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St. Paul City Charter changes get mixed reviews from public

by Chris Smith

The St. Paul Charter Commission last week held the second of five public hearings on a series of proposed ballot questions that, if approved by voters, would change the term length, time commitment, salary-setting method and structure of the City Council.

The charter changes have yet to be approved for placement on a citywide ballot. The commission is merely testing the waters. So far, the surface has been stirred by strong support as well as strong opposition.

"It's like the Charter Commission is look-

ing for something to put on their agenda," said Ward 3 City Council member Mike Harris. "This is a discussion about things that aren't going to add any value for taxpayers. We need to ask, 'Why is this better for the constituents, for the customers?' I don't see any value in any of those ideas."

The changes would:

• Return City Council members to full-time status. The job was made part time following voter approval of a ballot question in 1991.

• Add some form of at-large representation to the current system of representation strictly by ward.

Some people believe that the part-time City Council has shifted too much power to the mayor's office.

• Increase the terms of City Council members from two to four years, a proposal city voters have twice defeated.

• Allow the council's salary, set by voters in 1991 at \$30,000, to be adjusted by city ordinance rather than be set by the city charter.

The proposal to return the City Council to

full-time status has attracted the most debate thus far.

"I don't see how any City Council member can deal with the issues, as complicated as they are, on a part-time basis," said Bill Driver, a Ward 3 resident. "I don't see how they could deal with the dog problems in my neighborhood, much less the policy problems."

Valerie Card, also of Ward 3, said she was initially against the part-time council, but now favors it.

Leo Meyer of Ward 4 said he is worried that

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Alan Axelrod, 4, adjusts his yarmulke during Bris Avrohom's Purim celebration at Sibley Plaza. Photo by Mike Long.

Festival of religious freedom

Purim's message resonates with Russian-Jewish congregation

by Leslie Walters

Purim, the religious holiday that recalls the Jewish people's deliverance from persecution by the ancient Persians, was celebrated earlier this month at synagogues all across the Twin Cities. But perhaps nowhere did its message of religious freedom resonate louder than among the members of Bris Avrohom, a seven-year-old synagogue that serves the Russian Jewish community in Highland Park.

About 150 recent immigrants turned out on March 12 at a makeshift synagogue in Sibley Plaza for a Russian retelling of the story of Queen Esther, whose pleadings with the Persian king rescued the Jews from massacre. Many of those in attendance spent most of their lives in the former Soviet Union. For them, the freedom to worship openly as they choose is a relatively new experience, and Bris Avrohom's Purim celebration was an evening overflowing with merriment and gratitude.

"Purim is a very dear holiday to a

Russian Jewish heart," said Rabbi Gershon Giter, who leads Bris Avrohom with Rabbi Yochanan Friedman. "In America you can do what you want. In the Soviet Union, your

"In America you can do what you want. In the Soviet Union, your father was Stalin, your mother was Mother Russia. You wanted to be an orphan!"

—Rabbi Yochanan Friedman

father was Stalin, your mother was Mother Russia. You wanted to be an orphan!"

Along with holiday services in the Sibley Plaza hall, Bris Avrohom has been holding daily synagogue ser-

vices at its quarters within the Jiffy Lube building at West 7th Street and St. Paul Avenue. Since the former Soviet Union first opened its borders to Jewish emigration, American synagogues have done all they can to help the immigrants, Giter said. But because people of different countries have different mentalities, he said, "the community needs a synagogue made for Russians by Russians."

A native Russian and former *refusenik*, Giter immigrated to the United States 20 years ago. Friedman, who was born in St. Paul, got involved in Bris Avrohom five years ago after spending a year in Russia in a student-exchange program.

Like all the positions at Bris Avrohom, the rabbis' work is strictly voluntary. Giter makes his living as an inventor and entrepreneur. He recently founded a high-tech business in bio-medicine called Shefa Laboratories. Friedman is an instructor at Lubavitch Yeshiva of Minnesota, a boys high school in Merriam Park,

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STAR board approves \$330,000 in grants

Sales tax to fund streetscape, commercial, playground improvements

by Jane McClure

Streetscape enhancements, commercial redevelopment projects, and improvements to city playgrounds are all in line for 1998 St. Paul Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) grants. After hammering out its recommendations on March 18, the STAR board sent 20 of the 28 applications on to Mayor Norm Coleman and the St. Paul City

Council for their review. The City Council is expected to approve the 1998 grants in mid-April.

The City Council would need to allocate \$330,220 if all 20 of the proposals are ultimately approved. The amount of small grants awarded has steadily risen over the past four years, from \$175,000 in 1995 to \$227,500 in 1997. STAR board members said the additional dollars can be justified, since the city's addi-

tional half-percent sales tax that pays for the projects is exceeding what was projected.

Grant requests from the southwest quarter of the city, which includes neighborhoods served by the *Villager*, include the following:

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St. Paul seeks \$50,000 grant for Groveland playground

The St. Paul City Council approved an application for a state grant on March 11 that would pave the way for an improved playground at Groveland Elementary School.

The St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation is seeking \$50,000 for Groveland, which was a candidate for funds for playground equipment in the city's 1996-97 and 1998-99 Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) cycles. The most recent request was for \$333,000, but Groveland was ranked 33 out of 65 requests citywide and missed the cut.

John Wirka of Parks and Rec said Groveland is "one of the worst play areas we have. It's high time we got some funds and made some improvements there." Wirka said the \$50,000 would cover the costs of replacing some of the oldest and most dangerous equipment at Groveland.

Council suggests changes to sibling preference policy

Proposed changes in the sibling preference policy and attendance boundaries for the St. Paul Public Schools will be discussed by the St. Paul City Council at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at City Hall.

Council members Mike Harris, Jerry Blakey and Jim Reiter introduced a resolution on March 18 requesting that the School Board reinstate a sibling preference policy for all public schools and adopt attendance boundaries so parents can send their children to the school closest to them.

The resolution comes at a time when the St. Paul School Board is re-examining its student placement policies, said Tom Farrell, assistant director of the school district's Student Placement Center. About half of the public elementary schools in St. Paul are neighborhood schools with designated attendance areas. The rest are magnet schools. Only two schools currently offer sibling preference—Adams Spanish Immersion School and Four Seasons. Adams allows sibling preference so all children in a family can learn to speak Spanish together, Farrell said. Four Seasons, a year-round school, allows sibling preference so families can have the same vacation schedule.

The School Board plans to hold public forums on attendance issues in April and will have a report and recommendation available by May, Farrell said. Changes would not go into effect until the 1999-2000 school year.

The School Board adopted a sibling preference policy in 1992, but dropped it after one year. One problem is that sibling preference

NEWS BRIEFLY



Once more for good measure.

With warmer weather just around the corner, local residents may have been tempted to let Mother Nature clean up the two inches of snow she spilled on the area last week. Marie Winker and daughters Rebecca, 5, and Rachel, 3, graciously lent her a helping hand along Grand Avenue, hoping it would be the last time. *Photo by Mike Long.*

can disrupt federal mandates governing racial balance in schools, Farrell said. Another is that sibling preference puts families with just one child and those trying to enroll an eldest child in a popular magnet school at a disadvantage.

Lawmaker sets hearing on proposed area code change

State Representative Michael Paymar (DFL-District 64B) will preside at a hearing on Wednesday, March 25, in the basement of the State Office Building to discuss options that are available to telephone customers who may be affected by the proposed area code change in the eastern part of the metro area.

The meeting, which will follow the legislative session that day, will include representatives from the state's Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and US West.

Due to the increased numbers in use for cellular phones, computer modems and fax machines, the PUC has proposed changing the area code for St. Paul and many surrounding suburbs from 612 to 651. Paymar has drafted a bill that would block the PUC's plan and allow both St. Paul and Minneapolis to retain 612.

"The proposed area code change has the potential to affect nearly a million residents of the area as well as cost the region's colleges, businesses and state offices countless dollars to change things like stationery, phone books

and directories," Paymar said. "Before many of these costs are passed along to the Minnesota taxpayer, I feel that we need to take a closer look at the options available and decide what is best for everyone involved."

Coleman introduces motion to waive council appeal fees

Ward 2 City Council member Chris Coleman introduced a resolution on March 11 that would waive fees charged to community councils that appeal decisions by the St. Paul Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals. The proposal will be discussed again by the City Council at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at City Hall.

Coleman questioned whether it was appropriate to ask community councils to spend city funds on fees that the city imposes. The city's 19 community councils receive city funds in the form of local property taxes or passed-through federal Community Development Block Grants. Each council district receives about \$30,000 per year.

The cost of appealing a Planning Commission or BZA decision to the City Council ranges from \$150 to \$380, depending on the case. District councils in the Villager area typically file half a dozen appeals a year.

The most recent appeal was a Snelling-Hamline Community Council challenge to a sign variance, which the City Council upheld on March 11. The council later voted 4-3 to reject Snelling-Hamline's request to waive its \$150 appeal fee.

Summit Hill apartment gets office permit 80 years later

After nearly eight decades of operating without a city permit, the leasing office of a Summit Hill apartment complex is now legal.

The St. Paul Planning Commission approved a non-conforming use permit on March 13 for the office, which is located in the basement of one of three apartment buildings that make up Oakview Apartments at 616 Lincoln Ave. Commission members waived a requirement that two additional off-street parking spaces be created for the complex. The spaces would typically be required because the property management company wants to expand its 1,000-square-foot office into an adjacent 600-square-foot space.

The basement has been used for offices without a city permit ever since the apartment building was constructed in 1919.

News briefs were compiled by Jane McClure and John Wadell.

CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH CARE

Chiropractic Care May Be the Answer for Your Headaches

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

Muscle contraction headaches

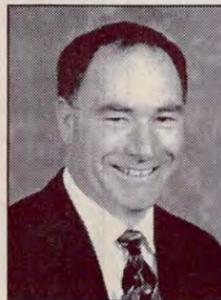
The most common headache doctors of chiropractic treat is the muscle tension or muscle contraction headache. The patient with this type of headache often describes a tight band around the head and a constant dull ache and tightness involving the back of the neck and shoulders. Although many patients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

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

Migraine headaches

Migraine headaches are particularly severe headaches that often begin to occur in childhood or adolescence. Migraines often affect one side of the head, with the vision being disturbed and the patient feeling nauseous and vomiting. Migraines are two times more common in women than men and often run in families. The throbbing pain is a result of the expansion (dilatation) of blood vessels in the head. To get to the root of most migraines, one needs to look at the spine and associated muscles, as well as dietary habits. Certain foods can have an effect on blood vessels, as can caffeine, nicotine and birth control pills.

The doctor of chiropractic gives special attention to stresses placed on the nervous system in areas vital to control of these blood vessels, specifically the upper



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back and neck. Relief from migraine headaches is often brought about by correction of problem in these areas, along with adjusting the patient's dietary habits and lifestyle choices.

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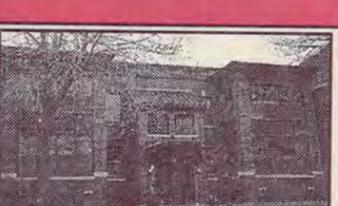


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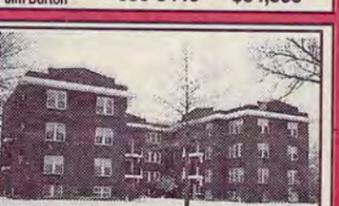


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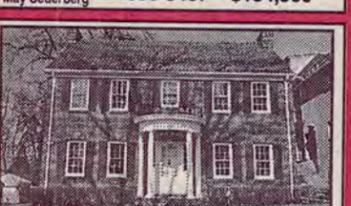


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the council's full-time aides have more power than part-time council members. "Who do you think is running the office?" he asked. "It's not the people we elect."

Others believe that the part-time council has shifted too much power to the mayor's office, according to Charter Commission chair Bob Butterbrodt, a Macalester-Groveland resident.

"Clearly, when you decrease the time that council members are here—especially in the strong mayor-weak council system that we have—then you're really at the mercy of the administration," said Ward 1 City Council member Jerry Blakey.

According to him, there was not enough time nor staff to investigate "some of the details I would have liked to" in the city's recent River-Centre, Minnesota Mutual and Lawson Software deals.

Harris disagreed. "What we have is a mayor who is able to articulate his ideas, who has a strong vision, and who is able to work well with his colleagues," he said. "The council still has budget responsibility. If you don't like something, vote against it."

Four of the seven city council members now have jobs outside their council duties, and some of them say they would not have run for a

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STAR grants / from page 1

cil is seeking a \$20,000 grant to complete the streetscape improvements that were started with a 1996 STAR grant. The money would be used for brick work, ornamental fencing, new bus benches and facade improvements to the commercial building at the northwest corner of Ford Parkway and Cleveland Avenue. A \$25,200 private match has been proposed. The request was ranked eighth overall.

Dunning Little League ballfield beautification. The Dunning Booster Club wants to use a \$5,064 STAR grant and \$6,564 in matching funds and volunteer labor to repaint the Little League building, install trash cans and landscape the field at Carroll Avenue and Syndicate Street. The request, which has the support of the Lexington-Hamline Community Council, was ranked 16th overall.

Minnesota Brewery fencing. The West 7th-Fort

Road Federation is seeking \$20,000 for a new 600-foot wrought iron fence in front of the brewery at 882 W. 7th St. Minnesota Brewing will provide the \$20,000 match. The project will complement a housing project planned for the residential area near the brewery. The project ranked 19th overall.

St. Paul Curling Club improvements. The club is seeking a \$20,000 grant to continue a 2-year restoration project for its building at 470 Selby Ave. The money would be used for new stucco and shingles, decorative lighting and the restoration of brick chimney detailing. The proposed \$27,400 match includes volunteer labor. The project ranked 12th overall.

Selby Avenue rehabilitation. The Selby Area Community Development Corporation is seeking a \$20,000 grant to upgrade commercial buildings along the avenue. The project was ranked fifth overall.

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full-time council seat.

Harris, who also works as a director for United HealthCare Corporation, said the full-time council is "a bad idea. The part-time council enables ordinary citizens to do public service. What we saw in the past (with a full-time council) were career politicians whose only job was politics and their votes sometimes reflected that. At times they were looking at their own political career interests rather than the public interest."

Harris said his job outside the council gives him a better perspective. "Being in private business, I'm focused on outcomes," he said, "and I think the outcomes have been pretty good since the council went part time."

However, Blakey said he found it difficult to balance outside work with his council duties and family responsibilities. "I couldn't take away from my family, and I felt I owed it to my constituents to do my best," he said. "So I let my career go."

The proposal to alter the 16-year-old ward

system and return some City Council seats to at-large positions may prove to be the most controversial of the proposed charter changes.

According to Charter Commission member Andy Driscoll of Summit Hill, the commission has studied the matter for years and "we keep coming back to a mixed system." He said that adding at-large representatives would give voters additional council members to turn to with their concerns.

Some people have complained that under the ward system, "turf issues" get in the way of public policy that has the good of the entire city in mind, Butterbrodt said. He said he has also heard concerns that district councils hold an undue influence on City Council

members under the ward system.

Harris disputed both contentions. "St. Paul is a tightly knit community," he said. "People do have the interests of the whole city in mind. It's not like another ward is a foreign country."

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St. Paul voters can almost be assured that the change in council term lengths will be on the ballot this November, according to Butterbrodt. St. Paul was exempted from the 1996

state law that requires home-rule cities to have four-year council terms. "We felt it would be better for the voters to decide it than the state Legislature," Butterbrodt said. "We were able to persuade the Legislature of that in exchange for a promise to put the issue on the ballot."

The proposal to return control of the City Council's salary to the council also could be on the ballot in November. If approved, it could take effect as early as next January.

Three more public hearings are scheduled on the proposed charter changes—at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at the Sun Ray Library, 2105 Wilson Ave.; at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at Neighborhood House, 179 E. Robie St.; and at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, in Room 220 of City Hall.

The Charter Commission will then "noodle about them over the summer," Butterbrodt said.

- Jane McClure contributed to this article.

Bris Avrohom's mission is to help Russian immigrants assimilate /from page 1

and produces a national public access cable television show.

For both Giter and Friedman, Bris Avrohom (Hebrew for Abraham's Covenant) is not only a religious calling but a labor of love. As members of the Hassidic group Lubazitch Worldwide, "we're here to do everything and anything we can to help the (Jewish) community," Friedman said.

Initially, Bris Avrohom held only holiday services and administered only major rites such as weddings and burials. The daily synagogue services came later, but even those services are still only a small part of the organization's broader mission. Bris Avrohom's primary focus is to help immigrants assimilate into the American culture while maintaining their Russian heritage.

