTING GROUP to discuss family issues will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening and the second Tuesday of each month at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The topic of this month's meeting will be the stress of parenting. To register, call 651-698-0751.

A NEW PARENTS AND BABIES GROUP will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 this morning and the second Tuesday of each month at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. This month's meeting will focus on infant massage. To register, call 651-698-0751.

Wednesday/December 9

"GOOD MORNING SAINT PAUL," a meeting sponsored by the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 this morning at the University Club, downtown St. Paul. Mayor Norm Coleman will speak on "A Competitive St. Paul." The cost is \$15. To register, call 651-223-5000.

Thursday/December 10

THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE will be discussed this evening by three veterans of the U.S. Army's 28th Infantry Division. Part of the monthly World War II History Roundtable, the free program will begin at

7:00 in the Fort Snelling History Center. Call 612-726-1171.

"OUR CITIES, MY NEIGHBORHOOD," a look at the changing face of American neighborhoods and the history of our country's cities, will be discussed by Roy Suarez, host of the "Talk of the Nation" radio program which can be heard on Minnesota Public Radio, at 8:00 this evening in the chapel at Macalester College. Admission is free.

Friday/December 11

A RENAISSANCE MADRIGAL FEASTE will be held at 6:30 this evening and tomorrow evening in St. Joseph Hall at the College of St. Catherine. Diners will get the royal treatment as they feast on a meal of roast pork and enjoy an evening of singing, dancing and joking. The cost is \$30 per person or \$25 when registering a table of eight. Call 651-690-6690.

Saturday/December 12

A HOLIDAY BAZAAR, Scandinavian brunch and bake sale will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today at Zion Lutheran Church, 1697 Lafond Ave. The cost of the brunch is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12.

PICTURES WITH SANTA will be taken from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today and tomorrow at the Minnesota Air Guard Museum. Children can sit with Santa in a full-size replica of a 1920 Curtiss Oriole. The cost is \$5.00. Call 612-713-2523.

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ON THE TOWN

'Funkytown' revisited

One-hit wonder Steven Greenberg's new film documents the struggles of five Twin Cities bands to make the big time



Funkytown director Steven Greenberg (center) is joined by his producer Scott Turk (right) and Greazy Meal saxophone player Brian Gallagher in front of the Minneapolis bar where some of the film was shot. Photo by Mike Long.

by Dave Page

Steven Greenberg is a 1990s version of the guy who kept all the plates spinning on the "Ed Sullivan Show." Besides being the CEO of a Web page design firm called Designstein, the Macalester-Groveland native owns a recording facility called Funkytown Studios, a record label called October Records and a film production company called Drummer Boy Pictures. Drummer Boy created and Greenberg directed the movie *Funkytown*, which opens December 11 at the Suburban World Theater in Minneapolis.

Greenberg is wired in every sense of the word. He has to be in order to keep up with his businesses, all of which are located in Minneapolis' warehouse district.

While answering questions during a recent interview, he listened to phone messages, perused his e-mail, talked on his

cell phone and checked his pager. "Getting this movie out is driving me crazy!" he lamented as he stepped through the door to have a word with one of his 10 employees. It's hard to believe he would want it any other way.

Greenberg, 48, attended Highland Park junior and senior high schools, graduating in 1968. While still in junior high, he traveled throughout the Midwest playing drums in a local rock group called Storm Center.

Greenberg went on to the University of Minnesota where he majored in fine arts. Though he never had any formal musical training, he continued to perform in a duo with Sandy Atlas, another member of Storm Center.

Following college, Greenberg went to work for Highland Park musical producer Marsh Edelstein and his Marsh Productions, but after five years of working with other bands on their songs, he figured he could just as well make his own. At the age of 29, he

recorded "Rock-it" and shopped it around New York City until he got a record contract.

Having taken a bite of the Big Apple, Greenberg wanted more excitement than he thought the Twin Cities could offer. He wrote, "Got to make a move onto a town that's right for me, a town that keeps me movin', keeps me groovin' with the energy." All that was needed was a bridge and a chorus, and Greenberg had the makings for his 1980 smash hit "Funkytown." He hired members of the Minnesota Orchestra to play violins on the recording, another musician to play the sax and a vocalist to reach the high notes, but Greenberg did the rest, singing some of the parts through a synthesizer despite his music teacher's opinion that he did not have a good enough voice to make the high school choir.

"I knew it would be a hit on the disco scene," Greenberg said. "I had disco figured out."

The song's success eventually surpassed

even Greenberg's expectations, reaching No. 1 on the charts in 40 countries.

"It was great," he recalled, "the limos, the parties, the dinners, the champagne. There was lots of champagne."

The only problem was, Greenberg had no band with which to take his song on tour. As recording industry executive Neal Bogart put it: "I've heard of bands looking for a hit, but never a hit looking for a band."

Greenberg never produced another gold record, but even his failure to repeat his success brought him a modicum of status. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a "One-Hit Wonder." He is immortalized there right next to the Starland Vocal Band and its "Afternoon Delight."

"I went to the opening (of the Hall of Fame) in Cleveland and hung out with Lou Reed and Aretha Franklin," Greenberg said. "It was great!"

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Children's show carries on the spirit of Japanese exchange

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

Imagine 650 exuberant children marching around a concert hall to the rousing strains of John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." Imagine, also, that the youngsters are Japanese.

Such was the scene several weeks ago when the St. Paul Civic Symphony, under the direction of Edouard Forner, presented an enthusiastically received children's concert as part of the inauguration ceremonies for the new Nagasaki Cultural and Performing

Arts Center in Japan.

"The concert hall just erupted," Forner said, when the youngsters exchanged giddy high fives with orchestra members. The young audience went on to sing Japanese folk songs with the orchestra and to learn to dance the mambo.

It was the first-ever performance outside of Minnesota for the 53-year-old ensemble. The program will be reprised for Twin Cities youngsters with two concerts on December 6 at Macalester College.

The central piece of the performance is a

Japanese tale, "The Dragon's Tears," which tells of a young boy who befriends a misunderstood dragon. Children and their parents are invited to come an hour early to participate in activities developed by ArtStart, which operates the ArtScraps store on St. Clair Avenue. Children will make windsocks, rattles, whirligigs and the dragon that will be used in the performance, said ArtStart director Carol Sirrine. Youngsters also will have a chance to learn about some of the rituals associated with Japanese drumming with the aid of the Taiko Japanese

Drum Ensemble of Minneapolis.

"We start out with the principle that children are wiggly and have lively imaginations," Forner said. "The concept is the orchestra accompanies the audience, not the audience just listening."

