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#### Kelly vetoes council effort to raise levy by 5 percent

Council majority sees large deficit in 2007 due to liberal use of reserve funds in 2006

#### by Jane McClure

For the second time in two years, Mayor Randy Kelly vetoed a City Council resolution to raise the property tax levy in St. Paul, and for the second time in two years the council was unable to muster a fifth vote to override the veto. As a result, St. Paul's property tax levy for 2006 will increase no more than 3 percent over 2005, not the 5 percent that four City Council members wanted.

The council adopted the maximum levy on a 4-2 vote on September 14, thereby meeting the statemandated truth-in-taxation deadline.

Kelly called the additional 2 percent increase a \$1.3 million "slush fund" that would have taken money from families and small businesses for an as yet undefined purpose. "I will never ask (citizens) to give more than is absolutely necessary to provide the services our city needs to offer," he said. He called the action on the part of the City Council "irresponsible."

City Council president Kathy Lantry countered that it is the mayor who is being irresponsible.

According to her, the city will face a budget crisis in 2007 that is "really awful and scary-looking." She and other council members pointed out that Kelly's proposed 2006 city budget includes \$9.2 million in one-time funding shifts, including about \$3.3 million from reserve funds. "How are we going to pay for things (in 2007) when we don't have that money?" Lantry asked.

City Council members Lantry, Dave Thune, Jay Benanav and Lee Helgen voted for the 5 percent increase. City Council members Dan Bostrom, Patrick Harris and Debbie Montgomery voted against.

The 3 percent increase would raise the money levied for city operations, the public library and the Port Authority from \$63.9 million to \$65.8 million to support a city budget totaling \$518 million. The increase is expected to add \$22 to \$40 to the property tax bill of a typical homeowner. Under Kelly's budget, the additional \$1.88 million in revenue would be devoted to public safety, covering the costs of 25 additional police officers and three additional firefighters. The

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#### **Round One goes to Coleman in St. Paul mayoral matchup**

Photos by Brad Stauffer.

With 16 percent of electorate turning out, Kelly finishes a distant second in primary, setting up Nov. 8 showdown

by Kevin Driscoll

In the days following St. Paul's mayoral pri-

Charlie McCarty came in fourth in 1972. Kelly said he wasn't surprised at the outcome. "The outcome of the DFL-designed

ball shooting gallery (left) were other attractions at the annual festival.

the 2001 mayoral primary he finished second to the DFL-endorsed Jay Benanav, yet still topped Benanav in the general election. Kelly also pointed out that less than 16 percent of registered voters turned out for this year's primary, 35 percent fewer than turned out for the primary in 2001. "That's something Chris such a margin. As it is, I defeated him in his own (East Side) precinct and in all but six of the city's 104 precincts."

Kelly won two precincts in Ward 1, one in Ward 3, one in Ward 5 and only two in Wards 6 and 7, his supposed East Side base.

Voter turnout was a city low of 8 percent in Wards 6 and 7. Turnout was highest in Wards 3 and 4 (19 and 13 percent, respectively), which together accounted for 11,462 of the 25,303 votes cast citywide. Coleman topped the field in Ward 3 with 3,304 votes to Kelly's 1,755 and Dickinson's 1,208. Coleman also topped the field in Ward 4 with 2,651 votes to

mary election, the top two vote-getters were each putting a positive spin on the outcome. Incumbent DFL Mayor Randy Kelly had the more difficult task; he finished a distant second to DFL-endorsed Chris Coleman. Coleman received 13,041 votes (52 percent) to Kelly's 6,740 (27 percent). It was the first time an incumbent St. Paul mayor has finished second or worse in a primary election since September primary election was exactly what we were saying would happen," he said.

Coleman and Kelly now advance to the November 8 general election. Eliminated from the race were Green Party candidate Elizabeth Dickinson, who got 4,905 votes (19 percent), and five other candidates, each of whom received less than 1 percent of the vote. Kelly said he was buoyed by the fact that in (Coleman) ought to be worried about," Kelly said, "that he couldn't generate a stronger turnout with his message of partisanship and exclusion."

Coleman said he is not at all worried. "The mayor should have expected a larger turnout for an incumbent," he said. "After all, he spent close to half a million dollars going into the primary. He can't have expected to lose by

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#### Neighbors agree to EQ-Life's plan to resolve parking shortfall

#### by Jane McClure

The Summit Hill Association and EQ-Life have reached a compromise agreement in a dispute over the amount of parking required for a 2,100-square-foot spa that EQ-Life is building in the basement of Grand Place at 870 Grand Ave. The St. Paul City Council approved the agreement on September 14, allowing EQ-Life, a wholly owned subsidiary of Best Buy, to move forward with plans to open a new pharmacy, salon and health and fitness store in October in the space formerly occupied by Bound to be Read.

Ward 2 City Council member Dave Thune praised the agreement. EQ-Life could have been required to provide as many as eight additional off-street parking spaces for the basement spa. Under the agreement, EQ-Life will validate Grand Place parking ramp tickets for all of its employees and customers regardless of how long they park in the ramp and will promote ramp parking by its customers. The parking validation will be added as a condition on EQ-Life's business licenses, according to Assistant City Attorney Rachel Gunderson.

Thune believes the agreement will promote greater use of Grand Place's 208-space paid

parking ramp, which hasn't been used as much as the 105-space paid parking lot that Grand Place replaced. Though the agreement allows EQ-Life's expanded use of the basement space without any additional off-street parking, it does not set a precedent for future Grand Avenue parking cases, according to Thune.

The Summit Hill Association (SHA) board of directors approved the agreement on a 9-3-1 vote on September 8. Much of the language came from a proposal EQ-Life submitted in August to the SHA's Zoning and Land Use Committee, which deadlocked 3-3 on the agreement.

According to the agreement, EQ-Life may use the basement space for the spa, but any future use of that space by another tenant will require a review by the city's zoning administrator for compliance with the original site plan for Grand Place, which the City Council approved in 2000. "This means that this entire can of worms is reopened if EQ-Life leaves," Gunderson said.

In the original Grand Place site plan, the basement space was designated as storage for former tenant Bound to Be Read. However, city building permits indicate that the space was converted into offices in 2001. Thune, SHA board members and even St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) staff were not aware of that change until September 7.

The agreement also stipulates that the city's "rule of five," which exempts businesses from providing additional off-street parking if five or fewer spaces are required, cannot be used again for any tenant at Grand Place.

City staff had applied the rule of five to EQ-Life's expansion this summer. On appeal by the SHA, the BZA reversed that decision, ruling that eight extra parking spaces were required.

According to EQ-Life attorney Todd Hartman, EQ-Life tried to find more parking for its Grand store, including leasing spaces at the House of Hope Church parking lot on Summit Avenue and in the lot behind the Victoria Crossing West mall. Those efforts were unsuccessful, he said, so EQ-Life then took its case to the City Council. Hartman made it clear to the SHA board that if EQ-Life lost its City Council appeal, the company would sue the city in Ramsey County District Court.

SHA board member Dann Dobson said the compromise is preferable to a district court battle. According to him, it may also be preferable to having EQ-Life drop its Grand Place plans only to have a new tenant who may be less inclined to work with the neighborhood move in.

EQ-Life made "absolutely every effort" to seek a compromise and prevent a legal battle, Hartman said. "It's been a frustrating process for all of us," he said.

SHA board president Merritt Clapp-Smith said she hopes the agreement results in greater use of the Grand Place ramp. With streets in the neighborhood as congested as they are, she said, "it's been frustrating to see parking spaces there not being used."

Other local residents and business people questioned whether the agreement will be enforced and whether it erodes the city's resolve to enforce its parking requirements. "We don't want this to set a precedent of big business getting a rubber stamp from the city," said Mella Martin, owner of Mella Day Spa on Grand and a member of the Grand Avenue Task Force of the Metro Independent Business Alliance. The MIBA distributed a petition against EQ-Life's parking variance that drew more than 300 signatures. The group also forwarded letters from more than a dozen Grand Avenue businesses that were concerned about the issues raised by EQ-Life.

#### Mayor's veto limits St. Paul's levy increase to 3 percent for 2006/from page 1

City Council is not expected to adopt the final budget for 2006 until December.

"Next year the chickens are going to come home to roost," warned City Council member Dave Thune of Ward 2. The lower levy in 2006 could mean closing recreation centers and libraries in 2007, according to him.

Ward 4 City Council member Jay Benanav called it "an election-year budget." According to him, the mayor is using "gimmicks" to hold down property taxes next year.

However, Lantry and Thune joined council members Patrick Harris and Debbie Montgomery in voting for the 3 percent increase. Benanav and Lee Helgen of Ward 5 voted against it. (Council member Dan Bostrom was absent.) Had the council not approved a n increase, the levy would have stayed at the same level it was for 2005.

St. Paul has gone 12 consecutive years with-

out increasing its property tax levy. Despite severe cuts in state aid, it has been able to balance its budget by increasing right-of-way assessments, spending general fund balances and saving money through the merger of police and firefighter pension funds.

Lantry, Thune, Benanav and Helgen all contend that Kelly's 2006 budget is overly dependent on one-time transfers of fund balances. Harris said he, too, is troubled by the one-time use of fund balances. However, he said, Kelly had vowed not to spend the additional 2 percent if the council overrode his veto. While Harris criticized the mayor for his inflexibility on the matter, he maintained that it would be "irresponsible to raise property taxes if the money is just going into the fund balance."

A recent study by City Council Research staff indicated that if the city wants to keep up

its existing programs and services, the property tax levy will have to increase by 21 percent for 2007.

Kelly has said he wants to hire an additional 100 police officers over the next four years, including 25 in 2006 and 25 in 2007. In a worstcase scenario, the budget shortfall could reach \$17 million for 2007, according to City Council Research.

Kelly downplayed City Council members' concerns, saying that in all of his city budgets, he has been able to address budget shortfalls. City finance director Matt Smith also defended the mayor's budget. When the 2006 city budget was prepared, Smith said, city staff reviewed all of the fund balances to determine how much money was available and whether it was legal to use the balances. According to him, Kelly is using the fund balances prudently and is not depleting the reserves. City Council members remain skeptical. One potentially controversial fund balance shift is the use of about \$1.5 million from the Office of License, Inspections and Environmental Protection (LIEP) that was raised through construction permits and other fees. Some council members questioned whether using revenue from specific fees in the city's general fund budget is legal.

"State law doesn't allow you to set fees to make a profit," said council fiscal policy analyst Greg Blees. "You set fees to cover your costs."

Thune, who owns a West 7th Street coffee shop, said some of the fees he pays as a business owner doubled this year. If large fund balances are accruing in LIEP, he said, perhaps the city needs to reexamine its fee structure.





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Randy Kelly

Chris Coleman

#### St. Paul mayor's race/from page 1

Dickinson's 1,340 and Kelly's 1,005.

Dickinson ran a surprisingly strong campaign given her late entry into the race. (She only announced her candidacy in June). She said she plans to meet with Coleman in the days ahead to discuss his moving forward with some of her proposals.

"I don't expect to be publicly endorsing (Coleman) because I'm an elected official of the Green Party," said Dickinson, who chairs the Green Party of St. Paul. However, Dickinson said she expects most of her supporters will vote for Coleman now that she is out of the race.

"I'll be asking (Coleman) to advance those issues on which we agree, including the encouragement and stewardship of clean, renewable energy and its conservation," she said. Dickinson also favors requiring companies who receive city assistance to pay a "living wage" to all of their employees.

"I'm totally behind living-wage proposals," Coleman said. "In fact, I'm in at least general agreement with most of (Dickinson's) issues."

Coleman, a former two-term City Council member from Ward 2, touted his leadership on several environmental issues during his tenure on the council. Though he has been criticized by some for his support of the nowdefunct Gopher State Ethanol plant on West 7th Street, he eventually became an opponent of the plant because of the environmental hazards it posed.

If elected, Coleman said he would work to make St. Paul a national leader in environmental policy by appointing a "sustainability coordinator" to work with developers on "green" technologies and to establish "green" purchasing guidelines to promote energy efficiency. He has also promised to sign the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

If he is elected, Coleman said he would "enhance the city's parks, rec centers and libraries as part of an expanded partnership with the St. Paul Public Schools." He criticized Kelly for letting the condition of the city's recreation centers slip.

"I want to bring neighborhoods back to the

table when it comes to major decisions for the future of our city," Coleman said. "I intend to reestablish a solid, cooperative relationship with the City Council and all other governmental entities."

Coleman also criticized Kelly's endorsement last year of President George W. Bush's re-election. That endorsement "has done nothing for St. Paul, which is the reason (Kelly) gave for making it in the first place," Coleman said.

Kelly disagreed, citing the restoration of the city's federal community development block grants as just one of the things that resulted from his "openness to all parties."

Kelly said that in the campaign ahead he will stress his administration's accomplishments during the last four years, including the building of 5,000 new housing units and "a substantial reduction" in crime in the city. In the face of big cuts in state aid to St. Paul, Kelly was able to hold the line on property taxes levied by the city in 2003, 2004 and 2005. However, for next year, he has proposed a 3 percent levy increase for public safety, including the hiring of 25 additional police officers.

Kelly touted his education initiative, which "helped add 1,800 new volunteers in the public schools to help with reading and other mentoring." A state legislator for 26 years, Kelly said, "I was able to use my legislative experience to convince Governor Pawlenty to up his K-12 school funding increase (for 2005-07) from about 2 percent to more than 4 percent."

Kelly also cited as his accomplishments the opening of Ayd Mill Road, his efforts to find funding to finish Phalen Boulevard, his securing funding for the restoration of the Union Depot as a transit hub, the new Mexican consulate and the new St. Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists.

The 2005 mayoral campaign may well go down as one of the most expensive in the city's history. As of September 2, Kelly had spent \$439,000 and Coleman \$182,994. Kelly still has about \$400,000 in his campaign coffers while Coleman has about \$25,000.



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#### School Board candidates advance

#### by Kevin Driscoll

The three DFL-endorsed candidates topped the field of seven candidates in the September 13 primary election for three open seats on the St. Paul School Board. Incumbent School Board members Elona Street-Stewart and John Brodrick received 26 and 23 percent of the vote, respectively. Tom Goldstein, a consultant to nonprofit groups, received 22 percent.

The other three School Board candidates who will be moving on to the November 8 general election are Republican-endorsed Lori Windels (11 percent); Socialist Workers Party candidate Rebecca Williamson (9 percent) and paralegal Terry Lake (5 percent). Northwest Airlines stock clerk Jesse Nicholas was eliminated from the race.

In the race for three open seats on the School Board in District 197 (Mendota Heights, West St. Paul and part of Eagan), St. Paul police commander Tim Leslie led the seven-member primary field with 270 votes. Marketing consultant Elise Jamison got 229 votes, St. Mary's University professor Reine Shiffman got 177, West-Thompson Publishing manager Leonard Axelrod got 173, University of St. Thomas professor Robert Rehn got 139, insurance agency owner Greg Hudalla got 121 and Nancy Negron Neiburg got 94.

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#### MISCH-MASCH

MICHAEL MISCHKE

### Double or nothing?

aving lost three friendly wagers with fellow armchair campaign managers on the outcome of the mayoral primary election in St. Paul, I've been searching these past two weeks for an unclouded explanation of incumbent Mayor Randy Kelly's poor showing. I haven't found one, either in the mainstream media or at on-line blogs and Internet political discussion groups I frequent.

I had assumed that the power of incumbency, Kelly's prodigious campaign war chest and the presence of Green Party candidate Elizabeth Dickinson on the ballot would offset what the political left perceives to be the mayor's cardinal sin as a centrist Democrat—his endorsement of Republican President George W. Bush in 2004—and make the primary race closer than it turned out to be. As it was, DFL-endorsed Chris Coleman outpolled Kelly by a nearly 2-to-1 margin, and Dickinson came in a close third, 1,835 votes behind Kelly.

But if unclouded explanations are in short supply, clouded ones are a dime a dozen. You could probably haggle and get an even better price for the following one, taken from a September 14 posting on the on-line St. Paul Issues Forum:

"FYI, here is a copy of a letter I sent to the *Pioneer Press* last night. Let me add that congratulations are in order to the Dickinson campaign for running a great race. It is now time for all those good folks to get on board the Coleman campaign. I even got my 16-year-old son to put up a Coleman sign! Kelly has been a disaster for the city, and we need to make sure that he does no further damage. I know that the "gang of four," also known as the council majority, is looking forward to the opportunity to working (*sic*) with Mayor Chris Coleman to move St. Paul forward once again:

"To the editor: The results of the primary election in St. Paul confirm what the majority of the City Council have been saying all along: The policy of the Kelly administration to strip bare the financial cupboard of the city and make it all but impossible to provide the kind of services that citizens expect is a colossal failure and will no longer be tolerated.

"The 75 percent (actually, 71 percent) of the voters that voted for Chris Coleman and Elizabeth Dickinson have made it clear that Kelly's refusal to invest in St. Paul—a policy which has resulted in 8,000 jobs lost in St. Paul since 2001, an increase in violent crime during the Kelly administration, a vacancy rate in downtown not seen in decades—is simply unacceptable. In the four years that Kelly has been mayor, he has consistently refused to work with the council majority to find acceptable solutions to the issues the city faces.... I think the mayor will discover that the citizens of St. Paul are tired of his tactics and will be sending the mayor packing and elect a person who understands how to get things done: Chris Coleman."

- Jay Benanav, St. Paul City Council member

Leaving aside the simplistic notion that a mayor has the overriding responsibility for job losses and gains, crime rates and downtown vacancies, Benanav's letter, which was never



#### Real blame for Katrina lies with the feds

To the editor:

Villager publisher Michael Mischke has apparently joined the national right-wing effort to steer the blame for the New Orleans disaster at city and state officials, who happen to be Democrats, as much or more than the federal government, which happens to be led by Republicans (*Villager*, September 7). The *Villager* is one of the few truly original, good, independent, core-city weekly or biweekly newspapers left here or anywhere, so it surprises me that its publisher appears to believe that Louisiana Governor Blanco and New Orleans Mayor Nagin have the power to determine the annual construction program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

These two Democrats, along with Louisiana's congressional delegation, have for years pulled out every political stop to get wetland and levee reconstruction fully funded at a minimum estimated cost of \$14 billion. Though New Orleans and the Mississippi delta are strategic gateways for much of the nation's energy and agricultural trade (including a lot of Minnesota's river-borne agricultural exports), Republicans almost succeeded in deleting the paltry \$600-plus million from the recent federal energy bill that at least will get us started protecting this vital national asset.