Bris Avrohom offers a Russian translation service, family and employment counseling, and even a resume writing service. Its kosher food shelf, cosponsored by Second Harvest and the Salvation Army, is the only one of its kind in the Twin Cities, according to Giter. Its studio art and music classes are taught by Natalya Dikareva, a professional artist, and her daughter Tityana, a composer who once ran the only professional method children's theater in the Ukraine.

Natalya said she enjoys working in the United States where people are free to "show



Rabbi Yochanan Friedman distributes raffle prizes to children during Bris Avrohom's recent Purim celebration at Sibley Plaza. Photo by Mike Long.

their bliss." At Bris Avrohom, she said, "we're providing a base for creativity and friendship. The kids are our future. I hope we can con-

tinue to get bigger so more can participate." "In spite of ourselves, we've grown quite impressively," Friedman said. "If we want to

keep up the momentum, we must stay in an expansion mode."

Giter and Friedman have been looking at sites in the West 7th area where they can expand their operation, but they know that whatever they do to accommodate the synagogue's existing needs will require a great deal of fund-raising. They rent their present synagogue, classroom and office space from Jiffy Lube, but are able to use the much larger Sibley Plaza hall only through the generosity of the shopping center's owner, Paster Enterprises.

Whatever the future holds, Giter and Friedman say they will continue to help as many Russian Jews as they can and in any way they can.

"It's not really a choice," Giter said. "As long as you have something to offer someone else, you don't go to sleep at night," Friedman said.

Bris Avrohom acts as a halfway house for the younger members of its congregation. "It's here to help them get on their feet in a foreign country," Friedman said. However, for the older members, its purpose is quite different.

"The older immigrants often won't adjust," Friedman said. "They simply can't learn a new language at their age. But they are in a new country. It is their home, and they need to make it their own home."



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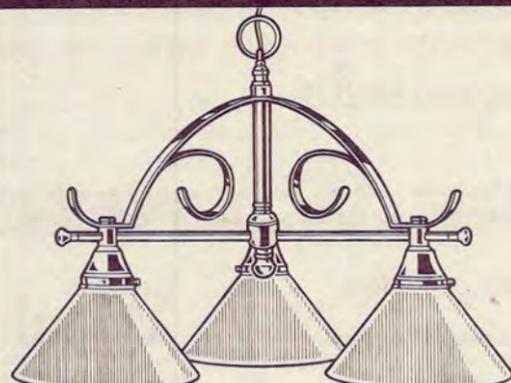
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When the puck doesn't seem to stop anywhere

Last week's revelations about the *ménage à trois* that apparently exists with the city of St. Paul, Minneapolis-based M.A. Mortenson Co. and the Minnesota Wild professional hockey team suggest that citizens would do well to pay close attention whenever such "public-private partnerships" come calling for taxpayer support. Even under the best of circumstances, the disputable standards by which such partnerships operate can breed public distrust. Under the worst of circumstances, they provide too many opportunities for back room intrigue.

By now you probably know the details:

- In October 1996 Mortenson loaned the Capital City Partnership the \$100,000 that was needed to apply for a National Hockey League franchise. The CCP is another public-private partnership made up of city officials and the CEOs of some of Minnesota's largest corporations that Mayor Norm Coleman solicited to boost the flagging fortunes of downtown St. Paul. After a private investor group was formed to acquire a hockey franchise, Mortenson agreed to pay \$1 million for part ownership in the team. Only after last week's revelations was the \$100,000 returned. Mortenson officials have now decided to forego any ownership role.

- Then-City Council president Dave Thune, a DFLer who had earlier opposed now-Republican gubernatorial candidate Norm Coleman's bid to bring an NHL team to town at taxpayer expense, began singing a different tune last year. In June Thune voted in favor of allocating \$30 million in city funds to raze the Civic Center and build a new arena for the Wild. In July he approached Mortenson officials about a job with the firm. In September he entered into a \$25,000-a-year contract to do "government affairs" work, specifically to land more St. Paul business.

- Late last year, Martha Larson, director of finance for the city of St. Paul, became director of finance for the Wild.

- In December, while working for Mortenson and closing out his City Council tenure, Thune voted to approve the Wild's 25-year lease with the city. The lease gave the team the right, with the city's assent, to select the company to manage the construction of the publicly owned arena without benefit of public bidding. The next month, the city concurred that Mortenson should get the \$2.5 million contract. The contract also put Mortenson's foot in the door to do some of the construction work on the \$130 million arena. Thune did not recuse himself from voting despite the conflict of interest.

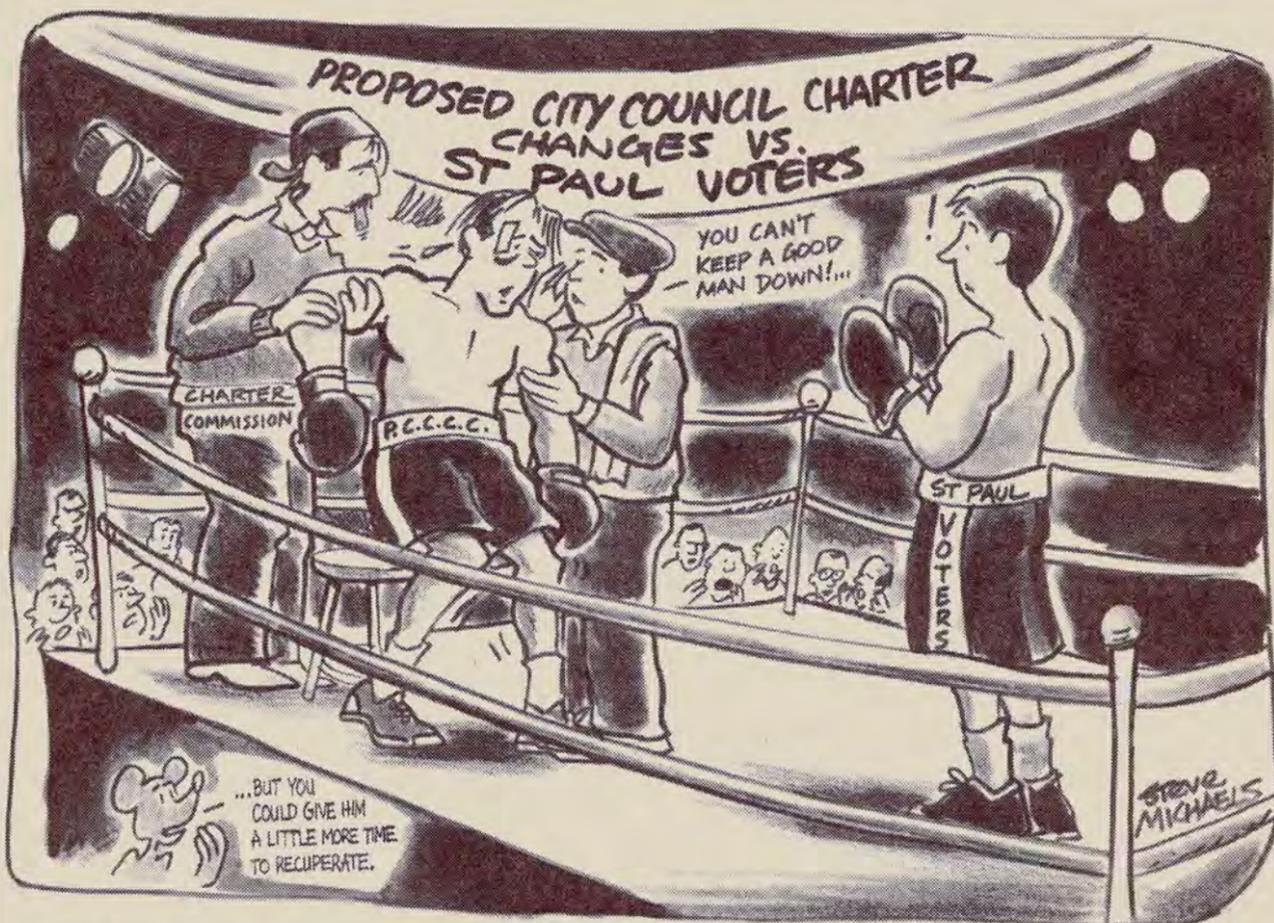
- Thune has since taken a job with Media Rare, a public relations company whose executive vice president, Erich Mische, clashed repeatedly with Thune when Mische was Coleman's right-hand man in City Hall. Media Rare is under contract with the Wild and with Coleman's gubernatorial campaign. According to Mische, Media Rare also anticipates landing the Mortenson account now that Thune is on board.

- Until last Thursday when these revelations threatened to derail St. Paul's bid for \$65 million in state assistance for the arena, Wild officials were still fighting vigorously to keep their financial books a secret. City and state officials did not even know the names of most of the team's investors up to that point. They still don't know the names of three of them.

Contrary to what has been said and written elsewhere, one does not have to be an opponent of public subsidies for professional sports or of Coleman's bid for governor to wonder whether the public interest is being well served when so many overlapping special interests appear to be.

Wild and city officials have repeatedly stated that St. Paul taxpayers are protected because their investment is capped at \$95 million—or \$30 million if the state comes through with the \$65 million in bonds that the city is seeking. As of this writing, that state assistance is far from assured.

But even if it were, add \$30 million to the millions in tax dollars now on the line for other private ventures that are feeding at the public trough in St. Paul, and I'm not as sure that the pride is back—as Coleman's last mayoral campaign so imperiously put it—as I am that the debt is.



Politics shouldn't subvert debate on DARE

by Greg Filice

Since 1987, the St. Paul Public Schools and St. Paul Police Department have collaborated to provide 5th-graders with substance-abuse education using the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) approach.

When the decision was made to implement the program, the goal was to reduce drug use among young people in St. Paul schools, both public and private. At the time, DARE was relatively new and its effectiveness unknown. Since then, several studies have been done in an attempt to determine whether DARE prevents drug use among students. The reports are mixed. Some experts, including the National Institute of Drug Abuse, have questioned DARE's effectiveness.

The St. Paul School Board recently asked a broadly representative group of citizens to review the issue and make recommendations. The questions put to the group were: Is our current approach to preventing drug use among young people the most effective, and, if not, what would be the most effective approach? As of this writing, the

report has not been completed. Neither I nor most of my fellow School Board members have formed opinions about what we should do. To do so would trivialize the public participation we have sought and disregard the work that this group has done.

An opinion piece printed in the February 25 issue of this

newspaper expressed support for DARE. The piece alleged that some people in the community want to stop DARE because St. Paul police come into school classrooms to teach our students. In my six years on the School Board, no constituent has expressed this opinion to me. In fact, all those who have commented to me feel that positive relations between police officers and young people are valuable.

In addition to DARE, the St. Paul Public Schools and the St. Paul Police Department have joint

agreements that involve 11 police officers in our schools. One purpose of those agreements is to prevent conflict and violence in the schools. Another is to allow the police to be in

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What do teachers know about DARE?

by Dan Geislinger

The DARE program gives the sense that we're doing something to support the "War on Drugs," when in fact the program is ineffective. Almost all of my friends have gone through DARE and I don't know any of them who don't use drugs, alcohol or cigarettes because of their participation. In fact, I know plenty of people who smoke, drink or use drugs regularly, and most of them are DARE graduates.

Tom Conlon's editorial, "DARE deserves expanding, not dumping," in the February 25 *Villager* fails to tell the whole truth behind the issue. He describes anti-DARE community members as "left-wing political" ideologists. As a young person with educated opinions and experience with DARE, I find Conlon's stereotyping offensive.

Conlon cited the statistic that 97.5 percent of classroom teachers rated their DARE officers and programs as "effective, highly effective or outstanding." What do classroom teachers know about DARE's effects? The program is designed to combat drugs and violence. Though it may seem like an effective tool in the classroom, it doesn't mean DARE is getting the job done on the streets.

Many studies of DARE have been done. The largest was by the Justice Department. It hired the Research Triangle Institute, the most prestigious institute of its kind. The study concluded that DARE simply didn't work. While loved by students, parents and teachers alike, the study said, DARE fails to prevent drug use.

Researchers found that there are other programs that work much better than DARE. Due to overwhelming

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St. Paul deserves \$65 million in state support for RiverCentre

To the editor:

Now is a critical time for this community at the Minnesota Legislature. St. Paul needs and deserves \$65 million of state support to build its new RiverCentre Arena. State Senator Dick Cohen of District 64 will play a critical role in this decision. He has been named a member of the bonding bill conference committee, which holds the fate of RiverCentre funding in its hands.

District 64's two House members, Michael Paymar and Matt Entenza, fought vigorously for the full \$65 million in bonds for the RiverCentre Arena that is in the House bill. Senator Cohen is now in a position to deliver for St. Paul. We know he can if he wants to and if he puts the interests of his constituents first. If he doesn't, the city risks paying the \$65 million that the state should pay.

The city has already committed \$30 million to the arena and the team has committed \$35 million. St. Paul is asking the state to finance \$65 million. The state has a history of as-

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sisting communities in building and renovating civic centers and convention centers. Minneapolis, Rochester, Duluth, St. Cloud and Fergus Falls all have requests for bonding for convention centers and civic centers in this year's bonding bill.

The new RiverCentre Arena will continue its tradition of hosting state high school gymnastics, volleyball, wrestling, basketball and hockey tournaments. It also will continue to be a public civic center hosting community events, concerts, performances and trade shows. The new RiverCentre Arena also will house the Minnesota Wild National Hockey League team for 41 nights during the year.

Opponents of RiverCentre funding don't recognize the unique benefits that the public-private partnership with the

team is bringing to the city and to the state. The team is taking the risk of cost overruns for arena construction while the city and the state get a new arena as well as an NHL hockey team that will bring new jobs and significant revenue to the state and vitality to this community.

We urge you to call Senator Cohen to let him know that the community needs him to stand firm for St. Paul. We also urge you to call Representatives Paymar and Entenza to thank them for a job well done.

Tim Marx
Highland Park

Gary Fields
Highland Park

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contact with youths and thus be more effective in preventing criminal activity outside of schools. A third is to enhance safety for children on the way to and from school.

These officers get to know our students, participate in classroom and extracurricular activities, help coach our teams and serve as role models. The officers are selected for their involvement in the community and their ability to relate to students. Many of the officers are parents of students who attend or have attended St. Paul public schools. In every situation with which I am familiar, they are considered part of the school community. To claim that our review of the effectiveness of DARE reflects a bias against police officers in schools is ludicrous.

The School Board is a public body and we

use public money to prevent drug abuse. We feel obligated to examine DARE and every other program we operate. It is essential that we judge the effectiveness of our programs against the purposes that led us to implement them.

The review of our approach to preventing drug use among young people was motivated by a desire to provide students, parents and taxpayers with the highest quality, most cost-effective services. It is a practical issue. Our ability to decide as a community how to effectively protect our young people from the ravages of drugs is jeopardized if we allow this review to be framed in political terms.

Editor's note: The writer is a Summit Hill resident and member of the St. Paul School Board.

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political pressure and threats from DARE supporters, that study was never released. Ann Voit, a National Institute of Justice spokeswoman, said the agency didn't agree with the study's findings. "Dateline NBC" started doing a story about the inadequate DARE program. Glenn Levant, the ex-Los Angeles cop who is the founding director of DARE, threatened NBC with a lawsuit for ethical violations and journalistic fraud. "Dateline" dropped the story.

Conlon writes that concerns over DARE's cost are only a "smoke screen for deeper issues." This may be true, but the smoke screen doesn't make DARE any more effective. Besides, he goes on to

make points about how DARE saves taxpayers money over other programs. So who exactly is the one putting up smoke screens? Tom Conlon, that's who.

I didn't look up to my DARE officer any more than I did professional athletes. My parents have been the most influential role models I've ever had. Their drug-, alcohol- and tobacco-free lifestyles gave me something on which to model myself.

The money wasted on DARE would be better spent on parenting classes, high school counselors or an effective drug awareness program.

Editor's note: The writer is a Highland Park resident and senior at Cretin-Derham Hall.



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You can travel the world over and never find a better beer can collection

by Dave Page

Jim Friesen has what most college fraternities only dream about—a basement stocked with more than 40 cases of beer.

Thirsty visitors who come calling might be disappointed, however: Only one of Friesen's 1,000 cans has any beer in it. "I'm sure it's rot-gut," he said as he lifted the can from one of the rows that line his basement walls.

"It's a Russian beer from the mid-1960s called Gold Ring. It probably packs quite a wallop," he said as he pointed to the 13 percent alcohol stamped on the label.

A resident of Minneapolis' Howe neighborhood, Friesen needs little encouragement to talk about his hobby of collecting beer cans. "Some friends came to a party at the house and brought over several different kinds of beers," he said in explaining how he got started back in the 1970s. "I thought no one had ever thought of collecting cans from around the world, so I started."