"It's about active participation in the concert," Sirrine said. "The things the kids make will be used in the concert."

Three years ago, the Nagasaki Symphony Orchestra (NSO) visited St. Paul to celebrate

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Music

The Schubert Club will present Eroica Trio performing the music of Mozart, Schubert and Schoenfeld at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced from \$20 to \$28, call 651-224-4222.

The Minnesota Orchestra will perform Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, at Orchestra Hall, and at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Thursday, December 3, at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced from \$19.50 to \$56, call 612-371-5656.

Moore By Four will perform with the Minnesota Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 3, and at 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 4, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced from \$16.50 to \$25.50, call 612-371-5656.

Judd Herrmann will celebrate the release of his latest CD, "Second Coming," at 9:00 p.m. Thursday, December 3, at the Minnesota Music Cafe, 501 Payne Ave. The release party will open with fellow Atomic Theory recording artist Thea Ennen and include the release of "Hustlin' Man Blues" by Willie Murphy & The Angel-Headed Hipsters. Admission is \$3.00. Call 612-822-5988.

Chanticleer will perform the music of Vivaldi, Haydn, Patter-son and Rutter at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 4-5, at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced from \$17.50 to \$49.50, call 651-291-1144.

Itzhak Perlman will perform with the Minnesota Orchestra at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 5, and at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 6, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced from \$20.50 to \$63.50, call 612-371-5656.

"O Lux!" a candlelight Christmas concert, will be performed by the Women's Choir, the Orchestra of St. Catherine and Our

Lady of Victory Chapel Handbell Choir at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 5, in Our Lady of Victory Chapel at the College of St. Catherine. Admission is free. Call 651-690-6690.

A Christmas concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 5, and at 3:00 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 6, in the Buetow Music Center at Concordia University. Admission is free. For reservations, call 651-870-1099.

The Singer's Voice, an autobiographical music series hosted by Dan Chouinard, will continue at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Dakota Bar & Grille in Bandana Square with the following singers: Joe Juliano and Cynthia Johnson on December 6; and Axel Theimer on December 13. Call 651-642-1442.

"The Colors of Christmas," featuring Sheena Easton, Philip Bailey, Jeffrey Osborne and Deniece Williams along with the gospel choir of Mount Olivet Missionary Baptist Church, will perform at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 6, and at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, December 8-9, at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced from \$26 to \$46, call 651-224-4222.

The Dale Warland Singers will perform "Echoes of Christmas" at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 6, at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church. For tickets, priced from \$10 to \$30, call 612-339-9707.

The Prospect Park Players, under the direction of William Eddins, will perform a chamber music concert at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 6, in Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University. For tickets, priced at \$15, call 612-331-8345.

The Chamber Music Society of Minnesota will perform at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 6, in the 3M Auditorium at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Lou Bellamy, artistic director of Penumbra Theatre, will narrate Francis

ON THE TOWN briefly



SteppingStone Theatre for Youth Development will present *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* on December 5-23 in the Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Landmark Center. Pictured, from left, are (front row) Matthew Naber, Meghan King Johnson and Tyler Jorenby; and (back row) Lisa Wendling, Karl Mueller, Michelle Duffy, Pavielle French, Bridget Martin, Charlie Bevis and John Leonard. For tickets, priced at \$7.00, call 651-225-9265.

Poulenc's musical adaptation of the children's tale *Babar, the Little Elephant*. For tickets, priced at \$15, or \$10 for students and seniors, call 612-339-2264.

The Sibley High School Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, December 7, in the auditorium at Sibley, 1897 Delaware Ave., Mendota Heights. Admission is \$3.00, or \$1.00 for students and free for seniors.

The Minnesota State Band will perform its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, at Landmark Center, downtown St. Paul. Admission is free.

The Minnesota Orchestra will perform Handel's "Messiah" at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, December 10, at the St. Paul Cathedral, at 8:00 p.m. Friday,

December 11, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 13, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced from \$16 to \$30.50, call 612-371-5656.

The Messengers will present "Good News Brew," an original Christmas musical production, at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, December 9 and 16, and at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 13, at Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church, 435 S. Hamline Ave. Admission is free. For information, call 651-690-0320.

The Bach Society of Minnesota will perform "An English Christmas" at 8:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, December 10-11, at Landmark Center. Cabaret seating is by reservation only. For tickets, priced at \$30 for Thursday's performance and \$40 for Friday's performance (includes wine and

dessert), call 651-225-8101.

Central High School's Concert Band, Varsity Band and Concert Orchestra will perform at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 10, in the auditorium at Central, 275 N. Lexington Pkwy. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.

The Sonos Ensemble of San Francisco will perform a handbell concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 10, at Hamline United Methodist Church, 1514 Englewood Ave. For tickets, priced at \$10, call 651-645-0667.

The Minnesota Orchestra will perform Beethoven's Ninth Symphony at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 11, at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 12, and at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 13, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets,

priced from \$16 to \$43.75, call 612-371-5656.

The Minnesota Guitar Society will present Lily Afshar on classical guitar at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 12, in Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University. Admission is \$8.00. Call 612-418-6219.

James Biery will perform organ music of the Advent and Christmas seasons at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 13, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Call 651-228-1766.

"A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols" will be performed at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 13, at Hamline United Methodist Church, 1514 Englewood Ave.

The Highland Park Senior High School choir will perform at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, in the school's auditorium, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. Admission is free.

Family

The Nokomis Community Library, 5100 S. 34th Ave., Minneapolis, will offer "Toddler Tales" at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays December 1 and 8. Preschool films and storyhours will be held at 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. on Wednesdays throughout December. Family films will be offered at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 28. For information, call 612-630-6700.

The Revenge of the Space Pandas will be performed by Cretin-Derham Hall Theater at 7:00 p.m. Friday, December 4, and at 2:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, December 5-6, in the Lillian Theater at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. For information, call 651-690-2443.

Storytime activities will be offered at 10:30 a.m. on the following Wednesdays and Saturdays at the Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave.



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Nancy Carlson will introduce her newest book *Snowden* on Saturday, December 5; Nelly Trocmé Hewett will read from *Angels and Donkeys: Tales for Christmas and Other Times*, a book she translated which was written by her father André Trocmé, a well-known French pastor, on Saturday, December 12. Admission is free. Call 651-224-8320.

"Manoomin Stories: A Wild Ricing Puppet Show" will be offered at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 5-6, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. This interactive theater piece, using puppets from the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, tells the story of wild ricing and its importance as a family tradition. Admission is free. For information, call 651-296-6126.