It is not New Orleans nor Louisiana that over a period of decades has walled off the Mississippi River from New Orleans' wetland defenses south of the city. It is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at the behest of national and multinational chemical and agricultural trade groups and their shippers, that has steadfastly supported channeling the Mississippi for large bulk shipping with the annual loss of

### VILLAGE POST

#### Federal gov't failed New Orleans Dear editor:

Publisher Michael Mischke's "Misch-Masch" column on Hurricane Katrina ("The good, the bad and the beastly," *Villager*, September 7) was correct about "the good." Hospital administrators, doctors, firefighters, nurses, human service workers and volunteers poured into the Gulf Coast region and organized makeshift triage and housing for their devastated fellow Americans.

However, his column was not correct about "the bad." The situation in New Orleans is not simply a natural disaster. The levee failures caused more death, contamination and damage. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a federal agency, is responsible for building, maintaining and improving the system of levees that New Orleans and the nation depend on. New Orleans is a major national port. When the levees breach, it is the federal government's responsibility, period.

In addition, Governor Kathleen Blanco did declare a Louisiana state of emergency and requested federal troops on Friday, August 26. (She knew that 40 percent of her National Guard was not available.) President Bush then declared a federal state of emergency. That decision gave the federal government responsibility for coordinating the response to both the hurricane and the levee flooding. Yet after the hurricane hit on Monday and the levees ruptured early Tuesday, President Bush continued his fundraising in California and returned to his Crawford vacation. Then FEMA director Michael Brown sent out a memo after the city was flooded, giving workers 48 hours to reach New Orleans. The Salt Lake Tribune reported that 1,000 firefighters recruited by FEMA from around the nation sat unused in Atlanta for 24 hours. These are not bureaucratic oversights. They are evidence of inept management and a lack of leadership. This was a major challenge for the federal government as supervisor of the levees and as leader in a national crisis. The government at all levels failed. In the case of "the beastly," "Misch-Masch" also missed the fact that the looting was a symptom of the government breakdown. When the government of a wealthy nation fails

printed, misrepresents the facts on nearly all counts.

Has St. Paul lost 8,000 jobs since 2001? Quite possibly. But how many has it since gained? On the heels of 9/11 and a nationwide recession, jobs were lost all across the country.

Has St. Paul seen an increase in violent crime during Kelly's administration? It has in the last six months. But according to St. Paul Police Department figures, the most serious Part I crimes were down 17 percent between 2000 and 2004.

Are downtown vacancy rates high? Indisputably. But according to St. Paul BOMA president Bill Buth, downtown has seen a six-figure net absorption rate in the last 12 months. Are all these supposed ills that have been visited upon St. Paul the result of Kelly's "refusal to invest" (i.e., raise taxes)? Can you think of a single homeowner, landlord, residential tenant, commercial property owner or commercial tenant who believes he or she is paying too little for the city services received? If Coleman actually intends to campaign on a pledge to raise taxes, as Benanav's comments seem to suggest, I intend to go double or nothing for the general election. thousands of acres of vital coastal marshes.

The blame for this hurricane tragedy lies almost entirely with federal Republican incompetence and ideological opposition to investing in vital national infrastructure and disaster security.

Blanco and Nagin are heroes in this sordid episode who have done everything in their power to wake up a national government determined to sever its historical role of protecting our borders from attacks by nature and man. We in Minnesota should be thankful that during the Red River disaster in the 1990s, we had a federal government and a FEMA that understood and embraced their constitutional role in national disaster security.

Mathews Hollinshead Highland Park

Editor's note: The writer is a member of the Executive Committee of the North Star Chapter of the Sierra Club.

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for 72 hours to provide basic necessities of water, baby formula and public safety, it has failed its citizens. The initial looting reported by the media showed that water, diapers, clothes, food and shoes were the major items taken. The complete breakdown came later, when the New Orleans police were exhausted and people were advised to go to the Superdome and Convention Center, where they were left without food, water or sanitation for 72 hours.

The violence and vandalism that spread after that point could have been prevented with a minor degree of organization on the part of the federal government, which had declared itself in charge of the catastrophe four days before the social order was torn apart. Those who were arrested for assault, rape and theft should accept responsibility and their punishment. So should the members of the federal government who let it happen.

Aimee Loiselle Summit Hill

#### Clarification from a candidate

To the editor:

I was disappointed by your decision to publish Georgia Dietz's letter ("Vote Windels for School Board") in the August 24 Villager without first confirming the accuracy of its content. While I can appreciate Ms. Dietz's enthusiasm for her candidate, that doesn't give her license to misrepresent my views on issues of school funding and teacher compensation, nor does it relieve your staff of its responsibility to make sure that letter writers don't use quotes out of context. It's true that I was quoted in the May 11 Villager as saying, "More money isn't what makes better schools," but it's also true that shortly after that article appeared, I informed publisher Michael Mischke that the correct quote should have been, "More money alone isn't what makes better schools."

I did not insist that a correction appear in the Villager because the rest of the quote, which Ms. Dietz left out of her letter, made it clear that I support adequate funding of St. Paul's public schools and am familiar with the impact that annual budget shortfalls have had on school buildings and teacher effectiveness.

Ms. Dietz's letter also suggested that I oppose Q-comp, an

#### alternative compensation system approved this past session by the state Legislature that might bring in up to \$10 million to the St. Paul school district during the school year. In fact, Villager reporter Kevin Driscoll never asked me about Q-

comp, only about merit pay, a concept that I oppose because every scheme that I've seen proposed doesn't guarantee that there will be improvement in student achievement. I would never suggest that the school district forgo a potential funding source, but implementing Q-comp is not simple nor is Q-comp a panacea for an educational system that faces increasing challenges in terms of additional foreign language learners and burgeoning class sizes. The fact that a quasimerit pay system may be in play on a trial basis from the state doesn't necessarily mean that it's a good system. The state could just as easily have provided funding to support more small learning communities and to guarantee smaller class sizes, two concepts that are popular with parents and arguably much more likely to produce increases in student achievement and success.

Tom Goldstein Hamline-Midway

Editor's note: The writer is a candidate for the St. Paul School Board.

#### Homeless lockers are no solution To the editor:

My heart goes out to the homeless and the working poor who are trying their best to get by in this world. If we truly want to help them, it begins with boycotting businesses, especially large corporations, who don't pay workers a livable wage. Why should anyone have to live on the streets if they are willing to work a 40-hour week?

There are some people who refuse to work even part time or to follow basic rules of conduct in order to have shelter. These people need to be held accountable for their choices. All of our family institutions should have a basic code of conduct and reinforce it, supporting parents who try to do the right thing.

I'm not referring to the mentally ill or physically disabled. As a kind and just society, we should do what we can, but it should be more voluntary. It's hard to help your neighbor when you're paying higher and higher taxes just to have a roof of your own.

A storage locker is not an answer to aid the homeless (Villager, September 7) because it legitimizes a situation that breeds corporate greed and crime.

Jo Heinz West 7th Street

#### For better relations at SPA

To the editor:

We moved across the street from St. Paul Academy last winter. (I grew up playing in its fields almost 50 years ago.) We had lived within a block of the University of St. Thomas. However, after two homes on our block-one next door to us-became student housing, we knew we had to leave while the leaving was good. St. Thomas also closed its field with a fence and gates and shut out the neighborhood. We were pro-St. Thomas until they did that. Now I am fearing the same thing will occur at SPA.

When we found our new home across from SPA, we were so excited to have our kids play there. We even decided to get our first dog with visions of playing fetch with it across the street. We are disappointed, not only because we no longer can run and play with Riley at SPA, even using an extended leash, but also because of the limitations placed on children playing there. I have no idea what issues SPA has with children. My fear is that this is just the start and soon there will be gates on the entrances like at St. Thomas.

SPA should have had better communication and made a better effort to work with the neighborhood to fix any issues the school was having with dogs and children. Instead, we got these signs and a letter that followed days later. I played with our dog all summer on the SPA fields and I only saw dog feces on the ground once. I would have no problem not throwing poop bags in their trash cans if that is the issue.

My first feeling when I saw the signs was that if SPA wants to ever expand, like St. Thomas did, I was going to do my best to rally the neighbors for a good fight. But I really think working issues out together is a better option. I hope that SPA will reconsider and perhaps create a neighborhood forum to work out a compromise. They need to at least give the neighbors a chance to resolve any problems.

Michelle Webster Highland Park

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#### Village Post/from previous page Unfriendly neighbor next door

To the editor:

St. Paul Academy has become the unfriendly neighbor next door. By banning dogs at all times and by banning people during most daylight hours from the SPA grounds, the school has startled our friendly neighborhood. In the August 24 issue of the Villager, the SPA director of operations reported that 50 gallons of dog feces were collected from the grounds weekly. Did the SPA maintenance crew indicate how much of this was contained in bags deposited appropriately into the 30-gallon trash drums on the property? In five years of taking my dog to the property, I have never encountered a pile of dog poop on the grounds. I have never witnessed a neighbor using the grounds with anything but respect. The Villager indicated that SPA's director of operations was new to the job. Perhaps it would have been more prudent for him to get to know the neighbors first and communicate with them before threatening them with signage and new policies.

Since SPA has now redefined the nature of its neighborly relationship, perhaps it's time for neighbors to let SPA know what kind of neighbor it has been. I have never before complained to the school about my long-held and growing resentment of the hazard of having dozens and dozens of cars filling the streets of the neighborhood during school hours and athletic events. Visitors to SPA sporting events dart into the street in front of oncoming traffic, dangerously pull their vehicles out into the traffic without looking, and consistently violate traffic laws as they arrive for, wait during or depart after sporting events. Would the school operations director welcome a phone call each time one of these incidents arise?

Gary Schwitzer Highland Park

#### Education is on the upswing

To the editor:

Minnesota students have reason to celebrate. The state Department of Education has released reading and math test scores for five grade levels showing big gains in student achievement. In District 197 (Mendota Heights, West St. Paul, and Eagan), Friendly Hills and Heritage middle schools made significant progress and have been taken off the list of schools not making adequate yearly progress under the federal No Child Left Behind law.

These gains are even more impressive given that schools in our area have struggled over the last several years under flat state funding and back-to-back budget cuts. Teachers and school administrators deserve our thanks for their commitment to boosting student achievement even under difficult circumstances.

The education bill passed by the state Legislature this year should provide welcome relief to school budgets. The 4 percent annual increase in per-pupil funding authorized this session is an excellent first step toward reversing the trend of flat or declining state support for education. As a new member of the Minnesota House, I was proud to work with legislators of both parties to pass this bill.

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I look forward to meeting school groups as they come to celebrate the state Capitol's 100th anniversary this year. Best wishes to parents, teachers and students for a successful and safe school year.

Rick Hansen, State Representative District 39A

#### 'Cody's Corner' will be missed

To the editor:

Some people unwind after work with a beer and some with the sports page. I do it with both. And every other Wednesday, for the last gazillion every other Wednesdays, I've made a mad dash for Tom Cody's sports column in the Villager. It's the first thing I read. I thoroughly enjoyed it, and I wished I'd written years ago to thank him for his ongoing efforts. So I am belatedly thanking him now, and hoping he will write an occasional guest column.

Ross Huelster Macalester-Groveland

#### The Wright stuff

To the editor:

If having a local historical perspective and an understanding of a town's neighborhoods make for good newspapers, bringing Dave Wright aboard as your new sports columnist confirms it. He knows St. Paul sports. It will be wonderful to read both Dick Gordon and Dave Wright under the same banner.

John Angst Summit Hill

#### Chickenhawks of a feather

To the editor:

Mayor Randy Kelly made a visit to our neighborhood on September 10 to stump for his re-election. He was asked why as a Democrat he voted and campaigned for President Bush. Kelly said he couldn't support John Kerry because he voted for the war in Iraq, but against funding it. I pointed out that Kerry wasn't against funding for the war, but rather how we'd pay for it. Kerry was against the tax cuts for the wealthy and wanted to use that money to help pay for the war. I received a blank stare from the mayor. He went on to the next question.

After the rally, I thought about his response. In August of 2004, Kelly stated that his reason for endorsing Bush was that "there's no reason to believe a change of course will produce better or quicker results" and "the United States will bring the troops home from Iraq a lot sooner if we don't try to bring in a whole new leadership team to run the show. We must stay the course." We all know how well his prediction has gone, don't we?

I cannot understand how this country could have chosen a man who got out of serving his country to lead us in a war over the guy who served his country in Vietnam. Mayor Kelly is 55 years old and would have been up for the draft. When I called his campaign headquarters to question this, I think I



may have found the real reason Kelly backed Bush. The mayor was never in the service. He, too, got out of Vietnam. And as we all know, chickenhawks of a feather flock together.

Ken Barghini Merriam Park

Editor's note: The writer is a U.S. Army veteran and a retired master sergeant with the Minnesota Air National Guard.

#### The Coleman-Kerry connection To the editor:

When St. Paul Mayor Randy Kelly received endorsements from two of America's most popular mayors, Rudy Giuliani and Richard M. Daley, his opponent Chris Coleman was quick to dismiss them as being insignificant because they were outsiders with little connection to St. Paul. However, after learning that many DFL voters are not going to flock to his campaign simply because he is the party's endorsed candidate, Coleman tapped U.S. Senator John Kerry for more Democratic base support. Now it's Coleman who is looking for help from outsiders.

How is Coleman's connection to the junior senator from Massachusetts helpful to St. Paul voters? Coleman hasn't explained why we should care about Kerry's endorsement. The only connection I can think of is that Kerry and Coleman both come from states that start with the letter "M."

Dan Anderson Merriam Park

#### Partisanship vs. the people

To the editor:

I had to laugh when I saw the quote from John Kerry in the daily paper supporting Chris Coleman's mayoral campaign: "Chris Coleman is the kind of leader that St. Paul needs—a mayor who will put the needs of the people of the city ahead of politics and personal gain."

Are they trying to pull the wool over the voters' eyes? Coleman's campaign and partisan DFL supporters have made partisan politics a major campaign issue, which started last year with the "Recall Randy" campaign. Since then, Coleman has been openly critical of Mayor Kelly's relationships with members of other political parties. At the first debate, Coleman criticized Kelly for inviting the governor to the Dorothy Day Center to address St. Paul's homeless situation. Coleman's Web site shows he is supported only by other Democrats and he makes no mention of reaching out to anyone other than DFLers. To top it off, the DFLers kicked Kelly out of their ice cream booth at the State Fair because he was not the party's endorsed candidate.

Coleman has never denounced these bitter partisan activities. At the least, his campaign can come up with a more creative quote from Kerry. Coleman has made it clear that he would be the mayor for partisan DFLers and Randy Kelly has made it clear that he is the mayor for all of us.

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#### Fifty years ago in the Villager

Red Feather Services Have Helped the Highland Area

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Asking pointed questions, getting the facts and then digging in to support it is so typically American when it comes to the community's welfare. The question "What does Red Feather mean to me and my community?" was raised and answered today with the latest facts and figures by Mrs. Platt Walker Jr., 1886 Norfolk Ave., the leader of the Community Chest campaign in the Highland area this year.

"A total of 7,763 people living in Highland benefited directly from the services of just 19 of the 38 local Red Feather services," she said. The figures were compiled by the Wilder Foundation's research department.

The Red Feather campaign drive will be conducted from October 2-20, and the goal is \$1,920,270, Mrs. Walker said.

#### Orientation Classes for Play Ladies Begin at Children's Hospital

Orientation classes for new Play Ladies at Children's Hospital in St. Paul will begin on October 4 in the hospital's classrooms. Play Ladies play games, read stories and plan parties as part of their program of entertainment for hospitalized youngsters. In addition, a new area of volunteer work is now under way at Children's, in which Play Ladies will plan and paint murals in the hospital rooms. Women with an interest in art are needed to help with plans now being formulated. All women over 18 years of age are invited to call Judy Ryan, recreation director, at CA2-5724.

#### Highland Little League Banquet Closes Out Another Successful Year

With a round of applause that made his selection appear unanimous, Tom Scott, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Scott, 1845 Yorkshire Ave., became the third Highland Little League ballplayer to receive the coveted Founder's Award. The award presentation was a highlight of the Little League's third annual banquet, held on September 12 at Lee's Village Inn.

Before an audience of more than 300, Bob Jerue, who brought the Little League to Highland and whose assistance has been sought in the formation of other leagues in the area, presented the trophy. He explained that Tom, like his predecessors, had been selected from the 11-and-under age group as being most representative of the principles of the organization: "a gentleman, sportsman and athlete." Jim Clarkin, last vear's winner, assisted Mr. Jerue in making the presentation. Freckles and crew cuts were the order of the day, but a large portion of the program was devoted to oral tributes to those parents who have so unselfishly given of their time and labor to promote the success of the Little League organization.

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#### Highland Fashion Beauty Salon Names New Manager

Mrs. Billie Donovan, the new manager of Highland Fashion Beauty Salon, is certainly one of Highland's most enthusiastic boosters. Mrs. Donovan is well-known locally as a hair style authority. Having trained under this country's most outstanding stylists, she is a popular consultant on hair design, hair color and hair care.

Mrs. Donovan feels sincerely that the Highland area is *the* outstanding shopping district of the Twin Cities. "It's more than the fact that it's so wonderfully convenient," she says. "There's something about the atmosphere that's different, and it's more than the feeling of informality that occurs when you don't have to worry about the way you dress. Perhaps it's the good taste and the caliber of service that's so prominent."

#### In Appreciation

Through the *Villager*, I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to all the Farm League and Pee Wee players and coaches for the wonderful gift they presented to me through Mr. Len Chapman at the Little League banquet. It was the most gratifying experience of my life and one that I'll never forget.

- Henry"Hank" Streich









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#### **Unhappiness with Highland Park improvements addressed**

#### by Jane McClure

Area residents' unhappiness with ongoing improvements to the Highland Park picnic area will be addressed at a public meeting between the Highland District Council (HDC) and St. Paul Parks and Recreation Director Bob Bierscheid at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 6, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

The park is in the midst of a \$1.574 million improvement project, including \$930,000 in improvements completed in 2002 and 2003. Phase Two of the project began over a year ago and is expected to continue well into 2006. Some Highland District Council board members find the slow pace of the improvements frustrating. They have also complained about continual changes in the plans.

The project includes the replacement of picnic tables, benches and grills; landscaping; a new playground and tot lot; renovated parking lots; and a rehabilitated disc golf course. Part of the work has already been completed, including the tot lot, the clearing of vegetation, the planting of trees and shrubs and the paving of a new parking lot south of Montreal Avenue. Work is still pending on the playground, disc golf course, trails, picnic shelter, restroom facilities and the parking lot north of Montreal.