However, Friesen soon discovered he was not alone. He is now a member of several different beer can collecting clubs, including the Beer Can Collectors of America (BCCA), which has a Twin Cities chapter.

The BCCA holds a national "convention" every September and Friesen has attended eight of them. He enjoys the camaraderie, though he admits he is not a typical member.

"I'm moderately well educated and a vegetarian," he said, "and I don't even drink beer."

In his first years, Friesen collected all kinds of beer cans, but in 1985 he decided to concentrate on foreign beers. Even so, his collection grew to an unmanageable 10,000 by 1992.

Then Friesen heard about One Can, One Country, a group whose members attempt to

acquire a beer can from every country in the world. Friesen traded away, gave away, or sold 90 percent of his collection and became a contributing editor to the "One Can, One Country" newsletter. He is currently serving as the organization's vice president.

Now Friesen's goal is to procure two beer cans from every nation on the planet. Already he has cans from 175 countries arranged in alphabetical order. Underneath each can is a label identifying its country of origin.

Friesen has cans from countries that are no longer countries, including Southwest Africa and North Vietnam. He also has cans from Cuba before that country became communist.

Communist Cuba did not can beer until recently, according to Friesen, who is full of such information. Jamaica, he said, imports its beer from England, regions such as Basque

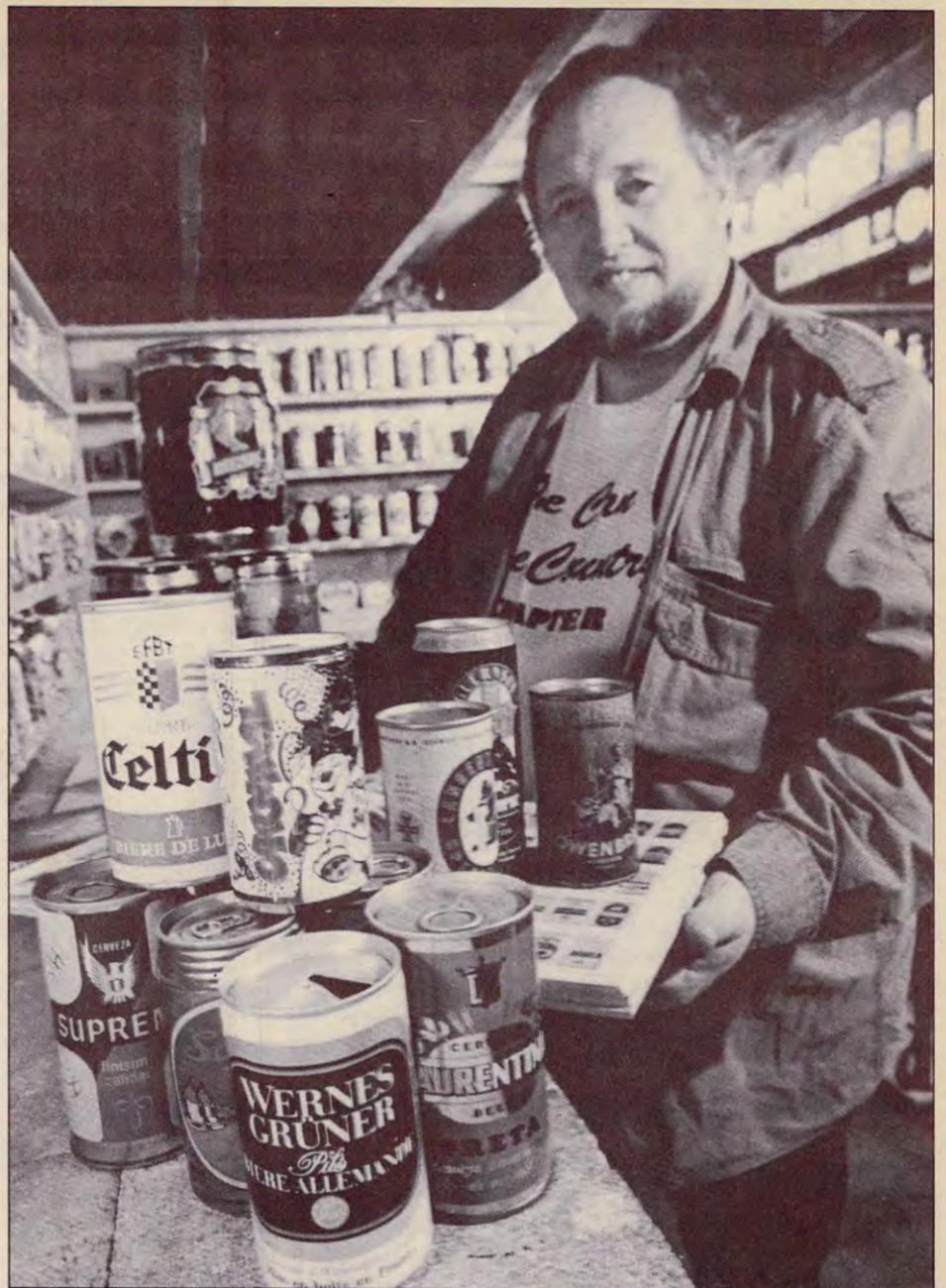
and Lapland have their own beers, and Harley Davidson Beer is canned in Germany.

Beer cans did not appear in the United States until after Prohibition ended in 1933, Friesen said. Beer was first canned in crimp steel, then in straight steel and finally in aluminum.

Friesen acquires his cans through the mail and at the dozen or so conventions he attends each year. He also is a member of the Australian Beer Can Collectors and plans to travel down under to meet his fellow hobbyists for the first time this year.

Two years ago, Friesen traveled to Africa and sent home 10 cases of beer cans. "I got them by trading a camera lens and a pair of shoes," he said. He has arranged with a man in Japan to send him beer cans in return for whatever kids' lunch boxes he can send to Japan. Another collector trades him beer cans for Barbie dolls, and another trades beer cans

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Jim Friesen shows off some of the more than 1,000 beer cans he has displayed in the basement of his Minneapolis home. To date, his collection includes cans from 175 different countries, all arranged in alphabetical order. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

for Coke cans.

Friesen now sends and receives about six boxes of cans a month to and from countries around the world. Most of the cans that he acquires he trades away. However, some strike his fancy, like his favorite, the first beer canned by Löwenbräu of Germany called Triumphator.

Friesen, who is employed as an industrial specialist for the federal government, still has a few cans left over from his early days of collecting, including his collection of beer cans from nearly every state in the union.

"Not all states brew beer, so I don't have cans from places like Kansas or Mississippi," he said. His can from Minnesota is a Schmidt City Club from the late 1940s.

At its high point, Friesen's collection was quite valuable. Beer cans can sell for up to \$5,000 each, he said. However, most of his cans today have little more than sentimental value. A particularly valuable one may run between \$10 and \$15. Still, Friesen said, he enjoys his collection now more than he ever has.

"Now," he said, "the most important thing about collecting is the friends I make."

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MAC adds parking ramp project to \$1.7 billion airport expansion plan

by Jane McClure

The Metropolitan Airports Commission added a new \$149.5 million parking ramp project on March 16 to the slate of improvements scheduled for Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Two new nine-level parking ramps are now expected to be finished by the year 2000. They will add 6,000 parking spaces for the public and 3,000 spaces for rental vehicle companies. Although the existing airport ramp will not be shut down, airport visitors can expect parking congestion and traffic rerouting due to construction.

The new parking facilities are part of a \$1.7 billion airport expansion plan that will get rolling this spring. Runway extensions, a new north-south runway and a renovated terminal are among the projects planned to meet the airport's needs through 2010.

In April, reconstruction of south parallel Runway 12R-30L will get under way. The runway's western end will be rebuilt and a temporary extension added this year. The eastern end of the runway will be rebuilt in 1999. The construction project will result in more air traffic over Richfield and Bloomington this spring and summer.

The temporary runway will be pressed into service when Runway 4-22 is closed for extension work in 1999-2000. The temporary extension and longer Runway 4-22 will be used primarily for flights to Asia, which require longer runways for takeoffs. A few more flights will be sent over St. Paul once Runway 4-22 is completed.

North parallel Runway 12L-30R will get a new pad area for plane de-icing operations this year. Work on a new north-south Runway 17-35 also will begin in late summer or early fall and should be completed by 2003. MAC officials are waiting for a final environmental study on the project before work can begin.

MAC is still looking for a permanent location for rental car service buildings, according to deputy executive director for planning Nigel Finney. The service buildings are used for light maintenance, oil changes and vehicle cleaning.

Car rental companies are being forced to move their operations out of the airport ramp to make way for the construction project. Two of the companies—Hertz and Alamo—have relocated to the Shepard-Davern area of Highland Park. Finney said the companies will be able to return to the airport when the new parking ramps are completed.

Councils split over UST permit parking

by Jane McClure

The resident-only permit parking district around the University of St. Thomas campus may be divided into smaller subdistricts if two community councils have their way. The Merriam Park Community Council voted on March 8 to ask that the district be split into 10 districts. The Macalester-Groveland Community Council voted in January to recommend that the district be divided into at least three. The requests will next be considered by the St. Paul Department of Public Works and the City Council.

Merriam Park resident Scott Heiderich said a change is needed because of the sheer size of the permit parking district, which was created in 1986 after years of complaints about student and faculty occupying all the on-street parking spaces on streets around the campus. The district extends as far north as Dayton Avenue and as far south as Fairmount Avenue, and from several streets east

to several streets west of the campus.

The district has expanded several times over the past 12 years. It has grown so large that people who live in one part of the district are now reportedly using their permits to park elsewhere in the district.

If a change is approved, residents would continue to buy annual permits to designate where they can park, but the permits would be good for a smaller area. The Merriam Park plan calls for three subdistricts south of Summit Avenue and seven to the north. The Macalester-Groveland plan would have two districts south of Summit (split at Cretin Avenue) and one to the north.

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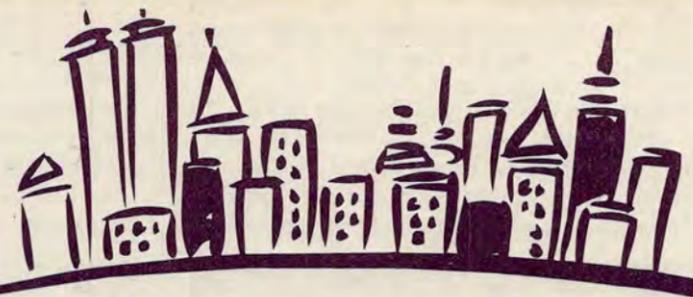
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State rules that 197 must hold referendum on activity center

by Bill Wagner

The Minnesota Attorney General's Office has ruled that School District 197 must schedule a bond referendum for a multi-use activity center at Henry Sibley High School.

The district sought the ruling after receiving a petition in October signed by more than 300 residents who are in favor of building the \$7 million center. The building would include a soccer dome, ice arena, swimming pool, and rooms for community education and senior citizen gatherings.

The proposal is being pushed by a loosely knit task force composed of hockey parents, soccer parents and seniors. The petition drive was undertaken to force the district to schedule an election after the School Board voted

5-2 last September to reject the proposal.

Attorney General Skip Humphrey wrote in his opinion that the petition was valid and that the district must hold a referendum to determine if residents want to pay for the center with tax dollars.

"We've cleared the first hurdle," said School Board member David Jackson, a leading proponent of the activity center.

Supporters say the center would not be a financial burden to the district because user fees would cover its operating costs. However, School Board chair Gary Hagstrom said he doubts that the center could pay for itself. "I'm very uncertain that something that costs this much can be self-sustaining," he said. "If I was convinced that it would make money or be revenue-neutral, I'd have no problem at all."

A majority of the board members are opposed to spending money on the center, especially when the district is facing \$2.5 million in budget cuts this year. According to opponents of the center, a feasibility study could cost anywhere from \$15,000 to \$25,000, and another \$15,000 to \$20,000 would be needed to hold the special election.

Hagstrom noted that financial officer Jay Willemssen recently resigned to work for the city of Edina. Hagstrom said he does not want to move forward on the referendum before finding Willemssen's replacement. "I would like to have somebody on board who understands the process better than I," he said.

Proponents of the center say it would provide a home facility for Sibley hockey, soccer and swim teams, as well as youth sports, com-

munity education classes and senior citizens activities. Jackson said similar centers have proven successful in Inver Grove Heights, Apple Valley, Woodbury and South St. Paul. According to him, district officials have already received inquiries from other schools, including St. Thomas Academy and Visitation, that would be interested in using the center. He said the Eagan Athletic Association has also sent a letter of support.

Jackson said he would prefer that the referendum be presented in two parts. The first would give the district authorization to build the ice arena and soccer dome. The second would include the swimming pool and other support facilities. The swimming pool, a late addition to the project, carries a price tag of up to \$2.3 million alone.

SCHOOL NOTES

Homecroft Elementary School, 1845 Sheridan Ave., will hold a kindergarten roundup from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 2. Parents of children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1 are invited to meet the teachers, tour the classrooms and register their kids for the 1998-99 school year. The school's kindergarten will be an all-day program starting in the fall.

Head Start, an educational program for children ages 3-5 from low-income families, is now registering students for fall 1998. The free, half-day preschool serves children with and without special needs. For information, call 603-5977.

A free public forum on the new requirements for public school educators, "Who Will Be the Teachers?" will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, in the 3M Auditorium of Owens Science Hall at the University of St. Thomas. A panel of experts will discuss current challenges to the system of training and certifying K-12 teachers.

Henry Sibley High School recently launched its 14th annual scholarship drive. Last year, approximately \$75,000 was awarded to nearly one-third of Sibley's graduating class. This year's campaign goal is \$80,000. Donations may be mailed to the school at 1897 Delaware Ave, Mendota Heights, MN 55118. For information, call Mike Hobach at 681-2358.

St. Thomas Academy students Scott Phillips and Darrin Gamradt are two of 21 teen-agers who were selected to represent Minnesota in the National Forensic League's debate tournament in June in St. Louis. They will be competing against high school debaters from all 50 states, the District of Colum-

Hearings set on St. Paul superintendent search

St. Paul residents are invited to attend any of three public hearings in the next week to let the School Board know what qualities they would like to see in the district's next superintendent.

The hearings will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, at Humboldt High School, 30 E. Baker St.; on Wednesday, April 1, at Central High School, 275 N. Lexington Pkwy.; and on Thursday, April 2, at Johnson High

School, 1349 Arcade St. Concurrent hearings will be held in English, Hmong and Spanish.

Superintendent Curman Gaines announced in January that he intends to step down in June. The School Board expects to have a new superintendent hired by the fall. An advisory committee, chaired by former St. Paul mayor George Latimer, will use the comments from the hearings to make a recom-

mendation to the School Board.

Those who cannot attend a hearing may comment by completing a survey, by calling the school district's comment line at 293-LINE, or by participating in the district's live call-in TV show, "School Talk," at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, on Cable Channel 32. For more information on the hearings, call the Family and Community Involvement Office at 293-5162.

bia and Guam. This year's debate topic is "Resolved: The federal government should establish a policy to substantially increase renewable energy use in the United States."

The University of St. Thomas honored five individuals during its 80th annual St. Thomas Day celebration on March 7. Russell Jean Gray of Excelsior (class of '51) was named Humanitarian of the Year for his volunteer work on behalf of the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos orphanages in Central America; U.S. Representative James Oberstar ('56) was named Distinguished Alumnus for his service to the university; Jack Brownstein of Macalester-Groveland, who has taught geology at the university since 1961, was named Professor of the Year; Gerald Brennan of Highland Park ('70 and '80) received the Monsignor James Lavin Award for his volunteer service to the St. Thomas Alumni Association; and Paul Hoelsing, a senior biology major with a 3.965 grade-point average, received the Tommy Award for top all-around student.

Brenda Delany of Highland Park is participating in the University of Minnesota's "Take Charge Program." The year-round program links university students like Delany with teens from Patrick Henry and Central high schools. The high school students work with their college mentors to identify community health problems, develop strategies to address them and make lasting changes in their schools and neighborhoods. Some of the issues the students have selected this year include safer sex, relationships and violence. Delany is a senior at the "U" where she is majoring in family social science.

"**Bridge for Success**" will begin its next session on March 30 at the University of St. Thomas' downtown Minneapolis campus. The 10-week program offers free college preparatory courses in computers, writing, math and science, as well as classes in job hunting. Classes are held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students may attend on a full- or part-time basis. For information, call Julie Green at 962-4452.

