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## Mayor, council butt heads over housing

Affordable housing initiative vetoed despite pleas of tenants, businesses

by Jane McClure

The city of St. Paul's role in meeting a growing shortfall in rental housing that is affordable to lower-income residents has divided the City Council and elicited one and possibly two vetoes from Mayor Norm Coleman.

On April 5, Mayor Coleman vetoed a 10-year comprehensive housing plan that had been approved by the City Council 6-0. He said he will also veto a second proposal, passed by the council on April 14, to spend \$6 million in city budget reserves to develop affordable housing.

Overriding the vetoes would require five votes from the seven-member council, an unlikely prospect. City Council members Mike Harris, Jim Reiter and Dan Bostrom voted against the \$6 million proposal, and Harris,

Bostrom and Reiter all said they may vote against the comprehensive housing plan if it comes up for an override.

With the rental vacancy rate in St. Paul at less than 1 percent, tenant advocacy groups report hearing from more low-income tenants who have faced eviction or repeated increases in their rents. According to Vic Rosenthal of Jewish Community Action and Mark Schuller of the St. Paul Tenants Union, more working people are being forced into homeless shelters or crowded housing conditions because they cannot afford their rent.

"We're concerned that not wanting to help meet housing needs is really a back-handed way of saying that we don't want poor people or people of color in the com-

Veto/see page 5



**The lap of luxury.** Highland Park Elementary School 6th-grader Tasha Jones (below left) got a feel for what it would be like to be a millionaire last week. In fact, she was one—for a day. By winning a poster contest sponsored by Highgrove Community Federal Credit Union, Jones earned one day's interest on \$1 million deposited at Highgrove, or about \$120. She and her best friend, Michelle Daniel (below right), were treated to a chauffeured limousine ride with stops at the State Treasury, the Heartthrob Cafe and her school, where she was the toast of her class (above). Photos by Brad Stauffer.

## Doctor rededicates her mission to the child she lost on it

by Leslie Walters

When Dr. Marianne Mason Westerheim embarked on a six-month medical mission to Georgetown, Guyana, a year ago, she was not prepared for the tragedy that would befall her family.

Seven weeks into the trip, her 22-month-old daughter Danielle was stricken with a rare form of the E-coli bacteria. The Georgetown hospital did not have the equipment or medi-

cine to properly diagnose or treat the infection, so Westerheim and her husband Michael took Danielle to Trinidad, then transferred her to Miami where she died in her mother's arms on March 7, 1998.

Following a memorial service, Westerheim, an obstetrician and gynecologist with Fairview Clinics, returned to Guyana and continued her medical work while trying to cope with that South American country's inadequate medication, equipment and

sanitation.

"Nearly every woman we saw at the hospital had lost a child because of pre-term delivery, stillbirth or illness," she said.

Fairview Health Services recently honored Westerheim with its annual community service award. Westerheim intends to use the \$10,000 that came with it to provide the Georgetown hospital with the supplies and equipment that might have saved her daughter.

The Fairview Cares Award now occupies a prominent place on the mantle of Westerheim's home in Minneapolis' Longfellow neighborhood. "This really means a lot," she said. "It's another way to honor my daughter's memory and to continue helping the people in Guyana."

Westerheim had volunteered her services abroad before. "I had such a good feeling

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## Residents await more info on chemical spill

by Jane McClure

Merriam Park and Snelling-Hamline residents had more questions than answers following neighborhood meetings on the March 22 release of chemical fumes from Co-Operative Plating Company, 1605 Igleshart Ave.

Another meeting on the accidental emission, which forced the evacuation of more than two dozen homes and businesses in a six-block area, will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 10, at the Merriam Park Community Center. By then, Minnesota Pollution Control

Agency (MPCA) and Minnesota Department of Health staff hope to have more information about the effects of the emission.

At two earlier meetings on the emission, neighbors voiced concerns about the short-term and long-term health effects on those who live near the plant.

"My biggest concern is that I've lived here all of my life, and I have neighbors with health problems," said Lisa Pothen.

The May 10 meeting will update neighbors on Co-Operative Plating's participation in the Voluntary Investigation and Cleanup (VIC) Program. VIC

is a state program that assists companies with the cleanup of polluted property. Co-Operative Plating has been participating in VIC since 1994.

According to MPCA spokeswoman Katherine Carlson, a preliminary investigation of the March 22 emission showed that it "was an unusual circumstance" that is not likely to happen again. Changes in chemical handling procedures at the plant will ensure that, company officials said.

"We're sorry about what happened,"

Chemical emission/see page 2

# MAC exec offers little hope for relief from air-traffic noise

by Jane McClure

St. Paul residents may not face the volume of planes overhead that South Minneapolis and Mendota Heights homeowners do, but late-night and early-morning flights, low-flying aircraft and ground vibrations from planes revving up at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport still have a significant impact on life in the Macalester-Groveland and Highland Park neighborhoods.

That is the message more than two dozen people presented to Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) executive director Jeff Hamiel at the Macalester-Groveland Community Council's annual meeting on April 15. About 80 people attended the meeting.

The second consecutive summer of runway reconstruction on the airport's south parallel runway began on April 5 and will end in September. Hamiel said this summer's work will have about the same impact as last year's did, meaning St. Paul will again face an increase in noise compared to 1997. Last year, complaints about airport noise prompted the Mac-Groveland

council to form its own airport noise committee.

Those who want to vent about air traffic noise will get another opportunity at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, in the Lindbergh Terminal at the airport when MAC holds a public hearing on the regulation of air traffic noise after January 1, 2000.

By that date, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is requiring commercial airlines to use quieter Stage III aircraft. The FAA is allowed to grant waivers to the requirement. MAC will discuss an ordinance on May 4 that would prohibit noisier planes from landing in the Twin Cities after the January 1 deadline.

Hamiel said that the deadline for switching to Stage III aircraft will not necessarily mean quieter skies over the Twin Cities. Because the FAA is allowing airlines to modify older, noisier planes to meet Stage III standards, he questioned whether the expected noise relief will be forthcoming. "It's frustrating that the FAA is letting planes that are marginally qualified to be Stage III get by," he said.

St. Paul neighborhoods are most affected by flights using the cross-



A 757 takes off from MSP International Airport. Photo by Mike Long.

wind and north parallel runways. Berkeley Avenue resident Susan Krom said the noise from low-flying jets using the crosswind runway scares children and rattles windows. "Quite frankly, that noise has totally changed the character of the neighborhood I live in," she said.

Several people complained about late-night noise, especially the noise generated by air cargo flights. "There are nights when I can count the flights—one a minute—over my house until about 12:30 a.m.," said Cecilia Place resident Richard Broderick.

Late-night noise is defined as tak-

ing place between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Hamiel said the FAA prohibits the airport from banning night flights and would revoke federal funding if it decided to do so. However, if an air carrier must fly after 10:30 p.m., he said it must use the Stage III aircraft.

MAC and citizen groups fought for years to get a voluntary late-night curfew, but could not get the support of the airlines. Wellesley Avenue resident Doug Zang asked why some airports, such as Washington National, can require such curfews. Hamiel said it is because the Washington area has two other

airports.

Demand for all types of flights, including charter flights and late-night and early-morning commercial flights, has put more pressure on the Twin Cities airport, Hamiel said. "As long as there are enough people to get on the planes, we'll see that demand," he said.

Wellesley Avenue resident Melissa Molhan-Zang, who suffers from fibromyalgia, which affects her ability to fall into a deep sleep, said her condition is worsened by nighttime aircraft flyovers. "No one would dispute the fact that we get less noise than other communities," she said, "but is there nothing more MAC can do for me?"

"It's an incredibly difficult situation," Hamiel replied. He said her best option may be to move elsewhere, something she and her husband do not want to do.

Mac-Groveland residents also complained about low-frequency noise created by pilots testing their engines on the ground. "It just shakes you," one man said.

MAC, Richfield and noise consultants are now studying how other cities are addressing low-frequency noise.

## Chemical emission from Co-Op Plating revives neighborhood fears

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said Co-Operative Plating plant manager Mike Marschio. "We want to make sure this doesn't happen again."

However, these assurances have done little to placate neighbors, who have wrangled with Co-Operative Plating over chemical emissions and spills since the 1970s. Holding up a manila folder crammed with papers, Carroll Avenue resident Doni Hamann said, "I shouldn't have a file this thick on this company."

According to Hamann and other neighbors, a metal plating company should not be located next to a residential neighborhood. Co-Operative Plating has been operating at its current location since the 1960s. The property is zoned for industrial use and city code allows metal plating in an industrial zone.

Soil and groundwater beneath Co-Operative Plating have been contaminated for years with volatile organic compounds such as trichloroethane and metals such as cadmium

and chromium. However, a 1996 state report suggested that some groundwater in the area may have been contaminated by underground fuel tanks that were not part of Co-Operative Plating's operations.

Co-Operative Plating was cited by the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission in 1988 for violating the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's electroplating standards for the acidity of sewer discharges. An MPCA investigation of Co-Operative Plating's plant in 1990 resulted in a \$6,000 penalty for violating hazardous waste regulations.

In 1996, the state Department of Health determined that contaminants in the soil and groundwater in the neighborhood of Co-Operative Plating did not pose a threat to human health. State toxicologist Carl Herbrandson said his office will present more detailed information on potential health impacts at the May 10 meeting.

Although the level of contaminants in the

groundwater exceeded state guidelines in 1996, the contaminated water is not used for drinking. However, state officials have cautioned that the contamination could spread to deeper aquifers where it could threaten drinking water supplies. Construction, demolition or remodeling projects could also expose people to contaminated soil. The 1996 study was inconclusive on the health effects of air emissions from Co-Operative Plating.

The March 22 emission from Co-Operative Plating sent yellowish-orange fumes spewing from the plant's rooftop ventilation system after a sulfuric-nitric acid mixture was poured into a 3,000-gallon waste collection tank—a standard procedure at the plant. Workers thought the tank was empty, but it apparently contained residue with metal in it. When the acid came in contact with the metal, the metal broke down, generating heat and emitting a cloud of fumes.

The fumes were reported at 4:00 p.m. by

someone outside the plant. Because the fumes were vented outside, workers in the plant did not know about the emission until firefighters and police arrived.

Firefighters evacuated 26 workers from the plant and worked with police to clear out homes and businesses in an area bounded by Marshall and Concordia avenues and Asbury and Fry streets. Streets were reopened to traffic and neighbors were allowed to return home after more than three hours.

The St. Paul Fire Department issued written orders calling for Co-Operative Plating to off-load corrosive materials into clean 55-gallon plastic drums and dispose of the materials properly. Marschio said the company is complying with that order.

Company officials are looking at several other measures that can be taken to prevent such emissions, including changes in operating procedures as well as new equipment and monitoring systems.

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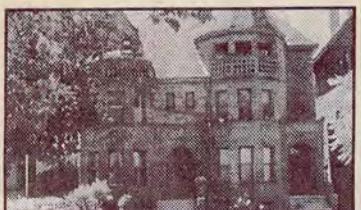
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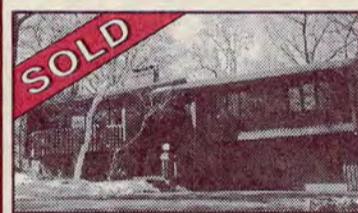
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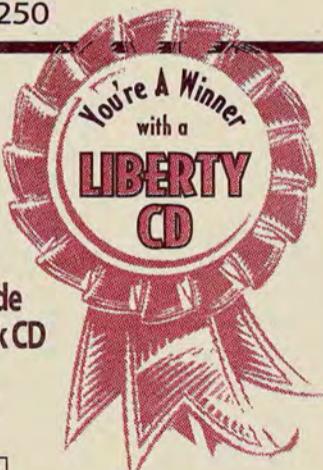
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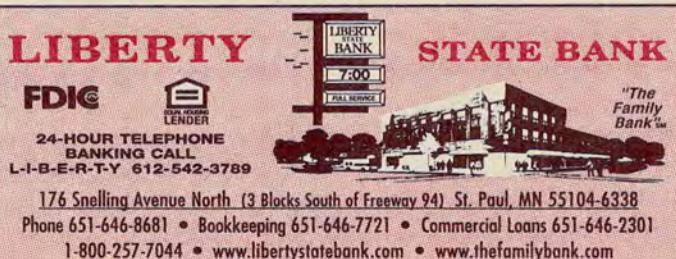
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**Wilson seeks  
\$5.45 million  
to open new  
charter school**

by Jane McClure

Higher Ground Academy, a charter school led by former St. Paul City Council president Bill Wilson, is seeking up to \$5.45 million in revenue bonds to purchase, renovate and equip a building at 1381 Marshall Ave. The request will be heard on April 28 by the St. Paul City Council acting as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA).

The building was previously occupied by National Check Corporation, which has moved to the Crosby Lake Business Park. The building is located on the western edge of the Concordia University campus and is expected to draw students primarily from the Summit-University, Frogtown and Lexington-Hamline neighborhoods, although enrollment will be open to all.

Since leaving the City Council in 1993, Wilson has been affiliated with the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota. He is a former educator and holds a master's degree in education.

The school will offer individualized learning plans as well as a community service component. Higher Ground plans to form partnerships with Walker-West Music Academy, St. Paul Parks and Recreation, Youth Express and other agencies.

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## Dr. Westerheim /from page 1

about doing that kind of work," she said. "I was in my seventh year of working and getting sort of burned out. I decided a sabbatical would be nice."

Her sponsor for the Guyana trip, the Catholic Medical Mission Board, "said they'd take the whole family," Westerheim said. "I'd do whatever was needed. In return we just wanted housing and food."

Several weeks into the trip, Danielle began exhibiting such symptoms as diarrhea, vomiting and hyperventilation. She was admitted to the Georgetown hospital, which not only lacked the machine for evaluating blood gases but also the central intravenous lines to administer medicine directly to the heart.

"One of the doctors missed the whole diagnosis," Westerheim said. "I knew we had to get her out of there. But the next flight to Miami was the next day. We couldn't wait 24 hours."

The Westerheims flew to Trinidad instead, and on the way Danielle slipped into a coma. The doctors in Trinidad determined that Danielle was in septic shock. She had fluid in her lungs, and her heart and kidneys were beginning to fail. They stabilized her, but her blood pressure was low, as were her blood gases.

"I couldn't believe what was happening," Westerheim said. "The attending physician announced that she had put everything into it she could. It was 9:00 and she was going home. I thought, 'You've given up totally? How can you do that? Don't you understand what it's like to have a child in such danger?'"

The nightmare continued on the trip to Mi-

ami. "It was unbelievable," Westerheim said. "They wouldn't OK our flight until our insurance company approved it. Then we couldn't get an airplane. We were supposed to be (in Miami) at 2:00 p.m. We didn't get there until 11:00 p.m."

Flying over the Bahamas, Danielle's oxygen supply began running out. A couple of air sacs in her lungs had blown and they were sucking up oxygen. "But if we stopped in the Bahamas for more oxygen, their adapter tanks may not have fit ours," Westerheim said.

Even the children's hospital in Miami lacked the central intravenous lines to fit a child. "Every time I turned around there was another complication," Westerheim said. "I don't want to blame them. A lot of it was out of their hands. But it was frustrating. I was afraid to say too much for fear they'd kick me out of (the intensive care unit). I wanted to stay there as long as possible with Danielle."

In lieu of flowers at Danielle's memorial service, the Westerheims asked for donations, and with the money that they raised they have established Danielle's Hope Foundation. "I didn't want her death to mean nothing—that we lost such a beautiful little girl and nothing came of it," Westerheim said.

The Catholic Medical Mission matched the initial \$10,000 in donations. The Fairview award brought the total to \$30,000. The Westerheims hope to boost that amount by tapping the resources of the 5,000 Guyanese living in the United States.

So far, the Westerheims have purchased central intravenous lines and other equip-



Dr. Marianne Westerheim stands beside a blood-gas machine similar to the one that Fairview Health Services has donated to the Georgetown hospital. Photo by Terry Faust.

ment for the Georgetown hospital. Fairview purchased a new blood gas machine and sent its old one to Georgetown. Westerheim would now like to return to Guyana to oversee the expenditure of the rest of the money. She also hopes to bring a Guyanese midwife to Minnesota for training. "I want to make sure the money goes where it's most needed," she said.

While in Guyana, Westerheim learned how to do without conveniences that are commonplace in the United States. "I never real-

ized how much stuff we have that we really don't need," she said. "(The Guyanese) don't have much, but they're all working hard and playing hard with their families.

"I look at life a lot differently now," Westerheim said. "I make sure that my family is always my priority and I've stopped letting work consume me. You can't do that because you never know how long your life will be or how long you'll have your children. You don't want to miss any opportunities with them."

The nightmare continued on the trip to Mi-

ami. "It was unbelievable," Westerheim said.

Council members Jerry Blakey, Chris Coleman, Jay Benanav and Kathy Lantry voted for the \$6 million expenditure on affordable housing. The McKnight Foundation has committed an additional \$6 million for that purpose and could kick in as much as \$5 million more.

Other funds are being sought from private groups. House of Hope Presbyterian Church on Summit Avenue, for example, recently announced a plan to raise \$4.5 million to fund an endowment for affordable housing. "We at House of Hope see affordable housing as being a major social need," said interim pastor John Miller.

The City Council's proposal targets people who make \$9.00 to \$14 per hour, or \$18,000 to \$28,000 per year. According to Blakey, 70 percent of the jobs created through St. Paul's economic development efforts earn that level of pay. "Yet we're pricing these workers out of the housing market," he said.

Harris, Reiter and Bostrom, in voting against the \$6 million expenditure, argued that city budget reserves should be saved in the event of future budget shortfalls. Mayor Coleman agrees. In his State of the City address earlier this year, he said that St. Paul can expect to face a budget shortfall in 2000 unless property taxes are raised or services are cut.

The affordable housing proposal has the support of the Midway Area Chamber of Commerce. "The affordable housing situation is at the crisis stage," said Ellen Watters, the chamber's executive director. "People need to understand the high cost this housing shortage has for the business community. We have employers who have reported employee turnover of more than 50 percent because workers can't find places to live that are convenient to their jobs."

Louis Henry, owner of three McDonald's restaurants on University Avenue, grew so tired of losing employees that he bought a

triplex for his workers to live in. "(My workers) couldn't find places to live," he said. "I kept losing too many people. It was just easier to do this."

The City Council may attempt to override the mayor's housing plan veto as early as April 21. Mayor Coleman said he objects to the portion of the plan that addresses affordable housing.

The plan calls for building 300 to 400 new housing units each year for the next 20 years. Of those, the City Council said at least 10 percent should be affordable to households making less than 50 percent of the Twin Cities region's median income and 10 percent should be affordable to households making less than 30 percent of the regional median income. (The regional median income is \$63,600 per year.)

Mayor Coleman said he would like to target households making less than 60 percent of the regional median income, or \$36,000 per year.

According to Mayor Coleman, the City Council's plan would cost \$5 million per year, while his would cost only \$3 million. Council members Coleman, Benanav, Lantry and Blakey dispute those figures.

Advocates for affordable housing say the City Council's plan is only a small step in meeting the city's affordable housing needs. They had supported a plan amendment offered by Blakey that would have required half of the city's new housing units to be affordable to households with incomes of less than 30 percent of the regional median, or \$19,080 per year. Blakey could not muster enough votes to pass his amendment.

The full council also rejected Blakey's proposal to put a moratorium on the demolition of structurally sound housing until the city's rental vacancy rate climbs to 5 percent. However, Blakey succeeded in pushing through an amendment that would guarantee the replacement of all housing lost to demolition.

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## Dwelling on affordability

When what may be affordable to you may not be at all affordable to me, it isn't particularly useful to frame Minnesota's increasingly heated public policy debate in terms of the "affordable housing crisis." I've read all the newspaper accounts about how private foundations and various levels of government are beginning to respond to the issue, but the questions keep leaping to mind more quickly than their answers: What exactly is affordable housing? Is the shortage of housing for people at certain income levels truly at the crisis stage? If it is, exactly who are the people being affected by the crisis and how are they being affected? Is it the proper role of government to do something about solving the problem? Why isn't the private housing industry better responding to the obviously short supply and great demand?

By now, it's clear to just about everyone—everyone, it seems, except for St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman—that an affordable housing crisis does indeed exist. It's also clear that Minnesota's housing crisis is not just affecting poor families in the inner cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Families of moderate means—in the central cities, their suburbs and outstate Minnesota—are also feeling the pinch as vacancy rates have plummeted and housing costs have soared.

Older people who may have the money but not the physical means to remain in their homes are also facing the problem of a shortage of housing that can accommodate their special needs: smaller quarters, one-level living, building security, personal and health-care services, and above all, a convenient location near their children and grandchildren.

Businesses—and, by extension, the state's economic health—also suffer from the lack of convenient, affordable housing for employees. The housing shortage has further exacerbated the labor shortage in some parts of the state, especially in the Twin Cities. Some employers have responded to the situation (see the front page story in this issue) by going so far as to buy nearby rental housing for their workers to attract job applicants and reduce rapid turnover.

Though company-owned housing for employees may be a commendable and, in some cases, even necessary gesture, it's hardly a workable long-term solution to the problem. Few business owners I know can afford to add subsidized housing to their employee benefits.

So, what needs to be done?