According to project manager Bill Pesek, work crews will finish seeding parts of the park this fall. Contracts will go out soon for work on the restroom facilities and the north parking lot, he said. Improvements to the trails and play area are still in the design stage. Pesek wants to have the

location of plant species marked in the park before work on the trails begins. This year, city crews removed buckthorn, an invasive species that chokes out native plants and young trees. Pesek and Ward 3 City

Council member Patrick Harris said they have tried to address area residents' concerns about the park project as they have been raised. Not all district council members would agree.

"There's a feeling that the city hasn't taken the input from the community seriously," said HDC president Peter Armstrong, who chaired the district council task force that reviewed and made recommendations on the park project.

"It seems like it's been more than a year of fighting the city tooth and nail," said HDC member John Goering.

"I think we've gotten some good changes made," said HDC member Angie Kline, citing the new stoplights at Montreal Avenue and Edgcumbe Road and the relocation of the tot

lot, both of which were not "There's a feeling that part of the original park improvement plan but were the city hasn't taken recommended by the disthe input from the trict council task force. Accommunity seriously," cording to Kline, city staff and Ward 3 City Council said HDC president member Patrick Harris have tried to work with the Peter Armstrong. district council.

> One sore point for some HDC board members is the new parking lot south of Montreal. Due to a lack of erosion control, work there left a muddy, pot-holed mess last winter, according to HDC board member Jenny Winkelman. The original plans for the parking lot called for native plants on the islands in the parking lot to soften its appearance and filter rainwater runoff. However, when the lot

was paved earlier this year, that plan wasn't followed, Winkelman said.

The reason for that, according to Pesek, is the instability of the soil beneath the parking lot. At least part of the lot was built atop a hollow that was filled in with construction debris many years ago. Project engineers advised city staff against installing islands that would allow any more water to flow beneath the parking lot. "Drainage in the area has been a problem," Pesek said. "We didn't want to add to it."

Pesek said he is also hearing questions about the disc golf course, which is being reduced from 12 holes to nine but in the process is being made more challenging. The course was closed in the fall of 2004. Since then, most of it has been rebuilt. However, until all nine holes are complete, none of the disc baskets will be re-installed, Pesek said. The intent is to have the course operational by the spring of 2006.

Highland Park's is the only disc golf course in the city. Players have liked its setting, but all the foot traffic contributed to erosion. The new course is being designed in a way that should reduce erosion. The course will also feature more trees and shrubs.

#### Drop in usage threatens KidsPark drop-in child care center

#### by Jane McClure

KidsPark, the Macalester-Groveland Community Council's drop-in, child-care center, must draw more participating families this school year if it is to remain open. "We really have to get the word out," said KidsPark Advisory Committee chair Molly Barrett. "I think there are a lot of people who don't even know we're here."

KidsPark, which operates out of the warming house at the Groveland Recreation Center, 1961 St. Clair Ave., needs at least 8,000 hours of paid child care per year to be solvent, but only had 6,750 hours last year. If KidsPark does not increase those hours, the community council may be faced with closing the 17-year-old program. The decision will likely be made next spring.

KidsPark has recently been remodeled, with a new entrance, floor and furniture. It also has a new director, Sharon Gerber, who worked in the mental health and accounting fields before earning a degree in early childhood development.

KidsPark serves children from 6 weeks to 5 years old. The center is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on weekdays that St. Paul's public

schools are in session. Infant care is available three mornings a week at a cost of \$18 per morning. Child-care for toddlers and preschoolers is \$5.25 per hour, with a sliding scale for low-income families.

The center serves about 75 families now. Families do not have to live in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood for their children to be enrolled. Families pay an annual \$50 membership fee and a \$60 co-op fee, the latter of which is refunded if a family volunteers nine hours or more at the center. The child-to-staff ratio is 1:3 for infants,1:7 for older children.

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council voted unanimously on September 8 to approve KidsPark's budget for 2005-06. The board is also in the process of hiring another teacher.

Community Council president Matt Wells said KidsPark needs \$72,000 to cover its operating costs. KidsPark does have some funds in reserve, but community council members would rather use those as little as possible. Parents have raised

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A youngster peers out of the window in KidsPark at the Groveland Recreation Center, 1961 St. Clair Ave. The drop-in, child-care cooperative will hold an open house from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, September 29. *Photo by Anne Brandrud*.



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#### FAA awards \$4.5 million for Holman Field drainage work

St. Paul's Holman Field, the primary reliever airport for Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, has been awarded a \$4.5 million Federal Aviation Administration grant to improve drainage. Built in 1926 along the Mississippi River across from downtown, Holman Field has had to close down three times in the past 10 years due to flooding.

Nearly a dozen Minnesota corporations use Holman Field for their aircraft. Holman Field also serves as home to the Minnesota National Guard and the Minnesota State Patrol's traffic helicopters. According to Mayor Randy Kelly, the airport generates more than 1,000 jobs and pumps \$88 million annually into the regional economy.

"A Holman Field flood wall and the drainage improvements are absolutely necessary to preserve the long-term interests of the Minnesota National Guard, the airport's tenants, the Metropolitan Airports Commission and a comprehensive east metro transportation plan," Kelly said.

The federal grant was secured with the help of \$1 million in matching funds through the state of Minnesota's 2005 bonding bill. The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) has already invested several million dollars in Holman Field flood wall planning and design. The 3M corporation has also contributed \$1 million to the project.

MAC has estimated the cost of completing the flood wall at nearly \$29 million. Of that, \$16 million to \$19 million is being sought from a variety of federal sources.

#### **Compromise ends dispute** over Wild hockey banners

A flap over banners affixed to public property heralding the return of the Minnesota Wild following the end of the NHL lockout has been resolved.

The St. Paul City Council voted unanimously on September 7 to allow the banners to remain on downtown streetlight poles until a few days after the opening of the 2005 regular hockey season. However, the banners may not bear the name of the Wild, the NHL or any other businesses, nor will they be allowed to remain in place on the skyways or the Wabasha Street bridge.

City regulations prohibit the use of street banners for commercial advertising. Mayor Randy Kelly had sought an exception for the Wild.

The compromise was worked out by Kelly, Ward 2 City Council member Dave Thune, the anti-billboard group Scenic St. Paul and local hockey boosters.

The City Council has asked the St. Paul Planning Commission to review city regulations dealing with such signs along with the larger issue of proposed billboard, business sign and institutional sign regulations and fees.

The commission's Zoning Committee will discuss the City Council's concerns and take testimony on possible sign regulation changes at a public hearing beginning at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 29.

News Briefly was compiled by Dale Mischke and Jane McClure.

#### KidsPark drop-in child care/from previous page

about \$11,000 for KidsPark in the past. This year, they will try to raise \$15,000.

Barrett said KidsPark needs to do a better job of getting the word out about the center in order to replace children as they age out of the program. She said one of the reasons for the drop in use may be that more families have both parents working full time outside the home.

She said families also may not understand the concept of a cooperative, where everyone pitches in. Parent volunteers serve on the advisory committee and help with shopping, administrative tasks, fundraising and class-

room activities.

Gerber said KidsPark is ideal for parents who need a break from watching their children in order to shop, attend classes or go to appointments. "It's also a wonderful opportunity for parents who work at home," she said, and for parents who work a split shift and have a hard time finding child care for a few hours during the day.

KidsPark will host an open house from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 29. For information about the program, call 651-695-4008 or visit www.kidsparkdropin.org.





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#### Randolph Ave. may mark the spot of St. Paul's oldest bar

#### by Gary J. Brueggemann

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The Spot Bar, the unpretentious, Old West-looking saloon at 859 Randolph Ave., may not be the bestknown of the more than 100 taverns now operating in St. Paul. However, it may well be the oldest.

The bar has been serving liquor on the same West End corner for 120 years. Built during the final weeks of Chester Arthur's presidency, the original Wittmer Saloon has survived 23 presidents, 29 governors, 30 mayors and 13 owners, not to mention seven wars, two depressions and 14 years of Prohibition.

Though the Spot has a vaguely Irish flavor today thanks to its current owner, Mike O'Toole, it is in fact a legacy of the neighborhood's German heritage. The bar was born in "Brewerytown," the old West End neighborhood that in the 1880s was home to six breweries, two beer gardens and 33 beer joints. The two largest breweries were the Stahlmann (later Schmidt) Brewery at 882 W. 7th St. and Banholzer's Brewery behind 680 Stewart Ave.

A few blocks from the bar was another symbol of the neighborhood's German heritage, St. Francis de Sales German Catholic Church and School, which was founded in 1884. One of the pioneering members of that parish was German immigrant Engelfried Wittmer. It was he who paid fellow parishioner Joseph Dannecker \$900 to build a 20-by-30-foot wooden saloon in the win-



Owner Mike O'Toole feels right at home inside the Spot Bar, which has been serving liquor at the corner of Randolph and Victoria since 1885. *Photo by Brad Stauffer.* 

ter of 1885 at the undeveloped corner of Randolph and Victoria. (Dannecker was an ancestor of Edmund Dannecker, the founder of Dannecker's Groceries at 793 Randolph Ave.)

That same year, parish secretary John Herman built the more elaborate Columbia House Hotel and Saloon at 727 Randolph Ave., just a few blocks down from Wittmer's. That building is now apartments.

In the saloon's first year, Wittmer advertised in the St. Paul City Directory his establishment's "fine wines, liquors and cigars." In 1886, he had a \$450 addition built on the back of the building where he, his wife Mathilda and their six children lived for several years until moving to a house on Chatsworth Street.

That same year, another St. Fran-

cis parishioner, Leonard Ayd, built Ayd's Saloon and Dance Hall, a three-story, \$13,000 brick building near Randolph and West 7th Street. (The building at 1033 W. 7th St. is now an apartment.) Also that year, yet another parishioner, Dominick Schmidt, built a saloon at 917-919 Randolph Ave., but gave up after three years and turned the building into a grocery store. (For 50 years, it was Vogelgesang's Confectionary and Saloon. It's now the Pizza Factory and Skinner's Pub.)

Sometime around 1902, Wittmer died and his bar was transferred to Alex Micko, a former brewmaster at the Jacob Schmidt Brewery. Micko and his wife Christina, who also lived in back of the saloon, operated the business until Micko's death in 1914. The saloon then reverted to the Wittmer family, with the eldest Wittmer son, Engelfried (Fred) Jr., tending bar. He was assisted by Emil Petter, who lived in the back of the building.

Fred Jr., like many other St. Paul saloonkeepers, survived the passage of Prohibition in 1919 by selling "soft drinks." No doubt, some of those "soft drinks" were hard liquor brought in by local bootleggers. The most popular legal beverage was non-alcoholic "near beer," which could also be spiked with alcohol by either the seller or consumer. During Prohibition, the Schmidt Brewery also secretly brewed alcoholic beer that it spirited away through its underground tunnel system.

After Fred Jr.'s death in 1927 at age 44, the bar was operated for a couple of years by Carl Larson, its first non-German proprietor. In 1929, the start of the Great Depression, the saloon shut down. St. Paul went from 99 "soft drink" bars in 1928 to just 34 in 1929. The next year, Fred Jr.'s sister, Agnes (Wittmer) Davidson, and her cousin, Emma Hassler,

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The Spot Bar at 859 Randolph Ave., shown a few years before O'Toole bought it in 1983.

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turned the bar into a restaurant. No doubt "soft drinks" were still sold there.

The restaurant closed after two years and the building sat vacant again until 1934 when William Baar and James McDonald took over. Prohibition had been repealed in 1933, but Baar and McDonald did not return the building to an advertised tavern until 1936. In 1944, Baar took over as sole proprietor and renamed the place (what else?) Baar's Bar. He, his wife Mabel, and his son John ran the bar for four years before John took over.

Baar's Bar operated until the early 1950s. During the rest of that decade, the bar had three short-term owners: Willard Vogelgesang, Walt Havlish (Wally's Bar) and Andrew Mandel (Mandel's Tavern). In May 1961, Bob and Elvira Koehnen bought the place and renamed it the Spot Bar. They installed an organ and hired Marion Dusterhoft to play four nights a week, which she did for the next 17 years.

In 1978, Bob Koehnen sold the bar to the Anderson twins—Ron and Bob— who later

re-sided the building with cedar. On February 23, 1983, Mike O'Toole became the bar's 13th proprietor. He has now owned the saloon longer than anyone other than the Wittmers. Fittingly, the red-haired O'Toole speaks better German than most present-day descendants of those early German immigrants who helped make St. Paul the beer capital of Minnesota.

The bar that started out as Wittmer's Saloon has now outlasted all of its 19thcentury competitors. And O'Toole is determined to keep that legacy of Brewerytown an enduring 21st-century landmark.

"I'm just a caretaker in the long history of this establishment," he said. "It was here long before I was born and it'll be here long after I'm gone."

Editor's note: The author, who has spent 30 years researching and writing about St. Paul history, gathered this information from building permit records, city directories, church records and personal interviews.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

Danish Bohemia, a Scandinavian "design and lifestyle boutique," has opened at 1144 Grand Ave. The 1,200-square-foot store sells furniture, fabrics, home accessories, handmade clothing, bedding, baby items, glassware, cutlery, ceramics, candles and other goods, almost all of which are from Denmark. Danish Bohemia is owned by Lisbet Franc, a native of Denmark and an apparel designer with experience as well in interior design.

Kathy Harvey, a service engineer for Eastman Kodak in Oakdale, has been named president of the St. Paul Jaycees for 2006. The 80th president of the 76-year-old chapter and its 12th female president, she will succeed current president Laura Chesney in January.

**Free counseling** in the import and export trade will be offered on Tuesday, September 27, by the Service Corps of Retired Executives. Appointments are available between 9:00 a.m. and noon in the Minnesota Trade Office located in Suite E200 of the First National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota St. Call 651-297-4222.

company also operates a studio on Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis.

The Twin Cities Employment Collaborative, an hour-long program that provides information, networking opportunities and emotional support for people seeking a new job, will be offered at 7:00 p.m. Thursdays, October 6 and 20, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. No reservations are necessary for the free program, which is sponsored by the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis. For more information, call Ardis Wexler at 952-417-2117.

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development has released the 2006 edition of *MnCareers*, a publication that profiles more than 200 occupations. It includes information on wages, current employment figures, educational and training requirements and job outlook projections. "MnCareers" is available for \$7.00 by calling 651-296-6545. An on-line version is available at www.mncareers.org with links to other career informational resources.



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A Business After Hours expo featuring displays of products and services by Twin Cities businesses and a wide range of networking opportunities will be held from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 28, in the Minnesota State Fairgrounds' Progress Center. Parking and admission are free.

**Fitness Together**, a one-on-one personal training studio, has opened at 2112A Ford Pkwy. Owner Randall Zarecki offers health, fitness and nutritional assessments, personal training and fitness planning services. The

Anchor Bank nearly tripled its office space when it moved to the First National Bank Building at 5th and Minnesota streets on September 19. Anchor Bank left 3,700 square feet in the St. Paul Building, its home for 15 years, and expanded into two 5,000-square-foot offices on the ground and skyway levels of the First National Bank Building. The ground floor will feature a drive-up facility, while the skyway office will offer commercial and personal banking services. Anchor Bank also recently added a loan and deposit production office at Snelling and Selby avenues.

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#### Study enforces efforts to save brewery buildings

#### by Jane McClure

A study conducted by architectural historian Paul Clifford Larson may support local efforts to save the oldest buildings of the former Schmidt Brewery on West 7th Street, including the "castle," or main brewhouse, rathskeller and office building.

The study, which was presented to the West 7th/Fort Road Federation on September 12, indicates that many of the brewery's oldest buildings retain their historical characteristics despite other changes to the property over the last 50 years, including the addition of the illfated Gopher State Ethanol plant. Earlier this year, the State Historic Preservation Office determined that the brewery's oldest buildings qualified for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Whether or not the Schmidt buildings will be saved remains a question mark. In June, the Schmidt Development Group won approval in U.S. Bankruptcy Court to buy the brewery property for \$6.5 million. T.J. Hammerstrom, the lead developer for the group, had hoped to close on the purchase around July 1. However, the sale has not closed yet. The court was scheduled to hold a hearing on September 20 on the development group's plans for several hundred units of housing on the 15-acre site.

The West 7th/Fort Road Federation plans to wait on seeking historic designation for the brewery buildings until more details are available on how the property will be developed. Federation board president David Wickheiser said that having a historic designation in place too early could deter redevelopment efforts because of the additional layers of review that would be needed.

Larson cites the 1935 office building, which includes the rathskeller, as one of the city's finest examples of a Moderne design in an industrial setting.

Larson's study outlines the 150-year history of the brewery, which began operating in 1855 as the Stahlmann Cave Brewery and by the late 1870s was brewing 10,000 barrels of beer annually. All four of the Stahlmann family men died of tuberculosis and the brewery went bankrupt in 1897. It operated as the St. Paul Brewing Company for a few years before being purchased in 1900 by Jacob Schmidt Brewing.

By 1903, the newly expanded Schmidt Brewery was being hailed as "the most complete and modern in the Northwest." The Stahlmann malt houses were the only original buildings absorbed into the new complex, which included a free-standing grain terminal that could hold 60,000 bushels of barley.

The Schmidt Brewery continued to expand in the early-20th century and again after Prohibition was repealed in 1933. German brewery architect Bernard Barthel was responsible for designing many of the buildings erected after Schmidt purchased the property. After Barthel's death in 1934, architect Walter Magee took over and blended his designs with that of his predecessor. "No other brewery in the state can boast so historically sensitive a modernization carried into the end of the Depression," Larson states in his study.

More modern buildings began to go up at the brewery in the mid- to late-1930s, including the keg house, racking house, bottling house addition and stock house. Though those buildings exhibit different design schemes, all adhere to the Moderne style.

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Buildings added to the brewery site in the last 50 years lack are architecturally incompatible with the historic structures, according to the report. Fortunately, Larson notes, the historic buildings were not degraded when the newer structures went up.

#### Correction

The St. Paul Fire Department's Station 20 at Cretin Avenue and Vandalia Street will continue to be fully staffed and should be able to remain open at all times under next year's \$44.3 million city budget proposed by Mayor Randy Kelly. Station 20 is staffed by a ladder company of four firefighters. In previous years, it also had an additional engine company of three firefighters.

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### Waste not, want not

Environmental forums offer residents a say in improving St. Paul's quality of life

#### by Frank Jossi

A weekly ritual for St. Paul residents is to cart their recyclable materials out to the curb or alley where a Eureka Recycling truck picks them up. This fall Eureka will inaugurate a series of town forums offering citizens a chance to become more involved in creating a more environmentally responsible St. Paul.