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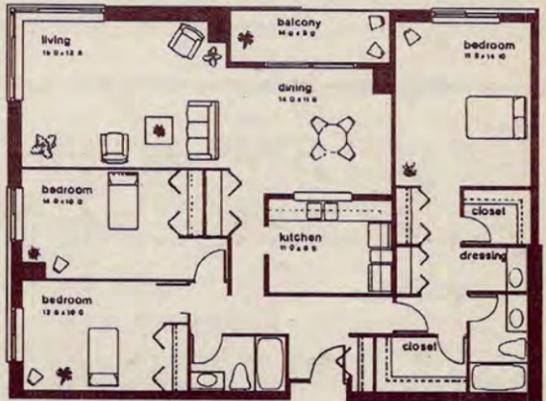
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Ed Roth (right) and assistant John Steinmaus (left) pose with their student mechanics in the repair bay of the Central High School auto shop. Photos by Mike Long.

After quarter century, Ed Roth has Central auto shop running like top

by Dick Gordon

In the early 1970s, Ed Roth held a routine position as a history and math instructor at Central Lutheran School on Lexington Parkway. Today, he is still involved in the teaching profession, but his position is anything but routine.

Roth, 51, teaches auto shop for Central High School students out of a former service station on the northeast corner of Selby Avenue and Dunlap Street. The innovative program offers academic credit to fledgling mechanics in grades 10-12 who learn first through classroom instruction and then by servicing vehicles brought in by the public.

It all began a quarter of a century ago when the Shell Oil Company contacted Central with a plan to provide the equipment needed for running a service station if the high school would supply the space and the instructor. When Central officials asked Roth if he would take charge of the project, it was not a shot in the dark. Roth had been employed as an auto mechanic to help defray expenses while obtaining his degree at Concordia.

Hundreds of students and thousands of oil changes, brake jobs and tune-ups later, Roth is still at it.

Customers entrust the care of their cars to teen-agers for two reasons, according to Roth. "First, we've built a solid reputation for good service over the years," he said. "Second, it's inexpensive." (An oil change runs around \$10.60.)

Customers come mainly from the immediate neighborhood, Roth said. "We schedule six to eight appointments a day," he said, "and appointments are usually scheduled two weeks in advance."

The students work on customers' cars on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mondays are set aside for

classroom instruction and Fridays are reserved for students to work on their own autos. Students must demonstrate that they can perform specific tasks before they are allowed to work on customers' vehicles.

The Central service station is not operated for profit. "We're just trying to be self-supporting," said Roth. (Shell Oil withdrew its financial support for the project several years ago.) "We not only want to give good service, but we also try to be good neighbors. We keep our place neat and the sidewalks shoveled. We also clear all the walks around the station."

For the first three years of its existence, the program operated out of the high school. It moved to its present location after a service station that had operated there closed its doors.

The elective course runs from 10:00 a.m. to noon for most students and until 2:00 p.m. for a few exceptional ones. Class enrollment usually numbers about 20. "At first, the enrollment was mainly male, white and from blue-collar backgrounds,"

Roth said. "Now we have boys and girls and plenty of minorities. A lot of students take the course just so they'll know how to work on their own cars."

That's the main reason Francis McLane chose to enroll in the course. He said auto shop is more interesting than some of his other school courses and "maybe a little easier." Nick VanHeel, a three-year veteran of the station, said he hopes to get a job in automotive design when he completes his education.

"A lot of my students go to technical colleges after they graduate from Central," Roth said. "I'd say about 15 to 20 percent are eventually employed in some sort of mechanical work."

John Steinmaus is a special case. He took the course for three years and is now employed full time as Roth's assistant.

Central principal Mary Mackbee supports the auto shop enthusiastically. "It's well integrated and operated," she said, "and it's absolutely one of our school's best courses."



Central High School senior Erik Olson and junior Jack Rust repair the brakes of a car in their auto shop class.

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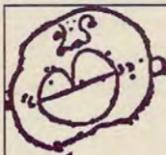


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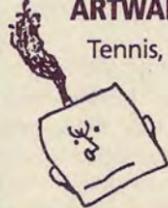
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Close to home

William Moyers joins his father for a televised walk down the road to recovery

by Dick Gordon

William Cope Moyers says he owes his life to Hazelden. His association with Minnesota's nationally renowned chemical dependency treatment center began in 1989 when he finally bottomed out in a Harlem apartment after a 10-year binge on alcohol and drugs.

"I started drinking and smoking marijuana when I was 16," said Moyers, now a Summit Hill resident. "By the time I was 20 I was hooked on cocaine, crack, everything."

Moyers was not your typical high school dropout who turned to drugs and alcohol to escape a broken or abusive family. He was born to caring, well-to-do parents. His father is Bill Moyers, the celebrated author, TV producer and former member of the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. William graduated with honors in journalism from Washington and Lee University in Virginia and held responsible jobs during his decade of addiction. When he blacked out in Harlem from an overdose of drugs, he was a reporter for *Newsday* magazine.

Today, the 38-year-old Moyers has put the booze and drugs behind him, although he is quick to point out that former addicts are never really cured. "I know that if I take one drink, one beer, I'm dead," he said. "Addiction is cunning, baffling, powerful."

For a long time, Moyers said he could not face up to his addiction. "I was too scared to ask for help," he said. However, his father sensed something was wrong. "When he asked me," William said, "I lied to him. I said I was OK. Finally, after Harlem, I asked my family for help. Now I realize that I had to forget about the stigma, stand up and say, 'My name is William Cope Moyers. I'm an alcoholic and a drug addict.' I got better."

Moyers and his second wife, Allison, now have two sons and a daughter, all under age 6. Moyers is employed as director of public policy at Hazelden.

"Allison came from Bermuda about the same time I arrived from New York," Moyers said about their mutual stay at Hazelden. "We

were at the Center City headquarters together, but we didn't meet until we moved to the Fellowship Club, Hazelden's halfway house in St. Paul." They were married in January 1992.

Following rehab, Moyers worked as a general assignment reporter for the Minneapolis-based *Star Tribune* and for CNN in Atlanta. Both he and Allison had fallen in love with the Twin Cities as a place to live and raise their family. "I was born in Fort Worth, Texas, and I've lived in many nice areas," Moyers said, "but this is the best."

The couple returned to Minnesota in 1995 and Moyers assumed his current position with Hazelden. As director of public policy, he said his mission is threefold: to make the public understand that chemical dependency is a disease and should be treated as such, that it can affect anyone regardless of background, and that victims can overcome their obsession.

Moyers' parents also feel strongly about the subject. They have gone public with their story in a TV series that his father is producing called "Moyers on Addiction—Close to Home."

"I thought we knew all about addiction until it came close to home," said the elder Moyers. "Then we discovered how naive we'd been. Our entire family was swept up in the ordeal. Fortunately, it's come to a happy ending for us. Many others are not so lucky. Addiction kills."

The five-part series will air on public television the evenings of March 29-31. The episodes, which were filmed at locations across the country, take a look at the latest scientific studies, public policy analysis and personal stories of those who have been affected by addiction—from parents to prisoners to children. The series line-up includes "Portrait of Addiction" and "The Hijacked Brain" on Sunday, "Changing Lives" on Monday and "The Next Generation" and "The Politics of Addiction" on Tuesday.

KTCA-TV will host a town meeting on the series from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, in its downtown St. Paul studios at



Summit Hill resident William Cope Moyers, son of noted author Bill Moyers, has gotten back on track after an addiction to drugs and is now the director of public policy for Hazelden. He will moderate a panel discussion on issues of addiction during a town meeting on Wednesday, April 1, at KTCA-TV.

172 E. 4th St. There will be a brief overview of "Moyers on Addiction," followed by a panel discussion on issues facing policymakers and the general public.

William Cope Moyers will serve as the moderator of the panel, which will include Dan Cain of Eden Programs, St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman, Peter Hayden of Turning Point, Dr. Pat Owen of the Butler Center for Research and Learning, and Kay Provine of Hazelden. Seating is limited. To register, call 229-1524 by March 27.

Moyers hopes the series will provide the impetus for Congress to pass the Substance Abuse Parity Act. The federal legislation is sponsored by U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone and Representative Jim Ramstad, who is a recovering alcoholic himself. The law would require treatment for drug addiction to be covered by insurance in the same way other illnesses are covered.

"Hazelden is working to educate the public about addiction, treatment, prevention and recovery," Moyers said. "We want people to understand that treatment offers people the opportunity to get well and lead healthy, productive lives."

One need not look any farther than Moyers for an example of a productive life. He is home with his family on weekends, but spends about 75 percent of his work week on the road. "I travel all over the country," he said. "Recently, I was in Atlanta and Tallahassee speaking before the Georgia and Florida legislatures in support of the Wellstone-Ramstad bill."

Moyers also serves on four nonprofit area organizations, including the Boys and Girls Club of St. Paul and the Minnesota Humanities Commission. "I want to give something back to the community that has been so good to me," he said.

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City officials eye Shepard-Davern as possible new site for Green Tree

They aim to keep company's 1,400 jobs in St. Paul

by Jane McClure

City officials are looking at the Shepard-Davern neighborhood of Highland Park as a possible new site for the corporate headquarters of Green Tree Financial, a mobile home mortgage lender that employs about 1,400 people in downtown St. Paul.

That news came as a surprise to members of the Shepard-Davern Task Force, a citizens committee that has been working since last fall on a redevelopment plan for the area.

Discussion of the relocation of Green Tree is still in the preliminary stage, according to staff members of the St. Paul Port Authority and Department of Planning and Economic Development (PED). Shepard-Davern and a riverfront site on the West Side have both been suggested as possible Green Tree locations.

Last spring, Green Tree officials announced a tentative plan to move their downtown offices to a site near I-494 and Highway 52 in Inver Grove Heights.

"Our objective at this point is solely to develop a reasonable plan for Green Tree to stay in St. Paul," said Port Authority spokesman Mike Strand.

"Keeping Green Tree in St. Paul is a priority for the city," said Susan Kimberly, leader of PED's Southwest Team.

Green Tree executives met with St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman, Riverfront Development Corporation director Patrick Seeb, Port Authority president Ken Johnson and PED director Pam Wheelock in early March.

According to Kimberly and Strand, discussions at this point are general and have not yet focused on costs.

"We discussed these sites as a couple of options for Green Tree to consider," Strand said. "We haven't looked in detail at property ownership issues."

The owners of large parcels of property at Shepard-Davern include Hertz Corporation, Stuart Nolan and Jerry Trooien. The owners of the riverfront property between Wabasha and Robert streets include Trooien and the city of St. Paul.

Green Tree Financial officials declined to comment for this article.

Shawn Bartsh, chair of the Shepard-Davern Task Force and president of the Highland Area Community Council (HACC), said the task force will be watching closely to see what happens with the effort to keep Green Tree in St. Paul.

"The first I heard about this was when I read about it in the newspaper," said Planning Commissioner Anne Geisser, co-chair of the task force. "I was a bit surprised because we met the night before (March 17) and no reference was made to this project."

The task force, composed of area residents and business people, has been looking at commercial and residential redevelopment, transit and landscaping issues in the Shepard-Davern area. The Small Area Plan it drafts is intended to become part of the city's comprehensive land-use plan to guide redevelopment of the area.

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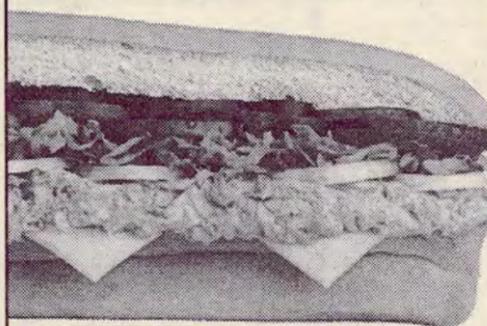
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Sponsored by the Wilder Foundation, the forum will run from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. A buffet dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.

The program will feature presentations on how the principles of new urbanism are making Milwaukee's neighborhoods more accommodating to pedestrians and mass transit. The presentations will apply those principles in St. Paul neighborhoods in light of the opportunities presented by trends in demographics and development. Speaking will be Mike Kinde, a Milwaukee planning and design consultant; John Kari of the Metropolitan Council; and Dan Markel and Gina Bonsignore of the Design Center for the American Urban Landscape.

A panel of three local experts will offer a St. Paul perspective—Ward 4 City Council member Jay Benanav, Peggy Lucas of Brighton Development Corporation, and Ruth Murphy of the Community Design Center of Minnesota. The discussion will be moderated by Yusef Mgeni of the Urban Coalition.

Other forums in the series will address "The Transformation of the Workplace: Implications for Education" on Tuesday, April 21; "Housing: A Roof for Everyone" on Tuesday, April 28; and "Transportation Systems that Work: Solutions for St. Paul Neighborhoods" on Tuesday, May 19.

The forums are open to the public free of charge; however, advance registration is required for the buffet dinner that will be served before all but the April 21 forum.

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Planning begins on expansion of Homecroft Recreation Center

by Jane McClure

A neighborhood task force is now being formed to address plans for expanding Homecroft Recreation Center, 1845 Sheridan Ave. Task force meetings are expected to begin next month, but representatives of several groups have already started making their wish lists for the center, which serves a diverse residential neighborhood in Highland Park.

Some of the ideas already being discussed include creating a more visible entrance to the center, adding new playground equipment, creating a shared practice and competition area for gymnastics, building a larger gymnasium, adding meeting rooms and a craft shop, providing a warming room for ice skaters, adding a toy lending library and setting aside space for child care and other services for families.

The center currently shares two small gyms with Homecroft Elementary School, but has limited space for meetings or classes. Carpet and tile flooring are worn and some walls need repainting.

Homecroft neighbor and school parent Carol Hugley noted that some parents drive their children to the newer and larger Hillcrest Recreation Center on Ford Parkway rather than use Homecroft. "It's hard to get

people interested in this center and get them to support it," she said.

The Highland Area Community Council is helping set up the neighborhood task force. Representatives of the rec center, elementary school, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Services, Highland Community Education, Sibley Manor and Highland MacGroveland Family Center are among those who are expected to work with St. Paul Parks and Recreation staff to discuss what programs ought to be accommodated in an expanded Homecroft.

The task force needs to have a plan hammered out by this fall so it can be submitted in time for the city's next Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) review process. Homecroft's bid for CIB funds during the 1998-99 allocation cycle fell short. HACC and Parks and Rec unsuccessfully sought \$540,000 in 1998 and \$1.17 million in 1999 for an addition and site improvements at the center. However, Homecroft did receive a \$40,000 planning grant and \$100,000 for capital maintenance and equipment needs when the St. Paul City Council adopted its 1998 budget last December.

Those who are interested in working with the task force are invited to call the Highland Area Community Council office at 298-5138.

Task force favors measures for a kinder, gentler Ayd Mill extension

by Jane McClure

The Ayd Mill Road Task Force has approved two measures that its members hope will soften the roadway's impact on adjacent neighborhoods.

On a split voice vote on March 16, the task force stipulated that the roadway should be redesigned with the intent of "calming" or slowing motor vehicle traffic.

The task force also agreed to extend the roadway north of Selby Avenue not along Pascal Avenue but along a railroad line east of Pascal so that fewer commercial buildings and no homes in the Snelling Park neighborhood would need to be razed.

The task force has been charged with reviewing options for reconstructing Ayd Mill Road as a link between I-94 on the north and I-35E on the south. Its recommendations will be forwarded to the St. Paul Planning Commission and City Council this summer or early fall. At that point the recommendations will become part of a detailed environmental impact study.

Though most of the controversy over Ayd Mill Road has concerned its connection to I-94, the debate on March 16 centered on the

alignment of the roadway between Jefferson and Selby avenues.

The task force ultimately turned down a proposal by Scott Heiderich of Merriam Park to shift the roadway as far east as possible to free up more space on the west side for a park.

That idea was welcomed by Mike Casey of Snelling-Hamline. "Our community is looking for more green space and space for community gardens," he said.

"In terms of park space, we are the most underserved neighborhood in St. Paul," said John Galatowitsch, also of Snelling-Hamline.

John Siekmeier of Summit Hill said he would rather see Ayd Mill Road redesigned with more curves to encourage slower driving. "If it's designed straight, or in a way people can go 60 mph, people will go 60 mph," he said.

According to Mike Klassen of the St. Paul Department of Public Works, the alignment of the roadway ultimately will be determined by the location of the bridges that pass over the road. Of the overpasses at Jefferson, St. Clair, Grand, Summit, Hamline and Selby avenues, only the Hamline Avenue bridge is slated for replacement, he said.

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Wild Onion's opening has multiple layers

With a new menu, new windows and extensive redecorating now in place, the Wild Onion will celebrate its grand opening 10 months after its predecessor, Lyon's Pub, was acquired and rechristened by Joe Schaefer and partners Tom Williams and Jay Salmen. All three are residents of Mendota Heights.