For one thing, we have to look again at the roll that Minnesota's convoluted property tax system has played in creating the current situation. Rising property values and the higher tax rates that owners of non-homesteaded property pay (and in turn pass on to their tenants) have contributed greatly to rent increases, high tenant turnover, deteriorating buildings and frequent sales, which typically fuel another round of rent increases. Those same high tax rates have also contributed to the reluctance of developers to keep up with the rental housing demand, especially at the lower-income end of the economic spectrum. If the private sector is going to respond to the problem, there has to be an incentive for doing so. Governments and private foundations may play a welcome role, but the resources they can bring to bear are mere drops in the bucket when compared to the need.

Perhaps more to the point is the comment recently made to me by a friend who has been working as a housing officer for the state of Minnesota for the past three decades. Is the problem really a shortage of affordable housing, he asked, or is it that the wages that workers are earning today have not kept pace with the rising cost of the formerly affordable housing we have?

My best guess is that both are true. We continue to lose affordable housing to deterioration, to commercial expansion, and to housing developers who turn formerly subsidized property into market-rate buildings.

But there's also no question that what is referred to as a "living wage"—\$8.02 an hour as of March 1999—is falling farther and farther short of what families truly need to live.

And therein lies the subject for future discussion.



## House K-12 bill threatens St. Paul schools

by State Representatives  
Michael Paymar, District 64B  
and Matt Entenza, District 64A

Parents, teachers and students in St. Paul know that our public schools are struggling to make ends meet in light of the burden placed on those schools by the large number of "at-risk" children, non-English speaking students and other challenges that face an urban school district. Unfortunately, a K-12 education finance bill now awaiting final action in the Minnesota House of Representatives does not recognize our special challenges. Instead it siphons precious state dollars to suburban school districts.

In the past, lawmakers at the state Capitol recognized the challenges faced by school districts like St. Paul's. St. Paul legislators have worked hard to ensure that the local school district receives so-called compensatory aid in addition to the money that the state allots by the general education formula. We have also pushed for academic innovations like all-day kindergarten that allow students more time to prepare for elementary school.

The K-12 bill being pushed by the House's Republican leadership will mean \$10 million in cuts for St. Paul schools. Even in a larger district like ours, that is a significant hit.

Unfortunately, it is our children who will pay the price. If this bill is not stopped by a public outcry, we will have to lay off many of our finest teachers.

The Republican bill cuts one-third of the money that Governor Ventura requested to reduce class sizes in the schools. St. Paul, like school districts all over the state, could put those dollars to good use, and our kids would receive more personal attention in smaller classes.

The bill also cuts compensatory aid, which will hit the St. Paul and Minneapolis school districts disproportionately. We are particularly concerned for elementary schools like Horace Mann, Expo, Groveland Park, Adams, Randolph Heights and Webster, which will definitely be facing cuts if this bill is passed.

At the same time, the bill puts an additional \$30 million into suburban districts that did not previously qualify for the aid. In light of the growing wealth of our suburbs, it's ironic that suburban schools are receiving additional funding while St. Paul schools face cuts.

Even our widely supported all-day kindergarten programs are on the chopping block. The Republican bill removes all state funding for all-day kindergarten programs.

We will be voting against this unfair legislation. We are hopeful that the state Senate and Governor Ventura will restore the funding that our children need to succeed.

## Parental authority undercut by school clinics

To the editor:

Since the 1980s, the St. Paul public school system has been involved with school-based clinics. In those clinics, free vouchers or prescriptions for contraceptives have been available to students. At the outset, the public was led to believe that free and readily available contraceptives were necessary to reduce the number of teen-age pregnancies. Since the inception of these clinics, however, the number of out-of-wedlock pregnancies among St. Paul teen-agers has risen. An increase in the use of condoms, spermicides and birth control pills has not reduced teen pregnancies. In reality, the health of our adolescents has actually been threatened since these contraceptives fail to protect them from serious sexually transmitted diseases.

The emotional, physical and spiritual damage to children who become involved in casual sexual relationships should be obvious to any responsible adult. It is certainly apparent in the shattered lives we see around us and in our welfare rolls.

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More than a quarter of the students attending St. Paul junior and senior high schools are Catholic. Thousands of students who are not Catholic come from homes and backgrounds that support abstinence from sexual activity until marriage as the only morally healthy alternative for their children. These are the values we live by and try to pass on to our children. They deserve to be respected by the schools, teachers and school boards we fund with our tax dollars.

Over the past 25 years we have experienced great erosion of parental rights in our country. We have all suffered

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# Weighing in on our wrestler governor

by Phillip Hammes

**I**t might come as a shock to political pure hearts, but it's not all that bad when an elected official happens to have a streak of vanity as wide as I-94. The fact is, politics has always attracted hams. Julius Caesar gave thumbs up or down to competitors at the games in the Coliseum. Teddy Roosevelt hunted large animals in the wild. New York mayor Fiorello La Guardia chased fire engines and read the Sunday comics over the radio during a newspaper strike. King Henry VIII of England wrestled the king of France. If the English sportswriters were on the level, he may have been the only politician who could brag about his headlock.

Until now.

I don't know if Minnesota's new governor will be enshrined in history books or classic editions of the *National Enquirer*, but the fact that he has a personality a shade less pale than a circus poster is hardly a reason for criticism. At least not yet.

Certain people believe that speaking the truth in public is akin to breaking wind in church. It's just not done. Candor is treated like a stomach ulcer—something to be ignored until it becomes troublesome.

Some Minnesotans were dumbstruck when Jesse

Ventura announced his bid for governor. He was outspoken. He didn't graduate from law school. He had actually labored for a living. Those people thought that Ventura's bid for governor was like the Al Capone Fan Club looking to relocate next to an IRS office—not the most appropriate fit.

There may be grounds for chastising Ventura at this early juncture. He has yet not placed a bounty on mosquitoes, for instance.

Still, I think he deserves a period of time in which to govern before he is deemed a disappointment. I think it is premature to regard him as an apostate to true republican principles until he does something spurious, such as bombard Iowa with Jesse Ventura action figures.

Though I like the fact that there is something other than pinstripe blandness in Minnesota politics today, I think there might have to be a yin to counterbalance Jesse's yang after his tenure. I think a soft-spoken, short, hairy, fat man who wears glasses should run for governor next. Not a former Navy Seal, but a man who dropped out of Boy Scouts before making Tenderfoot. A man who has to change his trousers after he hears a firecracker. A man who regards the James J. Hill Reference Library in much the same way that Jesse regards Target Center.

That would be my candidate.

safely is an important part of being a good citizen and being a good neighbor.

Terri Palmquist  
Highland Park

## Don't fence us out

To the editor:

I'm frustrated because our neighborhood used to have a nice open field that everyone could go to and have a good time (the Carondelet Fields near Cretin-Derham Hall). My family used to go there and practice playing baseball and golf. Other people would fly kites and train their dogs there. Someone decided to turn the field into a baseball, soccer and tennis court. By doing this, they chained up the entrance so that we can no longer play there. Some kids play in the streets, but that's not safe. Now how are the kids in our neighborhood supposed to play safely?

Samantha Jackman, age 9  
Highland Park

## Support the linear park option

To the editor:

There are many *Villager* readers who side with freeway connect options for Ayd Mill Road. Their arguments are based on the unfortunate assumption that we need to

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## Which of these costly homeseller mistakes will you make, when you sell your home?

A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three-quarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their home and become disillusioned—and worse—financially disadvantaged when they put their home on the market.

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar."

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### Irritated Nerves Can Be A Pain In The Neck

Pain extending from the back of the neck, usually on one side, to the shoulder and arm is among the most frequent of conditions treated in chiropractic offices. Patients with this condition often also complain of numbness and tingling in the lower arm and hand with a sense of muscle weakness. Major attention is given to identifying the causes of each patient's problems so that the most effective treatment approach can be applied.

This painful condition occurs when certain nerves which originate in the neck portion of the spine and lead to the arm are subjected to pressure or are otherwise irritated. This pressure or irritation is nearly always caused by some problem involving the cervical spine where the nerves originate.

#### What are the most common causes of neck and arm pain?

- Abnormalities in the position or mobility of vertebrae;

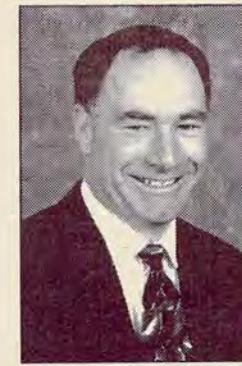
- Spinal disc protrusions;
- Spinal joint strain or sprain;
- Arthritis or joint inflammation;
- Muscle spasm at the side of the neck.

Fortunately, there is help for most neck and arm pain problems. Chiropractic physicians will take the patient's health history, perform a physical exam and take X-rays (if indicated) to help in identifying the cause of the patient's problem. Appropriate remedial measures are then undertaken.

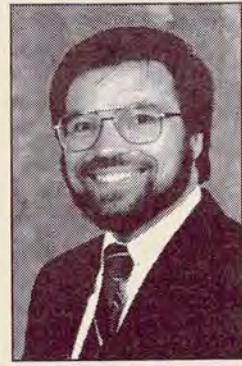
#### What are the measures generally taken?

- Corrective spine care;
- Instruction in proper use of upper spine;
- Chiropractic physiotherapy;
- A well-planned program of appropriate exercise.

Additionally, doctors of chiropractic refer to and work in cooperation with all other health care providers when indicated for patients' conditions.



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continue to accommodate vehicular traffic in our city. This vision is terribly small and its realization will create a city that is less livable than it is today.

Vehicular overuse has created a landscape that is hostile to safer, cheaper, quieter and less-polluting travel alternatives, such as walking, biking and busing. I urge readers to support the linear park option for Ayd Mill Road and to contact their local public officials. I also challenge readers to use their cars less often and instead use travel alternatives. If we meet this challenge, auto accommodation plans will be less necessary.

Michael Penfield  
Snelling-Hamline

## A Y2K problem for real zeroes

To the editor:

If a century is 100 years and 20 centuries equals 2000 years, then why are people rushing to move into a new century and millennium one year ahead of time? Why are people debating an issue when there is no issue at all? They dig into history, ancient calendars and the Bible seeking answers when there is no question. Isn't it simple arithmetic that we are dealing with? It goes back to kindergarten, where we teach children to count from one to 10. These are the basics of decimal numeration.

As the year 2000 approaches, I constantly witness the media misleading the public. They are trying to convince me that I am moving into a new millennium when I'm not. I consider the year 2001 the start of a new decade, century and millennium, and I'm going to celebrate the year 2000 as the last year of the second millennium.

Recently, I went to a bookstore. *The 20th Century Year by Year* drew my attention. The book's highly educated authors have something in common: They don't know the basics of arithmetic when they start with the year 1900 as the first year of the 20th century. Misinformation is in every newspaper and in the news you listen to. I doubt whether the president of the United States knows the actual date of the new millennium. What if he addresses the nation on the night of December 31, 2000, telling his people that we are entering the new millennium already and the world listens? Besides the Y2K problem, this could be a disaster and a shame as well.

It is time to stop this nonsense. I'm launching a campaign. Readers who agree with me, please call 651-698-4366. Tell me what's on your mind.

See you in the year 2001. Until then, be patient and pray to be alive and well to join the celebration.

Shura Volovets  
Highland Park

## Shoddy work in District 197

To the editor:

Last week District 197 School Board member David Jackson wrote a letter in the *Southwest Review* newspaper supporting his mission to close Somerset Elementary School in Mendota Heights. Over half of his "facts" were wrong. He

listed the projected 1999-2000 weighted average daily enrollment at Somerset to be 258 when in fact that student count is 285. Suddenly, Garlough Elementary is the most expensive school to operate at \$4,713 per student to Somerset's \$4,335.

Jackson highlighted a five-year, \$845,000 capital improvement plan at Somerset, supposedly more than any other elementary school. Where did this fact come from? Are there any bids for this work, or are these figures fabricated to meet Jackson's objectives?

Why would the district administration want to move its offices into Somerset, as the board recently proposed, given Somerset's expected costly improvements? Is it because Somerset happens to be the only elementary school with air conditioning?

I am disgusted with the manner in which the School Board and administration are haphazardly jumping to conclusions that will affect the lives of hundreds of children. Will we get a public apology for his grievous errors, or will the arrogance, shoddy work and manipulated results persist?

Victor Sherbanenko  
Mendota Heights

## State partnerships worth saving

To the editor:

Minnesota has the good fortune to be served by many generous and committed nonprofit organizations that make significant contributions to the quality of life we enjoy. These nonprofit organizations have a long tradition of partnering with state and local governments to meet mutually held goals in a cost-effective manner.

These public-private partnerships have been instrumental in the success of welfare reform, in helping immigrants learn the English language and in helping people with mental illness obtain the skills necessary for employment. They have been successful in delivering services to small constituencies that would otherwise have difficulty accessing many state programs. Examples include epilepsy demonstration grants, the Asian-American juvenile crime prevention program and the male responsibility program, which educates young men about the responsibilities of fatherhood. These are just a few of the programs whose state funding would be eliminated by Governor Ventura's proposed state budget for 2000-2001.

Governor Ventura has long been an advocate of personal responsibility and self-sufficiency, and these partnerships have been extremely successful in helping thousands of Minnesotans take responsibility for themselves and their families. In this period of economic growth, these partnerships have been successful in helping the private sector address both the current and anticipated labor shortage by helping Minnesotans obtain the skills necessary to enter and remain in the workforce.

I believe many of these partnerships deserve to be continued. That is why I have introduced SF 2161, a bill that would restore state funding for some of the programs targeted for reduction or elimination by the governor. As chair of the State Government Finance Committee, I am well aware that every \$1.00 appropriated by the state for these public-private partnerships leverages an additional \$7.00. The bill does not seek to reinstate all of the governor's

proposed cuts, just those that I believe parallel his laudable goals of increased self-sufficiency and leverage money from other sources.

Dick Cohen, Senator  
District 64

## Village People reborn

Dear editor,

I thoroughly enjoyed the article on the Village People Salon (*Villager*, April 7) and I would like to say applause, applause to owners Jackie and Eddie Wangensteen on their new location. How appropriate to celebrate this occasion during this season of freedom and rebirth.

Having been a customer at the previous location and, may I add, with the same wonderful beautician, LuAnn Orr, for over 20 years, I was thrilled when I walked in the door of the new shop for the first time. It is simply beautiful—from the relaxing colors to the unique design and contemporary feel. The salon is proof that hard work and perseverance can bring success.

Jackie and LuAnn are lovely ladies who make you feel welcome even if you are a new walk-in. One does not feel the need to "dress" to go to Village People. Although it is a full-service salon, it is as cozy as any neighborhood beauty shop.

I wish the Wangensteens and their staff much success in their new home.

Elissa Getsug  
Highland Park

## Hats off to volunteers

To the editor:

Have you ever needed someone you could get a ride from or with whom you could talk over a problem? Have you ever felt isolated because you cannot get out to run errands or socialize? Do you know how it would feel to have a special friend take you to the grocery store or just stop by for a visit? That special friend may linger over coffee, help sort medical forms and bills, offer a steady arm for a walk or go for a drive.

DARTS (Dakota Area Resources and Transportation for Seniors) volunteers do all that and much more. DARTS is a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization that has provided transportation and social services for Dakota County seniors and their families since 1974. Last year DARTS had 1,389 volunteers ranging in age from 8 to 92 years. These wonderful people lovingly donate their time, energy and friendship to help seniors stay in their own homes and maintain their independence. Others help DARTS with fund-raising, mailings and special events or serve in elementary schools helping students learn to read and write.

Volunteers need to be recognized and appreciated all year long, but especially during National Volunteer Recognition Week, April 18-24.

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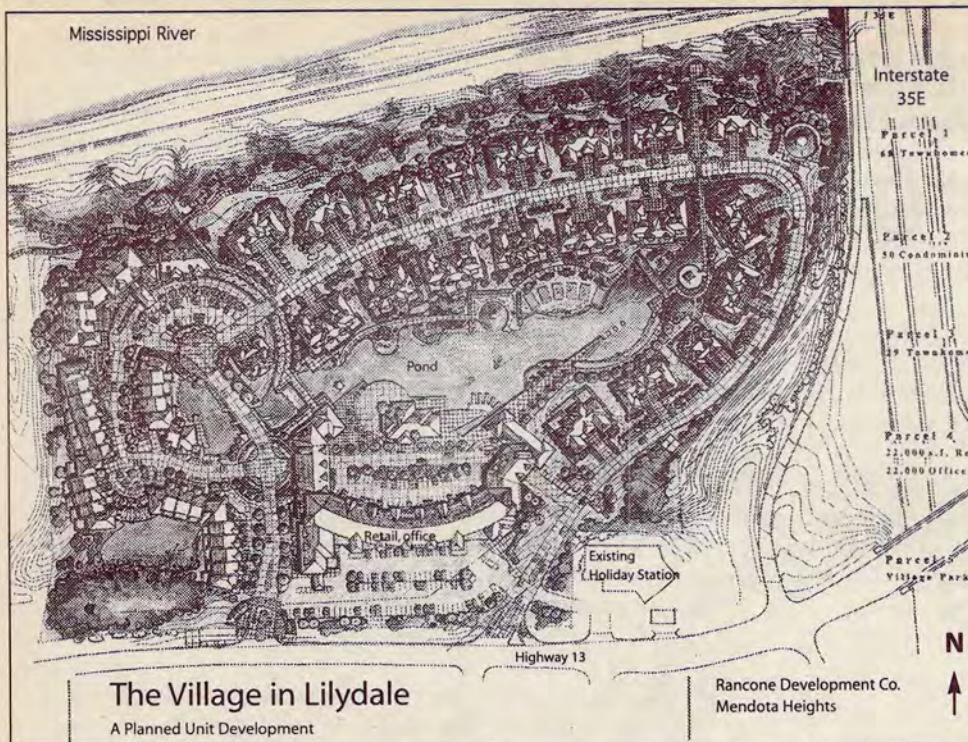
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## Hearing set April 26 on mixed-use development of Lilydale gravel pit

by Kevin Dobbs

Huge mounds of sand and crushed rock strewn across 26 acres make it difficult to envision the property nestled between Highway 13 and the Mississippi River in Lilydale as anything but what it is today: the distribution yard for the company that is providing the aggregate for construction work at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. However, over the next two to three years, Mendota Heights-based Rancone Development Co. intends to turn the site just west of I-35E into one of the more luxurious residential developments in the Twin Cities.

The land has been used for storing sand and gravel mined elsewhere along the Mississippi River for the last 50 years—first by the J. L. Shiely Co. of St. Paul and more recently by British-based English China Clay; CAMAS Minnesota Inc., a division of British-based Aggregate Industries Ltd.; and Cemstone Products Co., a former lessee of CAMAS.

Rancone Development, which is headed up by the father-son tandem of Gene and Mike Rancone, bought the land from CAMAS for an undisclosed amount last year. Cemstone will vacate the site no later than August 2000.

The Rancones are now putting the finishing touches to construction plans for a mixed-use development with the working title of the Village in Lilydale. An architect's rendering shows 55 to 60 townhomes, 25 to 30 row houses, two 23-unit condominium buildings and about 45,000 square feet of office and retail space on the site. In the drawing, the buildings surround a park-like setting that includes a small lake and extensively landscaped gardens.

Gene Rancone, a Lilydale resident, estimated that the finished project will be valued at about \$60 million and will generate about \$1.25 million in annual property taxes. In one fell swoop, the Village in Lilydale would nearly double the current population of the tiny St. Paul suburb.

The Lilydale Planning Commission recently voted in favor of Rancone's plans and the City Council is expected to award concept approval for the project following a public hearing on April 26. The council also will be reviewing the creation of a tax increment financing district to help pay for site improvements, including the relocation of the power lines that now traverse the property.

Assuming that the city approves the project, Mike Rancone said crews could start construction by the end of this year or next spring. Site preparation work has already begun, including clearing out gravel and haul-

ing in the first of an estimated 160,000 cubic yards of soil. That work is expected to be finished by late this summer.

Mike Rancone, who lives in Mendota Heights, said the site was chosen for development because of its convenient access to both downtowns, the airport and the Highland and Macalester-Groveland neighborhoods of St. Paul, from which a significant number of buyers are expected to come. Moreover, he said, residents of Lilydale have been clamoring for a neighborhood development of this kind—something that features not only homes, but small businesses and parks.

"There's a need at this location because up to now there really hasn't been anything of this quality," he said. "The whole concept is to make it into the kind of neighborhood we've lost in suburbia. We want to leave the suburban behind and bring back the neighborhood where you walk to the corner store or park."

Rancone said that despite having done no advertising, he has already fielded dozens of inquiries about the development from prospective owners and commercial tenants. "We've had so much interest," he said. "I don't think there'll be a problem filling the place up."

The townhomes are tentatively designed to have about 2,500 square feet of space. They will sell for \$350,000 to \$450,000. The condominiums will have about 2,000 square feet and will go for \$300,000 to \$400,000. The row houses will have about 1,700 square feet and will fetch from \$250,000 to \$300,000.

The project has been designed to effect the look and feel of the small towns of France and Italy where a central plaza serves as the community hub. Exterior building materials will rely heavily on stone and stucco. The townhomes will sit atop bluffs overlooking the lake and park, the condos and row houses will be located around the perimeter of the site, and the shops will line the southern end of the property along Highway 13, just off I-35E.