The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., will offer the following events: Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher will introduce *Coppélia* and *The Quest for the One Big Thing*, two new books they have illustrated as a team, at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 6. Call 651-224-9508.

History Hijinx programs for children ages 3-11 will be offered from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The line-up includes the following: families can learn about the history of food co-ops and mix up a cold salad with unusual grains, fruits and spices on December 6; and children can make a miniature pair of cross-country skis and learn about winter camping and getting around in the snow on December 13. Admission is free. Call 651-296-6126.

The Youth Performance Company will open *Narnia*, a musical based on C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe*, on Friday, December 4, in the Howard Conn Fine Arts Center, 1900 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis. Performances will



Irish folk singer John McDermott will perform a special holiday concert at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, December 5, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. Proceeds will benefit Project Life, a nonprofit agency that provides financial assistance to women in crisis pregnancies. For tickets, priced at \$15 and up, call 651-690-6700.

continue through December 20. For tickets, priced at \$7.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children, call 612-623-9080.

"Sundays at Landmark," a family-oriented event series, will offer the following events at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays in the Cortile at Landmark Center: the Minnesota Boychoir will perform a holiday concert on December 6 (\$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children); and The Good Samaritan Singers will perform traditional carols and festive music from around the world on December 13 (free). Call 651-292-3225.

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre will open *Winter Dreams*, a journey that will take audiences through the center of winter to discover the dreams of its secret sleepers and the music of the various wide mysterious skies, on Friday, December 11, in its performance space at 1500 E. Lake St.,

Minneapolis. Performances will be given until January 3. For tickets, priced at \$15 for adults and \$10 for children, call 612-721-2535.

CitySongs will present "The Children's Fire," its seventh annual winter concert, at 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 11, in the O'Shaughnessy Educational Auditorium at the University of St. Thomas. Admission is free. Call 612-626-1241.

Books

Eleanor Ostman, food columnist for 30 years for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, will sign copies of her book *Always On Sunday* from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 5, at Lund's, 2128 Ford Pkwy.

Michael Cunningham will read from his novel *The Hours* at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, De-

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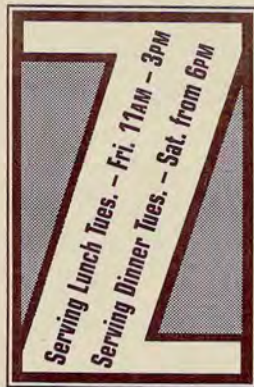
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Film



"Cinema With Passion," a festival of Hong Kong films, will take place on Fridays and Saturdays at the Riverview Theatre, 3800 S. 42nd Ave., Minneapolis, and on Sundays at Metro State University, 700 E. 7th St. The festival will include the following: *A Chinese Ghost Story—The Tsui Hark Animation* at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 6; *Storm Riders* at midnight Friday, December 4, at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 5, and at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 13; and *Wild Search* at midnight Friday, December 11, and at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 12. Admission is \$6.00. Call 612-376-7715.

A benefit screening of *Beyond Silence*, a film about a family that learns it isn't necessary to hear to understand one another, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 12, in the Jeanne d'Arc Auditorium at the College of St. Catherine. Admission is \$6.00. Proceeds will benefit the Deaf Hospice Volunteer Training Project sponsored by the College of St. Catherine.

Dance



"Swing Night in the Caves" will take place from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. every Thursday at the Wabasha Street Caves, 215 S. Wabasha St. The line-up will include the following: the David Andrews Orchestra on December 3. Free dance lessons will be given at 6:15 p.m. Admission is \$6.00. Call 651-224-1191.

"Turnstyle," a fall dance series presented by the Minnesota Dance Alliance and the Southern Theater, will take place from September 10 through December 20 at the Southern Theater and in Studio 6A of the Hennepin Center for the Arts in Minneapolis. The series will continue with Dylan Skybrook



"Discover Greatness! An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball," a new traveling exhibit featuring 100 photos and memorabilia, has gone on display at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The exhibit will remain on display until March 14. Admission is free. Call 651-296-6126.

at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 3-6, in Studio 6A; and Mu Daiko at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 3:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, December 10-13, and December 17-20, at Southern Theater. Tickets cost \$12 and \$14 for the performances at Studio 6A and \$16 and \$18 at the Southern Theater. For tickets, call 612-340-1725 or 612-335-8200.

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

A dance concert, featuring choreographers Jocelyn Gorham, Djola Branner and Judith Howard, will be given at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 4-6, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. For tickets, priced at \$7.00, or \$5.00 for seniors, call 651-696-6359.

A fund-raising ballroom dance will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, December 5, at the Twin Cities Ballroom, 265 W. 7th St. Admission is \$5.00-\$10. Call 651-292-8463.

The Ethnic Dance Theatre will present "American Quilt" at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 6, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is \$12, or \$10 for students. For information, call 651-296-6126.

Sam Costa's 10,000 Dances will present "Around the Block Again" Thursday, December 10 through Sunday, December 20, in the E.M. Pearson Theater at Concordia University. Performances will be given at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays, at 8:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, priced from \$4.00 to \$15, call 651-641-8849.

Exhibits



An exhibit of more than 50 printmakers organized by the National Association of Women Artists has gone on display in the Catherine G. Murphy Gallery at the College of St. Catherine. The exhibit will remain on display until December 11.

ber 6. Call 651-690-6644.

"Images of the Sea: Art and Technology of Underwater Photography," an exhibit by pioneering photographer Flip Schulke, has gone on display in the Olin-Rice Science Center at Macalester College. It will remain on display through May 15. Call 651-696-6102.

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

"Minnesota Churches: Just Down the Road," a photo exhibit by Doug Ohman, has opened in the gallery at Lutheran Social Service, 2485 Como Ave. The exhibit will remain on view until January 10. Call 651-969-2286.

"Consider the Twig," a salon style exhibition of works by students, faculty and community artists highlighting what we often consider inconsequential and forgettable, has opened at the College of Visual Arts, 173 Western Ave. The exhibit will run until December 11.

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"With Two Voices: Selections of Western and American Indian Art from the Harmsen Collection," an exhibit of art from one of the nation's leading collections of Western Americana, will open with a reception and guided tour at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 5, in the O'Shaughnessy-Frey Library Center at the University of St. Thomas. Admission is free. For information, call 651-962-5560.

Theater

Teatro del Pueblo will open *La Posada*, the comical love story of Anita and Aurelio, an elderly couple living in West St. Paul, at 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 4, in Ordway's McKnight Theater. Performances will continue through December 20. For tickets, priced at \$15, or \$7.50 for students and seniors, call 651-224-4222.