The four-day celebration will run from Monday through Thursday, March 30-April 2 at the bar and restaurant, 788 Grand Ave. Prize drawings will be awarded at lunch each day for a \$100 gift certificate, 365 steak dinners and an all-expense-paid trip for two to San Diego.

Other highlights of the grand opening celebration include the following:

Monday—a party at 8:30 p.m. with live music by the Solid Senders.

Tuesday—complimentary wine will be served with all dinners between 5:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday—the Wild Onion's traditional Student Night will include live music by Dazy Head Mazy beginning at 9:00 p.m., reduced prices on drinks all night long and a T-shirt giveaway.

Thursday—complimentary martinis or Manhattans will be served with dinner. Complimentary champagne will be served to the ladies from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m., and a drawing for a \$500 diamond ring will be held.

Schaefer said that the renovation project, which was conceived and executed by Summit Hill-based Intonaco, was undertaken to give the Wild Onion "more of an upscale feel, to make it look more like Grand Avenue."

According to Schaefer, the Wild Onion represents the "new generation of casual bars" that have TVs but aren't considered sports bars, primarily because of the attention paid to the decor and the menu. Where neon beer logos once hung, for instance, eight original oil paintings by St. Paul artist Bob Bonowitz now adorn the walls. And where the former menu was what Schaefer called "typical bar food," the new menu is an eclectic collection of American dishes with a distinct regional flair.

According to Schaefer, every appetizer, entree and dessert at the Wild

Onion is made from scratch under the watchful eye of head chef Jeff Phillips. Everything, that is, except for the ice cream, which is handmade at the Grand Ole Creamery just down the block.

Schaefer, a graduate of St. Cloud State, has been in the bar and restaurant business since 1974 when he bought the Ann-Ker Bar in West St. Paul. He also operated the Frontier (now Spanky's) Bar on Jefferson Avenue for many years. He continues to operate Moose Country in Lilydale, which he has owned since 1984.

Schaefer said he and his partners bought the former Lyon's Pub because "we knew the concept that has worked at Moose Country would work on Grand and this is a great neighborhood location." The grand opening was slowed because the partners chose not to shut down the business for remodeling.

The Wild Onion is now offering live musical entertainment on Sunday evenings and recorded music for dancing the rest of the week. The business employs 70 people.



Wild Onion partners Joe Schaefer, Tom Williams and Jay Salmen in their new restaurant. Photo by Kristine Heykants.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Travel With Us, 1692 Randolph Ave., has been purchased by JD Marketing. The new owner, London native John Dimmock, plans to specialize in travel to Europe. He previously owned Premier Travel in Minneapolis.

Robert Maher of Mendota Heights has joined the Minneapolis law firm of Best &

Flanagan. Maher graduated with a bachelor's degree in English in 1986 and with a law degree in 1991, both from the University of Minnesota. He specializes in general business litigation, employment law and criminal law.

Tim Huberty of Macalester-Groveland has opened his own firm, Huberty Marketing

Research, in his home. A former research director and manager for such advertising agencies as Leo Burnett, Fallon McElligott, Clarity Coverdale Fury and Campbell Mithun Esty, Huberty has been teaching applied marketing research for 11 years in the Graduate School of Business at the University of St. Thomas.

Highland, Macalester-Grove nail down schedule for Home Improvement Fair

The Highland and Macalester-Groveland community councils are now making plans for their sixth annual Home Improvement Fair. This year's event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St.

The fair offers an opportunity for local homeowners to find information on home maintenance, rehabilitation and financing all under one roof. Products and services of local companies will be on display and workshops will be presented on such topics

as planning a patio, building your dream kitchen, finding the best contractor and incorporating native plants in outdoor gardens. Last year's fair attracted nearly 60 exhibitors and a crowd of more than 1,500 area homeowners.

Admission to the fair is free. Lunch, bakery items and refreshments will be sold during the day to raise money for KidsPark. For more information, call the Macalester-Groveland Community Council office at 698-7973.

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Council upholds neighbors' appeal of Snelling/I-94 service station sign

by Jane McClure

The St. Paul City Council upheld an appeal from the Snelling-Hamline Community Council on March 11 and denied a variance request from Jerry Showalter to erect a 50-foot-high sign at his Citgo service station, 326 N. Snelling Ave.

Showalter wanted to replace a 50-foot-high Union 76 sign with a Citgo sign of the same height and to increase the size of the sign from 113 to 196 square feet. He needed the variance because the maximum height for a freestanding sign in a B-3 business zone is 37.5 feet. The existing sign was erected prior to the adoption of the city's zoning code.

The St. Paul Planning Commission voted in favor of the 12.5 foot height variance in January, but the Snelling-Hamline Community Council argued that there were no unique conditions to justify the variance. Council members said that the large sign was objectionable to nearby residential property owners, would have an adverse effect on neighbors, and would not be in keeping with the general character of the neighborhood.

The City Council voted 6-1 to uphold the appeal, with Ward 5 council member Jim Reiter casting the dissenting vote. He said the area is more commercial than residential and that he did not see why residents in nearby Snelling Park would oppose the sign.

Snelling-Hamline Community Council president John Van Hecke said it was a matter of following the rules. "We're questioning why we should replace a non-conforming sign with another non-conforming sign," he said.

Ward 4 council member Jay Benanav, who represents the Snelling-Hamline neighborhood, agreed. He said variances to the city's zoning code should only be granted in cases of hardship. "I don't see this as meeting the test," he said.

Carroll Avenue resident Adam Clift submitted a petition to the council against the sign variance signed by more than a dozen of his neighbors.

Showalter argued that he needed a high sign for it to be seen by motorists on I-94, which is where he draws most of his customers. "Freeways are an unusual situation," he said. "If you don't have visibility, the cars won't turn off."

Jim Zdon of the city's Department of Planning and Economic Development said Showalter's situation is unique because the station caters to freeway motorists. He noted that even the existing 50-foot-high sign is hard to see from I-94 because of freeway and railroad bridges in the area.

Benanav offered to work with Showalter and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to have signs erected on I-94 to indicate that Citgo is at the Snelling exit.

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"Last year's birthday party and silent auction were a huge success," said Chuck Neve, vice president of the Merriam Park Library Association. "Nearly 100 donors came forward with terrific merchandise. We raised more than \$2,200, all



Spencer Dobson

of which went to the library. This year we're hoping to do even better."

Among the items on the block are gift certificates to local businesses, household

appliances, tools, artwork, handicrafts, lunch with local elected officials, books, handmade jewelry, toys and other goods. The bidding will close at 8:00 p.m., although the party will continue until 8:30.

Entertainment will be provided by Spencer Dobson, whose irreverent comedy has been performed in clubs throughout the Midwest and in New York City. The local guitar trio Taluqua also will perform.

Donations are still being accepted for the silent auction. For more information, stop by the library's reference desk or call 647-1643.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

The St. Paul Area Council of Churches will hold an open house from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in its newly renovated building at 1671 Summit Ave. The event will include tours of the building, a dedication ceremony, an American Indian smudging ritual, a dialogue on American Indian concerns and a closing prayer. For details, call 646-8805.

An ecumenical Jewish Passover seder demonstration will be offered at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the Temple of Aaron, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. The free program will cover the symbols and traditional songs of Passover. Participants are asked to bring a can of food for the poor. For reservations, call 698-8874.

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The applications are being reviewed at the rate of 10 applications every two or three weeks. Applicants who cannot wait for the review to be completed and have started or completed their projects already will not be eligible for grants. For more information on the program, call Sherilyn Young at 644-1085.

TASK FORCE TO HIRE WEEKEND PATROL

The community council's University of St. Thomas Task Force has laid out plans to reinstate the weekend patrols in the neighborhood around the university. An off-duty police officer will be hired in April to deal with party houses or other problems.

The task force will address problem properties and problem landlords at its next meeting. For more information, call Sherilyn Young at 644-1085 or 645-6887.

PERMIT PARKING UPDATE

The Merriam Park Community Council in March recommended that the University of St. Thomas permit parking area be subdivided. If the city approves the plan, the division should take effect on August 31.

Area residents who have had problems with the enforcement of permit parking can call the St. Paul Police Department at 291-1111 and explain the problem, including car license number, make, model and location. Complaints about general enforcement or a chronic problem can be directed to Sergeant John Cannefax at 292-3590.

NEIGHBORS DRAFT LONG-RANGE PLAN

About 50 area residents attended a March 4 meeting to begin work on a long-range plan for the Merriam Park and Snelling-Hamline neighborhoods. The plan would complement the citywide comprehensive land-use plan.

Discussed that evening were such topics as zoning, transportation, public utilities, urban design and housing. Comments are still welcome on those topics and may be submitted up until April 15 at the community council's office in Liberty State Bank.

Three public hearings will be held on the neighborhood plan. The next meeting on May 6 will address social development, including such topics as communication, health, education, social services, recreation and public safety.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION EYED

The Merriam Park Community Council's Transportation and Economic Development Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Town and Country Club to discuss solutions to rush-hour traffic congestion along Cretin Avenue and Mississippi River Boulevard.

HOME & GARDEN SHOW SET APRIL 4

The Midway Home & Garden Show will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in Bandana Square.

Area businesses and organizations that are interested in exhibiting at the fair are invited to call Dick McGuire at 922-1510 to reserve a booth.

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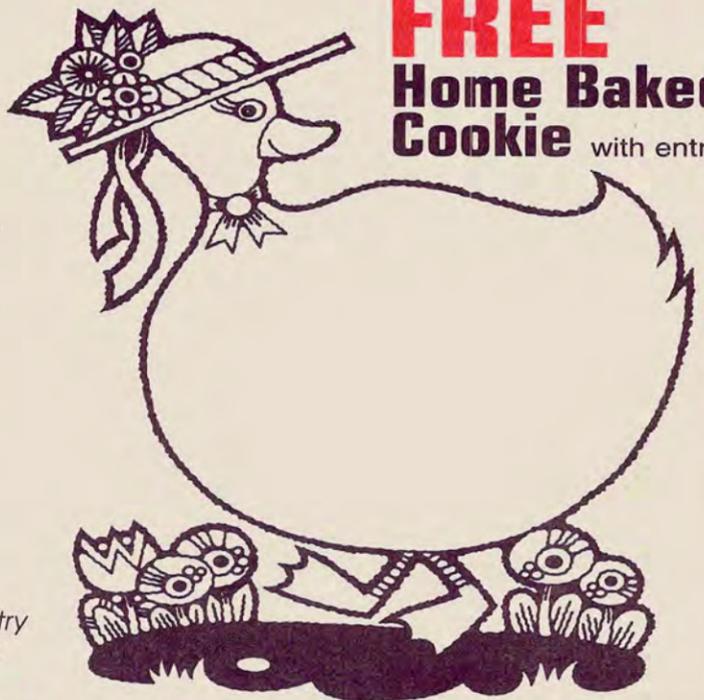
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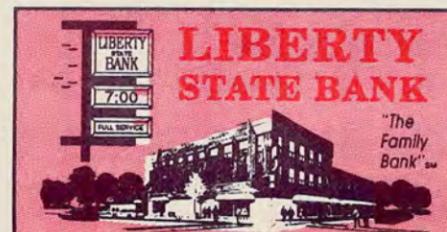
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Highland Area Community COUNCIL CAPSULE

ANNUAL MEETING

The Highland Area Community Council will hold its annual meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Elections will be held at that time to fill board seats from all even-numbered grids (see map) as well as two at-large positions.

Those who attend the meeting will be able to vote on two proposed changes to the community council's by-laws. The first would change the name of the organization to the Highland Park District Council. The second would add a representative to the board from the West End Business Association.

Also during the meeting, representatives of the Metropolitan Airports Commission will discuss the planned extension of the runway that directs traffic over Highland. For information, call the council office at 298-5138.

PARKS CLEANUP

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, April 18, to help clean up three Highland park areas: the north side of West 7th Street between Montreal and St. Paul avenues, the Shepard Road walking path, and Crosby Farm Regional Park. The cleanup



Highland by grids

will take place between 9:00 a.m. and noon. For information, call Larry Hampel at 690-1717.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

The Highland and Macalester-Groveland community councils will host a joint spring cleanup on Saturday, May 2. Household items that are no longer needed can be dropped off that day in the parking lot at Highland Park Senior High School.

In helping out may call Barb Ducharme at the HBA office at 699-9042.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The HBA's next general membership meeting will be held at noon on Thursday, March 26, in the Village View room at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. John Labosky, director of the Capital City Partnership, will speak on construction projects in downtown St. Paul and how neighborhoods can reap the benefits from St. Paul's revival.

Lunch will be catered by Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que. The cost is \$7.50. For reservations, call the HBA office at 699-9042.

HIGHLAND DIRECTORY

A new Highland Village Directory is now at the printers and should be available for distribution by mid-April. The directory includes a complete list and map of businesses in the area.

Brush can be dropped off that same day in the Highland Ice Arena parking lot. At least 40 volunteers are needed to make the cleanup work. Information will be mailed out to area residents in early April.

HELP AN IMMIGRANT

Volunteers are now being sought to help recent immigrants learn English and basic U.S. history. Training will be provided. For information, call LeeAnn at the Minnesota Literacy Council at 645-2277.

FIX-UP LOANS

The Highland Area Community Council is now working with the HighlandBank to provide low-interest loans for remodeling projects. For information, call the bank at 698-2471.

POSTING SIGNS

With the yard and garage sale season fast approaching, the community council is reminding residents that it is against the law to post signs on trees and utility poles in St. Paul.

According to the city forester, nails and staples introduce diseases that can eventually kill the trees. If signs are posted illegally, they will be removed.

RECYCLED REMINDER

The next recycling day in the Highland area will be on Monday, March 30. Items should be sorted, bagged and on the curb by 7:00 a.m.

To reserve a copy, call the HBA office at 699-9042.

NEW MEMBER NEWS

The Highland Business Association welcomed the following new members in the last month:

- Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que, 1300 West 7th Street.
- Babcock and Son Security, 716 S. Cleveland Ave.
- College of St. Catherine, 2004 Randolph Ave.
- Sheffield, Olson and McQueen, 2145 Ford Pkwy.
- Dungarvin Minnesota Inc., 690 S. Cleveland Ave.

HIGHLAND FEST APPLICATIONS

Highland Fest Art Fair applications are now available from the HBA office. This year's art fair will be a two-day event held on Saturday and Sunday, August 15-16. Applications are available by calling 699-9042 and leaving a name and address. Food vendor applications will be available by April 1.

THE HBA TODAY
 BY BARBARA DUCHARME, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 HIGHLAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

ATTENTION GARDEN CLUBS

The Highland Business Association has implemented an "Adopt A Planter" program to help maintain the flowers in Highland Village this year. There are 38 brick planters now gracing the sidewalks on Ford Parkway and South Cleveland Avenue. Last year, the association used a grant from the city to have all of the planters re-landscaped. Now it needs help from people to maintain the planters.

Highland area businesses have already adopted 25 of the 38 planters, leaving 13 still unclaimed. Those who are interested

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'Bigger is better' economy catches up to Burnet with purchase by Coldwell

by Dave Page

The recent purchase of Burnet Realty by NRT Incorporated, the parent company of Coldwell Banker, will have no significant immediate impact on the Highland Park offices of Coldwell Banker Jambor or Coldwell Banker Burnet, according to company officials.

"You'll see more Coldwell Banker 'for sale' signs around," said Steven Ivaniszyn, co-owner of Coldwell Banker Jambor, 604 S. Snelling Ave., "but that's about it for the near future. We're hopeful that the synergism created by the acquisition of Burnet Realty will produce benefits down the road, however."

Ivaniszyn's partner, Jim Jambor, stressed that since Coldwell Banker Jambor is independently owned and operated, the change of ownership at Burnet will not affect the service offered to Jambor clients. "It'll be business as usual here," Jambor said. "Even the sign out front will remain the same."

Coldwell Banker sold off its corporately owned Twin Cities offices in 1991, making the Twin Cities area one of the few major markets in the country where the company was not a significant player. However, with the purchase of Burnet, Coldwell Banker gains 37

offices and 2,000 sales associates in Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

The change of ownership will have no effect on the upcoming move of Coldwell Banker Burnet's Highland Park office from 897 St. Paul Ave., according to branch vice president Kathy Phillips. "We still expect to be in the new offices by the end of May," she said.

Besides housing the Coldwell Banker Burnet offices, the new two-story building now rising at 1991 Ford Pkwy. will provide space for Burnet Home Loans and Burnet Title. Those two businesses will keep their names and will not be affected by the sale.

Part of the driving force behind NRT's expansion, according to Jambor, is Wall Street catching up to the real estate industry. Larger companies "gobbling up" smaller companies has been the trend for some time in almost all other sectors of business, he said.