"I always liked that European concept and we're trying to bring that back here," said Gene Rancone, whose career in real estate development dates to the 1960s. Among the many projects he has spearheaded are the Yorktown mixed-use development in Edina and the Amhoist Tower (now Landmark Tower) office and residential high-rise in downtown St. Paul.

Minneapolis-based Ellness, Swenson and Graham is the lead architect for the project. A general contractor has yet to be named. The Rancones will oversee all phases of design and construction.

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## St. Paul approves repairs for library, recreation centers

The Highland Park Library and three local recreation centers are among the city facilities that will receive repairs this summer through the St. Paul's Citywide Capital Maintenance Program. St. Paul City Council members approved the expenditures on April 7 after they had been reviewed by city departments and the Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) Committee.

A total of \$559,835 in repairs are planned for this year. Requests for repairs totaled almost \$3.6 million.

Local projects this year include repairing bulging stucco on the exterior of the Highland Park Library. A total of \$49,000 had been sought; the CIB Committee suggested spending \$20,000.

The council also approved \$89,600 for ongoing interior and exterior repairs at the Homecroft Recreation Center. The building received \$10,400 last year.

Other local projects that will receive funds include reroofing the Desnoyer Park Recreation Center (\$65,000) and reroofing and repairing the gym walls at the Edgcumbe Recreation Center (\$80,000).

## Board bumps cost of renting ice time in county's arenas

Despite protests from the Highland-Central Hockey Association, it will cost more to rent Ramsey County's ice arenas this fall.

Fees for prime ice time will go from \$110 to \$115 per hour at most arenas, and from \$120 to \$130 per hour at Aldrich. Prime ice time is defined as 3:00 to 11:00 p.m. on weekdays and 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and during school breaks.

Fees for non-prime ice time will increase from \$70 to \$75 per hour (\$85 to \$95 at Aldrich). Tournament rates will increase from \$130 to \$135 per hour (\$140 to \$150 at Aldrich). Long blade skating sessions will increase from \$3.00 for adults and \$2.25 for senior citizens to \$4.00 per participant at all arenas.

The Ramsey County Board approved the fee increases on April 13 following a public hearing the week before. Highland-Central Hockey Association president Len Fricke was the only one who testified at the public hearing. He said raising the fees would hamper opportunities for low-income youths.

County board members said the increases are needed to cover the costs of arena operations. The county operates 10 ice arenas, including the Highland and Pleasant arenas. A recent survey conducted by the county indicated that Ramsey's fees for ice time were below what other arenas charge. Minneapolis' Parade Ice Garden, for example, charges \$145

# NEWS BRIEFLY



**Work before play.** Dozens of volunteers turned out last Saturday to help erect a new \$35,000 playground at Highland Park Elementary School, 1700 Saunders Ave. The school's PTO raised \$9,000 for the project. The rest of the funds came from the city and school district. Above, Bruce Palaggi (center) and others support the curly slide while the pieces are bolted into place. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

per hour for prime time and \$110 for non-prime time. The county sets higher rates at Aldrich because it is the largest arena, has the most seating and is in the highest demand.

## Committees give go-ahead for Summit townhouse plan

The Lander Group received design approval from the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) on April 8 for its plans to replace a Summit Avenue church with a seven-unit townhouse development. The Summit Hill Association also voted to support the project that day.

The project advanced even further on April 12 when the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals unanimously approved five variances for the project. They include a 5-foot variance from the required 57-foot front yard setback, a 2-foot variance from the required 9-foot side yard setback, a 2-foot variance from the required 18-foot separation between buildings, a 5 percent variance from the required 30 percent lot coverage and a variance of two rooms from the allowed lot density of 19 rooms.

The townhouses will be built at the southeast corner of Summit Avenue and Grotto Street. The property was home to the Summit Avenue Church of Christ until it outgrew the

space and moved a few months ago. The 82-by-250-foot lot is zoned for multi-family use and has been for sale since last fall. The church is located within the Summit Avenue West Historic District, but is not considered to be historically significant.

The Minneapolis-based Lander Group plans to demolish the church and construct a four-unit townhouse building with underground parking facing Summit and a three-unit building with detached garages facing Grotto. The units will sell from \$200,000 to over \$400,000.

## Adams students make plea to continue Spanish studies

A contingent of 6th-grade students from Adams Magnet School turned out at the St. Paul School Board's April 6 meeting to protest their inability to get into Highland Park Junior High this fall.

Adams is the city's only public elementary school that offers a Spanish immersion program. Students there previously could count on being able to attend Highland, which is the district's only middle school to offer a Spanish immersion curriculum. However, Highland's enrollment has reached the building's capacity and now Adams students who live outside Highland's attendance area are being

turned away.

The School Board plans to address the issue at its April 27 meeting. Several possible solutions raised at the April 6 meeting include shifting Highland's attendance boundaries to take in more Adams students, denying space to other applicants trying to get into Highland, or moving the junior high's Spanish immersion program to another building where space is not a concern.

"It makes sense to me that if you're going to get people in a program, you should make sure they can follow through on it," said School Board member Tom Conlon. "In doing so, we're going to have to find a way to deal with the space crunch at Highland."

## HPC signs off on \$9 million rehab of old UST science hall

The design committee of the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) gave its nod on April 8 to the University of St. Thomas' plans for a \$9 million renovation of Albertus Magnus Hall. The 52-year-old structure housed the university's science department before construction of the Frey Science and Engineering Center in 1997. The renovation project is expected to get under way this summer and be complete by the fall of 2000.

Plans call for making the four-story building accessible to handicapped people, adding windows along the roof line, bringing the structure up to code and making it more energy-efficient. After its renovation, the building will house several academic departments that have been split up as the university's need for classroom and office space has grown.

Since Magnus Hall is located in the Summit Avenue West Historic District, all exterior work had to meet historic preservation guidelines. The HPC's review focused on window replacement, door replacement and the addition of fourth-floor dormer windows on the north and south sides of the building. The new windows and doors will resemble those already on the building. The HPC rejected a request to replace the windows with tinted glass. The current windows are clear.

The dormer windows generated the most debate. University officials want the windows so the fourth floor can be used for offices. Currently, the only natural light for that floor comes from a skylight in the roof. At one time the fourth floor housed the building's mechanical systems.

St. Thomas officials originally wanted a continuous row of windows along the roof line. Architects have since modified the design so the windows will complement those on the lower three floors.

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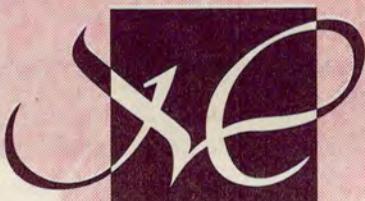
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# There's no place like it

## Annual tour offers chance to visit city homes made special by their owners

by Chris Smith

Area residents will once again show off what they love best about city living when they invite the public over for the 12th annual Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour on the weekend of May 1-2. More than 45,000 visitors are expected to take them up on the invitation.

The free, self-guided tour, which will feature more than 60 homes, is designed to promote urban neighborhoods and their wide variety of housing options and provide information about buying or improving homes in the central cities.

One of the more interesting homes on this year's tour is the 1952 one-story rambler of Tom Vendervoort and Linda James at 2013 Sargent Ave. The home blends the horizontal lines and simplicity of prairie-style architecture with Japanese accents.

"People think the exterior is attractive, but when they walk in their jaws drop," Vendervoort said. "We took this little '50s rambler and turned it into a prairie-style home."

With architectural design help, the couple gutted the house, removed one bedroom to make a large L-shaped living room and converted two other bedrooms and a bathroom

into a master suite. A screened porch was added in the back with glass swing-out doors from the master bedroom.

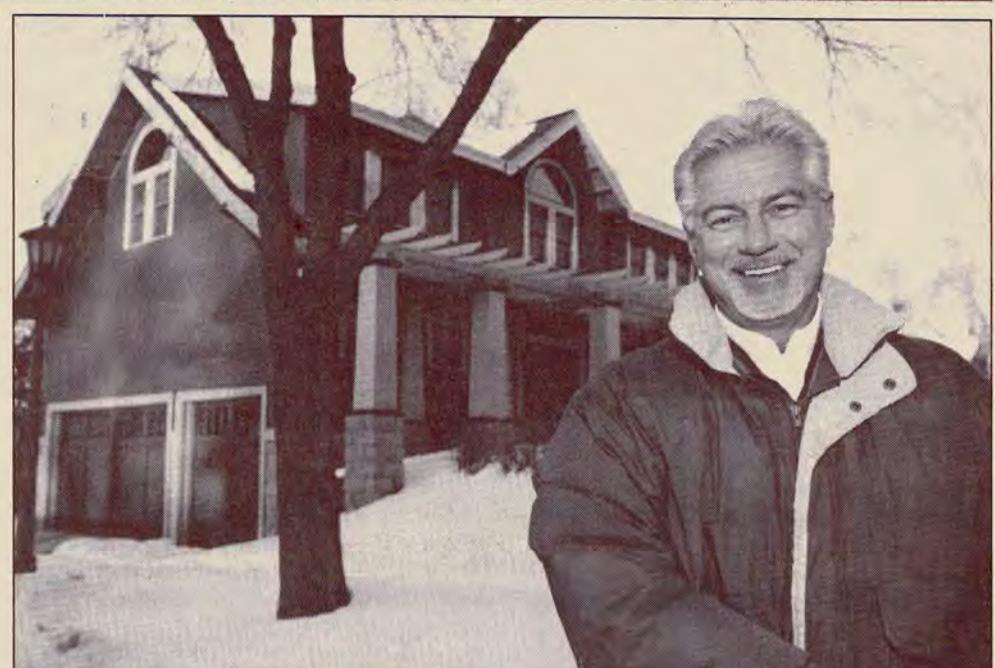
Throughout the entire house, horizontal birch strips stretch around the rooms. The original wooden floors were refinished and valance lighting was added. Art deco antiques and reproduction furniture also add to the period feel.

Mahogany wood details that had been added to the home before James and Vendervoort moved in six years ago were blended with the lighter birch. In the updated kitchen, that meant keeping the mahogany cabinetry, but adding birch doors.

"It looks like it was planned that way," Vendervoort said.

The couple said they decided to add their house to the home tour because they want to show what can be done with a city home. "We really believe in living in the city," Vendervoort said. "We want to encourage other folks to stay or move back."

Showing off city living is the whole point of the home tour, according to David Hennessey, one of the organizers of the St. Paul portion of the tour. "We look for a diversity of neighborhoods and house styles and price range," he said. "We want to show



Grand Avenue resident Jack Kachmarek will open his new carriage house to the public as part of this year's Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour on May 1-2. The structure was built to perfectly match his 1912 Craftsman home. Photos by Scott Amundson.

something for everyone."

Homes are nominated for the tour by neighborhood groups. In every case, the homeowners agree to open the home for the two days of the tour and to describe the work that has been done.

"We find people are very willing to do it," Hennessey said. "When they've put this much work into something, they believe in it and want other people to be inspired."

That is why Jack Kachmarek agreed to open his new carriage house to the public. "I'm proud of it and I think people are interested," he said. "Every time I'm out there, people stop and ask me questions about how I did it."

The carriage house perfectly matches Kachmarek's 1912 Craftsman home at 1397 Grand Ave., right down to the cupola on the roof. With the assistance of designer Dennis Brose, Kachmarek went so far as to remove the interior trim of the house so it could be perfectly matched for the carriage house.

"As long as I was going to build something, I decided to make it look right," he said. "Carriage houses of this period were generally miniature versions of the homes in front."

The structure, with almost 1,200 square feet on each of two levels, would look like a house itself were it not for the double garage doors off the Albert Street side.

The lower level has space for six cars. Upstairs is a woodworking studio with French doors leading to a bathroom and game room complete with a period pool table. "That room is a tribute to my misspent youth," Kachmarek said.

He credits the state of Minnesota's "This Old House" program, which defers valuation increases for remodeling older structures, for providing him with the incentive to make the

improvements. "It makes a lot of sense in encouraging people to improve their property," he said.

Other area homes on the tour include the following:

- 908 Hague Ave., a three-bedroom Houseman Victorian that was saved from the wrecking ball and restored last year. Almost everything except the refinished walnut and maple floors, oak trim and leaded glass is new, but the 1906 home's period feel remains intact.

- 824 Lincoln Ave., an 1890s Victorian that features a new kitchen and a third-floor recreation room, plus period details like carved window moldings and banister and original stained glass in the entry and bar. The house also boasts the neighborhood's last original boulevard horse ring, which were once common in the area.

- 315 Dayton Ave., an 1880s Victorian that was transformed from a condemned fourplex into a single-family home and small apartment. An enlarged kitchen with many unique touches highlights the interior. Outside, a cedar garage and picket fence have been added.

- 3147 S. 28th Ave., an 1883 Victorian farmhouse in Minneapolis' Longfellow neighborhood that has been renovated into a duplex while retaining many of the original touches.

The home tour will run from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, May 1, and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, May 2. Guides to the homes will be available beginning April 24 at all Cub Foods and Bruegger's Bagels stores.

For more information or to volunteer to help at the event, call the home tour offices at 651-266-6562 in St. Paul or 612-673-3978 in Minneapolis.



Sargent Avenue residents Tom Vendervoort and Linda James gutted their 1952 rambler and converted it into a showcase of prairie-style architecture.

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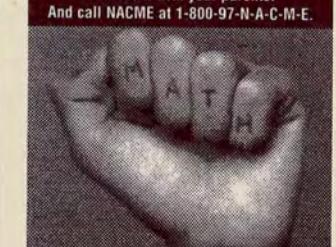
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## House, Senate pass bill that would prohibit phasing out of billboards

by Jane McClure

The ongoing debate over billboards in St. Paul could get a lot more complicated if a bill now making its way to the governor's desk is signed into law in the weeks ahead. The bill would prohibit local units of government from using amortization to gradually phase out billboards, junk yards, gravel mines, adult entertainment businesses and other potentially undesirable land uses.

Amortization in these cases involves the writing off of the value of a piece of property over a set period of time. The property owner may or may not be compensated by the governmental unit.

Foes of amortization claim it is too restrictive and can be unfair to businesses. Supporters say it is one of the few tools cities have to bring about desired land-use changes.

Both the St. Paul and Minneapolis city councils voted to oppose the legislation, as did the Minnesota League of Cities. Several business groups, including the billboard industry, support the bill.

With the legislation pending, a St. Paul Planning Commission task force has now tabled its work on proposed changes to the city's billboard regulations. The task force had been considering ways to amortize billboards located in residential areas, the Mississippi River corridor, historic districts, special sign districts, downtown, small neighborhood commercial zones and large commercial zones within a certain distance of a residential district. Billboards in other large commercial districts and those along federal or state highways would not be affected.

In anticipation of the new law's enactment, the anti-billboard group Scenic Minnesota has scrapped the petition drive it launched in February. The group has redrafted the petition and has started over in an attempt to get 5,000 registered St. Paul voters to sign it and place the billboard question on the November ballot.

Instead of using amortization, Scenic Minnesota is now proposing having billboards declared a public nuisance governed by the city code. The code requires that public nuisances, such as a vacant and dilapidated

building or a garbage-strewn lot, be abated. The ballot initiative would call for the removal of billboards in the city within five years and the banning of any new billboards.

According to Scenic Minnesota board member and Merriam Park resident Jeanne Weigum, St. Paul legislators did their best to oppose the prohibition of amortization but were overwhelmed by a strong lobbying effort by business groups.

"I think the billboard industry went out, bought every pair of wing-tipped shoes in Minnesota and lobbied hard on this one," said state Representative Matt Entenza (DFL-District 64A).

According to Entenza, the bill also received strong support from suburban legislators, many of whom represent districts where billboards are already tightly restricted or altogether banned.

Billboard industry representatives did not return calls seeking comment on the bill.

However, state Representative Peg Larson, a Republican from Washington County who co-authored the bill, said it was brought forward because of concerns about how amortization was being used to eliminate land uses against the wishes of property owners. One case cited frequently during testimony involved a suburban gravel pit owner whose property was being called into question with the growth of residential land uses nearby.

The Minnesota House and Senate approved slightly different versions of the bill. The Senate version exempts so-called "adult businesses" from the regulations. The House bill has no exemption. A legislative conference committee will have to hammer out the differences before the bill can be sent to the governor.

DFL Senators Sandy Pappas of St. Paul and Jane Ranum of Minneapolis have asked Ventura to veto the bill. In a press release, the senators called the legislation "unnecessary interference in local community affairs."

"In Minnesota, land use decisions within communities have been the responsibility of local officials," Pappas said. "Passage of this bill takes away the authority of those officials to balance commercial interests with the interests of citizens."

## Spring coloring contest winners named

Hundreds of children ages 12 and younger got out their crayons and colored pencils last month for the Villager's spring coloring contest. A total of 592 entries were received by the six local businesses that co-sponsored the event. Each business chose one young artist to receive four free tickets to Valleyfair.

Following are the winners and the businesses that selected them: Danielle Marose of

Midway, age 9, Liberty State Bank; Maria Balogh of Highland Park, age 9, Carbone's; Natalie Steigauf of Macalester-Groveland, age 7, Garden of Eva; Kelsey Van Degrift of Macalester-Groveland, age 6, Subway on Grand; Austin Lane of Highland Park, age 5, Grand Avenue Ace Hardware; and Phillip Martin Radtke of Macalester-Groveland, age 7, Boehm's Schwinn Cycle Center.

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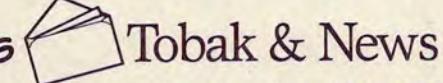
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## Neighbors complain that shared use of Carondelet Fields is anything but

by Jane McClure

Nine-year-old Samantha Jackman used to be able to walk across the street from her Hartford Avenue home to fly a kite, walk her dog or play catch on the large open tract of land just west of Cretin-Derham Hall.

"It used to be an open field," Jackman said. "It was great. But then they put a fence around it. I just don't think it's fair."

Samantha is not the only one. Other neighbors also are complaining about being denied the access that they formerly enjoyed to what is now known as Carondelet Fields. The gates are locked when the soccer, softball and baseball fields are not being used by CDH or organized youth recreational leagues.

Named for its owner, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, who operated Derham Hall before it merged with Cretin-Carondelet Fields under went a \$1 million makeover last year as part of a unique shared-use agreement between a private school and the city of St. Paul's Division of Parks and Recreation. CDH paid \$700,000 for the improvements; the city kicked in \$340,000. The project included construction of new soccer, softball and baseball fields and new tennis courts. It also included a chain-link fence around the perimeter of the fields. Neighbors said they knew about the fence, but the locked gates took them by surprise.

"It was nice having the field because we could pretty much do what we wanted," said David Jackman, Samantha's father. "I can see having the fence and gates there, but I wish they'd take the locks off."

Randolph Avenue resident James Greeley also misses having access to the field where he used to take his walks. "A lot of neighborhood people used the field," he said. "Now we have locked fields that no one can use unless they climb a 6-foot fence."

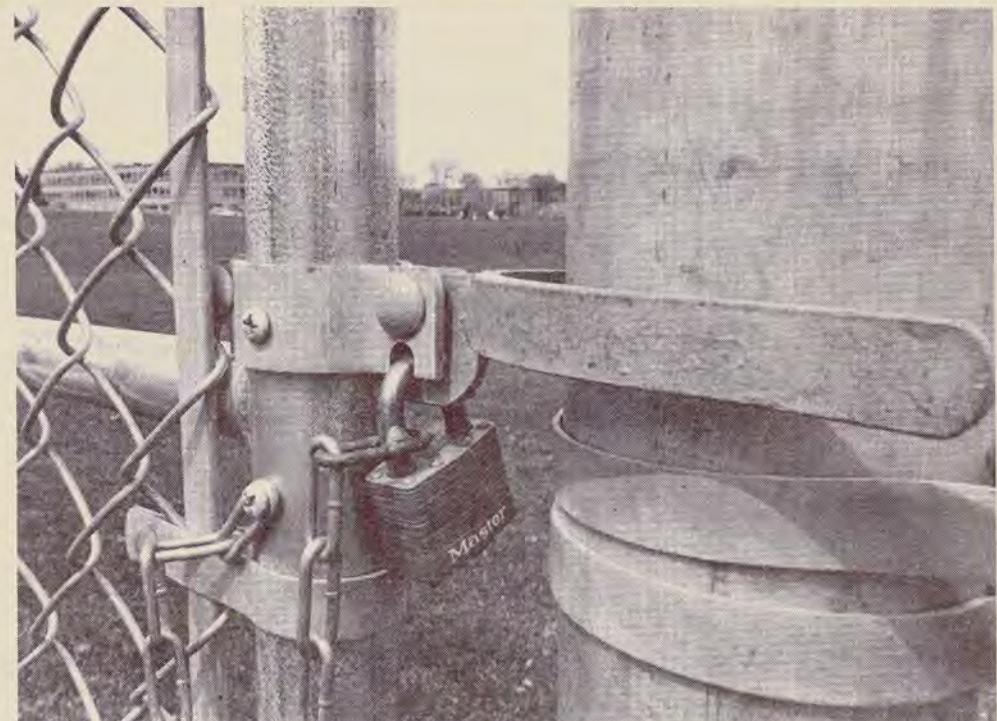
Residents were able to use the fields briefly this spring when locks on two of the gates were broken. However, the locks have since been replaced.