Eureka's St. Paul Environmental Roundtable series will open with a presentation on "Work Waste-Free in St. Paul" on Wednesday, September 28, at Macalester College. That forum will be followed by a discussion of recommended actions on October 17 at the Mounds Theatre.

Eureka CEO Susan Hubbard said that when she speaks to groups around the city about recycling, many people bring up issues of energy use, water quality and other environmental topics. "I've found a lot of interest in environmental issues, but I can't speak to water or energy, even though there's a real desire by people to hear about those issues," she said.

Eureka recruited 19 speakers, including academicians, environmentalists and neighborhood leaders, to assist in the roundtable discussions. A group of three or four people will lead each session. They will describe what "There aren't many opportunities like this for residents to participate in city planning and the environment," said Ami Voeltz of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council.

the city is doing with regard to an environmental issue and what it could be doing to enhance the city's quality of life. Audience members will be encouraged to participate in the discussions.

Each initial presentation will be followed by a meeting to draft recommended actions. City officials will participate in the discussions and will later meet to determine what steps can be taken. St. Paul City Council member Lee Helgen of Ward 5 pushed through a proposal to provide Eureka with a \$5,000 city grant to plan the roundtables, an amount the organization augmented with private donations.

"The City Council is eager to hear from the

### Environmental Roundtable discussion schedule

Eureka Recycling will kick off a series of six Environmental Roundtables on September 28, inviting citizens to get involved in planning a more environmentally friendly St. Paul. The topics for the monthly series have been set and the first three roundtables are scheduled:

Topic 1: "Work Waste-Free in St. Paul." Presentation from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 28, in Weyerhaeuser Chapel at Macalester College. Discussion of recommendations from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, October 17, at Mounds Theatre, 1029 Hudson Road.

Topic 2: "Healthy Local Food Systems." Presentation from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, October 27, at the Martin Luther King Center, 270 N. Kent St. Discussion of rec-

people of St. Paul on how to improve the city," Helgen said. "We'll take the ideas generated through the roundtable and work hard to put them into action."

The city's involvement in the roundtable was a big selling point for Ami Voeltz, the recycling coordinator for the Macalester-Groveland Community Council. (Mac-Groveland was the first St. Paul neighborhood to offer recycling beginning in the 1970s.) "There aren't many opportunities like this for residents to participate in city planning and the environment," she said.

The roundtable topics all ultimately focus on energy, said Ken Bradley, program director for Minnesotans for an Energy Efficient Economy (ME3). With skyrocketing energy costs and concerns about global warming, he believes the discussions will go a long way in showing residents how recycling leads to less energy use, how eating food produced locally ommendations from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, November 17, at MLK.

Topic 3: "Smarter, Cleaner Energy." Presentation from 10:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, November 12, in Weyerhaeuser Chapel at Macalester. Discussion of recommendations from from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 17, at Mac.

Topic 4: "Greening the Built Environment." (January-February 2006).

Topic 5: "Improve the Quality and Quantity of Green Space." (February-March 2006).

Topic 6: "Clean Water Stewardship." (March-April 2006).

For more information on the roundtable series, visit www.eurekarecycling.org or call 651-222-7678.

saves on transportation costs, and how intelligently built homes and offices can reduce electric bills and power plant emissions.

Hubbard said the action plans may result in new city ordinances or in changes in the way the city makes purchasing decisions. It may also affect how the city negotiates contracts with suppliers of everything from paper to power, she said.

Kennedy sees the purpose of the roundtable as not just developing new city ordinances, but letting St. Paul residents know where to go to get information on such topics as energy-efficient housing. The followup meetings will not just concentrate on political action, but on changes that individuals can make in their buying and consuming habits to reduce pollution and waste.

The roundtables discussions will be shown on St. Paul cable access television and will also be available at www.eurekarecycling.org.



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Friends of the Orphans, a nonprofit fund-raiser for Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos orphan homes, needs volunteers to translate godparent-to-godchild letters and greeting cards into Spanish. The correspondence provides emotional support for the children and are great practice for advanced Spanish students. The translations may be done at home by e-mail or regular mail. For information, call Gail Duer at 651-482-1703 or visit www.friendsoftheorphans.org.

The Light the Night Walk to benefit the Leukemia Lymphoma Society will be held on the evening of Saturday, September 24, at Phalen Park. Individuals and teams will participate in the three-mile walk and will carry illuminated balloons: white for survivors and red for supporters. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to honor loved ones by placing their names on special dedication banners. Last year, the walk raised more than \$250,000. This year's goal is \$350,000. For information, call Jessica Shellum at 763-545-3309, ext. 113 or visit www.lightthenight.org.

Blankets for the homeless are being collected by area dry cleaners throughout September. The businesses will clean the blankets and deliver them to Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis, which assists 20,000 clients each month. Participating dry cleaners include JA Cleaners, 750 Highway 110, Mendota Heights; White Way Cleaners, 678 Grand Ave.; Stoltz Cleaners, 1580 Grand Ave.; and Roxy Dry Cleaners, 235 S. Cleveland Ave. The Better Business Bureau, 2706 Gannon Road, also is accepting blankets. For more information, call the Minnesota Cleaners Association at 952-426-1670.



Volunteer Ellen Tzeutschler tutors a resident of Fayette County, West Virginia, in preparation for his GED test. Photo by Barbara DeGroot of Global Volunteers.

Ellen Tzeutschler of Merriam Park experienced Appalachia's sublime natural beauty and gritty economic challenges when she spent a week this summer volunteering in Fayette County, West Virginia, as part of an 18-member team coordinated by Global Volunteers. Tzeutschler, who is a volunteer coordinator for the organization, provided GED tutoring while other volunteers repaired old homes and helped build new ones. Global Volunteers sends teams of volunteers to sites worldwide to work on projects ranging from teaching English and assisting with health care to caring for at-risk children and building homes. In most cases, no special skills are required. Volunteers pay a tax-deductible fee to cover food, lodging, ground transportation and project expenses. Airfare is extra. For information, call 651-407-6100 or visit www.globalvolunteers.org.

Como Park is seeking 750 volunteers to help with the annual Zoo Boo, a non-scary Halloween event. Volunteers are needed from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. on October 22-23 and 28-30 to don costumes, greet and entertain small children, and pass out treats. Help is also needed behind the scenes to distribute supplies, help at shuttle stops, set up props and apply makeup. Jugglers also are being sought. Employee groups are welcome. Orientation and costume fittings begin in September. For information, call 651-487-8247 or visit comozooconservatory.org.





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The bicentennial of that milestone in Minnesota history, which led the way to the building of Fort Snelling and the future settlement of St. Paul and Minneapolis, will be marked with a slew of activities from Friday through Sunday, September 23-25, in and around Pike Island. The schedule includes:

#### September 23

"Pike on the Mississippi River." Historian Duke Addicks will tell the story of Pike's exploration of the Upper Mississippi River in 1805-1806 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fort Snelling State Park Visitors Center.

#### September 24

A 5-kilometer run around Pike Island, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in front of the Fort Snelling State Park Visitors Center. Pre-registration is required; call Jeff Olson at 651-291-1717. For information, call 612-725-2724.

"Fort Snelling and the Dakota Internment Camp." Pike's treaty of 1805 was the nation's first with the Dakota. Author Corrine Marz will discuss the effects of that treaty and others as well as the U.S.-Dakota Conflict of 1862. 10:00 a.m., Fort Snelling State Park Visitors Center.

"Pike Takes a Hike." Mississippi National River and Recreation Area interpreter Dave Wiggins will give visitors a firsthand sense of what it was like to travel with the ambitious but sometime clueless Pike. 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Fort Snelling State Park Visitors Center.

A canoe and kayak race around Pike Island, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration is required; call Jeff Olson at 651-291-1717. For information, call 612-725-2724.

"Fast Forward on a Slow Boat: 200 Years of Change on the Mississippi River." National Park Service historian John Anfinson will examine Pike's expedition in the context of U.S. history and the history of the Upper Mississippi River Valley. 11:30 a.m., Fort Snelling State Park Visitors Center.

A canoe trip on the Minnesota River. Follow the route Pike took to a Dakota village to arrange his treaty council with seven Dakota chiefs on Pike Island. 1:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required; call 612-725-2724.

#### September 25

"Exploring with Lieutenant Pike: Sergeant Bradley Remembers." A firsthand account of



Lieutenant Zebulon M. Pike

Pike's expedition. Noon. Fort Snelling State Park Visitors Center.

"Exploring Pike," a free conference on Pike's journey to Minnesota and his 1805 treaty with the Dakota, 12:30-5:00 p.m. Fort Snelling History Center Auditorium.

The conference will feature talks by archaeologist and historian Douglas A. Birk on Pike's 1805-1806 Mississippi headwaters expedition, 1:00 p.m.; Carolyn Anderson of the St. Olaf College Anthropology Department on the Dakota people at the time of Pike's expedition, 1:30 p.m.; David Woodard of the Concordia University History Department on U.S. Indian policy at the time of Pike's expedition, 2:00 p.m.; a panel discussion on Pike's treaty of 1805 and its significance for the Dakota people and other Americans, 3:00 p.m. The panel will include David Larsen of the Lower Sioux Indian Community, Chris Mato Nunpa of Southwest State University, Bill Means of the International Indian Treaty Council, Jim Anderson of the Mendota Dakota Community and Howard J. Vogel of the Hamline University School of Law.

Jeremy Hubbell of the History Department of the State University of New York in Stony Brook will also give a video presentation at the conference on "Pike's Geography of Death in the Upper Mississippi." For more information, call 612-726-1171.

The Fort Snelling History Center auditorium is located near the fort at the junction of Highways 5 and 55.

The Fort Snelling State Park Visitors Center is located adjacent to Pike Island. It may be accessed through the State Park entrance off Highway 5 and Post Road. The programs in the state park are all free, but a \$7.00 daily or a \$25 yearly state park permit is required of all motorized vehicles.



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Leonard Firlick of Highland Park has earned the Jubilee of Liberty Medal for his service in the U.S. Army during the Battle of Normandy in World War II. Firlick served in the U.S. Army from August 1941 until July 1945. During his service, he earned the Good Conduct Ribbon, American Defense Service Ribbon, European African Middle Eastern Theater Overseas Service bars.

Jane Willard, a Macalester-Groveland resident and principal geologist at EnPro Assessment Corp. in Highland Park, has been named vice president of the St. Paul Sunrise Rotary Club board of directors for 2005-06. The club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Town & Country Club. Its primary service project is to gather excess hospital supplies in the Twin Cities and distribute them internationally. To date, the club has sent \$4 million worth of supplies to 43 countries.

The Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company recently welcomed back Susan J. Albrecht as a member of the board of directors. Sarah Rae Helms has been appointed the theater's new associate director for external affairs, replacing Daniel Sassenberg.

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#### **Destined to perform** New charter school trains aspiring teens for success in performing arts

#### by Nancy Crotti

St. Paul took its place among American cities that offer serious high school arts education when the St. Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists opened in Landmark Center this month. Sponsored by the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, the tuition-free charter school will train students in grades 9-12 in music, theater, dance, film and television production.

In the morning, students take regular academic classes in Landmark Center. In the afternoon, they disperse to the Ordway for theatrical instruction or to Roy Wilkins Auditorium to study dance. The other arts will be added in coming years, according to conservatory executive director Terry Tofte.

"We're putting our energy at this time in getting the school off to a good start, making sure we can deliver these theater and dance programs at a world-class level," Tofte said. "There's nothing quite like this in the Midwest."

Conservatory officials are also working on partnerships with the St. Paul Public Library, the Science Museum of Minnesota and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.

Families whose teens want to seriously pursue performing arts have few options in the Midwest, according to Mary McColl, vice president and general manager of the Ordway. They can send their children to the coasts to study, but many families cannot afford the money for such pursuits.

Those frustrations hit home with Mayor Randy Kelly, whose 22-year-old son Reed is now a professional dancer. "My wife (Kathy) spent a lot of time in the summers in New York and L.A. making sure this happened," Kelly said. "He received a scholarship to Juilliard and is now on Broadway and doing very well."

Early in his term, Kelly commissioned a task force to study whether a performing arts high school was feasible in St. Paul. Task force members traveled to both coasts to visit similar facilities.

"The idea became, Why couldn't we do that here in St. Paul?" said McColl, who chairs the conservatory's board of directors.

The Conservatory for Performing Artists is one of five Star Schools in the St. Paul area funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Frey Foundation and a private donor. The others include Great River School, a Montessori junior and senior high school that opened last fall on Energy Park Drive; Augsburg Academy for Health Careers, a high school that will open this fall on Energy Park Drive; the Minnesota North Star Academy, a high school for hearing-impaired students that opened last year on the North End; and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Writing Academy, a high school that will open next fall in Little Canada.

The conservatory has taken over Landmark Center's entire fifth floor, which formerly housed the Minnesota Museum of American Art. A total of \$1.4 million from the city of St. Paul's sales tax proceeds, Ramsey County, private donors and foundations were used to renovate the space into classrooms and offices.

"It doesn't look like a traditional high school," Tofte said. "That was part of the idea." The conservatory does not have such traditional high school trappings as a gymnasium



Math teacher Mark Buesgens, left, language arts teacher Kate Diehn and executive director Terry Tofte pose near the atrium of the new St. Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists in Landmark Center. *Photo by Brad Stauffer*.

and cafeteria. However, it does have traditional classroom teachers as well as local art professionals and visiting artists as instructors. Students are offered Metro Transit bus vouchers for transportation. Others are catching a ride to school with a parent who works in or around downtown.

The latter is what West 7th neighborhood resident Calvin Hauer is doing. Hauer, who just completed 9th grade at Highland Junior High School, has enrolled at the conservatory to study music and film.

"Being a film director would be awesome," Hauer said. "That's kind of why I'm going there, and to learn some other things about the business. They're going to have a music program, too, and I like music."

His mother, Ginger Saltz, said she likes the school's location and small class sizes (24-28 students for the academic classes and the low-20s for the art classes). "I think having a school downtown is phenomenal, especially

this type of school," she said.

Calli Herman, who just completed 8th grade at Highland, has taken dance lessons nearly her entire life and is excited about attending the conservatory this fall. "It's always more fun to do something that not everybody gets to do," she said.

"Combining academics with dance is pretty much her dream school," said her mother, Jodi. "We went to all the open houses and it seems very exciting."

The conservatory has attracted 152 students for this fall, and has a capacity of 200. Rather than starting with only 9th graders, as some charter high schools have, the conservatory is beginning with all four grades. (Visit www.spcpa.org.)

"It's a totally different system of public education in Minnesota," said Tofte, who was the superintendent of Northfield's schools from 2000 to 2004. "It presents challenges, but it also creates opportunities for students."

Lou Kanavati, an area superintendent for the St. Paul Public Schools, has been appointed by the School Board as interim superintendent until a new superintendent is hired to succeed Patricia Harvey. After six years in the post, Harvey stepped down on September 15 for new position in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota and the National Center on Ed-



Lou Kanavati

ucation and the Economy in Washington, D.C. Kanavati, 60, is a graduate of Humboldt High School and Winona State University. He taught at Marshall and Como junior high schools and Como Senior High, served as an administrative assistant at Central High School and as an assistant principal at Hard-



ing, Johnson and Central high schools. He was principal at Harding from 1991 to 1999 when Superintendent Harvey asked him to be an area superintendent.

The College of St. Catherine's Leadership Institute will hold informational teas on its two new "Leaders of the New Millennium" programs that will begin meeting this fall. The first tea will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, September 22, for the leadership program that will begin in October. The second tea will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 4, for the program that will begin in November and is especially designed for women of color. Both teas will be held in the Coeur de Catherine student center. For details or to register, contact Mary Angela Baker at 651-690-8607.

The International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como Ave., will offer a six-week citizenship class on Saturdays beginning September 24, as well as free, ongoing instruction for new immigrants in computers and English on weekday mornings. For more information or to register, call 651-647-0191.

The College of St. Catherine will hold an open house from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 21, in Jeanne d'Arc Auditorium in Whitby Hall. Tammy McGee, vice president for finance and administration, will present a draft facilities plan that outlines development of the St. Paul campus through the year 2025. Joining McGee will be representatives of The Cunningham Group, who helped develop the plan, and other college officials to answer questions.

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#### **OCTOBER BOARD MEETING**

The board of directors of the Snelling-Hamline Community Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 6, in Room 103 of the Associated Bank building at Snelling and Selby avenues. All Snelling-Hamline residents and business people are invited to attend and learn more about what's happening in the neighborhood. For more information, call the community council office at 651-644-1085.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Snelling-Hamline Community Council will hold its annual meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 18, at Bethel Christian Fellowship, 1466 Portland Ave. The meeting will include a presentation on the city's plan to improve streets in the neighborhood, as well as a year in review highlighting the community council's accomplishments.

The annual meeting will also offer an opportunity to local residents and business people to join the Snelling-Hamline board of directors. Anyone who lives or owns a business in the Snelling-Hamline neighborhood and is at least 18 years old is eligible to run for the board. Directors attend a monthly board meeting and serve on one of the board's committees. For more information, call 651-644-1085 or e-mail shcc@snellham.org.

#### **SAFER STREETS**

A free workshop with David Engwicht, an expert on creating safer streets and the author of Mental Speed Bumps: The Smarter Way to Tame Traffic, will be offered in two parts next month at Hamline University. Part one will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, October 13. It will examine ways that people can change a street. Part two will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, October 15. It will examine how people can make area streets safer and more inviting.

For information, call the Midway Transportation Management Operation at 651-644-5108, e-mail rstark@university united.com or visit www.universityunited.com/midwaytmo.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD E-MAIL LIST**

Snelling-Hamline residents who would like to receive neighborhood updates via e-mail are welcome to send a request to shcc@snellham.org and they will be added to the list.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ROUNDTABLE**

The St. Paul Environmental Roundtable will hold a series of neighborhood meetings on environmental topics before developing recommendations to the city. The first topic, "Work for Zero Waste in St. Paul," will be discussed from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 28, in Weyerhaeuser Chapel at Macalester College. For more information, call Eureka Recycling at 651-222-7678 or visit www.eurekarecycling.org.

#### **SNELLING-HAMLINE COMMITTEES**

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The Snelling-Hamline Community Council is seeking local residents and business people to serve on the following committees: Ayd Mill Road, Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Safety, Neighborhood Issues, and Fundraising. For information, call the SHCC office at 651-644-1085.

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### **RELIGIOUS NOTES**

Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Ave, has hired Amy Gavel as its new full-time director of teen and young adult activities. A lawyer by training, Gavel will be responsible for creating new programs and fostering collaborations with other organizations.

The challenges of interfaith relations among Jews, Muslims and Christians will be addressed in a panel discussion beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 29, in the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center at the University of St. Thomas. Admission is free.