Another factor is technology. "Fewer sales associates are doing a greater volume of business," Ivaniszyn said, and more and more people are doing their initial search for new homes on the Internet. Burnet will now be able to take advantage of NRT's global connections and technological resources.

Phillips concurred. "We're getting a terrific Internet presence," she said.

Aviation hall of fame inducts Brandt

The late Otho Alva Brandt, a former Macalester-Groveland and Highland Park resident, will be inducted into the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame at a banquet on Saturday, April 4, at the Thunderbird Hotel, 2201 E. 78th St., Bloomington.

A barnstormer and air show pilot in the late 1920s and early '30s and a longtime flight instructor, Brandt will join the likes of aviation pioneer Charles Lindbergh, stunt pilot Charles "Speed" Holman and wingwalker Phoebe Fairgrave Omlie in the 10-year-old hall.

Born in Ohio in 1903, Brandt soloed as a pilot for the first time in 1928. That summer he purchased his own plane and began offering rides for \$5.00. In 1929 he went to work for the Lexington Flying Corporation in St. Paul where he sold airplanes, flew air charters and taught flying. Brandt went to work as an accountant briefly, but returned to full-time flying in 1938.



Otho Alva Brandt poses beside a two-seater Waco biplane shortly after his first solo flight in 1928.

The following year he was recruited by Macalester College president Charles Turck to establish Civilian Pilot Training, teaching Macalester and University of Minnesota students how to fly. During World War II he trained pilots enrolled in the War Training Service at Mac.

During that time, Brandt lived near the corner of Lin-

coln Avenue and Albert Street. He continued to work in the aviation industry, both for others and as the owner of a succession of flight instruction, aerial spraying and air charter businesses, until 1971. He moved to Grantsburg, Wisconsin, for a time, but in 1988 settled into an apartment in Highland Park until his death in 1994.



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Draggin' the line

UST music major is making some noise behind the wheel of a top-fuel dragster

by Sandra Smith

When Leia Polkinghorne climbed into her 1964 front-engine dragster for the first time in competition last year, she thought to herself, "I'm gonna show these guys."

Show them she did.

Polkinghorne, a freshman at the University of St. Thomas majoring in music education and English, qualified in the quarter-mile trials in her first attempt by reaching a personal high 137 mph in under 9 seconds.

"That's pretty impressive for a 19-year-old who'd never been in a car going 100 mph," said event coordinator Dave Smith of the Gopher State Timing Association (GSTA). "She seems to be a natural at it. There are a lot of guys who don't want to be in a car going 100 mph, but she was just chomping at the bit to get out there."

Polkinghorne and her dragster Gizmo will be among the attractions at the 42nd Annual GSTA Rod & Custom Spectacular on Saturday and Sunday, April 4-5, at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds Coliseum. The GSTA event is the second longest-running independent car show in the nation and draws entries from across the country.

Car shows are nothing new to Polkinghorne, who grew up watching her father, Rich, race dragsters in the 1960s and '70s. "My dad doesn't race now, but he's there to help with advice and coaching," she said. "I think we've gotten past the 'Let's just have fun' thing. This year we want to get serious."

What does mom think of her youngest of four children following in dad's footsteps? "Her first reaction was, 'You're kidding, right?' But she comes to the track and watches," Polkinghorne said. "I can't see her when I race, but I've been told she really gets into it."

Polkinghorne's dragster is powered by a 600-horsepower, fuel-injected Chevy motor and is licensed by the National Hot Rod Association. Since Gizmo was purchased by the GSTA last year, she has competed in races around the state, including Brainerd International Raceway. "Right now, I'm still getting to know the car and what it needs to run," Polkinghorne said. "This season I hope to get to 180 mph."

Polkinghorne competes on the track against her older brother as well as the GSTA's Smith. "Right now it's friendly," Smith said.

So far, her brother has the best overall speed, but Polkinghorne has the best reaction



St. Thomas freshman Leia Polkinghorne in her 600-horsepower dragster Gizmo.

time. "I like beating my brother's reaction time," she said. "It'll get more competitive as the season goes on—you know that old sibling rivalry thing."

Polkinghorne has not found it difficult at all being a woman in a predominately male sport. "I grew up loving cars and working on them," she said.

Still, the thought of being one of the only females driving in the circuit does cross her mind.

"One time I was preparing to set myself for

the race," Polkinghorne said. "When you prepare you have to back into a pool of water and burn out your tires. When I hit the gas and got on the track, the car popped out of gear and I couldn't get it back in right away. I was speeding along the track and couldn't stop. When I finally got control of the car, all I could think was, 'Oh great, I can hear it now—the little girl can't stop the car.'"

She may have had a problem stopping once, but if Polkinghorne has her way, no one will stop her this season.

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Saturday/March 28

"ADVENTURE DAY '98" will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today in McCarthy Gym at the University of St. Thomas. Families will be able to meet with some of the adventurers, see their gear and watch their slides and videos. The cost is \$1.00 or \$5.00 for groups of any size. For information or to register, call 962-6430.

A DEMONSTRATION of maple syruping will be offered at 1:00 p.m. today and tomorrow at historic Fort Snelling. The program will cover the history of maple syruping, tree selection, sap collection and processing sap into syrup. Visitors will be able to sample pure maple syrup over ice cream. The demonstration is free, but a state vehicle permit (\$4.00) is required to enter the park. For information, call 725-2724.

Sunday/March 29

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 550 W. 7th St., will hold its annual spring dinner from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today. The cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. For information, call 224-0228.

A WORKSHOP on turning a family gathering into a family history event will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The cost is \$9.00. To register, call 698-0751.

A GERMAN FOLK FESTIVAL will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today at the Germanic American Institute, 103 Summit Ave. Musical entertainment, a sing-along and book sale will be featured. A pork roast and sauerkraut dinner will be served in two seatings, at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.50, and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. For reservations, call 222-7027.

A LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW, in celebration of Israel's 50th birthday, will take place at 11:30 this morning at the Temple of Aaron Synagogue, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. Sue Zelikson and Edward Holmberg will speak. The cost is \$18. For reservations, call Karen at 541-0692.

Monday/March 30

THE HEALTH CARE Consumer Advisory Board will take testimony from anyone who has had a recent problem with their health plan, insurance, HMO, doctor or hospital between 1:00 and 3:00 this afternoon at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. For information, call 721-5156.



A hair away from a tortoise. Macalester-Plymouth preschoolers Emma Petersen and Claire Godfrey greet a 16-year-old Russian tortoise during a presentation by Jim Gerholdt's Remarkable World of Reptiles. Photo by Mike Long.

Tuesday/March 31

ST. FRANCIS CASINO Easter Bingo will be held at 7:30 this evening in St. Francis De Sales school auditorium, 426 S. Osceola Ave.

Wednesday/April 1

TIBET AWARENESS DAY will be celebrated this evening at Highland Catholic School, 2017 Bohland Ave. There will be Tibetan crafts, educational exhibits and dinner from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Tibetan music and dancers until 7:00 p.m., and speakers from the Tibetan community until 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$12.50 for adults and \$10 for students and children. Proceeds will benefit the Tibetan community in Minnesota. For information, call Pamela Block at 690-2477.

A SIMPLE LIVING GROUP for those interested in finding more frugal alternatives for living will meet at 7:00 this evening at Minnehaha United Church of Christ, 4001 S. 38th Ave., Minneapolis.

Thursday/April 2

A THREE-DAY BOOK SALE, sponsored by the American Association of University Women, will begin today at the St. Paul College Club, 990 Summit Ave. The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. today and tomorrow and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

A SPRING SESSION OF COMPUTER classes for adults will begin today at the

Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The weekly and twice-weekly classes include Office Works I, Microsoft Word I, Mac Graphics and Meet the Mouse. For information and to register, call 698-0751.

A SLIDE LECTURE will be given by Carol Barton on "Science and the Artist's Book," an exhibition curated for the Smithsonian Institution, from 7:00 to 8:00 this evening at Landmark Center. Admission is free. For information, call 338-3634.

Saturday/April 4

AN CHEARDLANN, an Irish language workshop, will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today in Murray-Herrick Hall at the University of St. Thomas. The cost is \$35 (lunch included). To register, call 533-3271.

A CRAFT AND BAKE SALE will be held before and after Masses today and tomorrow in Rowan Hall at St. Helena Catholic Church, 32nd Ave S. and 43rd St. E., Minneapolis. Donations of goods for sale may be brought in after 1:00 p.m. today.

"ST. PAUL GANGSTER TOURS" will be offered from noon to 2:00 this afternoon and every Saturday. The tours leave from the Wabasha Street Caves and include many of the local sites where bankrobbers, kidnapers and hit men planned and executed their crimes. The cost is \$18. For reservations, call 292-1220.

AN AUCTION will be held at 1:00 this afternoon at Epworth United Methodist

Church, 3207 S. 37th Ave., Minneapolis. Preview of auction items will begin at 12:30 p.m. For information, call 722-0232.

A MAPLE SYRUP TOUR will be offered from 1:00 to 3:00 this afternoon at the Dodge Nature Center, 365 W. Marie Ave., West St. Paul. The tour will cover everything from the myths of maple syruping to the process of tapping trees and boiling sap into syrup. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. For reservations, call 455-4531.

Sunday/April 5

AN OPEN HOUSE will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, Commonwealth and Gortner avenues. Animal demonstrations, a petting zoo, animal care seminars, vet school information, tours of animal treatment centers, and food and beverages will be featured. Admission is free. For information, call 624-4747.

"WATERAMA," an open house for children and adults, will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 this afternoon at the Oxford Pool, 1079 Iglehart Ave. Open swimming and scuba diving and life saving demonstrations will be featured. The first 100 kids will receive free goggles. For information, call 647-9925.

Tuesday/April 7

"MARY HILL'S TEA AND MUSICAL" will be offered at 3:00 this afternoon at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. A costumed actress portraying Mary Hill will treat guests to period music on the home's restored pipe organ. Tea will be served in the parlor and visitors may take a tour of the house. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors and \$5.00 for children ages 15 and under. For reservations, call 297-2555.

"BY HAND AND HEART SEDER Showcase" will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Cards, matzah covers and other original work will be sold during the event. For details, call 698-0751.

A COUPLES COMMUNICATION CLASS will be offered from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays in April at Catholic Charities, 215 Old 6th St. To register, call Lyle at 630-9092. Pre-class interviews will be held March 31.

A MINI-COURSE on "The Symphony: It's History, Development and Make-up" will be offered at 9:30 this morning and on May 5 at the St. Paul College Club, 990 Summit Ave. The cost is \$3.00 per session.

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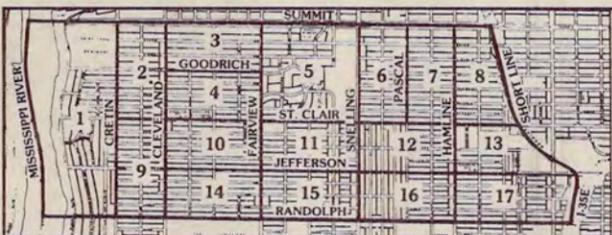
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Macalester-Groveland COUNCIL CAPSULE

BOARD NOTES

At its March 19 meeting, the Macalester-Groveland Community Council elected John Halla of 1872 Wellesley Ave. as the board representative from Grid 10. Resigning from the board were Charles Helsell of 1742 St. Clair Ave. and Mary Ann Voigt of 1675 Jefferson Ave.

In other business, the council supported the site plan for an addition to Mount Zion Temple, supported modifying the University of St. Thomas permit parking district, gave its consent to the Grand Old Day block party permit and supported a petition to install four-way stop signs at Jefferson Avenue and Wheeler Street.



Macalester-Groveland neighborhood by grids

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

The community council will hold its annual meeting and elections at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Board seats from all even-numbered grids (see map) will be filled, as will the seats of three at-large residents and representatives of the area's businesses, religious institutions and churches.

Up for election this year are the seats currently held by residents Marvin Sinykin, Deb Alper, Michael Danielson, John Steiner-Manning, John Halla, Charles Helsell, Chris Macgowan, Bill Connors, Andrea Casselton, Kate Harvath and Henry Retka, and by David Erickson of Highland Repair and Donna Kelly of Macalester College.

In addition to the election, there will be a town meeting on Ayd Mill Road. For information, call community organizer Kathie Tarnowski at 698-7973.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The community council's Transportation Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Edgcombe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. The committee will be discussing ways to address traffic problems identified by Nativity and Groveland elementary schools. For information, call the community council office at 698-7973.

BOULEVARD TREES

Property owners who don't want to wait until the city of St. Paul gets around to planting trees on their boulevard can speed up the process by participating in the city's cost-sharing program. A tax-deductible donation of \$35 will support the planting of a 1 1/2-inch caliper bare-root tree. A \$100 donation will support the planting of a 2 1/2- to 3-inch caliper balled-and-burlapped tree. The city will pay the difference between the donation and the actual cost of the tree. All trees will be planted by the city, are guaranteed for one year and will be of the type specified for the block by the city's master plan.

Those who would like to participate in the tree-planting program should send a check payable to the Macalester-Groveland Community Council to the council office, 320 S. Griggs St., St. Paul, 55105 by April 1.

Trees also are now available through a grant from the Minnesota ReLeaf program. A 1-inch caliper bare-root sugar maple costs \$20, a 10-gallon potted bicolor oak costs \$35, a 4-foot bare-root single stem serviceberry costs \$10 and a 3 1/2-foot balled-and-burlapped Black Hills spruce costs \$30. The trees will be available for pickup at Mattocks Park on Saturday, April 25. Trees will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. For details, call 698-7973.

SENIOR VOLUNTEERS

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council, in cooperation with the St. Paul Police Department, is looking for senior volunteers to develop a new program. A series of crime prevention training sessions for seniors will begin in late April. For information, call Lee Wallace at the community council office at 698-7973.

RECYCLING INCENTIVE

On each weekly recycling day in Mac-Groveland, a street address is selected at random. If recycling has been set out at that address, the household wins a \$10 gift certificate to a local restaurant. For more information on recycling in Mac-Groveland, call Scott Foss at 698-7973.

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 275 N. Lexington Pkwy

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 Johnson High School
 1349 Arcade St.

Call 293-5162 for more information.

ON THE TOWN

A perfect fit

Dance troupe kicks up its heels after trying on the rhythms of Appalachia

by Janet Lunder Hanafin

Appalachia is not what it used to be. But, then, neither is the Prairie Dog Collaborative. The local troupe of six dancers and one composer traveled to Southern Appalachia last summer to explore the roots of the music and dance that they have come to know and love. They had some preconceptions about traditional Appalachian art and customs when they left, and were surprised and a little dismayed when they were proved wrong.

"Sometimes tradition isn't what we expect," said Teresa Neby, a dancer with the 2-year-old collaborative. "A lot of different styles were all mixed in there."

"The traditions were much more diverse, much more eclectic, than we might've predicted," said Larry Siegel, the group's composer. "It wasn't just the old-fashioned kind of sound that we had expected or wanted it to be."

Their Appalachian hosts still sang in the kitchen and danced on the front porch, but their songs and dances were just as likely to be done to a country western or rock 'n' roll tune as to "Old Joe Clark."

The story of the collaborative's journey to Appalachia is told in *The Big Shoe*, a new dance and theater work that will be presented on March 31 at Landmark Center. The story is told through the medium of clogging and to music written in the folk style of the Smoky Mountains.

Clogging, or percussive dance, takes its

name from the shoes worn by the dancers. "It's very upbeat, intense, passionate and lively," Siegel said. "It catches you. It's fun to listen to, and it supplies the percussion without drums."

A Mendota Heights resident, Siegel composed the music for *The Big Shoe* and plays the mandolin, guitar and piano in the show. The six dancers in the collaborative—Neby, Shawn Glidden, Melinda Hooker, Kristin Bolton, Andrea Earley and Sue Hulsether—are all current or former members of the Wild Goose Chase Cloggers. For *The Big Shoe* they will be joined by other dancers and musicians, including a new combo called the Hot Dish Revival.

The groundwork for the collaborative's trip to Appalachia was laid by Phil Davidson, a dancer and musician well known for his research into traditional dance. "Because they trusted him, they trusted us," Neby said of the Appalachian people.

Members of the collaborative danced with a 70-year-old man and his grandson in their tiny kitchen and listened to an old woman sing ballads on her tin-roofed porch. Eighty-six-year-old Ora Watson played her fiddle and danced the Charleston for them. The memory of her performance is preserved in "Ori's Song," the only ballad in *The Big Shoe*. Its lyrics are Watson's own words.

"The Appalachian people would always request that we play our music and dance our dances before they'd do theirs," Neby said. "It was quite moving to have us not just taking from them but also giving to them."