According to Vince Gillespie, special services manager for Parks and Recreation, the gates are supposed to be left open until at least 9:00 p.m. each evening. City Council member Mike Harris, who represents the area, said that was his understanding as well. However, Harris said neighbors have called his office to complain that the gates are locked during the early evenings and on weekends.

According to the 20-year lease that the city entered into with CDH, the school is responsible for the maintenance of the fields while the city is responsible for coordinating all public uses when CDH is not using the fields.

Both Gillespie and CDH president-principal Richard Engler said they are interested in working with the neighbors to better accommodate them when the fields are not scheduled by the school or organized recreational leagues. One idea suggested by Engler was to give a responsible neighbor a key to the gates.

The lease of the fields does not specifically include any provisions for passive recreational activities, informal softball, baseball and soccer games. The lease states that the fields are to be used for youth sports only, not for adult leagues.



Highland residents say locked gates are keeping them from enjoying the \$1 million in improvements that were made to the Carondelet Fields near Cretin-Derham Hall last year as part of a shared-use agreement between the city and school. Photo by Mike Long.

This spring marks the first season of shared use of the new fields. The first public use of the fields will start up in the next few weeks when youth baseball and softball get under way. The Highland-Groveland Recreation Association and the Highland Little League will be two of the major users of the fields this summer.

"The intent in developing the fields and the lease agreement was primarily to add badly needed game space," Gillespie said. "It was not our intent to shoo people off."

"Our issue with passive recreation is that we don't have the staff to supervise what

would be going on after the school day," Engler said. "But we're not against community use." He said that neighbors have always been welcome to use the school's softball fields and tennis courts located south of the school. Those facilities are not locked.

Locked gates or not, Engler and Gillespie said certain activities will not be allowed on the fields. They said dogs are prohibited because not all owners clean up after their animals and golf is prohibited because of potential for damage to the turf and underground sprinklers.

## Desnoyer Park outlines plan to quell parties on river bluff

by Jane McClure

Late-night partying and suspected gay "cruising" along the Mississippi River just north of the Marshall Avenue-Lake Street Bridge have prompted the Desnoyer Park Improvement Association (DPIA) to request more police patrols and a long-term plan to redevelop the riverside area as a park.

DPIA president Doug Grev presented a proposal to the Merriam Park Community Council on April 14 that recommends, among other things, clearing fallen trees and undergrowth that block public access and make the area less visible to police. According

to Grev, the beach has become a magnet for parties and homosexual activity.

The Merriam Park Community Council tabled action on the plan until its next meeting on May 12 at the Merriam Park Community Center.

Late-night parties are nothing new on either the St. Paul or Minneapolis sides of the Mississippi River. Underage drinking, drug use, litter, damage to property and loud noise all have been reported for decades.

Desnoyer Park residents say they do not want to blame the recent problems on any one group. "I think people are more concerned about potential criminal activity than

they are about sexual conduct," said Merriam Park board member Sheri Smith.

The written proposal from the DPIA states that the bluff is now considered "off limits" by neighborhood residents because of safety concerns.

According to Grev, increased law enforcement, volunteer patrols and informational leafleting of parked vehicles are short-term solutions to the problem. Other efforts outlined in the plan include working with Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (formerly the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission) to build new steps to the river from Pelham Boulevard and add a railing to

an existing stairway at Emerald Avenue.

Grev said he would also like to ask the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build a public dock at the site of the former Meeker Island lock and dam, which was once located between Eustis Street and Emerald Avenue. Over a period of several years, the DPIA also would like to see the riverbluff improved by clearing away trees and undergrowth. "We'd like to get the area cleaned up and make it safe for all people to use," Grev said.

However, Merriam Park Community Council members have battled with the St.

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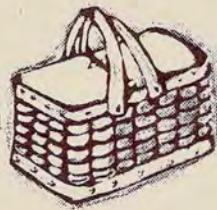
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## West 7th to get better bus shelters despite possibility of light-rail transit

by Jane McClure

With the completion of a \$1.15 million transit study within the Riverview Corridor still a year away, the Ramsey County Board, acting as the Regional Rail Authority, has unanimously approved \$1.5 million in transit improvements along West 7th Street, one of the corridor's possible routes.

The \$1.5 million was drawn from state and federal funds allocated last year to Metro Transit. Metro Transit needed the county's OK before the funds could be spent, according to Metro Transit spokesperson Bob Gibbons.

About two-thirds of the money will be spent on bus shelters in downtown St. Paul. The remainder will be spent at 13 bus stops on West 7th Street, including \$210,000 for improved lighting, \$196,000 for upgrading existing shelters, \$130,000 for transit information kiosks and \$21,000 for new bus shelters.

The federal and state funds cannot be spent on more buses or operational expenses, Gibbons said, but must be used for such improvements as shelters and lighting.

The expenditure was not on the Rail Authority's April 13 agenda. However, county commissioners said it had to be approved that day to meet a Metropolitan Council deadline that was based on state and federal regulations.

The Riverview Corridor—which would extend from St. Paul's East Side through downtown, the West 7th and Highland Park neighborhoods to Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and the Mall of America—has been eyed as a route for light-rail transit, improved bus service or both. It would follow West 7th Street, I-35E or the Canadian Pacific railroad right-of-way. Shepard Road has also been considered for these improvements, but its greater distance from homes and businesses would likely make it impractical, according to Regional Rail Au-

thority director Kathy Despiegelaere.

County Commissioner Dino Guerin was among those who questioned spending state and federal money on the transit improvements before a specific Riverview Corridor route is selected.

Commissioner Jan Parker Wiessner agreed. "This just seems like we're putting the cart before the horse," she said.

"The only reason we're doing this is because we have federal money," said Regional Rail Authority chairman Tony Bennett.

Commissioner Susan Haigh defended the transit improvements along West 7th, arguing that current bus riders will be better served.

"Even if the Canadian Pacific Rail route is selected for the Riverview Corridor, there'll still be bus routes on West 7th," Despiegelaere said.

West End Business and Professional Association (WEBPA) president Dan Galles said he was surprised to learn about the April 14 expenditure. The Highland District Council and West 7th/Fort Road Federation staffs were also unaware of the proposal until after it was approved.

At its April meeting, WEBPA voted against the idea of a light-rail transit line down West 7th Street. Galles, who owns the Seasons Inn at West 7th and Montreal, said WEBPA is not against mass transit and in fact supports bus service on West 7th Street. However, business people are concerned about any loss of on-street parking and customer access that may result from a light-rail line in the West 7th right-of-way, he said.

The Highland District Council will devote much of its annual meeting on Wednesday, April 21, to Riverview Corridor transit issues. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Ramsey County Commissioner Rafael Ortega and representatives of the Parsons Brinckerhoff engineering firm will update area residents on the Riverview Corridor study.

## Desnoyer Park bluff

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Paul Division of Parks and Recreation over tree cutting along the river bluff for years. Last year, they were particularly angered when the city cut down trees along Mississippi River Boulevard to improve views of the river. The Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County is now seeking funds from the Legislative Committee on Minnesota Resources to replant the bluff and restore native species.

Community council member Michael McDonough, who lives along the boulevard, noted that clearing the river bluff in Min-

neapolis' Prospect Park neighborhood was done with little public knowledge and angered a lot of people.

"Six acres of flood plain forest were destroyed," said McDonough, who works for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "It was a travesty."

The riverbluff on the St. Paul side is steeper than it is on the Minneapolis side and is more vulnerable to erosion, McDonough added. "Before we pass anything," he said, "we need to make sure that we don't have anyone clearing vegetation."

## Party tips its caps to charity April 29

The Cathedral Hill May Day Committee will host its annual "fun raiser," the May Day Hat Party, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at Fabulous Fern's Bar and Grill, 400 Selby Ave.

Proceeds from the fifth annual event will benefit the YWCA of St. Paul's Transitional Housing Program, which prepares homeless mothers and their children for independent living. Those who attend the party are asked to beg, borrow or bedeck their own May Day headgear. Prizes will be awarded to those wearing the five best hats.

A tax-deductible \$15 donation will be requested at the door. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided compliments of Fern's. An auction will be held, door prizes will be awarded and games of chance will be played, with prizes that include a half-carat diamond from R.F. Moeller Jeweler, dinners for two at Twin Cities restaurants and many other items donated by local businesses.



Fabulous headgear will again be in fashion at the May Day Hat Party, a benefit for homeless mothers. Photo by Mike Long.

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# Food for the soul

## Volunteer has found new avocation opening her arms to AIDS sufferers

by Leslie Walters

Pat Pfundstein arrived at work on a recent Monday morning and found out there was going to be a funeral. For Pfundstein, a volunteer with Open Arms of Minnesota, losing a client is an occupational hazard, but she was not prepared to lose her good friend Marty. "I'm really sad," she said. "When I saw him last, I fully expected to see him again."

Marty, 54, was one of 386 clients served by Open Arms of Minnesota, a 13-year-old meals-on-wheels program for Twin Cities area residents with HIV/AIDS. Open Arms clients may be unable to afford the food they need or too exhausted at the end of the workday to prepare it. "A lot of them are too sick to go out and shop and cook," said Pfundstein.

Pfundstein, 70, a long-time Macalester-Groveland resident, had known Marty since she began volunteering at Open Arms five years ago. Theirs was a special relationship, with long talks about the books they were reading or the classes they were taking. What made his death especially difficult was its suddenness. "Usually the people go gradually," Pfundstein said. "You get used to it."

Open Arms, which is based in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis, prepares and delivers 140 meals each day. Until two years ago, it was run by volunteers alone. Now its five paid staff members are assisted by 380 volunteers, 100 of whom work each week. That includes the office workers, the cooking crew and the delivery team.

An Open Arms meal is essentially two meals. It includes soup, salad, hot entree, sandwich, vegetable, side dish, bread or another starch, dessert and several "enhancers" such as cereal, fruit or applesauce. Planned by a registered dietitian, the meal supplies two-thirds of the recommended daily allowance of vitamins and minerals. For many clients, it may be the only food they have that day, ac-

cording to Rachel Stokman, Open Arms' coordinator of volunteers.

According to Pfundstein, the new "cocktail" drugs for treating AIDS can be deceptive. A patient will appear to be doing fine but then die. "It's like a double whammy when it hits," she said. The treatments consist of one of more than 200 combinations of three or more anti-HIV drugs, Stokman said. Though the combinations appeared to be fairly successful in managing the disease at first, they are proving to be effective only for some.

When Pfundstein retired as a Ramsey County social worker in 1994, she had no intention of sitting idle. "I've always thought you should give something back to the community you live in," she said. But working at Open Arms "is just plain fun," she said. "I love food and cooking."

Pfundstein recalled her first day at Open Arms. "I walked in and (the executive director) was cooking corn, green peppers, mushrooms and some other colorful ingredients for a soup," she said. "I was attracted right away because I could see that it wasn't just dull, bland stuff."

"The food is real good," said client Anthony Carter. "It makes cooking and eating much easier because a lot of days you have no energy." Carter avoids milk products, and he appreciates Open Arms' willingness to work with his special dietary needs.

Pfundstein has worked as a cook and driver for most of her tenure at Open Arms. "When I came in on Thursdays, I'd do whatever they needed—scooping soup into a bowl, checking to see how the meals were coming, frosting and cutting up cake, making sandwiches," she said. "The cooks here are all really good. They make wonderful soup. And the pie is so good. One of the perks of going to Open Arms is that I always get to eat lunch."

As a driver, Pfundstein enjoyed visiting

clients, many of whom were bedridden or otherwise unable to come to the door. Although brief, the deliveries may be the only social contact the clients have that day. "Long-time drivers, in particular, make a significant impact," Stokman said. "It's food of the heart, food of the soul."

For the past five years, Pat Pfundstein has volunteered her services for the benefit of Open Arms of Minnesota and its clients who suffer from AIDS. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

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A client named Eli, who did not want to give his last name, was moved by Pfundstein's caring way. "She always had a nice word," he said, "and she was always on time. I appreciated that."

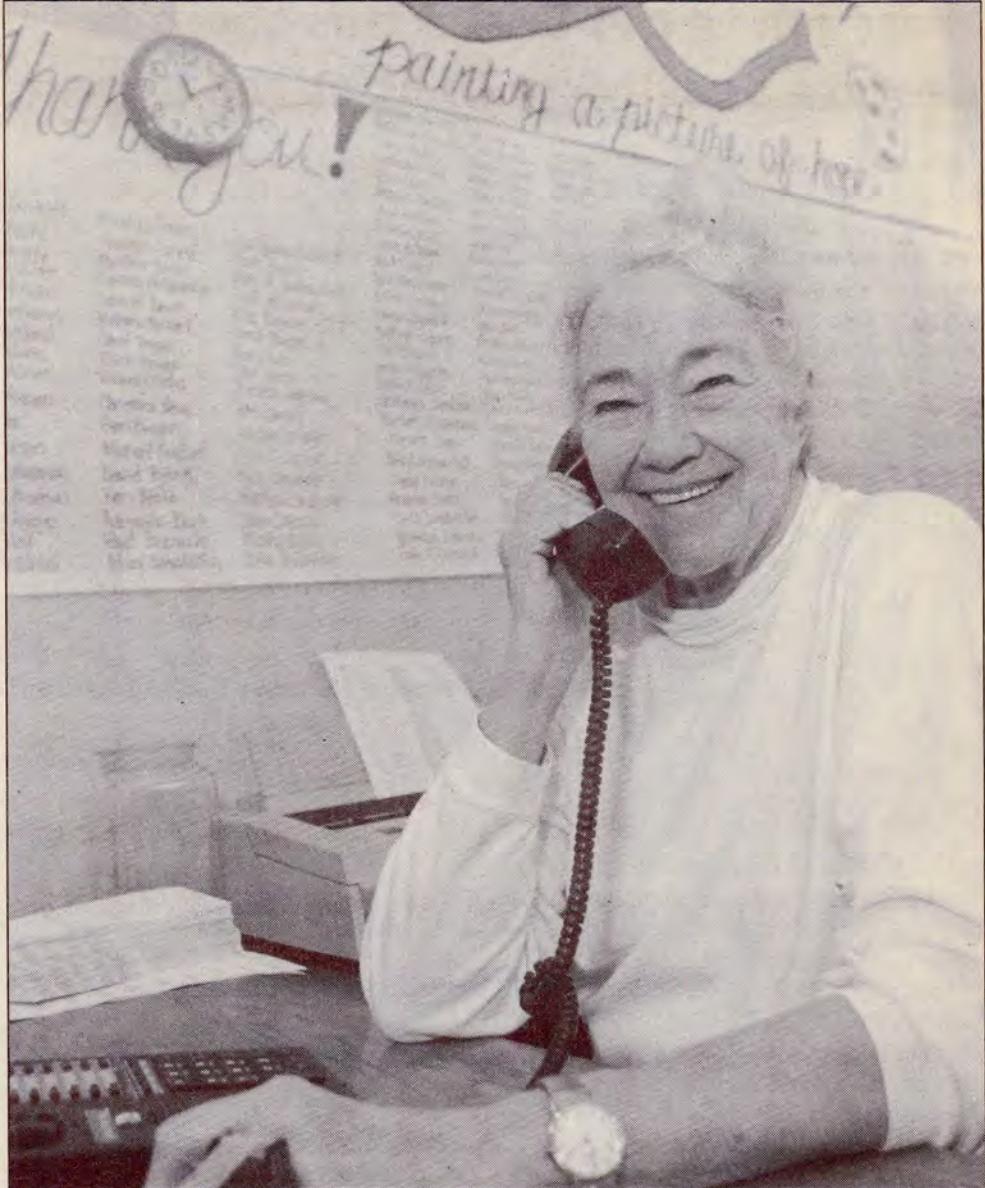
When Pfundstein's back and hip began bothering her, she had to stop delivering and went to work in the office. Besides answering phones every Monday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., she stuffs and labels envelopes, writes thank-you notes and performs whatever tasks the staff asks of her.

For Pfundstein, a mother of eight and

grandmother of 14, living in the moment is important. "I'm conscious more and more as I get older that we have every day and all the wonderful things that happen between people," she said. "Being retired has been a joy. It took me awhile to quiet down, but it gave me another chance to make choices about what I really want to do."

"Pat is a wise, spirited woman," Stokman said. "When she's here in the office, she brings energy to the air. Pat is gentle and respectful with clients. She definitely makes a difference."

An orientation and training session for new volunteers will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at Open Arms, 1414 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. Dinner will be served, so prospective volunteers are asked to call Stokman at 612-872-1152 beforehand.



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**Lynn Rucki**, a Portland Avenue resident and substitute teacher with St. Paul Public Schools, spent a two-week stint in the Cloud Forest region of Santa Elena, Costa Rica, as a member of Global Volunteers. Rucki and her teammates worked to build benches and maintain trails in the forest reserve. She was accompanied by her husband, Mike, who is a volunteer coordinator with Global Volunteers. The couple also recently served as long-term volunteer teachers in rural Tanzania.

**The Children's Program** of Northern Ireland is seeking 100 families interested in hosting a child from Northern Ireland for five weeks this summer. The children, most of whom are 10 or 11 years old, will arrive in the Twin Cities on June 29 or 30 and will return to their Belfast area homes on August 3 or 4. Host families pay a fee, which covers round-trip airfare. Call 651-405-1108.

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**Alyssa Iverson** of Merriam Park spent a week volunteering in the Mississippi Delta as part of a 10-member team from Global Volunteers. She helped tutor school children, paint buildings and provide computer assistance in the small town of Metcalfe, Mississippi, which prior to 1978 had no indoor plumbing and people heated their homes and cooked with wood stoves.

rior citizens. People may volunteer individually, as a family or with a group of friends. For information, call 651-645-6445.

**Eleanor Daly** of Highland Park was part of a seven-member team that spent three weeks as health-care and general volunteers on the island of Rarotonga in the Cook Islands of the South Pacific. They painted a health clinic, conducted health-care exams, taught nursing students, wrote diets for hospital patients and consulted on computer issues as members of Global Volunteers. Daly is a retired physical therapist who spent 24 years working at the Highland Chateau.

**The Japanese Garden** at Como Zoo is seeking tour guides. Training will be held April 22 and 29. The garden will be open to visitors beginning in May. For information, call Karyn Thompson at 651-487-8247.

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## Merriam Park COUNCIL CAPSULE

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### KUDOS TO BLOCK LEADERS

The Merriam Park Community Council would like to thank everyone who attended the recent block leader meeting. It was a good opportunity to meet other block leaders, talk about issues and talk with St. Paul City Council member Jay Benanav about block issues.

Those who were unable to attend the event may come to the community council's office at Liberty State Bank and pick up a block leader's guide. The spring block leader mailing with information about the billboard ballot initiative, Y2K, panhandling and crime

statistics will be out soon. For information, call Christine Yanchar at 651-644-1085.

### STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS

Signs with the message "On the Street, Stop for Feet" have been installed around the Merriam Park neighborhood in recent months to remind motorists of the state law that requires them to stop for pedestrians at all intersections where traffic signals are not in operation. Last year in Minnesota, 58 pedestrians were killed and 1,434 were injured by motor vehicles at intersections. Violators of the crosswalk law can be sentenced to 90 days in jail and fined \$700.

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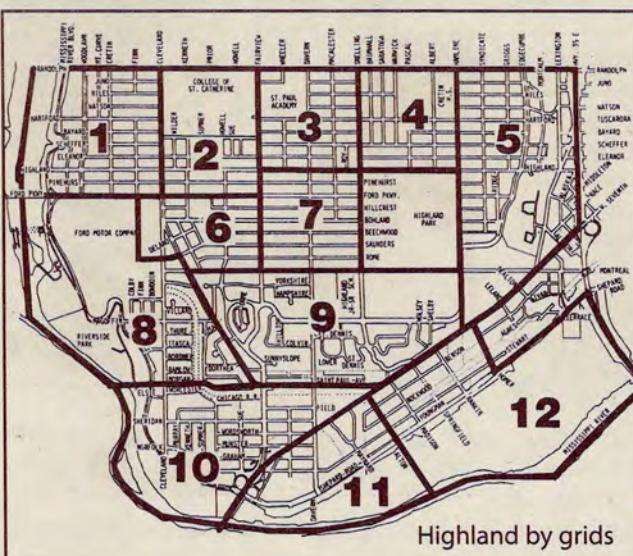
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## Highland District COUNCIL CAPSULE



### ANNUAL MEETING

The Highland District Council will hold its annual meeting at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Up for election at that time will be representatives of the council's odd-numbered grids as well as two at-large seats and the representative for Grid 6, which is vacant. To hold an election in a grid, at least three residents or property owners from that area must be present and willing to vote. At-large members are elected by all residents or property owners in the dis-

trict who are present at the meeting.

A discussion will be held during the annual meeting on light-rail transit plans for the Riverview Corridor between St. Paul's East Side and Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. The Highland District Council has invited City Council members Mike Harris and Chris Coleman and Ramsey County Board members Rafael Ortega and Tony Bennett to be the speakers for the evening.

For information, call the district council office at 651-298-5138.

### BIKE THEFTS

The return of warmer weather has resulted in an increase in bicycle thefts in the Highland area. Riders are being urged to purchase good locks and to use them even if they are only going to be away from their bicycles for a short time. It also is a good idea to lock bicycles to something that cannot be moved if they are stored in the garage.