Temple of Aaron, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd., will offer the following programs in the coming weeks: a healing service at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 22; an observance of Selichot, including a screening of the film Watermarks, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 24; a family service at 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 30, followed by an informal Erev Shabbat live service at 8:00 p.m.; family Rosh Hashanah services at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, October 4, and 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 5; and a Havdalah service featuring the temple's youth choir at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 5. Call 651-698-8874.

"Images of Faith from the Old Testament" will be presented by the District 197 older adult program from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Thursdays, September 22 to October 27, at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 1405 Sibley Memorial Hwy., Mendota. Sister Vera Chester will look at Judaic, Christian and Islamic scriptures to uncover insights pertinent to modern readers. Call 651-453-0025.

The Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality will present the following programs in the coming weeks: "An Evening with Jean Houston: Social Artistry—Hope for the Future" from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, September 23, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine (\$26, \$15 for students); a "Chakra Journey" with Kate Meyer from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, September 24, at the Carondelet Center, 1890 Randolph Ave. (\$80, includes lunch); and "Let's Talk About Tube Feeding and Moral Decisions" with Carol Tauer from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, September 29, at the Carondelet Center (\$20). Visit www.wisdomwayscenter.org or call 651-696-2788.

Round Challah Baking, a free program for families and individuals sponsored by the Jewish Community Center, will be offered from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, September 25,



Amy Gavel

at Breadsmith, Grand and Snelling avenues. For reservations, call 651-698-0751.

The Third Order Community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will hold an open house at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 2, in the lower level of Nativity Church, 324 S. Prior Ave. The open house is for Catholic men and women, married or single, who would like to learn more about the Carmelite way of life. Call 651-454-6123 or 952-941-6896.

The 55th annual Red Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, September 25, in the chapel at the University of St. Thomas. The Mass is rooted in the 13th-century European tradition of asking divine assistance for lawyers, judges, civic leaders and academics. Brunch will follow in the Murray-Herrick Campus Center. Call 651-962-6437.

Nordic contemplative evening prayer services resume this fall at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1935 St. Clair Ave., at 6:51 p.m. on Sunday, September 25. The service celebrates the rich and haunting music of the Scandinavian people. It is filled with traditional folk melodies set to new texts, led by Nordic instruments and area musicians, including Ruth MacKenzie. The theme for the services this year is "The Call of Creation: Being Earth in the Old and New Ages." Call 651-699-6886.

"The Light of the Body: Following the Pathway of the Soul" will be presented by author and radio host Carol Ritberger from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, September 24, at the Carondolet Center, 1890 Randolph Center. The cost is \$99, and includes lunch. For more information, visit www.sendinstitute.com or call 1-320-654-0001.

### SENIOR NEWS

A family caregiver support group is meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays this fall at Iris Park Commons, 1850 University Ave. Cofacilitators are Janice Barrett-Menzel and Alys Wilson of the Episcopal Church Home's board of directors. Caregivers may attend any or all of the sessions free of charge. Sessions will continue on October 4 and 18 and on November 1, 15 and 29. Call 651-646-4061.

prepare for a move and what to do with the proceeds from the sale of a home. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded. To register, call 651-699-8500.

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A free educational seminar for seniors planning to move out of their homes in the near future will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 29, in the community room of the Graham Place apartments, 1745 Graham Ave. The seminar will provide information on what housing options are available, how to day, September 27, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The course is for those who have already taken the eight-hour class and qualify for a refresher every three years. The cost is \$10. Call 651-698-0751.

The Summit Hill Living at Home/Block Nurse Program will host a free informational session about Medicare Part D prescription drug cards from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, September 29, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. Angela Ritter from the Senior Federation will be the presenter. To register, call 651-222-7884 by September 22.

The Retired and Seniors Volunteer Program is seeking older adults to help struggling elementary school students learn to become confident readers. Call Connie Erickson at 612-617-7807.

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Playwright William S. Yellow Robe Jr. and director Lou Bellamy discuss Penumbra Theatre's upcoming production of *Grandchildren of the Buffalo Soldiers*. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

### The plains truth

In Penumbra premiere, two American minorities dissect the discomfiting legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers

African-Americans

and American

Indians have both

suffered the

prejudice of whites.

However, American

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#### by Janet Lunder Hanafin



The Buffalo Soldiers escorted wagon trains of American settlers, built roads and forts,

and mapped the uncharted territory of the western frontier. They also intermingled with their American Indian foes, resulting in succeeding generations of biracial children.

*Grandchildren of the Buffalo Soldiers*, a new play by Assiniboine playwright William S. Yellow Robe Jr., explores the complicated and often discordant heritage of those who are descended from both Africans and American Indians.

"(The Buffalo Soldiers)

Montana, but left when he was 18 to attend college. He was in the reservation's grade school, he said, before he learned from a classmate that he was biracial. His mother later confirmed that he had African-American blood.

"For many years I never really addressed the fact that I was African-American because I was raised to be Assiniboine," Yellow Robe said. More than a decade ago, Yellow Robe's late wife, Diane, suggested he write a play about the topic. He completed the first draft shortly after her death in 1996, put the work

> aside for several years and began reworking it again in 2000. The play has an autobiographical element, he said, and writing it was "a very painful process."

> "The issue (of mixed race) is part of the lineage of our company," Bellamy said. "You don't find many full-blooded African-Americans in the U.S. any more. Almost all of us have European blood now."

At least four Penumbra company members can claim American Indian heritage. James Craven, who has been a member of



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Americans, but Native Americans look at it differently," said Lou Bellamy, artistic director of Penumbra Theatre, St. Paul's nationally renowned professional African-American resident company. Penumbra is producing *Grandchildren of the Buffalo Soldiers* in collaboration with Trinity Repertory Company of Providence, Rhode Island, and will present the play's premiere from September 23 through October 15.

African-Americans and American Indians have both suffered the prejudice of whites. However, American Indians with African-American blood were even looked down on by their neighbors on the reservation. Yellow Robe grew up on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in northeastern

*the reservation.* 

the theater company for more than 20 years, had a

great-grandmother who was Kiowa. In the play, he portrays Craig Robe, the grandson of an American Indian woman and a Buffalo Soldier who returns to the Montana reservation where he grew up to attend the naming ceremony of his niece. Craig Robe has acknowledged his African-American ancestry, but other members of his family haven't, and that's a source of conflict. The play is "about truth, facing up to all the parts of who you are, and the conflict that that represents for this family," Bellamy said. "Blood quantum—what percentage of Indian blood you have after so many generations—comes into it. It asks, who is

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#### Source of pride, legacy of courage

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by Janet LunderHanafin

You don't see much about Buffalo Soldiers in the history books, according to William S. Yellow Robe Jr., author of the play Grandchildren of the Buffalo Soldiers. Shortly after the Civil War, an 1866 act of the 39th Congress established a peacetime army for the country, including six African-American regiments.

Former African-American slaves, freemen and Civil War veterans, mostly from

the South, enlisted in the regiments for five years, By 1867 they had been working seven days a week (except for the Fourth of July and Christmas) and earning \$13 a month plus room, board and clothing. In a civilian economy with few opportunities for employment, military service offered education, medical attention and a pension.

"When they were sent out, the government basically gave them a rifle and said, 'Goodbye, good luck, see you later,'" Yellow Robe said.

The African-Americans were organized into four infantry and two cavalry regiments and dispatched to the western frontier where they quickly earned a reputation as skillful and courageous fighters. In one 1867 engagement, fewer than 70 of the raw recruits turned back a force of Indian warriors and Mexican bandits that was 12 times their number.

By 1867 they had been nicknamed Buffalo Soldiers, probably by Cheyenne warriors who recognized their fighting skill and

thought their curly black hair made them kin to the revered plains animal. The name became a source of pride to the African-American troops. During the Indian wars, Buffalo Soldiers fought in more than 177 battles and accounted for 20 percent of the U.S. Cavalry troops. They escorted settlers and protected crews building the Kansas and Pacific Railroad. They built and maintained U.S. forts, strung telegraph lines, protected U.S. mail and stage routes, and strove to establish law and order. The Congres-

sional Medal of Honor was presented to at least 18 Buffalo Soldiers during the years of the western campaigns.

One African-American woman served with the Buffalo Soldiers. Not wanting to depend on the charity of family or friends, Cathay Williams disguised herself as a man and enlisted as William Cathay. She became the only documented African-American woman to

serve in the U.S. Army before 1948, when a change in law allowed women to enlist. In October 1868, she reported for sick call, was examined by the post surgeon and her secret was revealed. She received an honorable discharge.

In recent years, African-Americans have come to honor the Buffalo Soldiers with parades and events. However, some American Indians still bear animosity toward them, according to Yellow Robe."They were part of the process of colonization," he said. "For some Native American people, they were vicious, cruel and took no prisoners."

#### Buffalo Soldiers/from previous page



James Craven and M. Cochise Anderson, two members of the cast of Grandchildren of the Buffalo Soldiers, take part in a discussion of the play's theme prior to rehearsals. Photos by Brad Stauffer.

Indian and who isn't?"

Stevie Jackson, Robe's brother-in-law, is played by M. Cochise Anderson, a Chickasaw and Choctaw Indian who now has performed in three of Yellow Robe's 44 plays. Anderson was eager to have his fellow cast members understand their roles and the American Indian heritage, so he invited them to attend a local powwow while the play was in rehearsal. Composer Brent Michael Davids, a member of the Mohican Nation, wrote the play's original score.

*"Grandchildren of the Buffalo Soldiers"* presented challenges of authenticity and attention to detail to show Native Americans respectfully and realistically," Bellamy said. "We've had an advisory council telling me what I should and shouldn't be doing." Following its month-long run in St. Paul,

the production will take to the road for performances on American Indian reservations, at tribal colleges and in American Indian community centers in South Dakota and Kansas. In December and January, it will be performed on Trinity Rep's main stage and then tour New England and the Mid-Atlantic states.

"These are thorny issues for both the Native American and African-American communities," Bellamy said. "But (the play) is designed to heal rather than to cause trouble."

Grandchildren of the Buffalo Soldiers will be performed Wednesdays through Sundays at the Martin Luther King Center, 270 N. Kent St. For show times and tickets, call 651-224-3180 or visit www.penumbratheatre.org.

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#### Wednesday/September 21

GLORIA PEREZ JORDAN, executive director of the Jeremiah Program, will speak from 8:15 to 9:30 this morning as part of the Neighborhood Leadership Breakfast Series held at St. Martin's Table, 2001 Riverside Ave., Minneapolis. The event is free. To register, call 612-339-3480.

OUR NORTHERN STARS LEADERSHIP Breakfast Series will feature airline hijacking survivor Jackie Pflug and radio personality Ruth Koscielak from 8:00 to 9:00 this morning at the College of St. Catherine. A breakfast buffet is served at 7:30. Tickets are \$23, \$15 for students. Call 651-690-6819.

ARTIST LAURA WOLOVITCH will teach a jewelry-making class,"New Jewels for the New Year," from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$28 and includes materials. To register, call 651-698-0751.

THE SUMMIT HILL ASSOCIATION is sponsoring an educational forum on "Safeguarding Our Children from Sexual Violence: Preventative Safety Options for Parents and the Community" at 6:30 this evening at the Linwood Recreation Center, 860 St. Clair Ave. Call 651-222-1222.

Thursday/September 22

THE HIGHLAND BUSINESS Association will present a program on crime prevention and police response time in the Highland area at 12:30 this afternoon at the Ford Motor Company's assembly plant, 966 S. Mississippi River Blvd. Crime prevention coordinators Leslie Winter of the Highland District Council and Pam McCreary of the District 1 Council will speak. Lunch will precede the program. Call 651-699-9042.

A FALL EQUINOX WALK through Minnehaha Park will be led by a naturalist from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board from 5:23 to 6:30 this evening. The group will meet at the Minnehaha Falls Picnic Pavilion. The fee is \$4.00. To register, call 612-313-7725.



A RUMMAGE SALE will be held at the Cleveland Avenue Methodist Church, 225 S. Cleveland Ave., from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. tomorrow. Call 651-699-2350.

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'Hats off to Selby.' Larry Sims of Dick and Jane's Big Brass Band didn't mind getting a little goofy as part of the opening festivities for the Selby Avenue JazzFest on September 10. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

THE TWIN CITIES ARTS AND CRAFTS Show and Sale will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. tomorrow at the State Fairgrounds Progress Center. The show will include more than 40 dealers offering prime antiques as well as contemporary objects in the Arts and Crafts tradition. Call 651-695-1902.

#### ST. FRANCIS DE SALES OKTOBERFEST

and Booya begins at 4:00 this afternoon with Mass at the Highland Park Pavilion. A German dinner and dance will follow with entertainment provided by Paul Hermann's Chord Authority. The festival will continue from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. tomorrow with booya, other food, games and raffles. The cost for the dinner and dance is \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children.

A RUMMAGE SALE will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave. S, Minneapolis. Call 612-333-2155.

THE ST. COLUMBA FALL FESTIVAL will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today at 1330 Blair Ave. Mass is scheduled for 9:30, followed by the festival at 10:30. Activities include raffles, food, a country store, a silent auction, bingo and children's games. Call 651-336-1492.

Monday/September 26

BABY SIGN LANGUAGE classes be offered from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. on Mondays and 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. on Tuesdays, beginning this evening, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. The cost of the eightweek sessions is \$125 and includes registration, parent handbook and video. To register, call 651-698-1368.

Tuesday/September 27

XCEL ENERGY will hold a public informational meeting about the Metro Emissions

KIDSPARK, a drop-in child-care co-op sponsored by the Macalester-Groveland Community Council, will hold an open house from 6:00 to 8:00 this evening at 1961 St. Clair Ave. Interested families are encouraged to come see the facility, learn about the services and meet the teachers and new director. Call 651-695-4008 or visit www.kidsparkdropin.org.

Saturday/October 1

THE FRIENDS SCHOOL of Minnesota, 1365 Englewood Ave., will hold its third annual Bulb Sale from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today. The sale features more than 125 new types of bulbs for a total of 227, including unique and hard-to-find colors and varieties. Call 651-917-0076.

#### THE ST. PAUL JAYCEES will host

Rocktoberfest, an oompah against hunger, from 7:00 this evening to midnight at Klub Haus, 1079 Rice St. The event celebrates the autumn harvest festival while supporting Second Harvest Heartland and the Jaycees. There will be German food and beverages and music by Orange Whip. Admission is \$10 (\$2.00 discount with a food donation).

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ST. PAUL will hold its 56th annual Next-to-New Sale from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today at the Empire Commons Building on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Items for sale include clothing, household goods, sports equipment, books, antiques, furniture and more. Visit www.jlsp.org.

A BIRDING WALK will be led from 7:15 to 9:15 this morning along Minnehaha Creek by a naturalist from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. The group will meet at the creek where it crosses 28th Avenue South. The fee is \$6.00. To register, call 612-313-7725.

#### COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

of Ramsey and Washington Counties (formerly known as Ramsey Action Programs) will host an anniversary event to celebrate 40 years of service at 2:00 this afternoon at the Great American History Center, 30 E. 10th St. The event is open to the public with a special invitation to past board and advisory council members and staff. Call 651-603-5879.

ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH, 398 Superior St., will host its annual craft fair from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today with more than 20 different crafters, a silent auction and baked goods. Call 651-292-1913.

THE STATE CAPITOL will offer free guided tours between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. today. There will be costumed historical characters, special activities and theatrical presentations. A self-guided walking tour of the grounds is also available between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The cost for a brochure is \$2.00. Call 651-296-2881.

Women will sponsor its fall rummage sale from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today and tomorrow, and from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday. The sale will be held in Carolyn Hall at St. Mark's Catholic School, 1976 Dayton Ave. Call 651-644-7724.

Saturday/September 24

THE SIBLEY HOUSE HISTORIC SITE in Mendota will offer a five-course "High Tea" today and tomorrow. There will also be a live performance of the radio drama "Donovan's Brain" which was first broadcast in 1944. Seatings begin at 11:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and reservations are required. The cost is \$35. A similar program will be offered October 1-2. Call 651-452-1596.



THE MACALESTER-GROVELAND Bungalow Home Tour will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today. Tickets cost \$10, with proceeds benefiting Macalester-Groveland Seniors, a Living at Home/Block Nurse Program. Tickets are available at the Eastwood Gallery, 404 S. Snelling Ave., and the Macalester-Groveland Seniors Office, 36 S. Snelling Ave. Call 651-696-6882

A "FAMILY VOLKSTANZ" with kaffee und kuchen will be held at 4:00 this afternoon at the Germanic American Institute, 301 Summit Ave. Edelweiss dance lessons will also be offered. The cost is \$10 per family or free by bringing a cake. Call 651-222-7027.

Reduction Project and its impact on the High Bridge plant from 7:00 to 8:30 this evening at the West 7th Community Center, 265 Oneida St. Call 651-223-6904.

Thursday/September 29

AMERICAN INDIAN LEADER Dennis Banks of the Ojibwe Tribe will deliver Hamline University's 2005 Commitment to Community keynote address at 7:00 this evening at the Hamline United Methodist Church, 1514 Englewood Ave. The lecture is free, but passes are required for admission. Passes may be picked up at the Hamline Student Center, 1561 Hewitt Ave., or by calling 651-523-2420.



THE NORTH SUBURBAN Blind Lions Club will hold its 23rd anniversary Spaghetti Dinner Buffet in memory of David Maas from 5:00 to 8:00 this evening at O'Gara's Bar and Grill, 164 N. Snelling Ave. Tickets cost \$8.50. Call 651-489-8609.

### 2005 for your Home's Improvement

Repairs, additions, painting, landscaping...timely tips from home improvement specialists.

### The heat is on

With fuel prices expected to jump 25 percent or more, folks are taking a close look at high-efficiency furnaces

#### by Kevin Driscoll

If the calls to heating and air conditioning companies are any indication, Minnesota homeowners are getting the message that natural gas and heating oil prices are certain to jump this winter-by 20 to 30 percent, according to Ed Legge of Xcel Energy

"We do everything we can to minimize those increases each year by buying natural gas at lower prices over the summer and storing as much as we can," Legge said, "but that only goes so far."

Legge said it's hard to predict just how high fuel prices may go."Natural gas prices are adjusted monthly, so it depends on how early winter arrives and how much of our supplies we need to use before the really cold weather hits," he said. "With Hurricane Katrina affecting the distribution system in the Gulf Coast, it's even more difficult to determine where prices will end up."

The price hike is expected to be

less for natural gas than for heating oil because oil needs to be refined, and many Gulf Coast refineries were knocked out of action by Katrina.