According to Siegel, the traditions of



Composer Larry Siegel on mandolin, banjo player Erick Peterson and fiddler Tim Reese rehearse for *The Big Shoe* with the Prairie Dog Collaborative. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

Appalachia are an intricate weave of Scottish, Irish, African-American and Native American cultures. So is *The Big Shoe*. The show opens with a parable about the Cherokee chief Sequoia and his daughter, then jumps ahead to the modern day with members of the collaborative going about their daily business, imagining the upcoming journey to Appalachia.

As the story continues, the Prairie Dogs meet their mountain hosts and are surprised and uneasy when all is not as they expected. But as the tension subsides, they perform "Gratitude." "It's a series of homages to the people we met there," Siegel said. "The show ends with 'Celebration,' the excited joining of all these people."

The dancing in *The Big Shoe*, like the music, is in the traditional style, Neby said, "but it takes some unexpected turns. We've

taken some of the steps that we learned from the folks down there and the character of it, but a lot of it is still what we've done through the years."

The show takes its title from the dancers' obsession with their footwear. "*The Big Shoe* also represents a kind of omniscient character who wends his way through the piece," Siegel said. "It's a way of capturing the experience of the search for tradition."

The show is sponsored by the American Composers Forum and the Schubert Club with funds provided by the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council. It will be presented only once—at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, in Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Landmark Center.

Tickets are \$10.00 at the door, \$8.00 for students and seniors, and \$8.00 in advance. For information, call 552-9233.

Confluence of Catherine Reid Day's life now flows on canvas

by Kate Havelin

Senior vice president and director of American Public Radio. Vice president of development for Macalester College. Director of development for the University of Minnesota's Institute of Technology.

Catherine Reid Day's resume would make an MBA proud. However, the 45-year-old Macalester-Groveland resident is no ordinary business success story. Five years ago, Day set down her executive briefcase, picked up a paintbrush and embraced the world of art.

Now Day's paintings are on display in two exhibitions, with a third set to open in April. She still does consulting work with businesses and nonprofit organizations. The name of her firm, Three Rivers Sourcework, acknowledges the tributaries of her life as artist, consultant, wife and mother.

"I told people I was retiring," Day said, when she quit her radio job at the age of 40. She did not consider the decision to be the result of a mid-life crisis. "It had too many positives to be a crisis," she said. "I felt like I was leaving for all the right reasons."

Day was not sure what she would do when she quit, but she knew she had to leave the world of management.



Macalester-Groveland artist Catherine Reid Day appears right in her element at Unity Church-Unitarian, where her paintings are on display as part of the "Elements and Views" exhibit that is running through March. Photo by Mike Long.

"I was so jealous of anyone doing anything artistic," Day said. When a friend steered her to an art studio one day, "I walked through the door and it was like, 'Oh, my gosh!' There

were women creating big paintings and a table laden with paints. It was a permissive atmosphere. My soul was screaming for a place like that."

Clad in a batik jacket, with pewter and silver fish earrings, a beaded necklace and modish glasses, Day looks every bit the part of an artist, but lately she is finding that time for her passion requires patience. She has been spending more than 40 hours a week on her consulting business for such clients as the 3M Foundation, Hennepin County and the Minneapolis YWCA. "I help individuals and organizations going through change," she said.

Day believes that people successfully work through change when they learn to connect, rather than compartmentalize, the disparate parts of their lives. It is a message she hopes more people will hear. "I'd like to do more personal coaching," she said. "A lot of people see me as a motivator."

Lately, others have been motivating Day as much as she has been motivating them. She has especially been buoyed by the warm reception her artwork has received. "I just can't get over the response," she said as she stood by several of her paintings now on display at Unity Church-Unitarian, 732 Holly Ave. Her "Elements and Views" exhibit will run through March.

Day's art also is on display at Hair of the Dog Gallery on St. Paul's West Side as part of

Music



"Evenings Under Glass," a series of jazz concerts from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the Como Park Conservatory, will continue with Ronny Loew on March 26 and Prudence Johnson on April 2. Admission is \$5.00. For information, call 487-8200.

The Minnesota Orchestra will perform Chopin's first piano concerto at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Ordway Music Theatre, and at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 27, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced from \$16.75 to \$58.50, call 371-5656.

Pinchas Zukerman will conduct the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in the Ted Mann Concert Hall at the University of Minnesota and at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced from \$15 to \$47.50, call 291-1144.

Kantorei will perform its 10th anniversary concert at 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 27, at Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis. The concert will include music by Brahms, Pärt and Debussy. Admission is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.

Cliff Eberhardt with the Carrie Newcomer Band will perform in concert at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, March 28, in the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center at the University of St. Thomas. Admission is \$12 at the door and \$10 in advance. For tickets, call 645-2647.

The Dale Warland Singers will present "Cathedral Classics" at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis and at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Church of Nativity, at Prior and Stanford. For tickets, priced from \$8.00 to \$25, call 339-9707.

ON THE TOWN briefly



The University of St. Thomas will perform *Fisherman's Dock* at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 3-4, in Foley Theater. The play is written by William Banfield, pictured seated at the piano, who currently holds St. Thomas' Endowed Chair in Humanities and Fine Arts. With him are cast members, from left, Mike Marier, Marika Staloch, David Fischer, Meghann Schmidt, Jeff Carlson, Sarah Liesenfeld and Tara Anderson. For tickets, priced at \$5.00, call 962-6431.

Michael Feinstein will perform the songs of Gershwin, Rodgers and Hart with the Minnesota Orchestra at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced from \$17.75 to \$33.75, call 371-5656.

The Singer's Voice, an autobiographical music series hosted by Dan Chouinard, will continue with Cooker John at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 29, at the Dakota Bar & Grill in Bandana Square. For information, call 642-1442.

"The Many Faces of Women," a concert celebration of women artists and composers in honor of Women's History Month, will be performed at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 29, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St.

Catherine. For tickets, priced from \$15 to \$19, call 690-6700.

The Jazz Ensemble from Concordia University will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, in the E.M. Pearson Theatre at Concordia. Admission is free. For information, call 641-8248.

The Music in the Park Series will present violinist Jorja Fleezanis at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at St. Anthony United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Admission is \$15 at the door and \$12 in advance. For tickets, call 646-5266.

"Voices from the Orchestra" will be performed by the St. Paul Civic Symphony at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 29, in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center

at Macalester College. Admission is free.

The Hill House Chamber Players will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 30, and on Monday, April 6, at the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Admission is \$12. For reservations, call 297-2555.

"Beethoven Illuminated" will be performed by the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the Ordway Music Theatre. For tickets, priced at \$10, call 291-1144.

Kartik Seshadri will perform on his sitar at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, in the St. Paul Student Center at the University of Minnesota. The cost is \$3.00, or \$2.00 for U of M students. For information, call 624-3743.

A concert by the 22-student Instrumental Jazz Ensemble with special guest Slide Hampton will be performed at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 5, in the Brady Educational Center auditorium at the University of St. Thomas.

"Death and the Maiden," a concert of music by Lanier, Saint-Saëns, Schubert and Stein, will be performed by the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 3, and at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Ordway Music Theatre and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at Orchestra Hall. For tickets, priced at \$13.50 to \$47.50, call 291-1144.

The Frederic Chopin Society will present a duo piano recital with Julia and Irina Elkina at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 5, in the

Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. For tickets, priced at \$13, call 822-0123.

Butch Thompson will perform a concert in celebration of the centennial year of Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag" and the release of his new CD "Thompson Plays Joplin" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. For tickets, priced at \$15, call 228-1807.

The College of St. Catherine Women's Choir will perform at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 5, in Our Lady of Victory Chapel at the College of St. Catherine. Admission is free. For information, call 690-6690.

A performance of Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* will be given at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, at Kent Street and Portland Avenue. A freewill offering will be taken.

An organ and piano recital will be given by St. Thomas music faculty James Callahan and Katherine Faricy at 8:15 p.m. Monday, April 6, in the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Books

The Hungry Mind Bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will host the following readings at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted): Douglas Coupland, author of *Girlfriend in a Coma*, on Friday, March 27; Elizabeth Macklin, author of *A Woman Kneeling in the Big City*, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, March 28; Edward Ball, author of *Slaves in the Family*, on Monday, March 30; Jonathan Lethem, author of *Girl in Landscape*, on Friday, April 3; and Jeff Kelly, author of *Best of Temp Slave!* at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, April 4. Admission is free. For details, call 699-0587.

A discussion and book signing will be given by Drs. Carol Asada and Joanna Haase, who wrote *Conscious Eating*, from

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Jim Brandenburg, an award-winning nature photographer known throughout the country for his photography of wolves, will discuss his work and his new book *Chased By The Light* at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the Bell Museum of Natural History on the Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota. For tickets, priced at \$6.00, call 624-9050.

David Halberstam will read from his first novel *The Children* at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, in Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Macalester College. Admission is free but tickets are required. For tickets, call 699-0587.

Mick Cochrane, will read from his new book *Flesh Wounds* at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, in the third-floor lounge of the Murray-Herrick Campus Center at the University of St. Thomas. A reception will follow.

"Poetry and the Sacred," a five-week discussion series exploring the religious themes in the works of four modern American poets, will take place at 7:00 p.m. beginning Thursday, April 2, and continuing every Thursday throughout April at the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave. Poet and scholar Patricia Kirkpatrick will moderate the series and Julie Nerass will give the opening lecture. Admission is free, but registration is required. To register, call 222-3242.

A **poetry reading** will be given by Nathaniel Mackey, author of several books of poetry, chapbooks, and a book of critical essays, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, at the Nomad Gallery Annex, 244 S. Albert St.

Charles Fishman will read from and discuss *Poetry of the Holocaust* at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Admission is free. For information, call 698-0751.

Family



Preschool storytimes for children ages 3-5 will be held at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesdays through April 7, at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. To register, call 292-6624.

"Telling Tales: Book Art by Tomie dePaola and the Pinkneys," an interactive exhibit showcasing the art of children's book illustrators dePaola and Jerry and Brian Pinkney, has opened at the Minnesota Children's Museum, 10 W. 7th St. The exhibit will remain on view until June 7. For information, call 225-6000.

The Child's Play Theatre has opened *Where I'm At*, an original theater production that explores pertinent issues affecting adolescents, at the Southern Theater, 1420 S. Washington Ave., Minneapolis. Performances will continue through



Laura Caviani, a Grand Avenue pianist and composer, will celebrate the release of her second CD, "As One," with concerts at 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at the Dakota Bar and Grill in Bandana Square. Special guests will include vocalist Karrin Allyson, bassist Bob Bowman, drummer Todd Strait and guitarist Rod Fleeman. For tickets, priced at \$12 and \$10, call 642-1442.

manes will continue through April 5. For tickets, priced at \$9.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children, call 979-1111.

The Hungry Mind Bookstore, 1648 Grand Ave., will offer the following programs for children at 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays: Cindy and Maria Heimer on March 28; and Evan Kerr on April 4. Admission is free. For information, call 699-0587.

History Hijinx programs for children ages 3-11 will be offered from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. The line-up includes the following: children can create a story cloth telling their family story with guidance from Hmong artists on March 29; and families can view the display of resort- and lake-related items and then create their own miniature Duluth pack on April 5. Admission is free. For details, call 296-6126.

The Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., will offer the following storytime activities at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays: Carla Ryan will demonstrate the ancient art of making beautifully decorated Easter eggs on April 4. Also the story *The Magic Babushka* will be read. Admission is free. For information, call 224-8320.

Will Weaver will introduce his newest book *Hard Ball* at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave. This is his latest in a series of award-winning young adult novels about Billy Baggs. Admission is free. For information, call 224-8320.

ArtScraps, 1459 St. Clair Ave., will offer the following Super Scrapper Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.: "The Shoe Lab," a workshop to prepare your tennis shoes by "scrapping them up" for the Minnesota Aids Walk on May 17, will be held on

April 4. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. For information, call 698-2787.

"Sundays at Landmark," a family-oriented event series, will take place from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays at Landmark Center. The 12th annual Philippine Day Celebration will take place on April 5. For information, call 292-3225.

Spring Fling classes will be held from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. during spring break. The line-up will include the following: "Pocket Butterflies" on March 25; and "Rabbit Puppets" on March 26. The cost is \$4.00 per class. To register, call 698-2787.

Dance



Stomp will return to the Twin Cities at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the Historic State Theatre in Minneapolis. Performances will continue until April 12. For tickets, priced from \$18 to \$35, call 989-5151.

The O'Shaughnessy Dance Series will present Paula Mann Dance and Shawn McConneloug and her Orchestra at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in the O'Shaughnessy at the College of St. Catherine. For tickets, priced from \$13 to \$18, call 690-6700.

Etc.



"An Evening of Art and Jazz," Walker-West Music Academy's spring show celebrating its 10th anniversary, will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for seniors, students and children. For information, call 296-6126.

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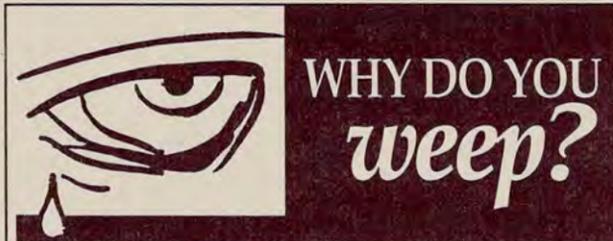
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A Couple of Blaguards, by Frank and Malachy McCourt, will open on March 25 at Kieran's Irish Pub, 330 S. 2nd Ave., Minneapolis. Performances will continue until April 5. Admission is \$12.

Pangea World Theater will open the world premier of *The Inner World* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at Theatre de la Jeune Lune, 105 N. 1st St., Minneapolis. Performances will run

through April 12. For tickets, priced at \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors, call 333-6200.

Park Square Theatre will open *The Waltz of the Toreadors* on Saturday, April 4, in the Historic Hamm Building, 20 W. 7th Place. Performances will continue at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, at 8:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays through April 26. For tickets, priced from \$8.00 to \$20, call 291-7005.

Exhibits

An exhibit of colored prints from paintings and sketches by Lucy Rose Fischer revealing the tropical color and spirit of the island state of Bali has opened at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. It will run

until April 16. For information, call 698-0751.

An exhibit of paintings by Derrick Buisch has opened at the College of Visual Arts Gallery, 173 Western Ave. The exhibit will remain on view until April 24. For information, call 224-3416.

"Containers," an exhibit of work by Chris Holmquist, Judith Kinghorn, Tim Lloyd and Jody Williams, will open with a reception from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 3, at the Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave. The exhibit will remain on view until May 18. For information, call 644-9200.

An exhibit of recent work by Carl Grupp will open with a reception from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Beauxmages Fine Art, 684 Smith Ave. The exhibit will remain on view until April 25. For information, call 221-9868.

Day: 'Art requires you to play' /from page 25

the exhibit "Brigit's Sisters," which runs through April 25. The show features the work of seven Irish women artists. A third show, "Hymns of the Church," will open on April 19 at St. Clement's Church, 901 Portland Ave. It will feature works by a variety of artists depicting liturgical music.

Day said it is fitting that two of her shows are mounted in churches. For her, painting is a spiritual pursuit. "This is my church, if you will," she said of her University Avenue studio.

Sunday mornings often find 2-year-old Kara and her mom at the studio. While Kara plays, Day paints. Day recited a favorite quote: "Life's interferences are where art can happen."

As she stroked Kara's hair, Day said, "Having this child was a huge personal discovery." She said her goal now is not to find time away from Kara for her art and work, but rather, "How do I integrate her? How do I blend all the parts?"

"There's tension, there's always tension" in juggling roles, Day said, but she is trying to convert that energy



"Transforming Play," an acrylic by Catherine Reid Day.

so it spurs her work, instead of draining it.

"My very best art work was done with Kara here," Day said. One of her paintings, called "Transforming Play," shows a

shifting house. Day said that it was Kara who taught her to be playful again.

"I was getting way too serious in my work," she said. "Art requires you to play."

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The Passion according to St. Luke
- 4:00 p.m. Faure's Requiem

Vespers: Monday, Tuesday, April 6-7

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- Wednesday, April 8
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CODY'S CORNER

TOM CODY



The thrill goes on

I suddenly become all too familiar with the graveyard shift on the Weather Channel. Two weeks ago the Cretin-Derham Hall girls basketball team that I coach took me on a wild ride to the Class AAAA state championship game. For seven days, I operated on about four hours of sleep a night.

Our team won the section 2AAAA championship on a last-second shot, then upset Irondale and Elk River en route to the state tourney final. That's when we ran into a bit of trouble with Bloomington Jefferson—just as Custer ran into a bit of trouble with the Indians at the Little Big Horn. The Jaguars squeaked past us 70-41 to claim the gold; we were thrilled to take the silver.