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### SPRING CLEANUP

The Highland and Macalester-Groveland community councils will host a joint spring cleanup from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 8, in the parking lot at Highland Park Senior High School, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. Volunteers are needed for three-hour shifts. Those who sign up to help will receive lunch, refreshments and free entry to drop items off at the cleanup site. For information or to volunteer, call 651-298-5138.

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# NAMES in the NEWS

## Boy Scouts name Spurgeon Award winners

Three area leaders were among the eight recognized this week by the Indianhead Council of the Boy Scouts of America for their community involvement and career excellence. Receiving the council's annual Spurgeon Awards were Tim Macke, president of Liberty State Bank and a resident of Mendota Heights; Joann Knuth, principal of Highland Park Senior High School; and Lehan Ryan, a Summit Hill resident and partner in the Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly law firm.

Macke has taught students in high schools throughout the area about banking, business and everyday economics and helped develop the curriculum for Concordia University's MBA program. He has worked to improve housing, educational and employment opportunities for St. Paul's



Tim Macke

Southeast Asian immigrants. Since 1971 he has coached youth football, basketball and soccer teams and has volunteered his services to such local organizations as the Inner City Youth League and Youth Express.

Under Knuth's leadership, Highland Park became the first St. Paul senior high school to adopt a site-based management board. Last year Highland was named a Blue

Ribbon Award School, a distinction held by only 166 schools nationwide. Knuth has also been active in the Boy Scouts' Exploring program. She started the first teaching Exploring post in the St. Paul area and continues to serve as associate adviser for another Scouting group.

Ryan served as the first chair of Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services' Campaign for Legal Aid, a model for 25 other legal aid campaigns across the nation. The campaign encourages private attorneys, law-related businesses, foundations and others to ensure that children, the poor and other disadvantaged people receive equal justice under the law. A former president of the Linwood School PTA, Ryan has served on the St. Paul YMCA board and as a Boy Scout troop leader.

Erich Mische of Summit Hill has been appointed by St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman as the city's director of strategic initiatives. Mische held that post before leaving for Media Rare, where as an executive vice president he arranged to bring the Titanic exhibit to St. Paul. "Erich has the ability to concentrate on outcomes and will bring this talent to my important policy objectives over the next three years," Coleman said. Mische, who also managed Coleman's two successful mayoral campaigns, will focus on several long-term projects, Coleman said, including housing, riverfront development, opening city services to a new competitive bidding process,

and preparing for any problems associated with the Y2K computer phenomenon.

Margaret Olson of Macalester-Groveland was recently awarded the Luther Halsey Gulick Award, the top adult volunteer honor of Camp Fire Boys and Girls. Olson has been associated with Camp Fire as a youth member, adult volunteer and staff member. She was recently named president of the Camp Fire board. Her mother, Emily Olson, recently received the Blue Ribbon Award from Camp Fire for over 40 years of volunteer service. A Macalester-Groveland resident, the elder Olson has served as a club leader and volunteer at Camp Ojiketa.

Sarah Olson of Macalester-Groveland, a junior at Central High School, has been elected as a youth representative on the board of directors of Camp Fire Boys and Girls. A former member of Camp Fire, Olson serves as co-leader of her sister's Camp Fire club. She also co-chairs a local Teens in Action board.

Dr. Keith Folkert of Highland Park has been named a medical director at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. He previously worked in private practice and served as medical director of Heart of America HMO and the Minni-Tohe Indian Health Center, both in North Dakota.

## THE HBA TODAY

BY PATRICIA BOYD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
HIGHLAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The HBA will hold its next general membership meeting at noon on Thursday, April 22, at the Seasons Inn on West 7th Street. James Silva of the Minnesota Department of Technology will speak on "Y2K and Your Business." The cost is \$10. For information, call the HBA at 651-699-9042.

### HIGHLAND FEST

Planning for Highland Fest 1999 is now in full swing. The theme for this year's festival, which will be held August 13-15, is "Discover Highland." Plans are to once again close Ford Parkway between Kenneth and Cleveland from Friday through Sunday as well as from Cleveland to Finn on Saturday and Sunday.

KSTP-AM 1500 talk radio will be broadcasting live from Highland Fest on Saturday and Sunday. The HBA also is planning a classic car show and cruise, a Taste of Highland, an ice skating party, bingo for seniors, a trip give-away and a farmer's market to go along

with popular activities from previous years.

The next Highland Fest meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, in the Village View Room at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. For information about getting involved as an event sponsor, exhibiting artist, concessionaire or volunteer, call the HBA at 651-699-9042.

### MOTHER'S DAY

The HBA's annual Mother's Day promotion is now in the works. Gift baskets will be given away to three lucky winners. Please see the entry form in this issue of the Villager.

### ADOPT A PLANTER

Business owners and others who love to garden are invited to adopt one of the brick planters in Highland Village. Watering will be done by the HBA. There are 36 planters available. All of those who adopt a planter will have a chance to win prizes. To adopt a planter, call the HBA at 651-699-9042.

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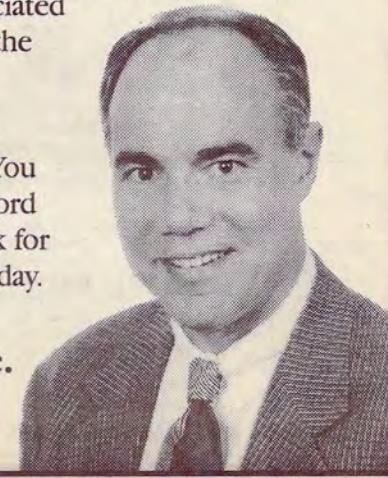
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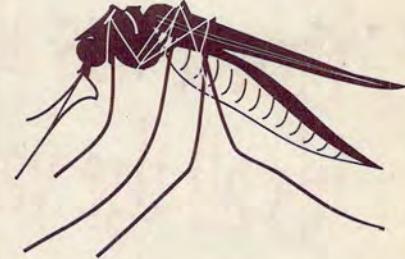
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COUNCIL CAPSULE****NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED**

Macalester-Groveland residents who attended the annual meeting of their community council on April 15 elected to new two-year terms close to half of the board of directors.

Chosen to represent the odd-numbered grids (see map) were Tom Moss, 175 Woodlawn Ave., grid 1; Renee Jenson, 2047 Grand Ave., grid 3; Philip Tesch, 132 S. Wheeler St., grid 5; Sara Pillow, 2116 Jefferson Ave., grid 9; Susan Crumb, 1663 Berkeley Ave., grid 11; Julie Stoltz, 1298 Stanford Ave., grid 13; Michael Buellow, 1645 Palace Ave., grid 15; and Derek Tonn, 1320 Jefferson Ave., grid 17. Elected as at-large representatives were Julie Machacek, 1716 Grand Ave., and Danita Peterson, 396 Macalester St. David Erickson, owner of Highland Repair at St. Clair and Prior avenues, was elected to represent area businesses.

No one was elected from Grid 7, the area bounded by Summit, Pascal, St. Clair and Hamline avenues. Residents of that area may elect a representative at the community council's May 20 meeting. Also to be filled are positions representing Macalester-Groveland educational institutions and religious institutions. For more information, call Kathie Tarnowski at the community council office at 651-698-7973.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RANKED**

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council has ranked the projects within the neighborhood that have been proposed for the city of St. Paul's Capital Improvement Budget for 2000-2001. The top-ranked project is the relocation of the children's play area at Mattocks Park. Ranked second is the renovation of the children's play area at the Edgcumbe Recreation Center. Traffic signal revisions at Grand and Snelling avenues were ranked third. The council also voiced strong support for traffic calming measures on Fairview Avenue through the construction of landscaped medians.

**PLANT SHARE HELD MAY 8**

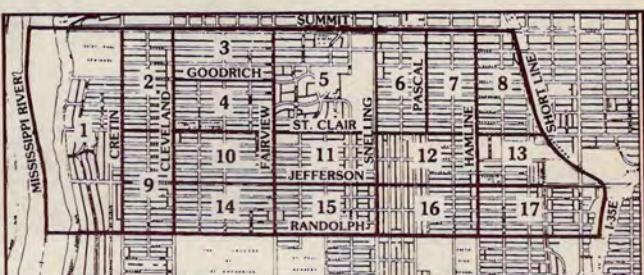
The community council's annual Plant Share will be held on Saturday, May 8, at five sites in the area. The event offers area gardeners a chance to share perennials and backyard know-how with other gardeners. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer questions.

Area residents may call the community council office at

651-698-7973 to find out the Plant Share site closest to them. Volunteers also will be needed to help out at the sites. For more information about the event or to volunteer, call Ellen Wold at 651-698-5743 or Lee Wallace at the council office.

**GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT KIDSPARK**

A giant garage-sale benefit for the KidsPark drop-in child care program will be held on Saturday, May 1, at KidsPark, located at the Groveland Recreation Center at 1961 St. Clair Ave. Donations for the garage sale may be dropped off at KidsPark on weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For information, call KidsPark at 651-698-7841.



Macalester-Groveland neighborhood by grids

**SPRING CLEANUP SET MAY 8**

The joint Highland/Macalester-Groveland spring cleanup will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, in the parking lot of Highland Park Senior High School, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. Area residents with junk to throw out will be charged \$5.00 per car load or \$10 per pickup truck or trailer.

Many volunteers are needed to work at the cleanup. They will be treated to lunch and will be invited to drop off their junk free of charge.

Household hazardous wastes such as paints, pesticides and solvents may not be brought to the cleanup but they may be taken to one of the county's collection sites. Appliances, including water heaters, humidifiers and microwave ovens, also may not be brought to the cleanup. Highland and Macalester-Groveland residents may dispose of old appliances on Monday, May 17, through JR's Appliance. Call JR's at 651-454-9215 by noon on Friday, May 14, to arrange a curbside pickup. This service costs \$15.00 for the first appliance and \$8.00 for the second and third appliance. There is an \$8.00 surcharge for air conditioners.

Brush will be collected on May 8 in the parking lot of the Highland Ice Arena at Snelling Avenue and Ford Parkway. This service is open to any St. Paul resident. The cost is \$5.00 for a car load and \$10 for a pickup truck, trailer or station wagon.

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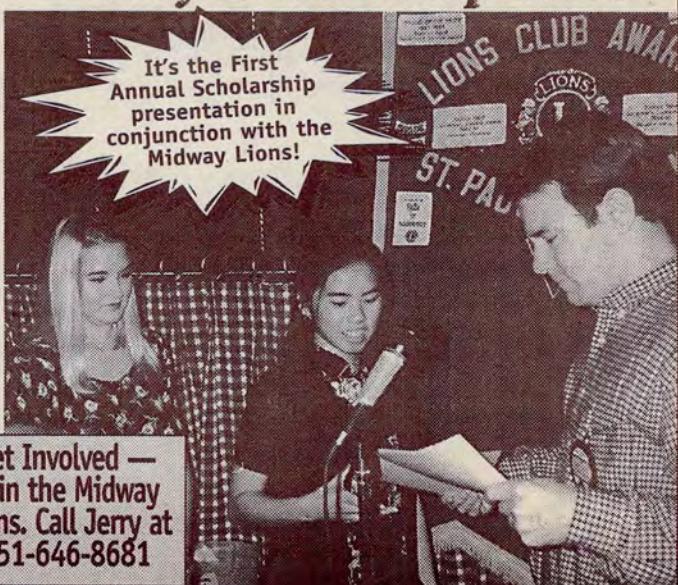
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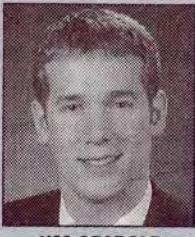
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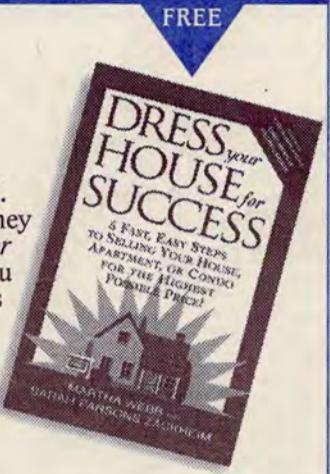
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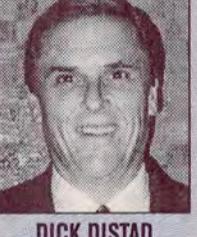
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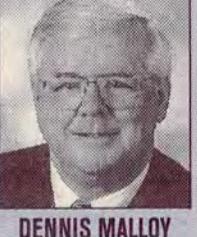
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Catherine Dolan dabbles in ink and watercolors during a class for 8- to 10-year-olds at Sue's Art House in Highland. Photo by Mike Long.

## Art at play

Studio offers place where kids' creativity can flow

by Jill Anderson Roth

Highland Park artist Sue Vannelli is finally getting a chance to do what she absolutely loves. During her 15 years of teaching art at local schools, in private lessons and through community education, Vannelli said she often found herself thinking, "I should really open a studio someday."

That day came last fall when she opened Sue's Art House/HIGHLAND Park Creativity Center at 1040 S. Cleveland Ave. On weekend afternoons and evenings, Vannelli can now be found helping youngsters from age 7 through high school hone their creative talents by dabbling in drawing and painting. She also offers adult art classes on Tuesday mornings and opens up the studio on Wednesday evenings for Bad Art Night, when she said everyone from people who "haven't touched a crayon in 30 years" to professional artists can stop in and let his or her artistic impulses run free.

Vannelli and studio supervisor Kari Larson are now planning a summer full of creative opportunities for children, including art camps taught by local artists. One of the camps, taught by Katie Donovan from June 21-25, will give youngsters ages 11-16 a chance to design and hand-paint a piece of furniture. Other offerings will include ink and brush drawing classes on Monday evenings from June 2-28, and a class on making patterns and sculptures from materials found in nature on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from June 15-24.

Children and adults also will be invited to stop in on Monday evenings beginning in July to work on their own art projects, do their school art homework or join a sketch club.

"We're really excited about the open studio time," Vannelli said. "We want to remove any beliefs by children or adults who say they 'can't do art.'"

Vannelli began her formal art ed-

ucation at the University of Minnesota where she earned a bachelor's degree in design. In 1995, with the youngest of her four children in school full time, she began taking courses at the University of St. Thomas' Institute of Creative Studies. She became a teacher in the program upon receiving her certification and also started serving as a substitute art teacher at Native Grade School.

She had thought about opening her own art studio for years and after finding a manager and refining her business goals, took the plunge last fall. Vannelli now leases 1,400 square feet of space in a small strip mall that has become a sort of enclave for woman-owned businesses.

"I love my neighbors," she said. "There's such a great energy among us and so much support for each other."

Vannelli refers to herself as "an art improvement trainer." She said Sue's

Sue's/see next page

## Area youngsters can pick from full crop of summer camp offerings

by John Wadell

With the return of warmer weather, school children will soon be fidgeting in their desks, counting down the days to summer vacation.

For parents, summer vacation can seem a lot longer if they're greeted with a chorus of "I'm boreds" soon after the final school bell rings. Thankfully, there are plenty of programs available to keep youngsters busy this summer. Among other things, they can sign up to find fossils, study Shakespeare, master math or sharpen their soccer skills.

The following are just some of the local offerings designed to stimulate young minds and bodies and help save the hair that mom and dad still have left:

### Academic camps

**Camp Katykids**, a summer program focusing on math, art and music for children in grades 2-5, will be offered by the College of St. Catherine in four week-long sessions from June 28-July 30. Cost is \$140 for half days, \$250 for full days. Call 651-690-6819.

**Discovery Clubs** will meet weekly for grades

K-6 at nine St. Paul schools from June 16-August 25. Children will participate in field trips, arts and crafts, sports, computers and more. Cost is \$27-\$125. Call 651-292-6676.

**The Minnesota Institute for Talented Youth** is now accepting applications for its summer program. Expand Your Mind for grades 7-12 includes classes in science, math, the arts, journalism, humanities, social studies, debate, study skills, psychology, aeronautics and Latin. Morning and afternoon sessions will be offered June 21-July 23 at Macalester College.

Cost is \$435 for mornings and \$380 for afternoons. An Advanced Debate Academy also will be conducted all day on weekdays from July 12-28. Cost is \$495. ExplorSchool for students in grades 5-6 will meet from June 21-July 2 at Benjamin Mays School, 560 Concordia Ave. Students can choose from such offerings as archaeology, aerodynamics, math, statistics, animal behavior, Spanish, French, speed reading and the arts. Cost is \$325. Call 651-696-6590.

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# Bully pulpit

Mac prof pens guide to help parents put children on path of nonviolence

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

The rising tide of violence in America, especially violence perpetrated by children, has prompted Macalester College sociology professor Michael Obsatz to write *Raising Nonviolent Children in a Violent World*. The handbook is intended to be a tool for parents to help children develop the skills they need to counteract the violent messages they receive from the media and their peers.

"It has a spiritual component to it, but the skills in there are for anybody," Obsatz said. "My contention is that a lot of kids are not learning the interpersonal, personal growth and self-defense skills they need to cope with a world where you suffer losses, disappointments, hard times and challenges. When those things happen, a lot of kids don't know how to deal with them."

Obsatz, who also works as a family and marriage counselor, identifies six kinds of violence: physical violence such as assault; verbal abuse and harassment; self-inflicted violence such as suicide, anorexia and drug abuse; environmental violence such as pollution and overconsumption; passive violence such as ostracism; and the cultural violence that encourages people to harm themselves or others.

"Violence is not something new to the 20th century," Obsatz said, "but between 1985 and 1995 the number of kids killed by firearms went up 153 percent."

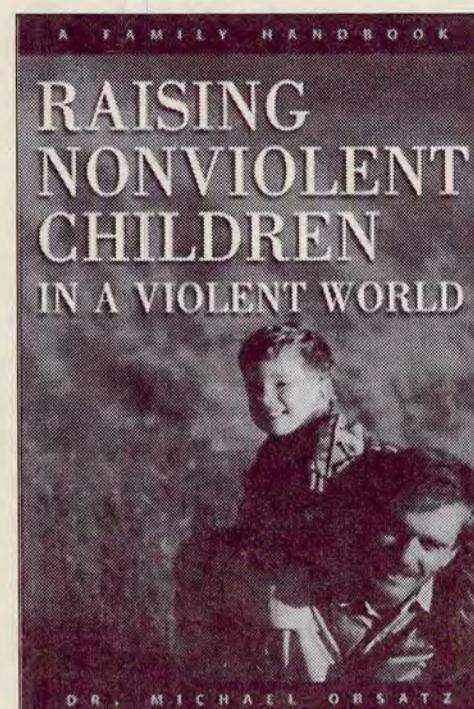
Obsatz believes there are several reasons for the increase in violence among young people. "One is a me-centeredness," he said, "the attitude that I deserve to get anything. If somebody has a bike or a jacket that I'd like, I can just take it."

Many youngsters are lacking in empathy, Obsatz said. They are unable to see the consequences of their own behavior and they have poor impulse control. In other words, he said, "they have no conscience."

*Raising Nonviolent Children* is short, simply written and eminently understandable. Chapters carry such titles as "Coping with Disappointments," "Avoiding Potentially Violent People," "Using Media Wisely" and "Choosing Good Friends." A chapter on problem-solving teaches how to negotiate, mediate and compromise. Each chapter ends with a concise affirmation for children and a list of actions parents can take to reinforce positive behavior.

"The book is about parents working with children," Obsatz said, "teaching them skills, spending quality time with them, monitoring what they watch, saying to them there are other ways to solve problems besides hitting, biting, punching, kicking, bombing, blowing up."

Many movies, television shows and video games suggest that problems can be solved by force or violence, Obsatz said. He encourages parents to tell their children why that is not so or why they do not like certain advertising



messages or video games. "What's changed over the last 40 years is that violence is not only more prevalent in the media, but more graphic, and more equated with fun," he said.

According to Obsatz, a steady diet of media violence, sex and humor may retard a child's development. Excitement stimulates the limbic system, a part of the brain. "As kids' limbic systems are developing, their cortex is not developing," he said. "The cortex is where they learn abstract thinking skills. If kids have fast-paced things happening in front of them all the time, they aren't going to learn to be patient, to pay attention over a period of time, to postpone gratification, and they aren't going to learn to empathize. It isn't only the images that kids are seeing, it's what effect those images are having on their brain development.

"We're raising a society of kids who cannot think abstractly," Obsatz said. "They're not going to be able to understand the consequences of their own behavior. That's pretty scary."

Nearly all young people are confronted with bullies at some point, Obsatz said. His chapters on self-defense are intended to help children avoid potentially violent situations by not letting the bully take over—by being assertive and sticking up for their rights, but in a way that is not violent.

"My goal for parents is to take a more active role in their kids' lives—doing more than just turning up at their events," Obsatz said. "I want parents to turn the TV off, get rid of some of the violent programming, the shallow thinking, and teach their kids some important skills. We have to become a mindful, instead of a mindless, society."

*Raising Nonviolent Children in a Violent World* was published by Augsburg Fortress of Minneapolis and is available at the Hungry Mind, 1648 Grand Ave.

## Sue's Art House

Art House provides a little different approach to art than what students are oftentimes exposed to in more formal settings. "It's a little looser and without judgment," she said. "Children need to be given a creative space to come and explore their own art without boundaries."