"We're getting a lot more calls about furnace replacements this year," said Bob Kampa, owner of Paul Falz Heating and Cooling. "Natural gas furnaces and boilers, particularly high-efficiency units, are what most people are asking about."

"We install both natural-gas boilers and forced-air furnaces," said Wayne Johnson, business manager of St. Paul Plumbing & Heating, "and we're getting many more inquiries than usual at this time of year."

Steve Groen of Standard Heating and Cooling reported a similar spike in business."There's definitely more interest in high-efficiency heating systems," he said.

"No question about it: The headlines are creating more concern about energy prices and more sales

for us," said Tom Boehm Jr. of Boehm Heating and Cooling. According to him, one of the major reasons for the current increase in natural gas prices is the conversion by large electricity-producing companies from coal to natural gas. "Natural gas has been the Cadillac of fuels because it's the cleanest and most portable," Boehm said. "I think we'll need to gasify coal more to take the pressure off natural gas."

With memories of a hotter than average summer still fresh in Minnesotans' minds, most of the heating and cooling companies are expecting a busy fall. They suggested that people in need of new heating or cooling systems begin planning now

As part of that planning, Mary Morse, executive director of the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium (NEC), recommends a home energy audit. "The average homeowner pays \$1,600 per year in utility bills, and there are ways to reduce that number," she said.

Morse's nonprofit agency offers home energy audits as well as lowinterest loans for the purchase of furnaces, boilers, central air conditioners, insulation, new windows, even remodeled kitchens.

"Our energy audits cost only \$35 for Xcel Energy customers," Morse said."They take about an hour and a half. We sit down with you and ask about your concerns-where you think you're losing energy. Then, we'll put a blower with a large fan in your front door."

The high-powered fan blows air

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### The sky's the limit

10th annual Solar Tour sheds light on ways to trim high energy costs

#### by Deanne Probst

The forecast of significantly higher energy bills this winter is enough to send shivers down most homeowners' backs. But there is still time for residents to explore alternative energy sources and improve the energy "health" of their homes.

A good place to start is the 10th annual Minnesota Solar Tour, to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m Saturday, October 1. The free,

self-guided tour is organized by the nonprofit Minnesota Renewable Energy Society (MRES) and provides area homeowners with working examples of solar panels, geothermal heat pumps, wind turbines and other alternative sources designed to cut down on energy costs.

"We're really encouraged about this year's tour," said David Boyce, chair of the MRES board. "We've got 30

homes, businesses and institutions participating, which is more than we've had in the past. Nine sites are in St. Paul, eight in Minneapolis, seven in perimeter areas and six outstate." Some of the sites have been featured in previous tours, but many are new.

Additions to this year's tour include the Audubon Center of the North Woods in Sandstone, Como Park Zoo's new solar-powered visitor center, the zero-net energy science house at the Science Museum of Minnesota, and the 10-kilowatt wind turbine at Macalester College. Hosts at each site will narrate the tours.

Boyce said he became involved in environmental issues in his West Side neighborhood

years ago. He and his wife "decided to put our money where our mouth was" regarding their own home's energy use in 1998, when they installed solar panels on their roof to reduce electricity costs. Boyce said the electric bill for their 2,000-square-foot home now averages only \$12 a month.

"We got a little over 50 percent of our electricity last year from the panels, although it varies from month to month depending on the weather," he said. "Last month, we got 75

percent of it from the panels." Boyce's home will once

"If you look at it, there's

"We got a little over 50 percent of our again be featured on the electricity last year tour. So will the Highland Park home of David Robinfrom the panels, son and Janet Ekern. Their although it varies superinsulated Beechwood Avenue rambler could be from month to dubbed "The House of Inmonth depending visible Savings." on the weather," Boyce said.

very little to see," said Robinson, a semi-retired energy consultant. "The savings come from the house's construction, the way it's used, the appliances. You won't see any solar panels here."

Robinson and his wife remodeled the entire house after buying it 12 years ago. Stripped to its studs, the house received new energy-efficient windows and the most efficient insulation available at the time. The couple purchased energy-efficient appliances, installed a combination space heater and hot water system (there's no furnace in the house), bought low-flow shower heads and toilets, and installed compact fluorescent bulbs. The upgrades have reduced the heating bill for their 1,800-square-foot home to about \$200 year.



JoAnn Pasternack shows off the solar panels atop her Mendota Heights home, which will be featured on the Minnesota Solar Tour on Saturday, October 1. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

Robinson said visitors on the Solar Tour can see just what they can do with a small house. "They'll get ideas and see the wide variety of practical things they can do right now to reduce energy use," he said.

Robinson said he is currently finishing a book, The Poised Century: Finding Abundance in Uncertain Times, that suggests people should ask themselves: "Why do we live the way we do? Are there other ways to do this using less?"

As for his home's energy-efficient features, Robinson said, "We made decisions based on our values and chose to live a moderate life on a planet we have to share with everyone else."

An energy audit is a good way to determine the energy "health" of your home before investing in alternative or mainstream energy sources. The St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium (NEC) conducts residential au-

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out of the house and, as it does, pulls air in through any leaks in the house, including electrical outlets, ill-fitting windows and doors, even gaps in insulation and exterior walls. "We'll give you a solid estimate of what needs to be done and how much it should cost," Morse said.

The NEC offers home improvement loans at 5.25 percent interest through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Households with annual incomes of \$89,000 or less are eligible for loans of from \$500 to \$35,000. "We can turn those loans around in one day," Morse said, "and there are no closing costs on loans of \$10,000 or less."

Xcel Energy offers rebates on the purchase of a new fur-

nace or boiler that has an Energy Star AFUE (annual fuel utilization efficiency) rating of 90 percent or better, according to Morse. "Xcel rebates \$75 on those high-efficiency units and \$100 on units that are rated at 94 percent or better efficiency," she said. "And you can get \$250 or \$350 back on the purchase of a central air conditioner with a SEER (seasonal efficiency rating) of 13 or 14-plus, respectively."

The federal government has mandated a minimum SEER of 13 on all newly manufactured central air conditioners beginning in January 2006.

"Beginning in 2012, all newly manufactured air conditioners will have to use Puron as their coolant," Kampa said.

Most air-conditioning units are currently using Freon, which contains chlorine. Puron has no chlorine and thus has virtually no deleterious effect on the environment. Units still operating with Freon when the standard changes will be OK as long as they don't leak, but beginning in 2030 all central air conditioners will be required to use Puron.



Jack Levasseur of Boehm Heating installs a new furnace in a Twin Cities home. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

One commonly held misconception that all of the heating and air conditioning dealers wanted to dispel is that higher-efficiency furnaces and boilers do not last as long. "It's the number-one incorrect assumption I hear from consumers," said Kampa, who has been in the business for almost 30 years."There was a time in the 1980s, when high-efficiency equipment was first coming out, when a few brands had some trouble," he said. "But the technology has improved tremendously since then. Now, every furnace or boiler installed with a 90 percent or more efficiency rating comes with a limited lifetime warranty on the heat exchanger. That's better than any old system ever promised."

"High efficiency is the only way to go, now that the technology and warranties have improved so much," Groen said.

For more information on energy savings and the services, loans and rebates that are available for home heating and air-conditioning improvements, visit www.energystar.gov, www.spnec.org or www.xcelenergy.com.

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dits for Xcel Energy. (To arrange one, call 1-800-895-4999.) It also provides information and programs for residents looking for ways to make their homes more energy-efficient.

Jimmy Sparks, energy program manager for the NEC, foresees a 20 percent or more increase in natural gas costs this winter. "It'll have a lot to do with the weather," he said. "We have a condition we call'Minnesota Amnesia.' We forget that four of the last six years have been 10-20 percent warmer than usual. A regular winter will use 10-20 percent more energy than in the past few years, so bills will be higher even if gas prices don't rise. If there's a large mass of cold air over the U.S., prices could skyrocket."

So what's a homeowner to do? "Look at ways to reduce consumption first," Sparks said."That can involve major remodeling, replacing appliances or making minor lifestyle changes, including turning off lights and turning down thermostats. We can help find trained contractors and financing if they want to do more." Though Sparks said the NEC is more involved in reducing energy use than in using alternative sources, he believes there is a lot of value in taking the Solar Tour. "If people are interested in alternative energy sources, they can get out and talk to others who've done," he said. "It's much better than talking to a salesperson. The majority of people who choose alternative power are doing it for the environment and not always to save money, because many of these (technologies) are expensive." To encourage area homeowners to participate in the Solar Tour, car pools are being organized by the Macalester-Groveland

#### Home energy saving workshop is Oct. 25

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council is sponsoring a home energy savings workshop with the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium (NEC) and Innovative Power Systems from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 25, at the Edgcumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. There will be two presentations, an opportunity to work individually with energy experts, and information about signing up for a home energy audit.

From 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Terry Kemp from the NEC will present "Home Energy Savings-It's the Best Investment You Can Make." The workshop will help homeown-



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ers prioritize energy improvements.

From 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., a speaker from Innovative Power Systems will present "Solar 101," and discuss solar hot water heating and electric homes.

For more information, call Ami Voeltz at the Macalester-Groveland Community Council office at 651-695-4000 or e-mail her at ami@macgrove.org.

Community Council's home improvement program coordinator, Ami Voeltz. For information, call her at 651-695-4000 or e-mail her at ami@macgrove.org.

A map of the participating sites on the Solar Tour can be found at www.solartour.net. Maps and posters will also be available in area food coops.



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· 1681 Niles Ave. Addition. Cardinal Remodeling. Space was added to the back of this two-story home to provide space for a kitchen, family room and back entry. The new master suite on the second floor includes infloor heating in the bath, a ceramic tile walkin shower and a large walk-in closet.

· 525 Mount Curve Blvd. Family room remodeling. F & P Remodeling By Design. An abundance of windows, new maple flooring, columns doubling as bookshelves, a new fireplace mantel and built-in corner shelves contribute to the transformation of this room. • 2126 James Ave. Whole house redesign.

sports high-tech stainless steel, multi-toned enameled cabinets and subway tile, along with Xenon lighting and granite tops.

• 3213 E. Minnehaha Pkwy, Minneapolis. Whole house remodel. J.W Williams Construction. The kitchen of this 1920s, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-story home now shares a breakfast bar with the dining room. The master bedroom was enlarged, a small bedroom was turned into a master bath, a hall closet now houses a first-floor laundry and the upper level has an office/guest room.

Admission to the Remodelors Showcase is free, with the exception of one dream home in Minneapolis. Free copies of the showcase guidebooks will be available at Holiday stations beginning in early October. Call the Builders Association at 651-697-1954 or visit www.paradeofhomes.org.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

#### Council denies attempt to block permit for Portland Ave. addition

by Jane McClure

A Ramsey Hill family will be allowed to build a 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-story addition onto its house as a result of a St. Paul City Council decision to uphold a building permit approved by the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission. The HPC approval was needed because the property at 1009 Portland Ave. lies within the Historic Hill District.

Neighbors Timothy O'Brien and Christine Anning had appealed the HPC decision to the council. O'Brien said the size of the addition would be unprecedented for the neighborhood. Almost a dozen Ramsey Hill residents attended a public hearing on the issue in August.

O'Brien said the HPC had "no substantive discussion" of the mass and scale of the addition before approving the building permit. He asked that the issue be sent back to the HPC for more discussion with neighbors.

"(The addition) pretty much fills up the whole back yard," said neighbor Jan Carr. "To what extent are you willing to protect the character of this neighborhood?"

O'Brien said the addition violated the size standards a construction project must meet before it can be issued a building permit in a historic district. However, HPC historic preservation specialist Amy Spong said the commission carefully considered the size issue before approving the permit.

Ward 1 City Council member Debbie Montgomery, who moved to deny the neighbors' appeal, said she did not believe the HPC granted the building permit in error.

Homeowners Tom and Emily Kaplan said they spent considerable time and expense planning an addition that would meet the HPC guidelines. They have been working on those plans ever since buying their home in January. Their Colonial Revival-style house was built in 1900 and is already 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> stories tall.

Tom Kaplan said the addition will be compatible with the house and will fit into the neighborhood. He said the addition will not extend back much farther than the appellants' residence and will not be visible from the front of the house.

#### Project has kept seniors warm for 20 years

Local pipefitters will put their professional skills to work on Saturday, September 24, by providing free furnace inspections for 400 low-income seniors and disabled homeowners in the Twin Cities, Mankato and St. Cloud through Project Heat's On.

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Over the past 19 years, Project Heat's On has provided more than 21,165 hours of heating system services to more than 5,316 households in Minnesota at an estimated value of more than \$2 million. Qualifying households are identified through local human service organizations, including Ramsey Action Programs.







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#### Highland, Mac-Grove host neighborhood cleanup

The Highland and Macalester-Groveland community councils will jointly hold their annual fall cleanup from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 1, in the parking lot of Ford Motor Company's Twin Cities Assembly Plant. Vehicles will be directed to enter the lot on Mississippi River Boulevard and exit on Ford Parkway.

The cleanup is intended to give residents of those two neighborhoods a chance to conveniently rid their homes, vards and garages of unwanted furniture, children's toys, electronics, lawn mowers, tires and almost anything else that they don't need anymore. Vendors will collect and remove the material for recycling.

Proof of residency in the Macalester-Groveland or Highland Park neighborhoods will be required to bring items to the cleanup site. Items should be packed in vehicles in the following order, starting with items that should be placed on top:

- Fluorescent bulbs.
- Tires of all sizes.
- · Children's items, including books, toys and clothes.
- Reusable household goods that are still in good shape.

• Electronics, including computers and computer-related equipment, tele-



visions, phones, faxes, copiers and cell phones.

Bicycles.

· Scrap metals (stripped down metals only).

· Lawn mowers and snow blowers. · Construction debris and architectural salvage.

· Mattresses, carpets and other materials not accepted at other stations.

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#### blocks.

The cost per load is \$15 for cars; \$20 for pickups, station wagons, minivans, trailers or SUVs; and \$30 for larger vehicles. There will be an extra charge of \$2.00 for car tires, \$3.00 for truck tires, \$7.00 for semi-trailer tires and \$30 and up for tractor tires. There will be an additional charge of \$5.00 for electronic items, \$10 per mattress, \$10 per box spring and \$15 per console TV.

Household hazardous waste, such as antifreeze, car batteries, propane tanks, oil or oil-based paint, will not be accepted. For information on the nearest drop-off facility for those products, call 651-633-3279.

Appliances will also not be accepted, but residents can arrange for discounted curbside pickup on Monday, October 3, by calling J.R.'s Appliance at 651-454-9215 at least a week in advance.

The cleanup site will also not accept items picked up during regular weekly recycling, leaves and grass and household garbage.

Volunteers are still being sought to help with the cleanup. Those who lend a hand will receive lunch and will be allowed to bring one free load to the cleanup site. For information, call 651-695-4000 or email ami@macgrove.org.

#### Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

#### **KIDSPARK OPEN HOUSE**

KidsPark, a drop-in child-care program sponsored by the Macalester-Groveland Community Council, will hold an open house from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, September 29. The cooperative, which operates out of the warming house at Groveland Park, 1961 St. Clair Ave., provides affordable, licensed child care on days that St. Paul public schools are in session. Interested families are invited to come and see the facility, learn about its services, and meet its teachers and new director. For information, call KidsPark at 651-695-4008.

#### **SOLAR HOME TOUR**

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will join the Minnesota Renewable Energy Society next month for a tour of homes and businesses in the Twin Cities that have incorporated various forms of renewable energy, including passive solar design and wind turbines. The tour will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 1.

To register, call the community council office at 651-695-4000 or e-mail ami@macgrove.org. Maps of the tour locations are available at www.solartour.net.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Job Connection is looking for a few good volunteers to help rake lawns for residents in the Macalester-Groveland, Highland and Summit Hill neighborhoods. Workers can volunteer as individuals or as a group. For more information, call 651-695-4000.

#### **COMPOST BINS**

Ramsey County distributes compost bins every spring for those who are interested in purchasing them. Residents may reserve a bin online at www.greenguardian.com. Bins may be purchased throughout the year at Gopher Resources Dakota County Eco-Site, 3365 S. Highway 149, Eagan. The bins cost \$47.93, including tax. For information, call 651-905-4520.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ROUNDTABLE**

The St. Paul Environmental Roundtable will host a series of meetings this fall to address issues regarding the city's environment and quality of life. The first meeting will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 28, in the Weyerhaeuser Chapel at Macalester College. The discussion will be on "Work Waste-Free in St. Paul."

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# ON THE TOWN

# Their likeness in stone

Summit Hill sculptor helps design Wellstone memorial at crash site outside Eveleth

#### by Bill Stieger

ummit Hill sculptor Philip Rickey described the huge stone he has been polishing, the same stone in the photograph he held in his hand. It's a striking red and black stone that geologists call stromatolite. Slicing through its middle is a lightning-bolt-like vein of solid quartz."It comes from the Biwabik Formation," Rickey said. "It's something like 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> billion years old, some of the oldest stone on the planet and much harder than granite. I've been burning up a lot of diamond abrasive pads on it."

Rickey chose the stone to memorialize the late Paul and Sheila Wellstone. It's part of a larger memorial to the former U.S. Senator from Minnesota and the seven people who died with him in an airplane crash on October 25, 2002. The memorial, which will be dedicated on Sunday, September 25, is adjacent to the crash site outside Eveleth.

The Wellstones, their daughter

Marcia Markuson, Wellstone staff members William McLaughlin, Tom Lapic and Mary McEvoy and the two pilots had been on their way to the funeral of Martin Rukavina, a steelworker and father of state Representative Tom Rukavina of Virginia, Minnesota, when the plane went down.

"Paul had a special relationship with the Iron Range," Rickey said. "He felt a connection to the steelworkers and to the iron industry. So it was a logical choice to use stone native to the region in the memorial."

Rickey has been living this summer near Eveleth and working 12 hours a day on the six-acre memorial, which will have a stone for each of the passengers who died in the crash. It will also have a stone with the silhouette of two eagles carved in relief. "The day after the crash," Rickey said, "family members saw two eagles circling above the site."

The stones will be placed in a circle with benches nearby. A "legacy trail" will offer information



Sculptor Philip Rickey in his West 7th street studio. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

on Senator Wellstone's life and career. Another walkway will lead to the crash site about 2,000 feet away.

Rickey, the son of George Rickey, the artist who along with Alexander Calder introduced kinetic sculpture to the United States, grew up in Lebanon, New York. He said he "was attracted to working with stone because of its solidity and permanence. It was maybe a conscious veering away from the artistic path of my father, whose work moved in the air."