Eye of the Storm Theatre Company will open *SantaLand Diaries* on Friday, December 4, at the Loring Playhouse, 1633 Hennepin Ave. South, Minneapolis. Performances will be

given at 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and at 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Sundays through December 27. For tickets, priced at \$12, call 612-332-1619.

Penumbra Theatre Company will open *Black Nativity* at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, at the Fitzgerald Theater, 10 E. Exchange St. Performances will be given at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, at 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For tickets, priced from \$7.50 to \$30, call 651-220-8686.

Guys and Dolls will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 10, and Saturday, December 12, and at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, December 13, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for seniors and students. For information, call 651-698-0751.

Amahl and the Night Visitors, a one-act opera about a crippled boy who encounters three visitors on their star-led journey, will be performed by James Sewell Ballet at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 11-12, at the Ordway Music Theatre,

345 Washington St. The performance will also include Vivaldi's "Violin Concerto in F Minor" and "Winter" from "The Four Seasons." Special family performances of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* will be given at 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, December 12. For tickets, priced from \$9.50 to \$30, call 651-291-1144.

Etc.



The Wild Yam Cabaret, a 4-year-old performance company founded by Summit Hill resident Eve Blackwell, will present an evening of eclectic entertainment at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, at the Linwood Community Center, 860 St. Clair Ave. Singers-songwriters Agnes Smuda and Carolyn Campfield will spin stories through the magic of their music. Actors Lynn Cross, Alfred Harrison, Carla Vogel and Eve Blackwell will perform a staged reading of Blackwell's short play-in-progress *Stargazing at the Maple Hill Mall*. For information, call 651-293-9072.

Funkytown revisited

While the past holds some charm for Greenberg, he is focused on the future. "I have my gold record," said the father of two children. "Now I want to do something else."

That something else is movie-making. Greenberg actually began shooting film when he was 10 years old, experimenting with neighborhood pal David Morris, who has since gone on to become a successful movie director.

Greenberg said he has been writing scripts and thinking about movies ever since. Four years ago, he decided to document what bands go through in order to make it in the music industry. He began following the members of five Twin Cities groups as they worked their day jobs, traveled to gigs and tried to make a name for themselves. His goal, he said, was to "dispel the image that musicians are not-so-smart, promiscuous, drugged-out, beered-up, need-a-babysitter, lazy people who sometimes get lucky."

Featured in the film are the bands Greazy Meal, the Delilahs, Tina and the B-Side Movement, Iya and the Found. Although

Greenberg had dealings with some of the bands before filming began, he said he had no method in mind when he picked his subjects.

Funkytown was shot on location in Minneapolis, Winona, New York, Austin (Texas), Milwaukee and Chicago. It took three years to complete, although trailers for the documentary tease that "the ending has not yet been written."

Greenberg is distributing the film himself, though he said he has no expectations beyond the local run. "I just want to give the people who are in the film, or know people in the film, or who want to learn a little about the Minneapolis music scene, a chance to see *Funkytown*," he said. "If something else develops from the Twin Cities run, so be it."

Despite his good fortune, one goal has eluded Greenberg: He has not been inducted into the Highland Park High School Hall of Fame. "I was nominated, but I was beat out by some doctor," he laughed. "If you run into someone on the committee, tell them I'm still interested."



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Carol Sirrine, Edouard Forner and the Civic Symphony rehearse for their annual children's concert, which will be presented Sunday, December 6, at Macalester College. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

Symphony sets Japanese tale to music

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the 40th anniversary of the sister-city relationship between the two towns. Several months later, Nagasaki Mayor Ichio Itoh invited the Civic Symphony to become the sister orchestra of the NSO. According to the American Symphony Orchestra League, it is the first affiliation of its kind and is expected to foster an exchange of repertoire, administrators and musicians between the two orchestras.

In 1996, when Forner went to the Land of the Rising Sun to sign official documents of the unique bond, he was also handed a surprise—an invitation for the Civic Symphony to be the first symphony orchestra to perform in Nagasaki's new arts center.

"The hall was wonderful," said Forner, who compared the acoustics to some of the finest concert halls of Europe.

Forner collaborated with the Japanese hosts to develop three programs for the occasion. In addition to the children's concert, the Civic Symphony presented one concert on its own as well as a joint performance with

the NSO.

"We were told two years ago that the Japanese love Sousa," Forner said. They are also fond of Leonard Bernstein, so the orchestra played his Symphonic Dance Suite from *West Side Story*, in addition to works by Aaron Copland, William Grant Still and a piece by Japanese composer Yuzo Toyama. The concert also included the national anthems of both countries.

"The reception we received from the audience, many of whom were hearing this type of American symphonic music for the first time, was wonderful," said Summit Hill violinist Jenni Ryan. "Music is a common language shared not only between the players in the two orchestras, but also with the audience."

The 72 members of the Civic Symphony are all volunteers, so in addition to an ambitious rehearsal schedule, the musicians did some ambitious fund-raising. Larger instruments were borrowed from Japanese counterparts to reduce shipping costs, and many orchestra

members were housed with Japanese families. Northwest Airlines offered a challenge grant to assist with transportation.

The Civic Symphony was founded after World War II to give returning servicemen and women a chance to pick up their instruments again. Forner, who is a professor of music at Macalester College, became the group's music director and conductor in 1970. The musicians are chosen by a rather informal audition and self-selection process, and actually pay dues so the orchestra can give free concerts. They rehearse at Macalester College every Monday evening.

"East Meets West—A Concert of Two Cultures" will be presented on Sunday, December 6, in the Janet Wallace Concert Hall at Macalester College. Children's activities will begin at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. with the musicians taking the stage at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. For tickets, priced at \$3.00 for children and \$4.00 for adults, call 651-696-6189 or 651-698-2787.

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TOM CODY



Trip to D.C. left no cause for protest

Three weeks ago, I had the good fortune to represent my school at a national awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. It had been 30 years since I'd stayed in the nation's capital for any length of time, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Autumn lasts for three months in D.C. The brightly colored leaves stay on the trees well into December, and the 60-degree temperature was perfect for a bike ride down the Mount Vernon trail along the Potomac River.

Two notes to Minnesotans visiting our nation's capital: First, the D.C. area has been without a major league baseball team since the reincarnated Senators left town some 20 years ago. Even so, close scrutiny did not reveal a cold Omaha. The city has somehow survived just fine. Second, be prepared to shoulder some abuse about our new governor. After two days of verbal assaults, I had to white-out the city and state on my convention badge.