Vannelli believes that too many youngsters have their creative juices sapped at a young age. Her goal is to have students play with

different media and explore new ways of expressing themselves, including listening to music as they paint.

"The ability is in all of us," she said. "It's just a matter of nurturing it."

Vannelli is continuing her own art education at the Center for Arts in Minnetonka and is planning to set up a loft in her Highland Park studio where she can work on her own creations.

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## Camps are ripe for picking /from page 22

St. Paul Academy and Summit School will give students a chance to explore the arts and sharpen their academic skills in summer classes that run from June 21-July 30. Artward Bound for ages 9-14 will be held at the Upper School, 1712 Randolph Ave., and Summit Arts for ages 4-8 will be held at the Lower School, 1150 Goodrich Ave. Cost is \$990 for six weeks; \$590 for three weeks. Tutorials and enrichment classes are being offered for ages 6 to adult at an average cost of \$350. Call 651-696-1355.

**St. Thomas Academy** will offer summer school camp from June 21-July 23 for boys and girls ages 9-13. The camp offers enrichment courses in science, math and other subjects, along with individual and team sports and other recreational activities. Cost is \$450 and includes lunch. Call 651-683-1509.

**Summer Smarts**, a morning enrichment program for grades K-8, will be offered June 21-July 9 and July 12-30 at Webster Magnet School and Central High School. Cost is \$40-\$75. Call 651-293-5321.

### Arts camps

**Ars Musica Summer Institute**, an intensive curriculum for singers, pianists and flutists ages 12-19, will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. June 28-July 2 and July 6-9 at Minnesota Transitions Charter School, 3244 S. 34th Ave., Minneapolis. Cost is \$20 plus a \$100 materials fee. Students go through an audition and, once accepted, may receive a full tuition scholarship. Call 612-871-6442.

**Camp Caldecott** offers children ages 3-12 a chance to create a play or step on stage from mid-June to mid-August at Linwood A+ School, 1023 Osceola Ave. Cost is \$95-\$295. Call 651-225-9265.

**Camp Wabasha**, a week of theater, arts and science, will be offered for ages 6-12 from August 16-20 at the Science Museum of Minnesota. Cost is \$170. Call 651-225-9265.

**A Children's Music Workshop** for ages 11-14 will be offered from June 14-25 at the University of St. Thomas Music Conservatory. Advanced string and baroque ensembles will be offered for ages 8-14. Cost is \$345. Call 651-962-5860.

**The College of Visual Arts**, 344 Summit Ave., will offer Kids Art Adventure—Art Inside-Out for ages 5-14 from June 28-July 30. Cost is \$95-\$150. Call 651-224-3416.

Concordia University will host a theater camp from June 20-26 for students in grades 7-12. The camp will train students in acting, dance, vocal technique and auditioning. The camp will be directed by Mark Rosenwinkel of Chanhassen Dinner Theatres. Cost is \$495. Call 651-641-8230.

**Crosby Farm Park** will offer weekly art camps for ages 5-8 from June 14-August 27. Cost is \$70. Art camps for ages 9-13 will be offered from June 28-July 9 and July 19-30. Cost is \$130. Call 651-487-8272.

**Music camp** for grades 5-6 will be offered from August 2-6 at Ramsey Junior High School. Cost is \$65. Call 651-293-8948.

**Sue's Art House**, 1040 S. Cleveland Ave., will offer summer art classes for children ages 8 to high school as well as art camps in furniture painting, ink drawing and collaborating with nature. Cost is \$98-\$160. Call 651-690-3214.

**SteppingStone Theatre** for Youth Development will offer summer day camps for children ages 3 1/2-12 at Linwood A+ School. The sessions include Camp Caldecott, Create-a-Play and Step-on-Stage. Cost is \$95-\$295. Feast of Fools and Broadway Bound, a study in Shakespeare for ages 13-16, will be held from June 14-July 2 and July 5-30, respectively. Cost is \$295-\$395. Call 651-225-9265.

**Teen Talk Show** will be offered to ages 12-18 on June 19-23 at Concordia University. Teens will produce their own talk show to be shown on cable TV. Cost is \$100. Call 651-293-8738.

**Teen Visual Arts Sampler—Art in the City** will be offered during weekly sessions from July 5-23 for ages 15-18 at the College of Visual Arts. Teens will try their hand at mixed media, photography and sculpture. Cost is \$150-\$300. Call 651-224-3416.

### Sports camps

**The College of St. Catherine** will offer several summer sports camps. Nike basketball camp for girls ages 8-17 will run from June 20-24. Nike softball camp for girls ages 8-18 will run from July 5-9. A coed cross country camp for grades 7-12 will run from July 21-24. Nike coed tennis camp for ages 9-18 will run from June 20-July 23. Girls volleyball camp will run from July 14-16 for grades 6-8 and July 25-29 for high schoolers, along with a day camp on July 19-23. Cost is \$70-\$595. Call 1-800-NIKE-CAMP for basketball, softball and tennis; 651-690-8778 for cross coun-

try; and 651-690-6082 for volleyball.

**Dennis Denning** summer baseball rookie leagues will be offered for boys in grades 3-5 and 5-6 from June 14-July 15. All games are played at the University of St. Thomas with pitching machines and safety balls. Cost is \$100 and includes a jersey and hat. Call 651-962-5924.

**The Jewish Community Center**, 1375 St. Paul Ave., is offering weeklong basketball camps for boys and girls ages 2-8 from June 14-July 16. Coed camps also have been added this year. Cost is \$50-\$90. Call 651-698-0751.

**Johnny Tauer**, a former Cretin-Derham Hall and University of St. Thomas basketball player, will conduct his fifth annual basketball camps this summer for boys in grades 4-9 and girls in grades 4-6. Weeklong sessions will begin July 26, August 2 and 9 at St. Thomas, and July 5 and 12 at Nativity and St. Mark's grade schools. Cost is \$69-\$99. A two-week high school camp will be held July 5-16. Cost is \$120. Call 651-698-3524.

**The Minnesota Thunder** will hold two Learn from the Pros youth soccer camps this summer at St. Paul Academy. The half-day and full-day camps are for players ages 6-14 and will be held from June 28-July 2 and August 2-6. The camps will be led by Thunder coach Buzz Lagos. The cost is \$105 for half-day and goalkeeper sessions, \$120 for foot skills, \$135 for advanced and \$185 for full day. Discounts are available for those who register by May 14. Call 612-785-3668.

**St. Paul Academy and Summit School** will hold the following summer sports camps: a girls basketball camp from June 22-24 for grades 4-9 (\$90); weeklong tennis camps for various ages from June 12-August 6 (\$55-\$135); and a summer hockey school for boys and girls ages 6-12 from June 14-July 30 (\$190). The school also will hold its 20th annual instructional hockey league from June 14-August 6 for ages 9-18. Call 651-698-2451.

**Soccer camps** for boys and girls in grades K-8 will be offered at Visitation School and St. Thomas Academy this summer. Girls will meet on June 14-18 and boys will meet on June 21-25. Cost is \$80 and includes a soccer ball and T-shirt. Call 651-688-6726.

**Youth basketball camps** will be led this summer by Visitation coach Paul Bernabei and Nativity coach Midge Hernandez. There will be shooting camps for boys and girls in grades 4-12 from June 14-18, July 19-23 and 26-30 at Nativity; basketball camps for boys and girls entering grades 4-8 from July 19-23

at Visitation; and basketball camps for girls entering grades 4-8 from June 21-25 and July 26-30 at Nativity. Cost is \$70 and includes a basketball. Call 651-690-5758.

### Nature camps

**Crosby Park Nature Center** will host a "Wild Minnesota" day camp from July 26-30 and August 2-6 for ages 5-8. Cost is \$65. Call 651-487-8272.

**Mississippi River Camp** will be offered by St. Paul Parks and Recreation at the Highland Park Pavilion from June 21-25 and July 12-16 for youngsters in grades 3-6. Activities will include a river cruise, fossil digging, nature projects, field trips and swimming. Cost is \$75. Call 651-266-6400.

**St. Paul Parks and Recreation** will offer summer day camps from July 26-30 and August 9-13 at the Lake Elmo Park Reserve for children ages 7-12. Cost is \$90 and includes transportation from St. Paul recreation centers. Call 651-266-6400.

**"Summer Under the Sun"** day camps will be conducted for grades K-6 at the Dodge Nature Center in West St. Paul. Highlights include arts and crafts, animal demonstrations and habitat exploration. One- and two-week sessions will be held June 21-August 13. Cost is \$30-\$104. Call 651-455-4531.

### General interest

**The Farm in the City** program for ages 7-12 will be offered weekly from June 21-July 29 at Dunning Field. Cost is \$25 a week; \$100 for the whole program. Call 651-641-8740.

**The Jewish Community Center** will offer day camps from June through August at Camp Butwin for elementary children, at Camp Artzi for children in grades K-2 and at Camp Centerland for preschoolers. Camp Butwin is on the center's 80-acre wooded site in Eagan. The other camps are held at the JCC. Cost is \$54-\$600. Call 651-698-0751.

**McCarthy Gym** at the University of St. Thomas will conduct its 16th annual summer day camp from June 21-August 13 for ages 3-11. Activities will focus on recreation, environmental issues, arts and crafts. Cost is \$92-\$98 per weeklong session. A junior counseling program also is available for those ages 13-16 at no fee. Call 651-962-5933.

**Preschool Pals** summer program for children in grades 4-5 will be offered by School District 197 from June 14-July 22 at Garlough School in West St. Paul and the Learning Center in Mendota Heights. Cost is \$100. Call 651-405-2480.

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"CARING FOR YOUR PARENTS Who Live Out of Town" will be offered at 7:00 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. For information, call 651-698-0751.

Thursday/April 22

"FOOD IRRADIATION: Safe or Sorry?" a Consumer's Right to Know forum, will be offered at 7:00 this evening in the Weyerhaeuser Chapel at Macalester College. Admission is free with a nonperishable food item. For tickets, call 651-696-6203.

**NEW EVIDENCE** about the Jewish revolt against the Roman rulers of Palestine in 66-70 A.D. will be discussed this evening by Neil Asher Silberman of *Archaeology Magazine*. Free and open to the public, the lecture will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Concert Hall of Macalester College's Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center.

**A SILENT AUCTION** and raffle will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 this evening at Randolph Heights Elementary School, 348 S. Hamline Ave. Dinner will be available. All proceeds will benefit PTA-sponsored activities.

"WHAT'S SNEEZING YOU," a class to learn about allergies, ways to decrease allergy-related symptoms and medication choices, will be offered at 7:00 this evening at Henry Sibley High School, 1897 Delaware Ave., Mendota Heights. Admission is free. To register, call HealthEast at 651-232-1515.

**THE YWCA** of St. Paul, 198 N. Western Ave., will sponsor a "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today for girls ages 9-15. Morning activities will include exercises to develop job readiness, a panel discussion featuring career women and hands-on tips for using the Internet to find information about careers. In the afternoon, girls can "job shadow" volunteer women at their work sites. To register, call Carolyn at 651-222-3741, ext. 723.

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The college's pipe band, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, will be among more than 200 kilted bagpipers and drummers—twice the number of previous years—who will march together in the Parade of Tartans and Massed Bands at 11:30 a.m. that day. The units will be led by world champion drum major Alastair Patterson of Belfast.

The parade is just one of the highlights of the fair and games, which will run from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and will draw competitors from across the Upper Midwest and Canada. Highland dancers will showcase their intricate footwork and stamina, bagpipers will compete for top honors in solo and band divisions, and athletes will attempt to prove their prowess in the "heavy events," including the hammer toss, stone put and caber toss. The special guest at this year's competition will be world heavy-event champion Ryan Vierra.

Popular Scottish vocalist Alex Beaton and the folk duo Men of Worth will headline the musical lineup with three concerts each from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Janet Wallace Concert Hall. Additional stages set up outside will feature performances by Clairseach, Laura MacKenzie, Ross Sutter, Thistledown and more.

A Scottish Marketplace will feature authentic foods and crafts. Clann Tartan will re-enact Scottish life in the 1600s all day and Scottish sheepherding will be demonstrated. Admission is \$8.00 for adults and



Macalester's 50-year-old pipe band has been a mainstay at the Scottish Fair.

\$5.00 for children and seniors.

A "Welcome Celebration" to salute the 125th anniversary of Macalester College and the 50th anniversary of its pipe band will be held on Friday, April 30, at the Fitzgerald Theater, 10 E. Exchange St. in downtown St. Paul. The celebration will begin with a street festival at 6:00 p.m. and continue with a concert at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are priced from \$12-\$20 and are available at the Fitzgerald or through Ticketmaster at 612-989-5151.

For information, call 651-696-6239 or visit [www.macalester.edu/~scottish](http://www.macalester.edu/~scottish).

**A LECTURE** on "Marriage After Mourning: The Secrets of Surviving Couples" will be given by nationally recognized marriage and family author Judy Pearson at 3:30 this afternoon in Owens Science Hall on the St. Paul campus of the University of St. Thomas. Admission is free. For information, call 651-962-5829.

**A RUMMAGE SALE** will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today and tomorrow and from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday in the school auditorium at St. Mark's, 1983 Dayton Ave. Call 651-646-6745.

**THE MINNESOTA HORSE EXPO**, the state's largest equine trade show and breed exhibition, will take place from 1:00 to 9:30 p.m. today, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. tomorrow and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday at the state fairgrounds. The cost is \$6.00, or \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children ages 6-12. For information, call 612-922-8666.

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Saturday/April 24

**A RUMMAGE SALE** will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 S. 37th Ave., Minneapolis. A bag sale will begin at 2:00.

**A SPAGHETTI DINNER** and bake sale will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. today at Olivet United Church of Christ, 1850 Iglehart Ave. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for seniors and children 6-10.

**"CELEBRATE THE FAMILY"** will be offered from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today at the Minnesota Children's Museum, 10 W. 7th St. The musical duo Tune Into Kids! will provide entertainment at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Parents will be able to collect information on parenting, family services and child abuse.

**A CONSTITUENT FORUM** will be held by State Representative Michael Paymar from 9:30 to 11:30 this morning in the Village View Room at the Hillcrest Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

**A TOWN HALL MEETING** in recognition of Earth Day will be held by Congressman Bruce Vento from 10:30 a.m. to noon today at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. The focus of the meeting will be on the impact of urban sprawl in the Twin Cities and federal "smart growth" solutions. For information, call 651-224-4503.

**THE RAMSEY HILL ASSOCIATION** will hold its annual progressive dinner and silent auction this evening. After visiting four different homes, participants may bid on items at a silent auction at the Commodore, 75 N. Western Ave. For more information, call Terry at 651-293-1776.

Sunday/April 25

**THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB** will meet just inside the entrance of Fort Snelling National Cemetery at 2:30 this afternoon for a walk around the grounds. For information, call George at 651-224-8933.

**"PEACE, PLURALISM AND POLITICS: Perspectives on the Upcoming Israeli Elections"** will be offered at 7:00 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The panel will include Tzipora Rimon, Israeli Consul to the Midwest, along with two local Israelis. For information, call 651-698-0751.

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## Kiosk from previous page

A CHARITY AUCTION to benefit the crafters who are struggling to rebuild their shops after the fire on the Renaissance Festival grounds will be held at 1:00 this afternoon at Bandana Square. Admission is free.

A CELEBRATION of Israel's 51st birthday will take place from noon to 5:00 p.m. today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. There will be music and dance, a fund-raising event and a birthday cake. For information, call 651-698-0751.

### Monday/April 26

CZECH PRESIDENT Vaclav Havel will discuss the foundation of a civil society in a public address at 10:00 this morning in the Macalester College Field House, 125 S. Snelling Ave. Tickets for the free program are available by calling 651-223-7541.

### Tuesday/April 27

RECOVERY, a self-help support group for those facing anger and fear, will meet from 7:30 to 9:30 this evening and every Tuesday at Macalester Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave. Call 612-824-5773.

A CELEBRATION OF CULTURES Fair will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 this evening at Groveland Park Elementary School, 2045 St. Clair Ave. Each class at Groveland has explored the culture of a different country and will demonstrate what they learned. All children attending will receive a passport to be stamped at each display. There will also be baked goods, crafts and international items by artists and vendors. For information, call 651-293-8760.

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fellow at the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C., will speak this evening about the persecution of the Christian minority that has been carried out by the Islamic majority in the Sudan over the past 15 years. Free and open to the public, Horowitz' talk will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Weyerhaeuser Chapel at Macalester College.

"DESIGNING YOUR PERENNIAL Gardens" will be discussed by Diane Klausner of McCaren Designs at 7:00 this evening at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$5.00, or \$3.00 for JCC members. Call 651-698-0751.

### Thursday/April 29

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER Jay Benanav will hold a neighborhood open house from 6:30 to 7:30 this evening at the Hamline Library, 1558 W. Minnehaha Ave. For information, call 651-266-8640.

### Friday/April 30

A RUMMAGE SALE will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. today and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. tomorrow at Minnehaha United Church of Christ, 4001 S. 38th Ave., Minneapolis.

KNOLLAPALOOZA, a concert to benefit Youth Express, a nonprofit organization providing education, recreation and employment opportunities for area youth, will be held from 3:00 p.m. to midnight today at Concordia University. A variety of local bands will provide continuous entertainment on an outdoor stage. Admission is free. Call 651-641-8755.

A RED CROSS blood drive will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today at Highland Park Senior High School, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. Anyone who is at least 17 years old, weighs at least 110 pounds and is in good health may donate blood. Call 651-291-4607.

### Saturday/May 1

A GARAGE SALE will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today, with a bag sale during the final hour, to benefit the KidsPark drop-in child-care program at the Groveland Recreation Center, 1961 St. Clair Ave. Donations may be dropped off between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on weekdays. Call 651-698-7841.

WALKING TOURS of Summit Avenue will be given at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. today and every Saturday through September. Tours will leave from the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for children. For reservations, call 651-297-2555.

### Sunday/May 2

A FUN FAIR and silent auction will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. today at Sunny Hollow Montessori, 636 S. Mississippi River Blvd. There will be food, games and prizes during the annual spring event. For information, call 651-690-2307.

### Tuesday/May 4

BY HAND AND HEART, a craft workshop for adults at the Jewish Community Center, will offer a Mother's Day Showcase, featuring hand-made items for sale, from 10:00 a.m. to noon today and again on Thursday, May 6, at the JCC, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Call 651-698-0751.

"UNTOLD STORIES," a series of six programs on the history of the labor movement in the Twin Cities, will kick off with a talk by Cheryl Braunworth on "Strike for Better Schools: the St. Paul Public School Teachers' Strike of 1946" at 7:00 this evening at the Hamline Library, 1558 W. Minnehaha Ave. Admission is free. Call 651-222-3242.

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# ON THE TOWN

## Return to bridge over River Kwai

Mac stages story of healing between POW and translator he swore to kill

by Dave Page

Last fall, Macalester College professor Sears Eldredge found himself at the bridge over the River Kwai. He was drawn to the spot not because it was made famous by the Academy Award-winning 1957 film, but because it was the site where British POW Eric Lomax and Japanese translator Takashi Nagase had met twice before: once during World War II as enemies and again 50 years later as two men attempting to find peace with each other and with themselves.

It was their story that convinced Eldredge, the chair of Macalester's drama department, to travel halfway around the globe to research material for his first play, *Return to Kanburi*, which will be presented from April 30 through May 8 in the college's Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center.

"I couldn't let the story go and I realized if I wanted to retell it for the theater, I'd have to write the play myself," said Eldredge, a Macalester-Groveland resident.

*Return to Kanburi* is adapted from a pair of autobiographies: *Railway Man* by Lomax, one of the thousands of Allied POWs who were forced to work on "the railway of death" between Bangkok, Thailand, and Rangoon, Burma; and *Crosses and Tigers* by Nagase, an interpreter and member of Japan's wartime secret police.

Lomax was imprisoned in a labor camp in the town of Kanchanaburi (the Kanburi of the play's title). For drawing a map of the top-secret Japanese railway, he was almost



Director Sears Eldredge admires a mask that will be used in his play, *Return to Kanburi*, which will be presented April 30-May 8 at Macalester College. With him are student actors Jacques Roy, left, Julia Stemper, Steve Soldan and Emily Arsenault. Photo by Mike Long.

drowned by his captors and nearly beaten to death with a tree branch. Finally, he was ordered to Bangkok to face court martial.

Nagase, who served as the interpreter during Lomax's interrogation and torture, risked telling him to "keep your chin up" at the train station. Despite the kind words, Lomax—who survived one of the worst jails in Singapore until he was freed at the end of the war—vowed to hunt down and kill Nagase, whose voice he associated with his

suffering.

After Japan's surrender in 1945, Nagase was assigned to help members of the Allied War Graves Commission track down the final resting places of nearly 16,000 prisoners who died building the railroad. He was horrified at the extent of the suffering of the POWs and vowed to atone for his and his country's misdeeds.

In 1963, when he was finally allowed to leave Japan on his own, Nagase returned to

Tamarkan, Thailand (a small town near the bridge over the River Kwai), and prayed at the cemetery where almost 7,000 POWs were buried. He had become an English teacher after the war and twice attempted suicide because of his wartime experiences. He has since made nearly 100 trips back to Tamarkan in an attempt to find redemption.