A graduate of Cornell University and the University of Iowa, where

he earned a master's degree in landscape architecture, Rickey moved to Minnesota in 1987 when his wife accepted a job with the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. He has taught art at Macalester College and the College of St. Catherine and has worked for the city of St. Paul on landscape and street designs.

"Working with the city fit in with my philosophy," Rickey said. "I like to know that my work will be seen in public spaces. I find the meaning of art in having it available to everyone."

The memorial was

commissioned by Wellstone Action, an organization that promotes the principles that Wellstone espoused. A task force made up of members of Wellstone's family invited several architectural firms to submit designs for the memorial. The chosen design was submitted by Sanders, Wacker, Bergley of St. Paul.

"We chose the Sanders design because of how it worked the natural surroundings of the Iron Range into the plan," said Bill Lofy, director of communications for Wellstone Action.

Rickey's role was to design the memorial stones and serve as the project manager and field supervisor, according to Bill Sanders, president and lead architect of Sanders, Wacker, Bergley.

Rickey met with the families of the crash victims before selecting the stones from an abandoned mine in Hoyt Lakes. "I like to think that each stone has some qualities of the person it represents," Rickey said. "As I polished each stone, I thought of the various elements of this state and its landscape. Polishing the surfaces of the rock was analogous to getting to know the person. I like to think there's a metaphysical connection between person, place and stone."





A view of the commemorative circle (left) and the boardwalk portions of the six-acre Wellstone memorial outside Eveleth.

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#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

### Music

The Old Man River Cafe, 879 Smith Ave. S. in West St. Paul, is playing host to free music on Friday and Saturday evenings through October. The live entertainment includes the acoustic folk and rock of Dee Duckwell, September 23; Irish harp soloist Elsa Bluhm, September 24; the acoustic classical guitar of Karl Gregory, September 30; and the acoustic rock and blues of A.J. Schreiber, October 1. Music runs from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Call 651-450-7070.

**St. Paul After Hours** and Summit Brewing will present Music in Mears, a free outdoor concert series running from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. every Thursday through September in Mears Park in downtown. Featured bands include Dear Machine, September 22, and Epic Hero and The Drive Back, September 29. Visit www.stpaulafterhours.com.

Violin sensation Joshua Bell will begin his second season as one of five artistic partners of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra performing Bach and Mendelssohn at 8:00 p.m. September 23-24 at the Ordway. Friday's performance is part of SPCO's new "Jazzed-Up" series offering the audience a choice after intermission to continue listening to classical music in the main hall or venture to the lobby for live jazz by Twin Cities legend, Debbie Duncan. Tickets are priced from \$29 to \$70. Call 651-291-1144.

"The Rondo Oratorio," a new composition by Dr. Stephen Newby recreating St. Paul's lost Rondo neighborhood through music, will be performed at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 24, and at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 25, in Buetow Hall at Concordia University. The celebratory work draws upon a rich variety of musical styles, including gospel, jazz, classical and hip-hop. Tickets cost \$5.00 for



Happy Apple will kick off 89.3 The Current's October concert series, "Guest Session Sundays," at 7:30 p.m. October 2 at the Fitzgerald Theater, 10 E. Exchange St. The Twin Cities jazz trio, featuring bassist Erik Fratzke, drummer David King and saxophonist Michael Lewis, have invited Minnesota Music Award-winning singer Wendy Lewis to join them in the show. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$24 at the door. Call 651-290-1221.

adults and \$2.00 for children and seniors, and are available at Walker-West Music Academy. Call 651-224-2929.

The Minnesota State Sacred Harp Singing Convention will be held Saturday, September 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Sahag Armenian Church, 203 N. Howell St. Admission is free and open to all. A potluck dinner will be served at noon. The convention will continue Sunday, September 25, at Historic Murphy's Landing in Shakopee. Call 651-485-2452.

The New Folk Collective will host a New Artist Showcase at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, September 24, at the Friends Meeting Hall, 1725 Grand Ave. The concert will feature up and coming artists Mary Cutrufello, Bill Isles, Bobb Fantauzzo and L.J. Booth. Tickets cost \$18 in advance,\$20 at the door, and \$10 for students. Tickets are available by calling 651-293-9021 or stopping by Cadenza Music, 149 N. Snelling Ave.

The Lyra Baroque Orchestra will perform music for the

recorder with guest artists Marion Verbruggen and Clea Galhano at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 24, in Sundin Hall at Hamline University. For ticket information, call 612-343-3390.

**"Restoring the Rhythm,"** a benefit concert for the victims of Hurrican Katrina, will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, September 25, at the Target Center in Minneapolis. The line-up includes the Violent Femmes and New Orleans' own Cowboy Mouth. One hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated for relief. Tickets cost \$29.75. Call 651-989-5151.

**STOMP**, the international percussion sensation, returns to the Ordway September 27-October 2. The production uses everything but conventional percussion instruments—trash cans, tea chests, plastic bags, plungers, boots and hub caps—to fill the stage with infectious rhythms. Show times are 8:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. Saturday, and 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Sunday. For ticket information, call 651-224-4222.

"Music for the Mind," a benefit concert for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 26, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The evening will feature an eclectic mix of music by some of the area's finest musicians and vocalists. Among the performers are Prudence Johnson, Heather McLaughlin, Dan Chouinard, Janet Horvath, Bob Potter, Dale Connelly, Dennis Spears and Peter Ostroushko. Tickets cost \$100 and may be reserved by calling 651-645-2948.

**Conductor Nicholas Kraemer** will lead the St. Paul Chamber



Orchestra in "Ancient and Modern," the first Neighborhood Series program of the new season, at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, October 1, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. Symphonies by Mozart and Haydn are juxtaposed with works by 21st century women Thea Musgrave and Sally Beamish. Tickets are priced at \$10 and \$25. Call 651-291-1144.

#### Theater

**Mr. Mystery Productions** returns to the Bluffs of Mendota, 801 Sibley Memorial Hwy. in Lilydale, with the interactive mystery *Caribbean Cruise Conspiracy* on Wednesday, September 21. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner and show begin at 7:00. Tickets are \$37.50. Call 952-278-8615.

Woody Allen's *Don't Drink the Water*, an off-beat nod to the Cold War, is playing through September 24 at the Cedar Riverside People's Center, 425 20th Ave. S. in Minneapolis. The curtain will rise at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Tickets cost \$16, \$14 for students and seniors. For reservations, call 651-402-0548.

**The Jungle Theater**, 2951 Lyndale Ave. S. in Minneapolis, is presenting Paula Cizmar's mystery thriller for the information age, *Bone Dry aka the Copy Editor Murders*, through October 15. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 8:00 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets range \$22-\$32. Call 612-822-7063.

**Starting Gate Productions** is performing *Godspell*, an uplifting musical that reimagines the Gospel of St. Matthew in the Vietnam era, through October 1 at the Mounds Theatre, 1029 Hudson Road. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets cost \$18, \$16 for students and seniors. Call 651-645-3503. Theater in the Round Players, 245 Cedar Ave.S. in Minneapolis, has opened its 54th season with William Inge's *Picnic*. It is being staged weekends through October 2. Show times are 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 25; and 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 2. Call 612-333-3010.

*You Can't Take it With You* will continue through October 9 at the Park Square Theater, 408 St. Peter St. The 1937 Pulitizer Prize-winning play about the eccentric world of the Sycamore family is one of the most successful comedies in American theater. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets start at \$29. Call 651-291-7005.

**Lex-Ham Community** Theater will conduct a 24-Hour Play Festival September 23-24 in E.M. Pearson Theatre at Concordia University. In the festival, teams will have 24 hours to write, cast, design, block, memorize and perform a play after receiving a list of items. For more information, call 651-644-3366.

*Small Stone*, a staged reading depicting the protests of mothers and grandmothers during the 1976 war in Argentina, will be presented by Theatre Unbound at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 24, at the Mixed Blood Theatre, 1501 S. 4th St. in Minneapolis. For reservations, call 612-721-1186.

**Concordia University** will present "Shakespeare under the Stars" at 10:00 p.m. Thursday, September 29, at the Frauenshuh Amphitheater on campus. Students and faculty will perform favorite scenes and monologues from Shakespeare's works by starlight. The event is free and open to the public.

**"The Best of Second City"** will be staged in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine at 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 30. This hilarious comedy troupe counts among its alumni Bill Murray, Bonnie Hunt, Chris Far-

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**Cradle of Hope taps Broadway star** 

Irish tenor Ciarán Sheehan will perform "From Broadway to Galway," a concert to benefit Cradle of Hope, at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, October 1, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine.

The Dublin-born Sheehan has starred in more than 1,000 performances of The Phantom of the Opera on Broadway. He also played the romantic hero in Les Miserables, appeared in Frank McCourt's PBS show "The Irish...and How They Got That Way," sang at the memorial Mass for John F. Kennedy Jr. and played a public defender on television's "Law & Order."

"Ciarán Sheehan is an amazing performer whose Broadway stage presence lends a new perspective to Irish music, an unbelievably fabulous voice with a large dose of Irish charm," said Cradle of Hope publicity co-chair Mary Gilbert of Macalester-Groveland. According to her, Sheehan left listeners in awe when he sang the Irish and American national anthems before an overflow crowd this summer on Irish Night, July 28, at the St. Paul Saints game.

For the Cradle of Hope concert, Sheehan will sing classic Irish ballads, Broadway tunes and contemporary favorites. The

ley, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Jeremy Piven, George Wendt and Tim Meadows. Tickets for the 45th anniversary tour are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. Call 651-690-6700.

The Good Body, written and performed by Eve Ensler, will be staged October 4-9 at the Ordway. Ensler, whose previous work includes the revolutionary Vagina Monologues, takes an inside look at the outside, exploring the cultures of beauty, food and desire through the eyes of women around the world. Show times are 8:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. Saturday, and 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets start at \$33. Call 651-224-4222.



"Jerome Hill: Photographs from the 1930s" continues through September 30 in the Harry M. Drake Gallery of St. Paul Academy and Summit School, 1712 Randolph Ave. Call 651-224-9431.

The Argyle Zebra Gallery, 308 Prince St., presents "A Box for Everything," featuring the work of local artist Eric Lunde, through September 30. Admission is free. Call 651-255-6624.

The Minnesota Museum of

roring of Nature and Architecture," the large-format photography of Neda Miranda Blazevic-Krietzman, is on view through October 24 in the Catherine G. Murphy Gallery at the College of St. Catherine. It focuses on the aesthetic parallels between the architecture of Dubrovnik, Croatia, and the landscapes of Sedona, Arizona, and the Grand Canyon. Gallery hours are 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon-6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free. Call 651-690-6644.

Ramsey Hill.

www.cradleofhope.org.

"In Search of India's Synagogues: Their Architecture and History," watercolor paintings by Jay A. Waronker, is on view through October 17 at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Admission is free. Call 651-698-0751.

"Peregrine Falcon: The Return of an Endangered Species," featuring dioramas, interactive displays and art that tell how this species has been brought back from the brink of extinction, is on view through October 23 at the Bell Museum of Natural History, 17th and University avenues in Southeast Minneapolis. Admission is \$5.00, \$3.00 for seniors, students and children ages 3-16, and free for all on Sundays. Call 612- 624-7083.

#### "Alone in the Crowd," a solo

St. Thomas' O'Shaughnessy Educational Center. Among the artists are Chris Cinque, Barbara Hamilton, David Morrison, Toby Sisson and Kay Wagner. A public reception for the artists will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, October 8. Admission is free. For gallery hours call, call 651-962-5560. "ReTURN to the Land of OZ,"

a juried exhibit by the American Association of Woodturners, is on view through December 16 at Landmark Center. The exhibit consists of 48 woodturnings depiciting scenes and objects from The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum. Admission is free. Call 651-484-9094.

New work by six recipients of McKnight Artist Fellowships will be on view September 23-October 30 at the Northern Clay Center, 2424 E. Franklin Ave. in Minneapolis. An opening reception will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 23. Gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Call 612-339-8007.

The Concordia University Art Department will present "Hmong Garden Books" September 26-November 4 in the Buetow Gallery. Exhibit hours are 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Monday

American Art, 50 W. Kellogg Blvd., is displaying "Summer Escape" through October 2. The show includes more than 70 depictions of quintessential summer scenes, tourist attractions and nature. Admission is free. Call 651-266-1030.

"Fresh Cut," a juried exhibition by members of the American Society of Botanical Artists, is on view through October 9 at the Weisman Art Museum, 333 East River Road, Minneapolis. Admission is free. For information, call 612-625-9494.

"Dubrovnik, Sedona and the Grand Canyon: Aesthetic Mir-

show featuring the paintings of Clinton Rost, is on view through October 16 at the Niche 3708 Gallery, 3708 E. 34th St. in Minneapolis. Gallery hours are 6:00-9:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 1:00-6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call 612-804-4472.

Dan Beers, one of the Twin Cities' foremost fine arts photographers, will be displaying his work through October 29 at the IFP Minnesota Center for Media Arts Gallery, 2446 University Ave. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

"A Sense of Place," works by five Minnesota artists, will conthrough Friday. Admission is free.

The College of St. Catherine will host the American Friends Service Committee's exhibition "Eyes Wide Open" September 29-October 1. The exhibit seeks to encourage discussion of the war in Iraq through the display of more than 1,850 pairs of boots-one for every U.S. casualty. Thousands of civilian shoes are also on display. Exhibit hours are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday-Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday. Call 651-699-6995, extension 2.

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Ave. S. in Minneapolis, will present two exhibitions October 1 through November 26."To Have and To Hold: Art You Can Touch" is a hands-on reading-tablestyle show featuring a variety of artists' books." The Press at Colorado College: The Pressroom as Classroom" celebrates the vision of Jim Trissel and the work of those associated with the press. An opening reception for both shows will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, October 1. The exhibits and reception are free. For gallery hours,

"Mind Over Matter, Body Under Design" by Korean artist and scholar Dr. Keysook Geum will open Sunday, October 2, at the Goldstein Museum of Design, 1985 Buford Ave. The exhibit will feature 30 sculptural works made from textiles, wire and beads that address Korean material culture. Admission is free. Call 612-624-7434.



The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library is partnering with the Women's Human **Rights Program at Minnesota** Advocates for Human Rights to present a Women's Human Rights Film Series at St. Paul library branches. The series will begin September 22 at the Rice Street Branch, 1011 Rice St., with a showing of The Vienna *Tribunal*, a documentary of the 1993 international human rights conference. Cheryl Thomas, director of the Women's Program, will facilitate a discussion afterward. Call 651-222-3242 for more information.

Children of Abraham Project will be screened at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 24, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. An adaptation of a play about interfaith and intercultural dynamics post 9/11, the film received the 2004 National Conference for Community and Justice Community Service Award and the 2005 Vanguard Award from Women in Communications. A discussion with producer Brenda Naomi Rosenberg will follow. The screening is free, but tickets are required. Call 651-690-6700.

October Sky, the next film in the Science on Screen series, will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, in the Bell Museum Auditorium, University and 17th avenues in Southeast Minneapolis. October *Sky* is the true story of rocket scientist Homer Hicam. It traces his life from high school science competitions in a 1950s mining town to an instructor for space shuttle mission astronauts. There is a \$2.00 suggested donation. Call 612-624-7083.



Dakota Grand Squares offers square dance lessons at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays at Salem Lutheran Church, 11 W. Bernard St. in West St. Paul. Both singles and couples are welcome. Call 651-454-2942.

Alegres Bailadores, the oldest and largest Mexican dance group in Minnesota, will perform in a free program at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, September 24, at the Central Library, 90 W. 4th St.

From Temple to Theater, dance theater inspired by the classical forms of Southern India, will be presented by Ragamala Music from September 30 through October 9 at the Southern Theater, 1420 Washington Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Show times are 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 7:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$21,\$17 on opening night. Call 612-340-1725.



The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library will offer Fall Book Chats from noon to 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays at Zelda Coffee in the Central Library, 90 W. 4th St. Walt Blue will share translations of the medieval text *The Lais of Marie de France* on September 22, and popular local mystery authors Ellen Hart and William Kent Krueger will chat about Thomas Perry's Dance for the Dead on September 29. Call 651-222-3242.

Felicia Weingarten, who survived four Nazi concentration camps during World War II, will read from her new book, Ave Maria in Auschwitz: The True

Story of a Jewish Girl From Poland at noon Thursday, October 6, in 3M Auditorium of Owens Science Hall at the University of St. Thomas. Admission is free.

Betty Wilson, author of Rudy!: The People's Governor, will be at Barnes and Noble, 2080 Ford Pkwy., at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, to discuss and sign her book about one of Minnesota's most flamboyant and well-loved politicians, Rudy Perpich. Call 651-690-3707.



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Company will present the area premiere of Holes September 30-October 16 at the Howard Conn Fine Arts Center in Minneapolis. The play is an adaptation of the award-winning young adult novel by Louis Sachar and features the summer adventures of cursed young Stanley and his campmates. Tickets are priced at \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children and seniors. For more information, call 612-623-9080.



Summit-University comedian Ben Weil is playing host to a new series of stand-up comedy beginning at 8:00 p.m. on September 22 and the fourth Thursday of every month at the Vintage, 579 Selby Ave. Admission is \$5.00.

"A Prairie Home Companion" with host Garrison Keillor will open its new season on Saturday, September 24, with a live show and its traditional meatloaf dinner and street dance in and outsidse the Fitzgerald Theater at 30 E. Exchange St. The dinner will be served outside the theater during the show. The street dance will follow at 7:00 p.m.to music by Beau Soleil, Speedin' West and Guy's Rockin Shoe Band. The dance is free. Meal tickets are \$5.00.

The College of St. Catherine and its Center of Excellence for Women, Economic Justice and Public Policy will host "Voices from Exile," a free concert and conversation with Iraqi composer Rahim AlHaj, at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 29, in Jeanne d'Arc Auditorium. The conservatory-trained AlHaj was imprisoned and tortured by Saddam Hussein.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 3045 Chicago Ave. S in Minneapolis, opens its Music and Fine Arts season with an exhibit by local artist Maura Williams and an organ recital by Dr. David Cherwien on Sunday, October 2. The art show will begin at 3:00 p.m. followed by the recital at 4:00. A "B and B" reception caps off the afternoon with beer and brats, brie and beaujolais. The events are free and open to all. Call 612-827-5919.

Barnes & Noble, 2080 Ford Pkwy., offers a free storytime at 10:00 a.m. every Thursday. Call 651-690-9443.

Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., offers free storytimes for babies at 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays, toddlers at 11:00 a.m. Tuesdays, and preschool children at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Call 651-224-8320 for more information.