The last time I'd spent four days in Washington was back in 1971 when I attended the April Vietnam War marches. Times have certainly changed. In '71, I rode out to D.C. crunched up under the hatchback of my buddy's Barracuda on a 14-hour, all-night drive from Purdue University. Last month we flew to D.C. in less than two hours. In '71 we slept on the ground in Potomac Park; this time we had penthouse rooms in the Hilton Towers. Twenty-seven years ago, we ate hunks of French bread and drank cheap wine around a campfire; this time we were treated to an upscale dinner at the ritzy Club 701 on Pennsylvania Avenue.

I fear the worst has come true: I have become the establishment that I was demonstrating against in those bygone days. One thing's for sure—sleeping is far more comfortable inside at the Hilton than outside under the Barracuda.

VIKES ENTER THE HOMESTRETCH

Every now and then, a team will have a season in which everything seems to fall into place. For the Vikings, this is obviously one of them. Each week produces more and more highlight video. As bargains go, Purple McCombs' acquisition of the Minnesota franchise has to rank right up there with the Louisiana Purchase.

Consider this only partial list of improbable bounces that have gone the Purple's way in 1998:

- 1) Against the Rams, the would-be tying touchdown came up 6 inches short of the goal line as time expired.
- 2) Brad Johnson gets hurt, allowing Randall Cunningham to step in and begin his Comeback of the Year campaign.
- 3) The first game that Johnson is activated, Cunningham is injured. Enter Johnson, who leads the Vikings over New Orleans.
- 4) Cunningham recovers from a potential season-ending knee surgery—in three days. He promptly puts Cincy, Green Bay and Dallas away.
- 5) Johnson breaks his thumb, immediately silencing the

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Prep basketball preview

Coaches lay it on the line when sizing up boys teams

by Tom Cody

Even the casual basketball fan knows the importance of a free throw—the shot that will determine the outcome of many a high school hoop contest this winter. Local prep coaches have different approaches on the best way to prepare players for stepping to the line.

"We try not to talk about free throws too much," said Minnehaha Academy coach Ben Erickson. "We make them part of our everyday shooting drills and hope it carries over to the game. We try not to even mention free-throw shooting until about mid-season."

St. Thomas Academy coach Mike Sjoborg agrees. "If you focus on them, the pressure gets even worse," he said.

At Sibley, coach Bob Guinn puts his players through a free-throw contest at practice every

day. "The kids move up and down a standings ladder," he said. "The kids at the top of the ladder also lead us in game shooting percentage, so I'd say there's big correlation."

Cretin-Derham Hall's Bill McKee thinks a lot of it comes down to luck. "You can't do much about who's going to get fouled with 10 seconds left," he said. "Repetition is great, but a college study recently showed that no amount of practice has ever drastically improved team free-throw percentages."

Here's how the local coaches are sizing up their chances for success this season:

CENTRAL

League: St. Paul City Conference
1997-98 record: 18-5, conference champs

Coach: Steve Lasley

Boys/see next page



Highland Park senior forward Mark Wingo lays one in during practice. Photo by Mike Long.

Girls squads see leadership, league changes

by Bill Wagner

The Cretin-Derham Hall girls basketball team will be the club to beat once again in the St. Paul City Conference. However, the Raiders may find the going a little tougher this season, largely because of off-season coaching changes at two conference rivals.

Willie Taylor, the highly successful coach at Mounds View, has taken over at Central, and Jim Gunderson, a proven winner at Harding, is now the coach at Johnson. Both coaches know how to fashion contenders and they hope to give their new charges that competitive edge.

A few other changes also are taking place in the Villager area this season. At Henry Sibley, Chris Hiti has taken over as head coach and has hopes of building a winning tradition with some good, young talent. Two other teams—St. Paul Academy and Visitation—have changed leagues, moving from the

Tri-Valley to the Tri-Metro, where they will be matched up against powerful Minnehaha Academy.

"It'll be a little tougher for us," said St. Paul Academy coach Jarvis Keys. "We're a young team and there are some very good teams in the Tri-Metro."

Blazers coach Paul Bernabei thinks his team will fare well despite the higher level of competition. "One good thing is that we won't have to travel as far for away games," he said.

Here's how the coaches at the eight local high schools size up their prospects for the coming season:

CENTRAL

League: St. Paul City Conference
1997-98 record: 15-8
Coach: Willie Taylor

Key players and their strengths:

- Tessa Tritabaugh, senior center. A 5-foot-11 threat. The team's best inside player.

- Janna Miller, senior forward. A 5-foot-10 athletic defender who can score in bunches.

- Vel Williams, sophomore guard. Best player coming off last year's B-squad.

- Kia Carlisle, freshman guard. A young player with lots of potential.

- Wazira Withers, senior point guard. Excellent defender.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

The Minutemaids will play up-tempo on offense and defense this year and should have a great transition game. Outside shooting and rebounding are questionable.

Outlook for 1998-99:

Central might start slowly, but should improve as the season goes on. Central could challenge Cretin-Derham Hall for the conference title.

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Boys coaches size up their teams' prospects for the season

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Key players and their strengths:

- Paul Schultz, senior forward. A 6-foot-6 rebounder who can put points on the board.
- John Dungy, senior center. At 6-foot-7, he can do it all for Central.
- Ken Brown, senior forward. A 6-foot-4 board man who can score inside.
- Rasheem Sharpe, junior guard. Floor general.
- Courtney Griffin, senior guard. Perimeter threat who'll hit the three-pointers.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

Central has good size and experience. Dungy was one of the conference's top players last season. "But foul trouble could kill us," Lasley said. "We're not deep on the bench."

Outlook for 1998-99:

Lasley figures Johnson, CDH and Highland will battle Central for the conference title. "It'll be a good, competitive league," he said. "North has the whole ball of wax (in the section). Until somebody knocks them off, it's their championship. You can't get to state without beating them."

CRETIN-DERHAM HALL

League: St. Paul City Conference

1997-98 record: 18-7

Coach: Bill McKee

Key players and their strengths:

- Jimmy Krieger, senior forward. A 6-foot-4 shooter with a nose for the hoop.
- Nick Thompson, senior forward. Very athletic. A competitive rebounder.
- Andy Fleming, junior guard. Perimeter player with experience.
- Joe Schmidt, junior guard. Speedy, talented point guard.
- Walter Bowser, junior guard. Poised, smooth shooter from three-point range.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

The Raiders have a host of solid players, but no proven scoring star. "We'll press and play up-tempo more than we have in the past," McKee said. "We've got good defensive players. Our size at the post could be a problem."