After Nagase came out with *Crosses and Tigers* in 1990, a friend of Lomax's sent him a review of the book. Lomax bought a copy and realized he had found the man he had vowed to kill.

Lomax's wife convinced him to allow her to write a letter to Nagase to inform him that the nameless young British officer in his book had not forgiven him. Nagase replied and the two men began a correspondence that continues today.

Eventually they decided to return to the bridge together. Lomax's counselors at the London Center for Victims of Torture suggested he not make the trip, but in 1993 the two men met for the second time. Their reunion was captured by a documentary filmmaker. In the video, Nagase breaks down in tears and Lomax comforts him.

After their reunion at the bridge, they agreed to travel to Kanchanaburi where Lomax was tortured. They then flew together to Japan to visit Nagase's hometown and Hiroshima, where the first atomic bomb was dropped. By the end of the journey, Lomax forgave Nagase and decided to write *Railway Man*, which was published in 1995.

After reading both of their accounts,

**Return to Kanburi**/see page 30

## Lest we forget

Chorale records Polish-born composer's tribute to Holocaust victims

by Janet Cass

It's not often that an amateur choral group is chosen to make the first recording of a piece by a world-renowned composer, but that's the opportunity that has been presented to the Macalester Festival Chorale. The 80-voice group will perform the "Holocaust Memorial Cantata" by Marta Ptaszynska in a concert on Sunday, April 25, at Macalester College. Afterward the chorale will record it.

Ptaszynska (pronounced ta-SHIN-ska), a professor of music composition at the University of Chicago, based the cantata on the poem "Chant for All the People on Earth" by Leslie Wolff Hedley. The piece is sung in English, Hebrew, Yiddish and Polish. For the concert on April 25, it will include a professional orchestra and three professional soloists—soprano Patricia Kent, tenor Larry Hill and baritone John Bitterman.

The chorale, which is directed by Macalester professor J. Michele Edwards, draws its membership from the college and surrounding communities. It first performed the "Holocaust Memorial Cantata" in 1996 at a concert devoted to Eastern European composers. Ptaszynska, who was born in

Warsaw in 1943, was in the audience. After the concert she told Edwards that she would like the chorale to record her cantata someday. "I thought she was just being gracious," Edwards said.

Ptaszynska said she found the chorale's performance in 1996 "breathtaking. Edwards did such a magnificent job in preparing the choir, orchestra and soloists and splendidly conducted (the program)."

The cantata, Ptaszynska said, was written "in tribute to all the victims of the Nazi Holocaust (and) is dedicated to the memory of those who perished in the most disastrous event of the 20th century. It's almost impossible to write music on this subject, but, on the other hand, I feel a tremendous urge for giving voice to the voiceless and to remember what happened."

Edwards said she finds the work "compelling and ultimately empowering." Its message, she said, is that this dark period in history can be surmounted by choosing not to forget it. "Text and music together are able to pull something powerfully hopeful (out of the act of remembrance)," she said.

The chorale has been rehearsing the cantata weekly since February. Besides getting the notes right, the singers have had



Marta Ptaszynska

to work on the correct pronunciation of the foreign words. Edwards and associate conductor Daryl Erickson relied on several pronunciation guides, including Highland Park resident and Macalester graduate Esther Goffstein, who grew up speaking Yiddish. Chorale members also met Twin Cities Holocaust survivor Henry Oertelt, whose

memories helped them understand the historical backdrop of the cantata.

Soloist Kent believes the Holocaust is "an issue of worldwide resonance" that beckons people to ask themselves how humans are capable of such behavior. The answer may lie in the musings of Oertelt, who interprets the cantata's repeated refrain of "not to forget" not as a call for revenge but as a warning that forgetting the past is an invitation to repeat it.

The "Holocaust Memorial Cantata" is being presented by the chorale as part of its spring concert entitled "Remembrance." The show will include the world premiere of an orchestrated version of Psalm 23 ("The Lord is My Shepherd"), a piece composed by Judith Shatin, a professor at the University of Virginia, in memory of Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister who was assassinated in 1995. Rounding out the program will be Brahms' "Nänie," with text by the German poet Friedrich Schiller sung in German.

The concert will begin at 2:00 p.m. on April 25 in the Concert Hall of the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center. A reception will follow. For tickets, priced at \$7.00 in advance, \$10 at the door and \$7.00 for seniors, students and children age 6 and older, call 651-696-6520.

## Music

A Chinese Music Mini-Festival, featuring a wide variety of music performed on traditional instruments, will be held Friday and Saturday, April 23-24, in the Brady Educational Center at the University of St. Thomas. "Music of Plucked Strings" will be performed at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and "Nature and Spirit" will perform at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Advance tickets, priced at \$8.00 and \$10 and a two-day pass for \$12, are available by calling 612-420-2702.

"Bandstand Baroque" will be performed by Lyra Concert at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 25, in the Olson Campus Center at Luther Seminary. For tickets, priced at \$16, or \$14 for seniors and \$6.00 for students, call 612-404-9632.

"Swing's the Thing," a celebration of Duke Ellington's 100th birthday, will be performed by jazz clarinetist Buddy DeFranco and vocalist Bruce Henry along with the JazzMn Big Band at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Fitzgerald Theater, 10 E. Exchange St. For tickets, priced from \$16 to \$24, call 651-290-1221.

The Chamber Music Society of Minnesota will perform the music of Mozart, Bartok and Dvorak at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. For tickets, priced at \$15, or \$10 for students and seniors, call 612-339-2264.

Duo Pianists Arianna Goldina and Remy Loumbrozo will perform at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 25, in Brady Center at the University of St. Thomas. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$5.00 for students and free for children 16 and under.

"Music for a Bohemian Picnic" will be performed by the Sushi Ensemble from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Sakura Restaurant, 388 St. Peter St. The ensemble is led by Chris Brown, principal bassist of the SPCO and includes members of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. Ad-

mission is \$18, or \$15 in advance by calling 651-690-2257.

The Dale Warland Singers will perform "Songs and Ceremonies" at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 1, in the Ted Mann Concert Hall on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota. For tickets, priced from \$10 to \$25, call 612-339-9707.

"All the Things You Are," a musical tribute to Vern Sutton, director of the School of Music at the University of Minnesota, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 3, in the Ted Mann Concert Hall on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota. For tickets, priced at \$20, or \$10 for students, call 612-624-2345.

## Exhibits

Close to 50 artists and arts organizations operating in the South St. Anthony area will open their studios to the public on April 23-24. The Raymond Rendezvous will run from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday and 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday at studios in the Chittenden Building, 2402 University Ave.; Dow Building, 2242 University Ave.; and Triangle Building, 2500 University Ave. Participating artists work in sculpture, ceramics, textiles, printmaking, painting, photography, fiber, wood, dolls, rubber stamps, jewelry, pottery and glass.

"Revelations of the African Potter," an exhibit featuring historical and contemporary ceramic vessels from 12 different cultures of the African continent, will open with a reception from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Northern Clay Center, 2424 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. The exhibit will remain on view until June 12.

## Theater

The joint theater department of the College of St. Catherine and the University of St. Thomas will perform Bertolt Brecht's *Mother Courage and Her Children* at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, April 21-24, in Frey Theater at

## ON THE TOWN briefly



Artists in residence at the Cleveland Institute of Music, the Cavani String Quartet (Annie Fullard and Mari Sato, violins; Merry Peckham, cello; and Kirsten Docter, viola) will perform three times this week with their students, the Cambiata String Quartet. They will perform the music of Mendelssohn in family concerts at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave. (For ticket information, call 651-644-4234). Then on Sunday, April 25, they will perform works by Mozart and Mendelssohn in a Music in the Park Series concert at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. (For ticket information, call 651-645-5699.)

the College of St. Catherine. Admission is \$5.00. For information, call 651-690-6700.

*You Can't Take It With You* will be performed by the drama department at Henry Sibley High School, 1897 Delaware Ave., Mendota Heights, at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 23-24, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and seniors.

Hamline University Theatre will perform A.R. Gurney's *The*

*Dining Room* at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 23-24, and also at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 29, and at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1, in the Anne Simley Theatre. The play looks into the dining rooms of some well-to-do households in a portrayal of the rise and fall of the upper-middle-class WASP. For tickets, priced at \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and seniors, call 651-523-2905.

Central High School's After-

School Drama Company will present the Broadway musical *Bye Bye Birdie* at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 23-24, and at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 25, in the school auditorium, 275 N. Lexington Ave. Admission is \$7.00, or \$5.00 for students. For information, call 651-224-9144.

The Cretin-Derham Hall Theatre Department will perform *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 7:00 p.m. on Sat-

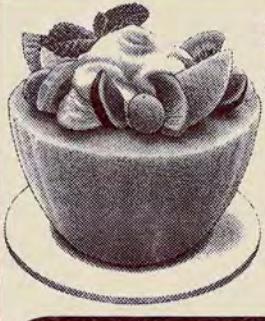
urday and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 23-25, and at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 30-May 2, in the Lillian Theater, 550 S. Albert St. For tickets, priced at \$6.00, or \$5.00 for students and seniors, call 651-690-2443.

"No Diva Distress," this year's installment of the late-night performance art series "Non-English Speaking/Spoken Here," will continue at the Penumbra Theatre, 270 N. Kent St., with the following performances: *Esther Rolle: Smiled*, featuring Miré Regulus and Mankwe Ndosi, on Saturday, April 24; and *Roxie Roker: Smiles*, featuring Dor Green and the Thelonius Monk Project on Saturday, May 1. Admission is \$8.00. Call 651-224-3180.

The Mixed Blood Theatre Company will open *Boy*, Diana Son's seriocomic about preconceived roles of gender, birthright, and privilege and how they are turned upside down in this farcical story of *Boy*, the fourth daughter of a disappointed tradition-bound family, on Wednesday, April 28, in its historic firehouse theatre, 1501 S. 4th St., Minneapolis. Performances will continue at 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, at 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays and at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Sundays until May 16. For tickets, priced from \$8.00 to \$17.50, call 612-338-6131.

Concordia University will perform *Look Homeward Angel* at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30 and May 1, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 2, in the E. M. Pearson Theatre, 312 N. Hamline Ave. The play captures the sardonic humor and grief, both private and universal, of Thomas Wolfe's novel about a youth coming of age. For tickets, priced at \$6.00, or \$5.00 for seniors, call 612-870-1099.

*Tossin' Junk*, a new play by Meg Grundy, will open Friday, April 30, at the Jungle Theater, 2951 Lyndale Ave., Minneapolis. This moving, yet hilarious play is a portrayal of three women seeking dignity and friendship on the fringes of our country's poverty belt. Performances will continue until June 20. For tick-



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The Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company will open *Sight Unseen*, the 1992 Obie Award-winning play about Jonathan Waxman, a painter at the pinnacle of his career who is struggling with personal and artistic disengagement, at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Performances will continue through May 16. For tickets, priced at \$12 and \$15, call 651-690-5879.

Park Square Theatre, 408 St. Peter St., will open *Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)*, a comic fantasy catapulting a mousy grad student into two of Shakespeare's most famous tragedies to prove that *Romeo and Juliet* and *Othello* were both really comedies gone wrong, at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 1. Performances will continue through May 23. For tickets, priced from \$9.00 to \$24, call 651-291-7005.

## Books

Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy, will offer the following events for adults: the Wednesday Night Book Club will discuss *Bernard Schlink's The Reader* at 7:00 p.m. on April 21; a poetry circle, led by Cindra Halm, will meet at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 25; a book fair to benefit the Highland Elementary PREP and French Immersion programs will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and a book fair to benefit the Highland Park Senior High Drama Club will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, May 1. Admission is free. Call 651-690-9443.

The Hungry Mind Bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m.: Helen Fremont will read from her memoir *After Long Silence* on Thursday, April 22; Larry Baker will read from his novel *The Flamingo Rising* on Saturday, April 24; Wendy Lesser will read *The Amateur*, in which she traces the development of her thinking and the course of her life's work on Monday, April 26; Jay Parini will discuss his book *Robert Frost: A Life* on Wednesday, April 28; Nathan Englander will read from his collection of short stories *For the Relief of Unbearable Urges* on Thursday, April 29; and Mary Morris will read from her book *Angels and Aliens*, a memoir of her experiences as a single parent wandering with her daughter through Southern California and struggling to make it on her own, on Saturday, May 1. Call 651-699-0587.

"Race and the Literary Imagination," a free series on books and cultural diversity, will continue at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd., with Bill Holm discussing *Jean Toomer's Cane* at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 24; and Louise Erdrich discussing Linda

Hogan's *Mean Spirit* at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 1. Admission is free. Call 651-296-6126.

Thomas L. Friedman will discuss his book *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, a riveting look at the worldwide market forces that are driving today's economies and how they are playing out both internationally and locally, at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in the chapel at Macalester College. Admission is free.

David Guterson will read from his novel *East of the Mountains* at 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 30, in the chapel at Macalester College. Admission is free.

"A May Day Reading of Poetry and Fiction," featuring three Midwest authors, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. Participants will include Kimberly Blaeser, Audrey Petty and Susan Firer. For information, call 651-222-3242.

Kathleen Norris will discuss her book *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith* at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at Macalester-Plymouth Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave. Admission is free.

## Family

Preschool storytimes for children ages 3-5 are being held on Fridays until May 21 at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. There will be a storytime for day-care groups at 10:00 a.m. and one for families at 10:45 a.m. To register, call 651-642-0385.

"All Creatures Great and Small," a special story hour led by Joy Norquist and her animals, will be offered at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at Barnes & Noble Highland, 2080 Ford Pkwy. Call 651-690-9443.

"Sundays at Landmark" will continue with "We're Going to Make an Opera," an original production of St. Paul's North Star Opera, at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Landmark Center. Admission is free. Call 651-292-3225.

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The Nokomis Community Library, 5100 S. 34th Ave., Minneapolis, will show the films *Harry the Dirty Dog* and *Hardware Wars* at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 26.

*Oliver*, a musical based on the classic tale of Charles Dickens, will be presented by 54 young people as a part of the Junior High Theatre Production at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, and at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Admission is \$5.00, or \$4.00 for students and seniors. Call 651-698-0751.

SteppingStone Theatre for Youth Development will open *Peace Train*, a play based on the true stories of Minnesota teens facing violence, abuse and intolerance as they journey through life, on Friday, April 30, in Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Landmark Center. Performances will run through May 23. For tickets, priced at \$6.00, call 651-225-9265.

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## Film

The Minneapolis/St. Paul International Film Festival has opened in Minneapolis with a line-up of more than 80 films from 30 countries. Showing at the Oak Street Cinema, 309 S.E. Oak St., will be *Thelonious Monk Á Paris* (France) at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, April 22; *Dry Cleaning* (France) at 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 23; *The Ogre* (Germany) at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 26; *Port Djema* (France) at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27; and *Solo for Clarinet* (Germany) at 7:30 p.m. and *West Beirut* (Lebanon/France) at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29. Upcoming films at the Bell Museum Auditorium, 17th and University Ave. SE, include the *All My Lenins* (Estonia) at 1:00 p.m. and *The Day of the Full Moon* (Russia) at 3:15 p.m. Sunday, April 25; *Cards of Identity* (France/Zaire) at 7:15 p.m. and *Three Gentlemen* (Austria) at 9:15 p.m. Monday, April 26; and *Checkpoint* (Russia) at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 28. Admission is \$6.00, or \$5.00 for students and seniors. Call 612-627-4430.

A film series will be offered at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. on Fridays in the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Student Center, Buford and Cleveland avenues. The line-up includes *Like Water for Chocolate* on April 21 and 23; and *Cafe Au Lait* on April 28 and 30. Admission is \$2.00, or \$1.00 for U of M students. Call 612-625-9794.

"Cinema With Passion," a festival of Hong Kong films, will take place at midnight on Fridays and 11:00 a.m. Saturdays at the Riverview Theatre, 3800 S. 42nd Ave., Minneapolis, and at midnight on Saturdays at the Oak Street Cinema, 309 S.E. Oak St., Minneapolis. The festival will continue with *Sword Stained with Royal Blood* at midnight on April 24; *The Legend of Fong Sai Yuk* at midnight on April 23 and May 1, and at 11:00 a.m. on April 24; and *The Legend of Fong Sai Yuk 2* at midnight on April 30 and at

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place through June 29 at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. "Our Simchas, Our Lives, Our Pride," a life-cycle photo exhibit, will be exhibited April 27 through May 30. The films *Bubbe, Lee and Me*, *Chicks in White Satin* and *Nana, George and Me* will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 27. Also, Jean-Nickolaus Tretter will talk about the history and highlights

of his extensive collection in GLBT Studies at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 22, in Coffman Union at the University of Minnesota. A series pass is available for \$50. Call 651-698-0751. The Wild Yam Cabaret will perform at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Linwood Center, 860 St. Clair Ave. The show will include the Kara Hod Jewish Women's Singing Circle, Janet

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## Return to Kanburi opens at Macalester

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Eldredge wrote to Nagase and Lomax to ask permission to dramatize their books. Last October, he and his wife, Pat, ventured to Thailand to view the bridge and traveled to Japan to meet with Nagase.

Eldredge said he wrote the play to show how two former enemies with different world views found the path to forgiveness. He described the play as a blending of Western theater with 14th-century Japanese Noh theater, which is sparse and stylized. Between the two parts of the play an interlude called "Kanburi Kapers" features songs, dances and comedy routines based on actual performances by POWs who were held at concentration camps in Thailand.

Ying Zhang, a composer from China

who is now living in the Twin Cities, was commissioned to write the music.

Nagase, who is now in his 80s, is traveling to St. Paul to view the production with a Japanese film crew that hopes to show the play on Japanese television. Lomax, also an octogenarian, was invited to attend but will be unable to because of poor health. Eldredge, who has never met Lomax, said he hopes to visit him in England and show him a video of the production.

*Return to Kanburi* will be presented at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 30-May 1; at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 2; and at 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, May 6-8. Proceeds from opening night will benefit the Center for Victims of Torture in Minneapolis.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$2.00 for students. Tickets for the other performances are \$7.00 for the general public and \$5.00 for seniors. For reservations, call 651-696-6359.

Two symposiums will be held in conjunction with the production. Dr. Sandra Bloom of Friends Hospital in Philadelphia will discuss "Forgiveness, Healing and the Arts" from 10:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 1, at the Veterans Medical Center in Minneapolis. David Blaney of Macalester College and Carol Sorgenfrei of UCLA will present "The Problems and Possibilities of Intercultural Theatre" at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 8, in Macalester's Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center. Both programs are free and open to the public.

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# SPORTS

CODY'S CORNER

TOM CODY



## U's 'Papergate' underscores a misconception

The University of Minnesota's men's basketball program remains under siege as allegations of academic violations continue to surface. Tutor Jan Gangelhoff has been skewered by the office pundits at the water cooler. Many of them are wondering how only 26 percent of the university's basketball players could have graduated since she had been writing most of their papers.

While there's certainly no excuse for the alleged fraudulent course work, there are plenty of obvious flaws in the college athletics system. Not every institution gets to pick and choose its student athletes like a Duke or a Stanford does. Those elite schools tend to corner the market on the "32/32" athletes—the kids with 32-inch vertical jumps and 32 ACT scores. The Gophers, like 95 percent of the other Division I schools, have to make do with recruits who are either a little light in one category or the other.

The best basketball players are not necessarily qualified for or even interested in a college education in the first place. However, unlike baseball, pro basketball has no minor leagues. As a result, 18-year-olds with NBA aspirations have no choice but to attend Division I colleges.

I've said it before, but it bears repeating: Division I athletes shouldn't be required to pursue college degrees. They should be provided the option of attending college courses for free while playing at the schools. They should be paid minimal salaries as part-time employees, since their entertainment value alone warrants remuneration. The most frightening thing about such a plan is that Governor Jesse Ventura also endorses it.

Many people want to cling to the notion that college athletes ought to be legitimate college students. Perhaps two divisions can be created in Division I basketball: the student division and the semi-pro division. Whatever we do, we've got to stop kidding ourselves.

### CRUNCH TIME

It's hard to believe, but there are only eight games remaining for the Timberwolves in the NBA regular season. It's also hard to fathom how abruptly this season turned sour for the team. The Wolves' playoff hopes disintegrated instantaneously with the Stephon Marbury trade. Ever since, an unheard-of rash of injuries has beset the club. Back in February, who would've thought the Wolves could possibly lose twice to the lowly Los Angeles Clippers?

With or without a healthy Joe Smith, Anthony Peeler and Terrell Brandon, the Wolves will be ousted quickly from the playoff quarterfinals and will be reserving tee times on the golf course by mid-May.

The balance of power in the National Basketball Association A.J. (After Jordan) has shifted dramatically to the Western Division. Four of the top five teams reside in the West: the Jazz, the Spurs, the Lakers and the Blazers. This could be the last championship run for Utah's Karl Malone.

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## Rockin' the blocks

### Scots' Bradford is on fast track to qualify for state

by Bill Wagner

For raw talent, James Bradford is one fine athlete. The Highland Park High School senior competed in track for the first time a year ago and barely missed qualifying for the state meet in the 1,600-meter run. This year he has turned in solid performances in the 1,600-, 800- and 400-meter runs as well as the 4-by-400-meter relay.