Nature Play, a drop-in program from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Bell Museum, 17th and University avenues in Southeast Minneapolis, will offer "Trees Please" on October 8. Children will gather tree leaves from the museum's grounds, construct a peg board plant press to preserve them and then be able to mount the pressed leaves on paper and label them using a field guide to trees. The program is intended for families with children ages 4 and older. Admission is \$5.00, \$3.00 for children ages 3-16. Call 612-624-7083.

"Jump to Japan: Discovering Culture through Popular Art" opens September 24 at the Minnesota Children's Museum. It will continue through February 2006. Children will be introduced to Japanese culture through hands-on activities such as hopping on the magical Cat Bus from the film My Neigh*bor Totoro*, being a shopkeeper or customer in a modern manga store, and taking part in a traditional tea party. Museum hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday and until 8:00 p.m. on Friday. Admission is \$7.95. Call 651-225-6001.





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## For better or worse, Raiders tackle the East

#### or most of the past two years, Cretin-Derham Hall athletic director John Janke must have felt like Oliver wandering the streets of London. Exiled by the St. Paul City Conference for reasons that need not be rehashed, the Raiders were in the league of limbo and were forced to go conference shopping. Problem

was, they couldn't find any takers. With the intervention of the Minnesota State High School League, they have found a new home-the Suburban East Conference. As in all forced marriages, the newlyweds are still getting to know one another. A certain comfort level is starting to develop, but before that could happen, something more basic was needed—a road map.

"Travel is our biggest problem right now," Janke said. "We have 28 varsity sports and about 80 teams in all. We're playing games somewhere every day but Sunday. Some of the trips are pretty far and we're still getting directions on where we're going."

When they played in the City Conference, the Raiders were no more than 20 minutes from their farthest competitor. (The late coach Len Horyza's freshman baseball teams were known to walk to games at Hillcrest Playground.) Not so now. The Raiders' new foes are in such far-flung locales as Forest Lake, Stillwater, White Bear Lake and Mounds View. Not only are those foes tougher than CDH's former City Conference rivals, in most cases the Raiders have rarely, if ever, played against them.

"(Baseball coach) Jimmy O'Neill told me we've faced Forest Lake in a state tournament or two," Janke said."But outside of that, I don't think we've ever played them in anything. We've played Park, Woodbury and Roseville in nonconference games and sectional playoffs over the years. The bigger problem is finding out where places like Lake Junior High are for a JV or a B-squad game."

That's the tricky part of playing in a new conference. There's a lot of scheduling to be done and new people to get used to."I've been going to meetings for 18 months now with the other athletic directors," Janke said. "They've been great about helping us. For me, it's been a fun change."

Being in the Suburban East has made Janke's life easier in one respect—scheduling. It's a nine-team league, meaning the Raiders don't need to look for as many nonconference opponents."In hockey, for example, we play nine nonconference games. In basketball, it's 10," Janke said. "It's a lot easier to schedule 9 or 10 nonconference games than it is to schedule 26."

After years of dominating the City Conference in many sports, the Raiders are facing new foes and developing new rivalries along the way. The competition figures to get tougher, though the football team got off to strong start this fall with a 24-0 thumping of longtime power Hastings in the season opener. Last week, the girls' soccer team did its part

## Minutemen's big 'D'

Hard-hitting Svenkeson has got Central's back

#### by Bill Wagner

There are two things that stick out about Central High School senior linebacker/fullback D'Angelos Svenkeson. First is his size-6-foot-3 and 225 pounds. Second is his stamina-he never comes off the field.

Svenkeson, who plays offense, defense and on special teams with equal fervor, might be one of the best football players to come out of Central for some time. He has already drawn the attention of three Big Ten football programs-the University of Minnesota, Michigan State and Iowa-not to mention just about every Division II program with a pulse.

Last fall, Svenkeson had 140 tackles and served as a punishing blocker for running back Mychel Stowers, who finished the season with 14 touchdowns. Through the first two games of this season-both Central victories-Svenkeson has amassed 30 tackles from his inside linebacker spot and recovered a fumble.

But the thing that impresses Central coach Scott Howell so much is Svenkeson's willingness to place the interest of the team ahead of any personal goals and play on special teams as well. "D'Angelos loves it," Howell said. "He's ready to do whatever helps the team win."

Svenkeson doesn't think there's anything flashy about his football skills."I'd say that I'm an aggressive and intelligent player," he said. "I have to be. I don't have that blazing speed."

Howell said that from the time Svenkeson started playing football at Central as a 9th-grader, the coaches could tell he was something special."He had that intensity to go along with his talent," Howell said.

"I've been doing this in the same system as a freshman, on JV and with the varsity," Svenkeson said, "and I've been able to learn every step of the way."

Svenkeson said he would rather play defense than offense."I like to be the one who's doing the hitting," he said.

And he's good at it. The Minutemen line him up in a variety of spots to give him the best shot at making plays. Howell said Svenkeson's numbers are especially remarkable given the fact that he

teams. "He's got guys coming at him all



Standout senior linebacker/fullback D'Angelos Svenkeson has been a key ingredient in Central's early success this season. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

the time," Howell said, "but he handles it well."

Svenkeson is grateful for the attention he is getting from colleges, particularly from Minnesota and Michigan State.

should he attend a Division I college."It may take him a while," he said, "but I think he could play at a high level and be a major contributor."

Though Svenkeson may not have

with a 1-0 win over White Bear Lake in overtime, while the

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"They say I have some pretty good blazing speed, he isn't slow, running the constantly has to fight through double skills," he said.

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Howell predicts success for Svenkeson

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Dale Williams punts the ball away before being tackled by Craig Corby while playing Australian rules football at Lake Nokomis. *Photos by Brad Stauffer.* 

## **A footy in the door** Freeze readies to send first Minnesota team to Australian Football Nationals

#### by Bill Wagner

Most people tend to stop and scratch their heads when they come across Sam Gason and his friends playing in the park near Lake Nokomis on Saturday mornings.

"People are always stopping to watch us," said Gason, a Highland Park resident and coach of the Minnesota Freeze Australian Rules Football Club. "Sometimes they come up to us and say, 'That looks like fun. Can we play, too?'"

Also known as footy, Australian football is a popular pastime in the Land Down Under where it has been played since the 1860s. Today, professional footy games in Australia draw huge crowds and are shown on national television.

"I think it's bigger in Australia than the NFL is here," said Gason, who noted that Vikings punter Darren Bennett got his start playing Australian football.

Interest in the sport has been slow to develop since it was introduced in Minnesota about seven years ago, but Gason feels that will change, given the rise of footy clubs in other U.S. cities. The Freeze will get extra exposure when it sends Minnesota's first team to the U.S. Australian Football Nationals on October 1 in Milwaukee. Last year, a handful of Freeze players got a taste of the nationals by joining up with the Milwau-

kee Bombers. "We're looking forward to having our own team this year," said Gason, a native Aussie. "It'll be interesting to see how we'll do."

Footy is played on an oval-shaped field about 190 yards long by 140 yards wide. The field has four goal-

posts stationed about 10 feet apart on each end. A team gets six points for punting the ball between the two taller inside posts and one point for getting it through the shorter outside posts. Each team has 18 players—six forwards, six centermen and six backs.

"It's definitely a contact sport," Gason said. "It's a lot faster than rugby because there's not as much stop and go. But there's a lot more running than physical play when compared to rugby. It's a multi-skill game."

Gason said the size of the field can present a problem. "Sometimes we've had to play on polo fields because they're the only ones large enough for it," he said.

> Good passing is the key to the game, but the ball may only be sent to a teammate by punching or serving it like a volleyball. "Otherwise, it's a penalty and the other team gets it from that spot," Gason said.

The player with the ball can only be tackled by grabbing above the knees and below the neck. Players also cannot run more than 15 yards without bouncing the ball on the ground.

"I'd say that 30 percent of the time one team has the ball, 30 percent the other team does and 40 percent the teams fight for possession," Gason said.

And the players use little protective equipment. "We wear a mouth guard and that's it," he said.



Minnesota Freeze assistant coach Jason Becke plays a handball during a recent footy match at Lake Nokomis, while Ranjit Nair defends.

According to Gason, fundraising has been a continual challenge, though the team has attracted sponsorship money from Australian-themed but Tampa-based Outback Steakhouse and a few local bars and restaurants. "There's no question that we'll have to go for player dues at some point, like maybe \$10,"he said.

Some Freeze players, like Craig Corby, who manages a garden center in St. Paul, heard about the club by chance. "I played 20 years ago in Australia, but today is my first game here," Corby said. "I ran into some guys in the pub a while back and we got to talking. They said I should come down and have a kick. So I did. I decided I'd been working too much."

Corby said footy players have to be in good shape. "There's a lot of running," he said. "I'd say that the average age for this team is about the mid-30s."

One player who did not have to be talked into playing is Chris Secrest, who lives in St. Cloud and drives down every Saturday. "I'm hooked," he said. "I used to play Ultimate Frisbee, but now it's Australian football. I just love the contact."



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## **High school football roundup**

#### Central (2-1)

Sept. 2 vs. Como Park ...... 14-13 Sept. 9 vs. Harding..... 12-6 Sept. 23 vs. Highland ..... Sept. 29 vs. South St. Paul..... Oct. 7 vs. Arlington at Highland ... Oct. 14 at Humboldt ...... Oct. 19 vs. a Mpls. school .....

#### Cretin-Derham Hall (2-1)

Sept. 9 at Wayzata..... 19-37 Sept. 23 vs. Park at UST ..... Sept. 30 vs. Mounds View at UST ... Oct. 7 at White Bear Lake ..... Oct. 14 vs. Forest Lake at UST ..... Oct. 19 at Woodbury .....

#### Henry Sibley (3-0)

Sept. 16 at Highland Park ..... 38-14 Sept. 23 vs. St. Thomas Academy... Sept. 30 vs. Richfield ..... Oct. 7 at South St. Paul..... Oct. 14 vs. Mahtomedi ..... Oct. 19 at Hill-Murray.....

#### Highland Park (1-2)

Sept. 2 vs. Ārlington ...... 41-6 Sept. 16 vs. Henry Sibley ..... 14-38 Sept. 23 at Central Sept. 30 vs. Humboldt..... Oct. 8 vs. Harding ..... Oct. 13 vs. Como at Griffin ..... Oct. 19 vs. a Mpls. school .....

Mpls. Roosevelt (2-1) Sept. 2 vs. Southwest ..... 19-12 Sept. 9 at Edison ...... 20-0 Sept. 16 International Falls ..... 15-44 Sept. 23 at North..... Oct. 1 at Henry ..... Oct. 7 vs. South ..... Oct. 14 vs. Washburn ..... Oct. 19 vs. a St. Paul school .....

#### Minnehaha Academy (0-3)

Sept. 1 vs. St. Agnes ..... 12-32 Sept. 9 at Concordia Academy.....0-35 Sept. 16 at De La Salle ..... 14-50 Sept. 24 at Blake ..... Oct. 1 vs. St. Paul Academy ..... Oct. 7 vs. St. Croix Lutheran ..... Oct. 14 vs. Hinckley ..... Oct. 19 at Breck.

#### St. Paul Academy (0-3)

Sept. 2 vs. St. Bernard's ..... 0-13 Oct. 1 at Minnehaha Academy..... Oct. 19 vs. De La Salle at Hamline. .

#### St. Thomas Academy (1-2)

Sept. 2 vs. Holy Angels ..... 17-21 Sept. 23 at Sibley..... Sept. 30 vs. Hill-Murray..... Oct. 7 at Richfield. Oct. 14 vs. Simley..... Oct. 19 at Mahtomedi.....



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40 in 4.7 seconds. Howell said that gaining two-tenths of a second would make Svenkeson an impact player in college. "He's working with a personal trainer now," Howell said, "and we think he'll get there."

Howell also has no concerns that Svenkeson will be able to cut it academically in college. "He's the total package," he said. "He gets good grades, he's well-liked by his fellow students and he's a good teammate."

One thing Svenkeson has become adept at is coming off blocks. "I said to him, 'Son, you're a big guy. You've got to stay low, because that's where blockers are going to try to cut you down," Howell said. "He's just done an outstanding job."

Somewhat underrated are Svenkeson's skills as a fullback. Coming off his thundering blocks, senior running mate Stowers scored all of Central's touchdowns in the first two games of this season and was leading the St. Paul City Conference in rushing with 246 yards on 38 carries. Stowers, a speedy 5-foot-9, 175-pounder, is attracting some interest himself from Division II schools.

One of the things that drew so much collegiate attention to Svenkeson was his performance last spring in the Nike scouting workouts in Kansas City. "He was impressive," Howell said."They got to see just how hard this kid was willing to work."

There will be plenty of time for Svenkeson to decide where he wants to play college football. Right now, he's focused on helping the Minutemen to a successful season. He predicted last week's conference game against Johnson (a 7-34 loss) would be "a dogfight," and wanted to make sure Central stayed on course after its fast start this fall.

"We had a good start last year, but we failed near the end," he said. "We don't want that to happen this year."

## SPORTS SHORTS

Edgcumbe Hockey will be accepting registration for boys and girls ages 5-14 at the Edgcumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. Registration hours are from 7:00 to 8:30 defeated Burke Anderson, 10, of Lino Lakes 7p.m. Wednesday, September 21. A copy of a birth certificate is required for all new players. Visit www.edgcumbehockey.org.

Cason Hiers, 7, of the St. Paul Tennis Club, won the Lake Elmo Junior Championship for players 10 and younger at Tartan Park. Hiers

St. Paul Parks and Recreation Service Area Two will hold winter sports registration on October 10-14. Registration forms may be picked up that week at local recreation centers, including Desnoyer, Edgcumbe, Groveland, Hillcrest, Homecroft and Merriam Park. Call 651-266-6400 or visit www.ci.stpaul. mn.us/dept/parks/recprograms.

Exercise classes are being offered this fall by District 197 Community Education, including yogilates (a combination of yoga and Pilates), Tai Chi, swimming, aqua exercise, aerobics, karate, fitness walking and rock climbing. For information or to register, call 651-681-2389 or visit www.celearn4ever.org.

6,7-5 for the title. He also won the doubles division with partner Jacob Helle.

Maria Sera of Macalester-Groveland has been selected by the Minnesota Golf Association to compete in the 2005 USGA State Team Championships on September 27-29 in Bluffton, South Carolina. Selections for the three-member team were based on player point standings, with an emphasis on 2005 finishes.

Appetizer and tailgating recipes will be offered during a class from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, September 23, at Heritage School, 121 W. Butler Ave., West St. Paul. Ted Hammond will prepare no-fuss recipes for riblets, party pizza, wings, stuffed mushrooms and more for entertaining in the parking lot or at home. The cost is \$39. Call 651-681-2389.

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boys' team lost an 0-2 verdict to the Bears.

Though Suburban East schools were reluctant to welcome the Raiders for reasons ranging from size (CDH is the smallest school in the league) to a lack of facilities (such as a football stadium), the marriage appears to be working for one basic reason."In the end, this is still about kids," Janke said. "They understand that and we understand that."

Just be sure to bring a road map along.

#### BRAVE NEW WORLD FOR THOMPSON

Depending on your point of view, Ellen Thompson is either: A) the bravest person in North America or B) the dumbest person in North America.

Thompson has been charged with the Herculean task of reviving Macalester College's women's basketball team. Last season, the Lady Scots threw in the towel just a few games into their season due to a lack of players. Coach Jeannine Ruh left for another job in July and Thompson was named as her successor just a few weeks ago. Thompson was the captain of the University of St. Thomas' 1991 NCAA Division III

champion team and a longtime assistant coach there. She also spent six years as head coach at Hopkins.

"Well, I have one player in my office right now," she said when reached at Macalester. "That's a start. Did I tell you we get to draft one player from each team in the league?"

Thompson may need that sense of humor. She currently has no assistant coach and thinks she will have only six to eight players by the time practice begins in mid-October."I saw this really tall girl walking across campus the other day," she said." I was wondering if she'd ever played basketball. I've got to find out who she is."

The Lady Scots play in a cramped bandbox on the main floor of an athletic facility that might hold 500 people. Unlike their male counterparts who made the MIAC playoffs two years ago, Mac's women hoopsters haven't been a contender for a long time now. The Lady Scots' last winning season was 1990-91.

The team will stay out of the MIAC conference race this year, choosing instead to play a 22-game schedule that includes one game against each MIAC team. The result is just eight home games in addition to road games in such places as Simpson, Iowa; Pomona-Pitzer, California; and Finlandia,

Michigan. The goal is to resume a conference schedule in 2006-07.

"The key is recruiting," Thompson said. "It's not easy and it'll be time-consuming. You have to make a commitment to a program to be good in this league."

The time factor is something of a quandary for Thompson, the mother of four children ranging in age from 3-10. Fortunately, husband Scott, a Hall of Fame basketball player himself at St. Thomas, has been supportive."And three of the kids are now in school," Thompson said. "That makes it a little easier."

The MIAC went to doubleheaders this year for women's and men's basketball. That means that in the future, most of the Lady Scots' games will either be at 5:30 p.m. on weekdays or 1:00 p.m. on weekends. With five foes in the Twin Cities, they'll be able to get home a little quicker.

But it doesn't help this season. "Wins and losses are going to be a sidebar this year," Thompson said. "Ideally, I'd like to have 14-15 (players) this year. That means we could scrimmage each other. We have to get the word out on campus quickly."

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Edgcumbe Recreation Center's 15 and under baseball team captured both the city and state championships this summer. Pictured left to right are (front row) Jordan Koehnen, Mark Dooley, Nick Chavez and Steve Heras; (back row) David Stein, Garrett Faust, Andy Schaffausen, Ted Vanranst, Chad Washenberger, Adam Killa and Vinny Aguirre; and (coaches) Ed Aguirre, Gary Koehnen and Brian Vanranst. Not pictured is Max Kassner.



The Highland Little League Pirates won the "A" Division championship after finishing in last place during the regular season with a 2-9 record. Pictured, from left, are (front row) Ben Braman, Paul Makredes, Jacob Jordan, Jacob Johnson, Michael Kowitz and Andrew Schinder; and (back row) coach Mike Makredes, Coleman Kramer, Joey Silversmith, Micah Hausman, Nick Johnson, Jeremy Hill and coach John Jordan.



The Blue Angels won the Highland Little League girls' major league softball tournament this summer. Pictured, from left, are: (laying) Anna Janke and Kate Brady; (kneeling) Anna Amidon, Elizebeth Erickson and Elizabeth Weir; (standing) Sarah Fohrman, Sophie Johnston, Natalie Mironov, Kate Heuer, Mara Raymond and Brigid Kelly; and (coaches) Howard Mironov, Mary Kelly and Pat Kelly. Missing are Amanda Evans and coach Maggi Johnston.

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