Outlook for 1998-99:

"Central is loaded," McKee said. He also likes Highland Park and picks Minneapolis North as the section favorite. "This'll be a tough league and an even tougher section," he



Senior forward Joe Matthews takes on a Jordanesque look while handling the ball for the Scots. Photo by Mike Long.

said. CDH will be competitive with them all.

HIGHLAND PARK

League: St. Paul City Conference

1997-98 record: 15-8

Coach: Charles Portis

Key players and their strengths:

- Terrance Stokes, senior guard. Penetrator who can also hit from outside.
- Mark Wingo, senior forward. A 6-foot-5 post player who delivers in the paint.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

The Scots have good size, some senior leaders and a solid surrounding cast. "We're not as quick as we've been, but we can score," Portis said. "We'll also be able to rebound, but there are three starting positions still open at this point."

Outlook for 1998-99:

"You've got to like Central in our conference," Portis said. "Johnson will be strong.

CDH and our team should be right there as well." Highland should go head-to-head again with St. Thomas Academy in Section 3AAA play.

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

League: Tri-Metro Conference

1997-98 record: 17-7

Coach: Ben Erickson

Key players and their strengths:

- John Breneman, senior center. At 6-foot-8, he can dominate a game.
- Peter Hamburge, senior guard. Four-year vet who can pass and shoot.
- Ryan Chamberlain, senior forward. Will guard the opponent's best player.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

Breneman is the go-to guy for the Red Hawks and Hamburge will be a steady force at the point. "This is an unselfish team that can play defense," Erickson said.

Inexperience could be a factor: Three sophomores will be getting playing time. 'Haha also might have trouble on the boards.

Outlook for 1998-99:

DeLaSalle returns a ton of talent and rates as the favorite to win the Tri-Metro. However, Minnehaha will be knocking at the door for both the conference and section titles. Breneman will be a huge factor.

ROOSEVELT

League: Minneapolis City Conference

1997-98 record: 9-12

Coach: Dennis Stockmo

Key players and their strengths:

- Thaddeus Fly, senior guard. Pure scorer who hits from all over.
- Akpan Akpan, senior guard. Athletic guard who can score and defend.
- David Bryant, senior guard. Point man who makes good decisions.
- Frank Bass, junior forward. A 6-foot-4 transfer from Faribault who can shoot.
- Angelo Williamson, senior center. A strong, 6-foot-4 banger.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

"We've got one of the quickest teams in the state," said first-year coach Stockmo. "We've got good guards, too many in fact."

Rebounding is questionable and team size

isn't great. It also might take a while for Stockmo's system to kick in.

Outlook for 1998-99:

North and Henry will be the top dogs in the Mill City race. Henry is the Section 5AAA favorite entering the year. "It all depends on how well we shoot the ball," Stockmo said.

ST. PAUL ACADEMY

League: Tri-Metro Conference

1997-98 record: 13-11

Coach: Don Fluker

Key players and their strengths:

- T. J. Prunty, junior forward. Great athlete who can do it all for the Spartans.
- Kurt Apfelbacher, senior center. A 6-foot-5 scorer from the low post.
- Tom Marlow, senior forward. The primary outside threat for SPA.
- Jay Eyunni, junior guard. A long-range bomber and great defender.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

SPA will press man-to-man and fast-break as much as possible. "We've got nine guys back from last year," Fluker said. "And we've got good speed. Finding a point guard has been our top priority."

Outlook for 1998-99:

SPA moves to the Tri-Metro, where DeLaSalle generally rules. Minnehaha and St. Agnes will also be good. Fourth place is a legitimate goal for the Spartans.

ST. THOMAS ACADEMY

League: St. Paul Suburban Conference

1997-98 record: 22-6, section champs, state Class AAA champs

Coach: Mike Sjöberg

Key players and their strengths:

- Kevin Fitzgerald, senior guard. Versatile 6-foot-9 star who can play in- and outside.
- Nick Schenck, senior guard. Terrific defender.
- Michael Purdy, senior guard. A 6-foot-2 perimeter player who'll hit the bombs.
- Eric Patterson, senior center. A 6-foot-6 lefty who hits the jumper.
- Vern Simmons, junior guard. Spark plug and team leader.

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Raiders' run for state tourney title falls short against Jesse & Company

by Bill Wagner

The Cretin-Derham Hall football team had added incentive to win its state tournament semifinal game November 20 against Champlin Park, thanks to Jesse Ventura, Minnesota's governor-elect and a volunteer on the Champlin Park coaching staff.

In a radio interview the day before the game, Ventura made fun of what he believes to be the Raiders' unabashed recruitment of stellar athletes. "Cretin is the only team that, when its players turn pro, they take a cut in pay," he said.

If Ventura's remarks had an effect on the Raiders, it did not show in the outcome. Champlin Park handed CDH a heart-breaking 7-6 defeat.

The Raiders (11-1) got two big turnovers in the first half against the Rebels, but had to settle for field goals on both possessions. "It hurt when we only came away with six points on those two drives," said CDH coach Rich Kallok after the game. "We didn't think we could shut them out on defense, but we came pretty close."

Champlin Park (which lost to Woodbury in the final) scored the game-winner with just 16 seconds left in the first half. The Raiders mounted a last-ditch drive late in the fourth quarter. Starting at their own 20-yard line, they moved the ball to the Rebels' 26-yard line before the drive sputtered on two penalties.

It was the Raiders' fifth appearance in the state football tournament semifinals in the

past 11 years, and they are still looking for their first state championship trophy.

"All five times, we were eliminated by very good teams," Kallok said. "You need a break or two to win at this level. You have to get one from the referees or the opponent—or better yet, make one for yourself. We've never gotten the play that we needed."

CDH senior defensive linebackers Phil Archer (17 tackles) and Marshall Clamons (eight tackles) helped limit Champlin to just 125 total yards.

"Archer is one of the best around," Kallok said. "He'll get a few Division I offers once these playoff tapes get out there. The Gophers have already offered him (a scholarship). He's 6-foot-2, 230 pounds, and has a nose for the football."

"Clamons came up big for us all year. He's quick, tough, a good tackler. He's old school. He'd run through a brick wall for you."

Kallok will have to rebuild most of his defensive corps in 1999, but will see seven starters return on offense. "We'll have three solid runners (Joe Vannelli, Winston Bell and Rashon Powers-Neal) and two proven receivers (Andy Fleming and Walter Bowser)," he said. "We'll be pretty good again."

According to Archer, the Raiders did not pay much attention to Ventura's public comments before the game. However, the CDH standout may forever treasure the future governor's comments after the game.