Although he plays varsity football too, Bradford is probably best known for his role as the sixth man this past winter on Highland Park's state championship basketball team. Only two days after the Scots' state championship victory over Rocori, Bradford clocked a 4:52 in the mile, a time that put him well on his way to making state in a highly competitive region. He has also clocked a 2:01 in the 800 and a 0:52 in the 400 this spring.

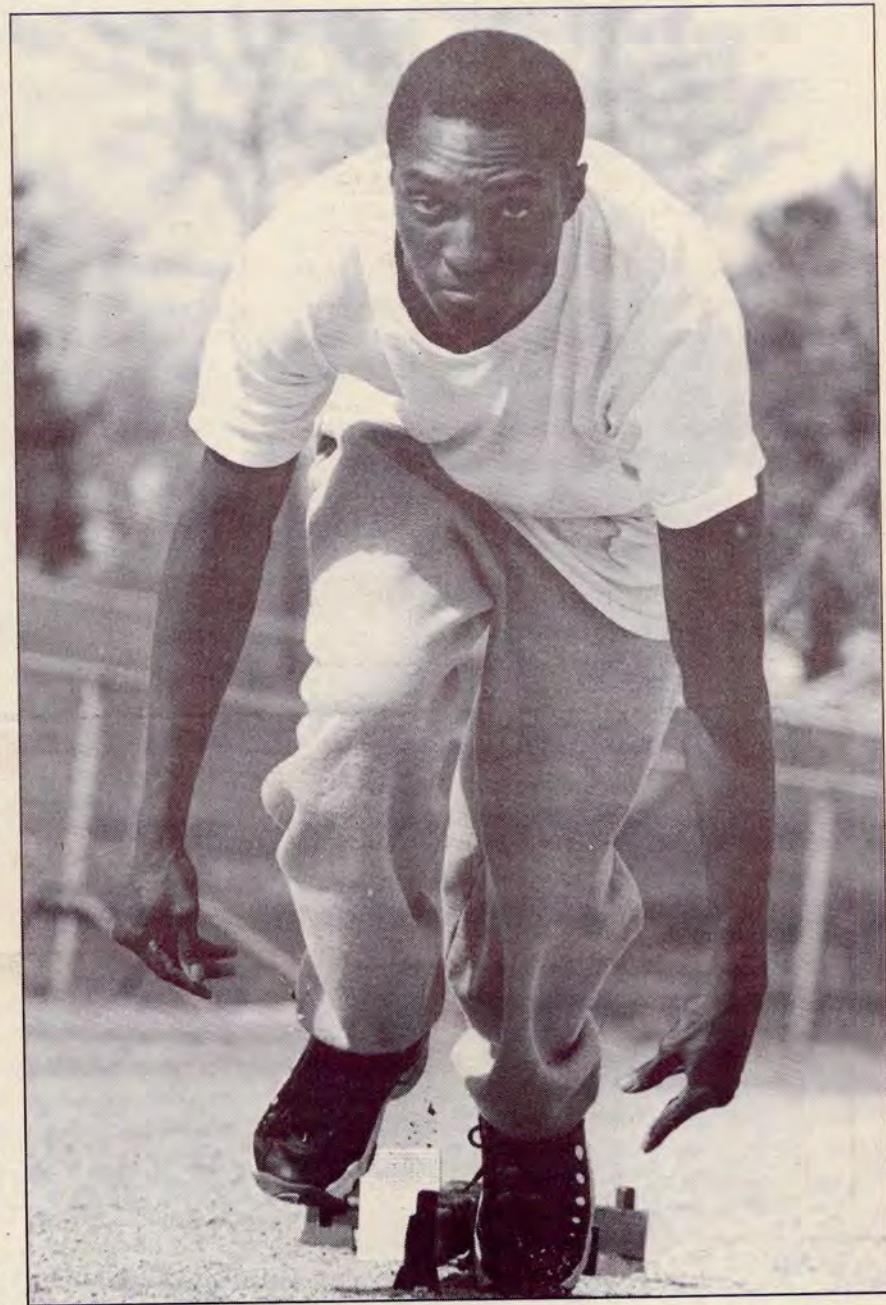
Highland Park track coach Dan Kotasek figures Bradford will need to shave about 17 seconds off his time in the mile and about three to five seconds off his time in the 800 to reach the state meet. "But he's right on pace to qualify," Kotasek said. "This year was the best time he has ever had in the mile, and he came out late because of basketball."

Bradford's knack for track first caught Kotasek's attention when Bradford was a student at Highland Junior High. "He's just an outstanding kid who does what it takes to succeed," Kotasek said. "He ran a lot of miles this past summer, which kept him in the kind of shape he needed to be in for this year."

The soft-spoken Bradford said he sometimes regrets not going out for track earlier. "Sometimes I think about how good I could've been," he said. "But I'm glad that I finally did make the decision to go out. At first, I was just doing it to get in shape for football, but when I got into the races, I found out that they were fun. It was a challenge to see how fast I could go."

Bradford fell in love with track midway through the 1998 season when he placed second in the 400 at the University of Minnesota meet. "The more I saw of the races, the better I liked them," he said. "I'd say my favorite race is the 800."

Kotasek thinks that both the 800 and 1,600 fit Bradford's style. A tenacious runner who finishes powerfully, Bradford also anchors the Scots' 4-by-400 relay team, which placed second in its heat



Highland senior middle- and long-distance runner James Bradford fires out of the chute during practice. Photo by Mike Long.

in an early-season meet in Blaine.

Highland's track team has talent this year, but the squad is young and probably a year away from serious contention. Other Scots to watch are sophomore Fayiso Dube, who runs everything from the 400 to the 3,200; junior Efraim Woldellassie (800 and 1,600); and junior Kevin Mason (sprints).

Bradford said he intends to run track in college if a scholarship is offered to him. His brother Sean, a 1989 Highland Park graduate and a track athlete there as well, received a scholarship to play football at Iowa State University.

Bradford's quick rise to the top in track did not surprise Highland Park basketball coach Charles Portis. According to him, Bradford worked hard to improve his offensive skills in basketball between his junior and senior seasons, raising his points-per-game average from 2 to 6.5 in the process. "It used to be that we'd spot James into a basketball game because of his defensive ability," Portis said. "He didn't used to be able to shoot a lick, but he made himself into a much-improved scorer."

"James is that way; he's a hard worker, the kind of kid you win with."

## Being mired in controversy is nothing new for Gopher basketball

by Dick Gordon

**A**mong other things, University of Minnesota men's basketball coach Clem Haskins has been accused of handing out \$100 bills to his players, a charge he firmly denies. In the 1950s Gopher basketball coach Ozzie Cowles, in effect, did the opposite. He allegedly pocketed money that rightfully belonged to his players.

The late Bob Leach, a St. Paul attorney and former Carleton College basketball star, and several of his friends used to contribute to a fund with which Cowles was to reward players for their accuracy in shooting free-throws after practice. The players might earn as much as \$25 a season. It later became a well-circulated rumor among Williams Arena insiders that Cowles kept at least some of the money himself.

But that was a minor scandal; it was nothing like the major one for which the university is now under investigation. However, it seems Gopher basketball during the last half-century has continually been a star-crossed program, beset with scandals and unusual happenings.

What other Division I university, for instance, fired one of its head basketball coaches twice and had another whose tenure lasted one day?

Dave McMillan, a member of the old New York Celtics, was terminated as the U of M coach after the 1942 season and was then brought back as a bench adviser three years later before resuming full-time coaching duties in 1946. After the 1948 season, he was asked to resign for keeps.

Cal Luther was the one-day coach. On a Friday in late March of 1971, he arrived from Morehead State, Kentucky, and was introduced the next day at a press conference as the new Gopher coach. On Sunday, university president

Malcom Moos called another press conference at his home on Mississippi River Boulevard to announce that the head coaching position was again vacant. Luther seemed full of enthusiasm about his new job when I talked to him the day before. But during a campus tour later that day he had second thoughts and told Gopher officials that he wanted out. By early evening he was flying back to Kentucky.

In an interview several years later, he said Minnesota was "just not the place for me at that time. There were a lot of cloak-and-dagger problems within the Minnesota athletic program that I didn't think I could deal with."

Luther's change of heart opened the doors for the hiring of Bill Musselman, who in his 1971-72 debut brought the Gophers their first Big Ten championship in 35 years—as well as a lot of headaches.

First there was the infamous "basketbrawl" in the final minute of the Williams Arena showdown against Ohio State. (Both teams were unbeaten in conference play at the time.) Big Ten commissioner Wayne Duke, along with several members of the national media, were on hand when the combatants started slugging it out on the court. Except for Bobby Nix, the Gopher starters were all African-Americans. Ohio State had an all-white team, so there were racial overtones to the slugfest in which St. Paul's Dave Winfield was one of the Gopher participants. The Buckeyes' Luke Witte was seriously injured and the game was called to prevent further bloodshed with Ohio ahead 50-44. The aftermath resulted in the suspension of two Gophers—Winfield wasn't among them—and a lot of bad publicity. Regardless, the depleted Minnesota squad went on to win the Big Ten title that year with an 11-3 record.

Musselman departed after the 1975 season for a coaching job in the now defunct American Basketball Association, but not before his recruiting violations had earned

Minnesota two years of NCAA probation. That was the situation Jim Dutcher inherited when he became Musselman's successor. No matter; his 1976-77 team won a then-school record 24 games, all of which the NCAA declared forfeit because the star of the team, Mychal Thompson, should have been ruled ineligible. His sin, according to the august NCAA, was selling tickets at more than their face value, a time-honored practice for college athletes in those days.

Dutcher won the Big Ten title in 1982 before falling victim to the fiasco at Madison after a victory over Wisconsin when three Minnesota players were charged with raping a woman in their hotel room. They were eventually acquitted, but not before Dutcher had resigned in protest over the university administration's decision to cancel and forfeit a home game against Northwestern while the Madison investigation was under way.

Dutcher's assistant, Jimmy Williams, filled in the rest of that season. Haskins came in to clean house in the summer of 1986. His regime had been sailing along pretty smoothly, highlighted by a Big Ten championship and a Final Four appearance in 1997, but scandal has reared its head again with Haskins-picked tutors claiming they forged players' course papers. Just as the rape scandal prompted Dutcher's resignation, the current investigation could mean the end of Haskins' career here.

This writer prefers simpler times like the 1936-37 championship season when there was no recruiting and no scholarships at the U of M and when McMillan's roster was filled with homegrown Minnesotans, including Cretin High School's Bob Manly.

However, even then the players were not necessarily angelic. "I think we swiped a few hotel blankets on road trips," Manly told me years ago.

## Cody's Corner: Twins have a tough row to hoe this season

and John Stockton, but they'll have to survive the Lakers to qualify for the finals. The Glen Rice trade gave the Lakers the outside game they lacked and the final piece of the puzzle heading into the tourney.

### TWINS STILL ALIVE

I was going to pass on writing about the Twins this issue, but then I realized that I'd best take advantage of a very small window of opportunity while the hometown team was still mathematically alive in the American League Central race. One of my buddies recently brought me a souvenir from his trip to Caesar's Palace in Vegas: a 200-to-1 \$5.00 bet on the Twins to win the World Series.

Any optimism I might have harbored went out the window on opening night despite the Twins win. In the pregame TV special, the two interviewed guests were not even present team members. Instead, Harmon Killebrew and Wally the Beer Man were featured.

It's going to be a long, tough road for this organization to get back into contention. The biggest challenge will be to develop the offense and defense while the pitching staff gets knocked all over the ballpark.

The defensive left side should be treated as a top priority. Chad Allen appears to have a natural stroke; if he can demonstrate consistency, he could become a permanent fixture in left field. Corey Koskie could have a big upside

offensively, especially in the power department. The trouble is that third-sacker Koskie couldn't catch malaria in the Amazon jungle at this point in his career. Michael Jackson has a better glove than this 25-year-old.

Shortstop Cristian Guzman has the opposite problem: good leather, no wood. This 21-year-old defensive phenom came over from the Yankees in the Chuck Knoblauch deal. His lack of offense could tempt Tom Kelly to send in a designated hitter for him and start letting his pitchers hit ninth in the order. At least that way Guzman could remain in close games in the late innings if and when that situation arises.

### MASTERS OF THEIR DOMAIN

Even though the marquee matchup between David Duval and Tiger Woods never came about, the 1999 Masters provided its usual share of memorable moments. The head-to-head battle between Greg Norman and eventual winner Jose Maria Olazabel more than sufficed to keep things interesting. I'm not a big golf fan, but I never miss the Masters. The event never fails to produce the type of drama that goes far beyond the usual TV sports entertainment.

If this event had turned out like every other in the feel-good, everybody-wins '90s, Norman would be wearing his green jacket around Melbourne, Australia, this week. It was painful to watch the Shark crumble yet again on

Augusta's back nine; with six holes to play, Norman's game imploded. After 19 years of struggling in Georgia, it would've been a great story if the Shark had prevailed. It turned into an even better story when he lost.

### THIS AND THAT

• Mal Scanlan was recently inducted into the Minnesota Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Scanlan's prep coaching career included stops at Washington, Johnson and Cretin-Derham Hall. He went on to the University of St. Thomas before retiring last year.

In the induction ceremony, Scanlan told the crowd that "football coaches generally take themselves too seriously." He retold a story about coaching at CDH in a late-August scrimmage. "It was evening and the mosquitoes were all over us," he said. "I told the kids that if they were tough, they wouldn't swat any mosquitoes. The kids were afraid to move. I have no idea why I ever said it."

• Jeff Nelson, who graduated from CDH in 1990, went on to attend umpire school in Florida. He worked in the Eastern and Pacific Coast minor leagues throughout the '90s and is now a substitute umpire in the National League. He worked the season opener at Dodger Stadium earlier this month.

"He had a dream come true last summer," said his mother, Mary Ellen. "Jeff worked behind the plate at Wrigley Field. He's next on the list for a full-time job in the National League."

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## Former prep star Sean McKamie returns home to coach Central nine

by Tom Cody

It was early in the summer of 1993. Sean McKamie had just returned his left hamstring while playing Class A ball in Bakersfield, California. He limped into the team manager's office and told him that he'd had enough.

His dream of playing in the major leagues may have been dashed, but the 1988 Central High School grad was not yet finished with baseball. McKamie returned to coach at the junior varsity level at his alma mater and this spring he has taken over the reins of the Minutemen's varsity program.

"Central was a great atmosphere for me when I was growing up," McKamie said. "It got me ready for life. The teachers, the staff, the coaches—they were all very helpful to me. It had always been my dream to come back someday and coach baseball here."

McKamie began playing T-ball at age 7 at Dunning Playground. "I liked to play shortstop right from the start," he said, "because there was so much action in the infield. You seemed to be involved in nearly every play."

Though he lived just two blocks from Central, McKamie enrolled at Humboldt his freshman year. He transferred to Central as a junior and began what became a stellar varsity baseball career. McKamie hit over .400 during his junior and senior seasons, playing shortstop as a junior and becoming an all-state second baseman as a senior.

"He could run, he could field, he could hit," said former Central head coach Jeff Plaschko. "McKamie was a great high school player. The key thing about him is that he had to work hard to get that good. That's what's going to help him the most as a coach."

McKamie enrolled at Normandale Junior College after graduation and intended to play ball there, but he changed his mind after six weeks. He signed a \$20,000 bonus contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers and was assigned to their Kissimmee, Florida, rookie league team in 1989. He spent the next winter in the Arizona Instructional League, but suffered a serious rotator cuff injury to his right arm.

"I had major reconstructive surgery that winter," McKamie said, "and I had to sit out the entire 1990 season."

The following year he was off to Vero Beach, Florida. He was hitting .290 before tearing his hamstring the first time. The next year was pretty much the same story:



Coach Sean McKamie offers base-running advice to senior Marcus Pope during Central's 15-3 win over Mahtomedi in last week's home opener. Photo by Mike Long.

He was having a solid year at the plate, but a broken hand ended his season prematurely.

"Bakersfield was my last shot at Class A ball," he said. "When I got hurt again I came home. After that I played a little with the Minneapolis Loons and the Austin Mini-Stars."

McKamie had a brief stint as a replacement player for the Minnesota Twins during the 1994 strike, but by then he had hooked on with the Central program.

"I got him to coach our B-squad," said Plaschko. "He was great right from the start. I'd send all my middle infielders over to him during practice. I learned quite a bit from Sean. He was around a lot of excellent baseball in his career. He knows the game; he lived it for quite a while."

McKamie said he enjoyed coaching the B-squad right off the bat. "I wanted to share some of what I knew with the kids," he said. "I wanted to get a feel for today's players. I felt it was my responsibility to come back and help out in my neighborhood."

Plaschko moved over to coach at Johnson High School this spring. McKamie was athletic director Nate Galloway's first choice to succeed him.

"He brings great knowledge of the game and he brings a history of the Central tradition to the job," Galloway said. "He wants to win and he wants to win here in

his home town. He's outgoing, he's hard-working, but more important, he's willing to listen. Sean didn't come in and tell the kids that it was going to be 'my way or the highway.' The kids come first for him. He'll be an excellent coach."

McKamie is fielding a good club this spring. Central has a bona fide ace in senior left-hander Jay Johnson and good depth behind him in senior pitchers Andy Hodgson, Chris Bale and Willie Bartholomew and junior pitcher Scott Burroughs.

"They can all throw strikes and mix speeds," McKamie said. "It's the first time in years that we've had that type of pitching depth at Central."

The Minutemen's offense will be jump-started by the first four bats in the lineup: senior left fielder Marcus Pope, senior center fielder David Meysembourg, sophomore third baseman Al Faulken and senior catcher Adam Van Heel. "Pope can run," McKamie said. "Meysembourg is unbelievable defensively, Faulken could be a Division I hitter, and Van Heel has good pop in his bat."

Plaschko likes his successor's chances in the St. Paul City Conference race this spring. "McKamie's got some talent there," he said. "They can play with anyone, especially when (Jay) Johnson is pitching. Sean will do a good job with this team."

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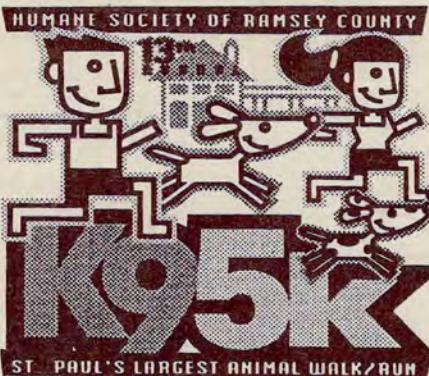
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Linda Roberts

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University of Minnesota, and she still holds the record for rebounds with 1,413. She is currently employed as an administrative assistant in the U's women's athletic department and directs the Shooting Stars girls basketball clinic, which she co-founded in 1989.

"*Israel in Motion*," a benefit for Israel on the occasion of that country's 51st Independence Day, will be held from noon to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The event will include a run, bike-a-thon, crafts for ages 2-10, races and games for ages 6-15, aerobics, and walking. Admission is free, but participants are asked to secure pledges from sponsors. Prizes will be awarded. For information or to obtain a pledge card, call 651-690-1707.

**Recreation for Small People**, a program for children ages 3-5, will hold an open house from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. There, parents may register their kids for a new session beginning in the fall. The program serves to develop cognitive and motor skills and language and other social skills. For information, call Hillcrest director Colleen Law at 651-695-3706.

**Melpomene Institute's** 17th annual Benefit 5K Run and Walk will be held on Saturday, May 1, along South Mississippi River Boulevard. Separate 5-kilometer runs for women and men will begin at 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., respectively, with awards given in five age groups. The event will also feature a 5-kilometer walk at 8:00 a.m., a mile and half-mile run for children at 9:00 a.m. and a 5-kilometer wheelchair race at 9:25 a.m. The cost is \$16 through April 30 and \$18 on race day. Kids are



Dan Fiebiger, left, a senior at Cretin-Derham Hall, and Paul Sims, a junior at Highland Park Senior High, took third place in "slopestyle" snowboarding during Class A team competition in February at Spirit Mountain in Duluth. They performed a series of back flips, 720-degree spins and other tricks during the event, which was sponsored by the USA Snowboard Association. Photo by Jill Fiebiger.

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**Brenna Jones**, an all-state gymnast from Highland Park Senior High, was the top performer in every event—vault, bars, beam and floor exercise—for the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's team this year. The sophomore Blue Devil qualified for the nationals for the second year in a row. She placed 22nd overall in the floor with a season-high 9.30.

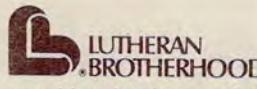
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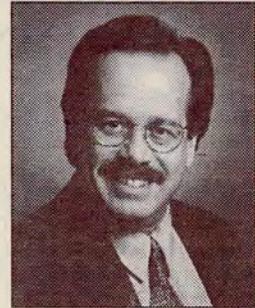
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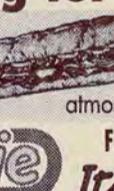
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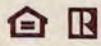


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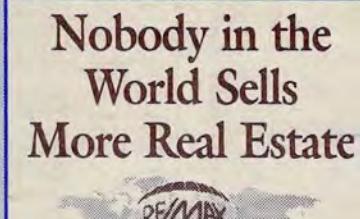
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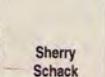
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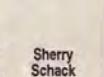


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