"He told me that I had played a great game," Archer said. "It was good to hear."

Last-minute touchdown snuffs out stellar season for St. Thomas gridders

by Bill Wagner

The Cadets from St. Thomas Academy must have felt like they were looking in the mirror when they played Owatonna in the semifinals of the state Class AAAA football tournament at the Metrodome on November 12.

St. Thomas lost the contest 24-20 on a last-minute touchdown by the Huskies.

Both teams relied heavily on ball control. The difference between the two teams was only that Owatonna (which lost to Hutchinson in the final) ran the ball slightly longer and moved it slightly farther.

"They just out-St. Thomased us," said coach Bob Slater. "It was a slow death. We didn't have the ball long enough. We played pretty well offensively—we scored on three of our five possessions—but when we had to

stop them on defense we just couldn't do it. Their offensive line did a great job."

The loss ended an unusual season for the Cadets, who finished 10-3 and were making their second straight tournament appearance. They opened up the season with two losses and then went on a 10-game winning streak that ended against Owatonna. The defeat overshadowed senior quarterback David Raih's two touchdown passes to senior wide receiver Conor Murphy.

Slater said he is looking forward to next season and expects especially solid contributions from four returning players: running backs Vern Simmons and Tony Blumer, defensive tackle Chris Pieper and linebacker Chris Geraghty.

"We played a lot of seniors this year, so we'll have some work to do," Slater said. "However, we have some guys who can really play."

Boys hoops preview/

Team strengths/weaknesses:

The Cadets will rebound and play aggressive defense. "We've got good depth and talented athletes," Sjoberg said. "The question is whether we can score enough to win." STA lost 70 percent of its scoring punch to graduation from last year's championship team.

Outlook for 1998-99:

Sjoberg hopes to see STA among the top three in the conference, along with Tartan and Hastings. "Highland will be good (in the section playoffs)," he said, "and Arlington and South St. Paul will be better."

SIBLEY

League: St. Paul Suburban Conference

1997-98 record: 5-17

Coach: Bob Guinn

Key players and their strengths:

- Chad Sepeda, senior forward. Athletic defender who can score.
- Eric Nelson, junior guard. Great touch.

- Brett Farrington, senior forward. A 6-foot-3 sharpshooter who can also rebound.

- Shane Pavel, senior guard. Quick little defender and three-point specialist.

- Joe Moody, senior guard. Will run the show at point guard.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

Nelson's scoring skills are a strength and team quickness is good. Guinn will have the Warriors running full court. "We don't have much size or bulk, so rebounding could be a concern," he said. "We've got some good athletes off the soccer team. I think we'll do OK."

Outlook for 1998-99:

A .500 season is a legitimate goal for Sibley in the tough Suburban Conference. Hastings and Tartan are among the state's best, and St. Thomas Academy is strong as well. "Our section has produced the last two (Class AAA) state champions (Simley and STA)," Guinn said. "We have our work cut out for us."

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CRETIN-DERHAM HALL

League: St. Paul City Conference
1997-98 record: 22-5, conference and section champs, state runners-up
Coach: Tom Cody

Key players and their strengths:

- Kate Townley, junior point guard. One of the best players in the state.
- Chrissy Melander, senior center. A 6-foot rebounder and defender.
- Jackie Bye, senior forward. Great 5-foot-10 athlete with all-state potential.
- Michelle Fowler, senior forward. Scrappy, aggressive player.
- Kristin Greenwood, junior guard. Quick, probable starter.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

As usual, CDH has loads of talent. However, it'll have to play more of a half-court game this year as Cody works some new players into the lineup. "This year we'll have to score off set plays," he said.

Outlook for 1998-99:

The Raiders are favored to repeat as conference and section champs, but Central should supply some competition.

HIGHLAND PARK

League: St. Paul City Conference
1997-98 record: 14-8
Coach: Lynn Nelson

Key players and their strengths:

- Jill Reinhardt, senior guard. Good outside shooter.
- Shaunte Johnson, senior forward. A 5-foot-11 scoring threat and top rebounder.
- Niambi Shakir, senior forward. A 5-foot-11 top-notch defender for the Scots.
- Laura Haugen, junior guard. The team's leading scorer and shot-creator.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

The Scots have lots of size and strength, but little depth. They suffered a crippling blow when senior guard Devon Radosevich injured her knee playing soccer. She underwent surgery and will be out for the season.

Outlook for 1998-99:

Nelson figures that Cretin-Derham and Central will occupy the top two spots in the league, leaving third place as a reasonable goal for Highland. "We'll need to slow the pace down to compete," she said.

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

League: Tri-Metro Conference
1997-98 record: 19-5
Coach: Lance Johnson

Key players and their strengths:

- Stephanie Scott, senior forward. Good all-around 6-foot player who has been all-conference two years running.
- Cara Jones, senior guard. Outstanding player and team leader who also has been all-conference for two straight seasons.
- Morgen Anderson, senior point guard. Brilliant defender. Dispenses the ball with aplomb.
- Lee Durant, freshman guard. Tabbed as an outstanding player with only a few games under her belt.
- Amanda Johnson, freshman forward. Has a nice scoring touch.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

The Red Hawks lack size, but have a pretty good corps of skilled players.

Outlook for 1998-99:

Blake is nationally ranked this year and is the overwhelming favorite to retain the conference title. DeLaSalle and Minnehaha will battle for the second spot. "This is the toughest AA conference in the state," Johnson said.

ROOSEVELT

League: Minneapolis City Conference
1997-98 record: 12-9
Coach: Carita Green

Key players and their strengths:

- Te'aira Small, freshman center. A 6-foot center who can shoot, rebound and defend.
- Astraea Scarborough, senior forward. Good physical rebounder at 5-foot-8.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

The Teddies have the makings of an unusually quick squad. However, inexperience may pose a problem.

Outlook for 1998-99:

North is the top threat in the conference, with Roosevelt expected to finish somewhere in the middle of the pack. "I think we should be better in the second half of the year," said coach Green.

ST. PAUL ACADEMY

League: Tri-Metro Conference
1997-98 record: 15-9
Coach: Jarvis Keys

Key players and their strengths:

- Sarah Barnes, sophomore forward. A 6-foot-1 scorer and rebounder.
- Ugu Obi, junior guard. Good outside shooter and strong defender.
- Anne Pieck, junior point guard. Quick defender and good passer.



Senior forward Jana Miller will be one of the key players for Central this season. Photo by Mike Long.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

The Spartans lost three senior starters to graduation. They have some power in the forward positions, but they're not as strong in the back court.

Outlook for 1998-99:

The Tri-Metro includes powerhouses Blake and Minnehaha Academy, which will make it tough for SPA. "This is a rebuilding year," Keys said.

SIBLEY

League: St. Paul Suburban
1997-98 record: 15-10, section champs
Coach: Chris Hiti

Key players and their strengths:

- Laura Ashley, senior guard. Great athlete who can score and pass the ball.
- Emily Sirek, senior forward. Major offensive threat for the Warriors.
- Alena Lucio, senior guard. Team leader who shows lots of hustle.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

The Warriors will be quick and should be able to play a good, up-tempo game. Lack of size and experience may pose a problem down the stretch.

Outlook for 1998-99:

Sibley has only three seniors on the team, but Hiti has a solid junior class from which to draw. "We'll have to depend on the juniors,"

Hiti said. "This is a tough league, with Woodbury, North St. Paul, Tartan, Hastings and South St. Paul all expected to be strong. We'll be shooting for the top five."

VISITATION

League: Tri-Metro Conference
1997-98 record: 20-4, conference champs
Coach: Paul Bernabei

Key players and their strengths:

- Maureen Smith, senior forward. A 5-foot-10 likely all-stater who can do it all.
- Kelly Fitzgerald, junior guard. Versatile 5-foot-9 team player.
- Jenny Carnival, sophomore guard. Quick and can shoot the ball.
- Miquela Hernandez, junior guard. Good three-point shooter.
- Elisa Ryan, senior guard. Team leader on the court.

Team strengths/weaknesses:

Visitation has decent size and defensive skills and should be good on the boards. Outside shooting is a question mark.

Outlook for 1998-99:

The Blazers had won the Tri-Valley title five years running, but will find competition more rugged in the Tri-Metro. "We'll shoot for the top four in the league," Bernabei said. "We have a good group of players."

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Highland Park High School senior Matt Stern had a particularly busy fall playing both varsity soccer and football for the Scots this year. Stern was named all-conference in soccer, served as co-captain and led the team in scoring with six goals and 11 assists. In football, he was the second-leading place kicker in the conference, making 18 of 21 extra points and one of two field goals.

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PREPS

• Cretin-Derham Hall senior Kris Kraut was named to the all-state volleyball team. The 6-foot-2 middle hitter had 313 kills and 75 blocks for the Section 3AA champion Raiders this fall.

• Visitation finished 11th in the state girls Class A swimming meet. The Blazers were led by Whitney McNabb, who placed 11th in the 100 butterfly and 13th in the 200 freestyle. Other top finishers for Visitation included Alyssa Fischer (eighth in diving), Beth Cutter-Wilson (10th in the 500 freestyle) and Kate Strachota (ninth in the 100 breaststroke). Visitation's 200-meter freestyle relay team placed eighth.

The CDH girls placed 16th in the state Class AA meet. The Raiders' Tracy Monahan was the top finisher among local tankers. She placed fourth in the 100-meter backstroke. CDH's 200-meter medley relay team finished eighth.

• CDH senior linebacker Phil Archer was named to the all-state football team. Archer led the 11-1 Raiders with 95 tackles, 18 of them resulting in lost yardage.

SPORTS SHORTS

Lisa Lendway of Cretin-Derham Hall was named the St. Paul City Conference's female swimmer of the year. She teamed with Tracy Monahan, Eena Conway and Amy Brennan to set a new conference record in the 200-meter Individual Medley this season. Monahan also set a new conference record in the 100-meter backstroke.

The Sibley Area Sting will hold tryouts this month for girls who will be playing U-13 and U-14 summer soccer. Tryouts will be held from 5:15 to 7:30 p.m. on Sundays, December 6 and 13, at Corner Kick in Maplewood. The tryout fee is \$25. For information, call Rich Weisbecker at 651-454-0375.

Baseball players in grades 5-12 are invited to take part in clinics that will be conducted by University of St. Thomas baseball coach Dennis Denning and his staff during Christmas vacation. Pitchers and catchers will meet December 26-28. Other players will meet December 29-31. The cost is \$65 for 7½ hours of instruction. Players may enroll in both sessions for \$100. For information, call 612-962-5925.

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qualifiers from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 5, at the Martin Luther King Center, 270 Kent St.; and from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 16, at Central High School, 275 N. Lexington Pkwy. The competition consists of speed dribbling, timed shooting and free throws. For information, call 1-888-3-FOR-ALL.

A youth baseball camp will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 29 and 30, in the Macalester College Field House. The camp will be led by Steve Hauser and Brian Grunske, head baseball coaches at Macalester and Waldorf Junior College, respectively. An instructional camp for players ages 7-13 will meet from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The advanced camp for players ages 14-18 will meet from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. For information, call Matt Parrington at 651-696-6770.

Minnesota Thunder defender Dave Wall will direct Learn from the Pros developmental soccer camps for beginning and intermediate players on Sundays, January 10-February 14, at St. Paul Academy and Summit School. The one-hour camps will be held at noon for ages 6-8, at 1:00 p.m. for ages 9-10 and at 2:00 p.m. for ages 11 and older. The cost is \$110 for the six sessions and includes a free ticket to a Thunder home game in 1999. Registration deadline is December 15. For information, call 612-785-3668.

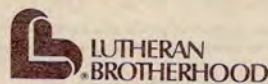
The boys soccer team from the Twin Cities Jewish Middle School in Highland Park recently completed its second year of competition in the South Side Youth Organization league. Last year, the Macabim finished 1-7. This year, the team took first place in the league's silver division with a 9-0-1 record. The team is coached by Hector Sztainer.

Frannie Villafana of Highland Park was selected as the College of St. Catherine's co-athlete of the week for November 17-23 for her performance in a dual swim meet against Macalester College. Villafana, a junior, recorded season bests in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle events, placing first in both. She has yet to lose a race this year for the Wildcats.

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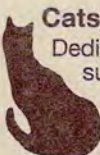
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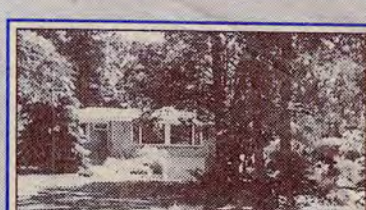
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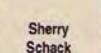
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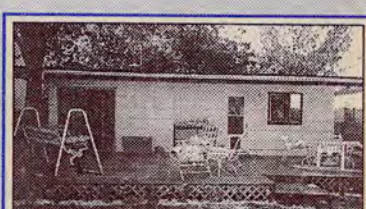
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