It was quite a run. We won 21 of our final 23 games, losing only to Jefferson and eventual Class AAA state champ Minneapolis North since Christmas. The state tourney gave the girls a chance to become minor celebrities, if only for a few days. It was nice to see all the attention showered on teen-agers for something positive. I was amazed how many well-wishers gave us cards or congratulatory calls.

The state high school basketball tournament has been drastically altered in recent years; it now has more classes than there are living Beatles. Though the experience seemed a bit watered-down to me, the players didn't seem to mind. The Minnesota State High School League has always put on a first-class show.

The players may have assumed that the experience was the payoff for all their hard work this year, but I told them that wasn't the case at all. The real prize will come at their 25-year reunion when they'll greet each other at a table near the bar. They'll look back on these times fondly, but they'll value the people they got to know much more. The prize will be the friends they played with, and it won't matter who the leading scorer was. By then, everyone will have made all-state in her own hazy memory. I just hope I can be with them that night.

MARCH MADNESS

The first two days of the NCAA basketball tournament provided some wonderful moments. Thirty-two games in two days is just about the right dose for the true hoops junkie. Just keeping up with who's playing is a challenge I embrace.

Valparaiso, Rhode Island and West Virginia put together the best giant-killer acts on the first weekend. And last weekend, there was Utah over Arizona. In San Antonio, the Utes will be the biggest underdog since Davy Crockett and company tried to defend the Alamo. North Carolina has too many weapons for them—and for everybody else. Still, you had to be cheering for Rick Majerus to get to the Final Four, especially against a guy like Lute Olson. Majerus might not win the championship, but he'll have the best quotes all week.

NIT PICKING

If the NCAA tournament is March Madness, the NIT must be Spring Fling. The U of M's ho-hum drive through the second-tier tourney netted an all-expense-paid trip to the Big Apple. More important, the tournament helped a couple of Minnesota seniors solidify their NBA draft status.

Sam Jacobson did little to hurt his market value. He's still projected as an early second-rounder, but to make an NBA roster next fall he'll have to make a big impression in training camp. Eric Harris, on the other hand, saw his NBA stock skyrocket. The Gopher's point man has always been able to handle the ball and guard anyone in the open court, but in the past month he found the shooting touch that eluded him through most of his collegiate career.

The Gopher's NIT run is a testament to coach Clem Haskins' pride. The Gophers lost their first six conference games, but then won eight of their last 11. It's preposterous, I know, but the Gophers can still win 20 games with two wins in New York this week.

The NIT is usually a Mickey Mouse event. Not this year.

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Talented Cadets tower over AAA at state

by Tom Cody

St. Thomas Academy used its size and athleticism to bring home the gold from last weekend's boys Class AAA state high school basketball tournament. The Cadets defeated Minneapolis Patrick Henry 60-49 in the title game.

Coach Mike Sjoberg got outstanding play throughout the postseason from his tall and talented trio of 6-foot-6 senior Rob Worthington, 6-foot-8 junior Kevin Fitzgerald and 6-foot-7 senior Ben Pearson. "Those three are tough to defend because they can play inside or step outside and shoot it," Sjoberg said. "Everyone asked us about Henry's up-tempo style. We weren't that worried. We can run the floor despite our size."

Henry's guard Mike Pettis hurt STA early in the title game, breaking away for three fast-break baskets after Pearson went to the bench with a pair of fouls. But STA's 6-foot-9 senior center Joe Keller came off the bench to spark a quick comeback with two quick hoops. "That was an important part of the game," Sjoberg said. "We lost a lot when Pearson got those two fouls (in just two minutes). Keller gave us a nice spark inside."

Sjoberg also credited the play of his guards, junior Nick Schenk and senior Paul

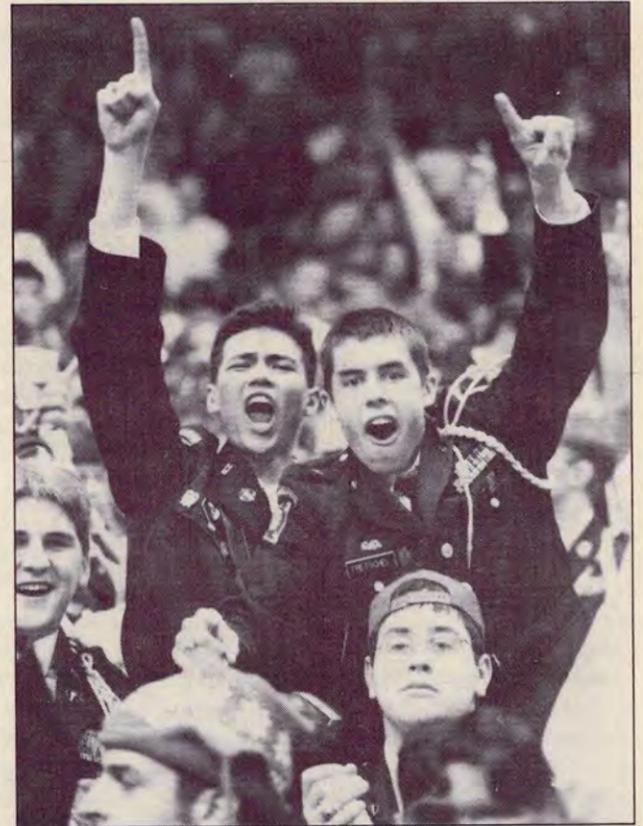
Yazbeck, for much of his team's success. "They played really well throughout the tourney," he said. "They had only one bad half in the postse they turned the ball over 10 times. "We should've been up by 10 points after two quarters," Sjoberg said.

As it was, STA led by only two at intermission, 26-24. But the Cadets put together an 8-2 third-quarter run to claim the lead for good. "We decided not to take a shot until our post touched the ball," Sjoberg said. "It really made a big difference in our shot selection. We don't take a lot of shots, so we wanted to get good looks."

Fitzgerald led the Cadets with 13 points, and he and Worthington and Pearson were all named to the 10-man all-tournament team.

"It was a big win for the school," Sjoberg said of the first state basketball championship in STA history. "The student body really came out to support us. The kids all wore their military uniforms to the games. They had clever cheers and had a great time. It was great for the players and coaches, too, but it was big for the community as well."

The Cadets (22-6 overall) earned their spot in the title game with two impressive victories. STA used a smothering man-to-man defense to beat Faribault 53-40 in the quarterfinals. "We put Fitzgerald on their best player



In the final minutes of Saturday's victory, St. Thomas Academy fans exult in the school's first state high school basketball championship. Photo by Mike Long.

(senior guard Chris Ohnstad) and he shut him down," said Sjoberg. "Being 6-foot-8 helped, but it was Kevin's athletic ability that stopped Ohnstad's penetration and challenged his jumper." Worthington finished with 11 points, including 6 big ones down the stretch. Schenk and Yazbeck chipped in 9. Pearson had 14 points and 9 blocked shots.

The long shadow of Monticello's 7-foot all-state center Joel Przybilla fell across the Cadets' path in the semifinals. "We saw him block 15 shots against Orono, so it was pretty obvious that we had to do something drastic against him," said Sjoberg, whose team prevailed 59-47.

"We put Worthington out

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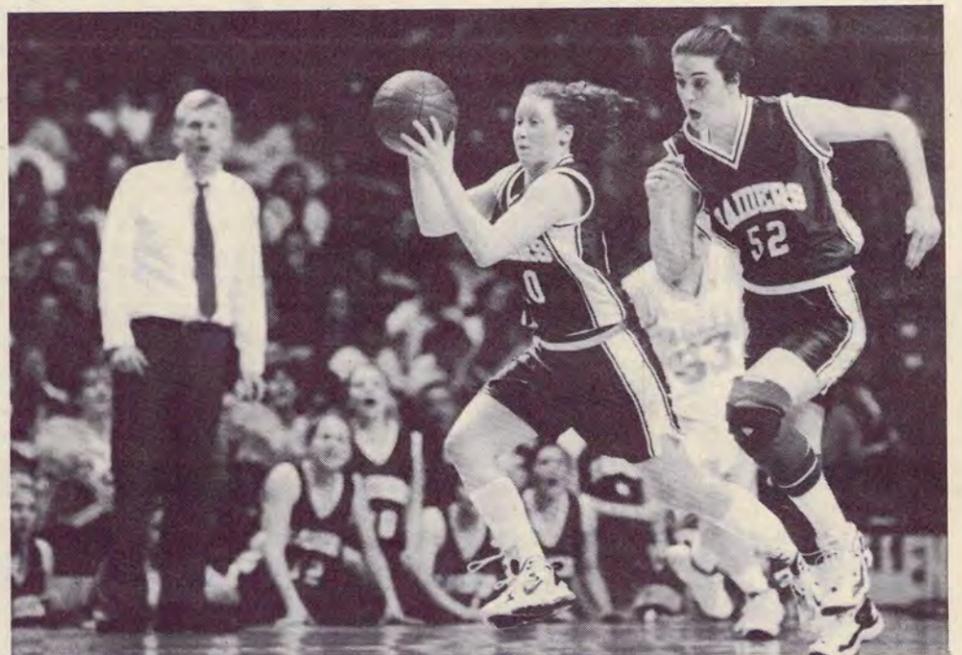
Raiders settle for silver and their best finish ever

by Bill Wagner

Sometimes all you can do is tip your cap to your stronger opponent.

That was the case for Cretin-Derham Hall, which found itself overmatched in the Class AAAA girls basketball championship game against Bloomington Jefferson on March 14 at Williams Arena. The Raiders' vaunted full-court press propelled them to a quick 7-2 lead, but the Jaguars, who started out the year ranked first in the state, used their size and deep bench to capture their fourth state title with a convincing 70-41 win.

"They were bigger, stronger, faster and better. Did I leave anything out?" said Cretin-Derham coach Tom Cody. "We had to shoot 50 to 60 percent to win and we shot 30 percent. Half of it was us, but the rest was how well Jefferson played." The Jaguars finished the season 24-3.



Despite the cheers of their fans, Meghan Felicelli, Chrissy Melander and the rest of the Raider lineup fell one victory short of the state Class AAAA title. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

The second-place finish ended the most successful girls basketball season ever for the Raiders, who closed out the season 23-5. It was the fifth trip to state for

Cody, whose teams also made appearances as Derham Hall from 1982-84 and as Cretin-Derham in 1994. This was the first time one of his teams advanced to the

championship match.

The loss to Jefferson did little to diminish the fine year the Raiders enjoyed. Cretin-

Raiders/see next page

SPORTS SHORTS

The Minnesota State Racquetball Hall of Fame Committee has created an award in honor of the late Marvin Johnson of Highland Park for his long-standing support of the sport. The award was presented to his wife, Carol, and their children, Shelley, Hart and Randi, at the 11th annual hall of fame banquet held earlier this year. Johnson was cited for never missing a tournament, forgetting a score or failing to shake the hand of an opponent of his son Hart, a 34-time state and six-time national racquetball champion. The traveling trophy is a bronze sculpture designed by Tivoli Too, a Highland Village jewelry design firm owned by his daughter Randi. The award will be passed on to a different family each year.

The Highland Women's Golf League is now signing up members for the coming season. All ages and abilities are welcome. The league features handicapped competition each week from mid-April to mid-September. For more information or to register, call Leslie Carney at 690-1213 by April 10.

The Groveland Sonics youth track and field club is holding registration through the end of March. Area youths may register in person between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at the Groveland Park Recreation Center, 2045 St. Clair Ave., or call 298-5775. Last season the Sonics won the U.S. Amateur Track and Field state boys bantam cross country title, placed second in the team track and field competition, and won state titles in the girls bantam 1,500-meter and boys bantam 3,000-meter races. The cost for the season is \$35 plus \$9.00 for membership in the USATE.

The Highland-Groveland Recreation Association is holding registration for baseball and soccer now through March 29. In-person registration will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Registration forms also are available at local elementary schools, libraries, recreation centers and sporting goods stores. For information, call 257-7272.



Nativity School's 8th-grade girls basketball team captured the Catholic Athletic Association's St. Paul city championship this winter, defeating previously unbeaten Presentation 59-47. Nativity (19-2) went on to defeat Risen Christ of Minneapolis 40-25 for the Twin Cities championship. From left are (front row) Katie Sauter, Riva Larson, Bridget Donnelly, Emily Palmer; (back row) Ashley Tracy, Maripat Bernabei, Meredith Stocking, Katherine "Kiki" Lage, Kristen Vannelli, Laura Weslander and coach Al Weslander.

The St. Paul Figure Skating Club is registering students for Saturday afternoon figure skating classes that begin on March 28 at the Augsburg Arena. Open to boys and girls age 5

and older, the classes are designed to move a student quickly from the basics to competition. Tuition is \$80 for eight weeks. For information, call Lexie Kastner at 458-9326.

Cadets' size and strategy stymied their opponents in Class AAA

on the perimeter to draw Przybilla outside," Sjoberg said. "It limited what Rob could do offensively, but it was effective in making it a four-on-four game. Our other four were better than their other four." Fitzgerald hit three three-pointers as STA claimed an early 11-point lead. Przybilla responded with 17 points and STA led by 2 at the half.

"We came out in a triangle-and-two defense after intermission," Sjoberg said. "We

were going to make them beat us outside." Przybilla had only two points after that. Pearson finished with 26. Fitzgerald had 16.

The Cadets qualified for state with victories over Highland Park and Simley. Worthington scored 24 points and had 10 rebounds in the 65-56 win over the Scots. "They were really, really quick," said Sjoberg of Highland Park. "You just can't simulate Highland's speed in practice. They had us early, but we got our feet

back in the second quarter. We played well down the stretch." Lewis Freeman had 24 points and Mark Wingo 18 for Highland.

The 73-61 win over Simley was sweet revenge for Pearson, who had 28 points, eight rebounds and five blocks against STA's conference rivals. "They beat us at home in February," he said. "It felt great to get them in the finals."

"That was as good a game as I've seen an

individual play for us," Sjoberg said. "Pearson was good inside, and outside he was clutch. We kept the ball in Ben's hands as much as we could all night."

Sjoberg also lauded the defensive play of his guards in that game. "They held (all-stater) Matt Stangl down all night," he said. "We rotated four guys on him. That was a huge factor in the outcome."

Raiders fall one victory short of state title

Derham knocked off two good basketball teams—Irondale and Elk River—in the tournament before bowing to Bloomington Jefferson.

"I remember when we were 2-3 back in December and going nowhere," said Cody, the Class AAAA coach of the year. "But these kids didn't quit. From the standpoint of how much we got out of our talent, this was my most satisfying team to coach."

Senior guard Natalie Roedler, the St. Paul City Conference player of the year, put the season in perspective. "We accomplished a lot as a team this year," she said. "Against Jefferson, we had a lot of our players in foul trouble. We played Jefferson in a scrimmage a month and a half ago and we scored more points than they did. But they're big and quick. We couldn't fast break. That's our game and we couldn't do it."

The Raiders were able to force the Jaguars to turn the ball over on four of their first five possessions in the title game. "We knew what we were going to do against the press," said Jefferson coach Terry Hunst, who called a time out after Cretin-Derham jumped off to a five-point

lead. "We preach patience. We told the girls to take their time. We just took a little while to settle down."

Jefferson, which was making its seventh state tournament appearance, recovered its composure and made a huge run to pull ahead 15-9 by the end of the first quarter.

Roedler failed to score in the championship tilt. She picked up three fouls early and sat out much of the first half, but still the Raiders kept it close. Senior guard Meghan Felicelli canned a three-pointer to cut the Jaguar lead to 35-24 with 50 seconds left before intermission, but Jefferson's Becky Hilgert countered with a three of her own to lift the Jaguars' lead to 14 at the half.

Any hopes that Jefferson would eventually succumb to Cretin-Derham's press were quickly dashed in the third period. The only sustained offense the Raiders could mount during that entire period came courtesy of Felicelli, who hit two three-pointers. Jefferson led 55-34 after three quarters and finished with a 29-point margin after both teams substituted liberally to give more players a chance to see state tournament action.

The Raiders never were able to contain Jefferson's 6-foot-3 center Janel Palbicki, who finished with 15 points and nine rebounds. Time and again, the Jaguars got second and third shots by hitting the offensive boards. All told, Jefferson outrebounded Cretin-Derham 45-24.

Felicelli led Cretin-Derham in scoring with 13 points. Sophomore guard Kate Townley scored 11 and junior forward Jackie Bye added eight. Townley, Bye and Roedler were named to the all-tournament team and Townley was selected all-state.

In the Raiders 57-53 win over Irondale in the opening round of the tournament, Townley led all scorers with 22 points. Roedler chipped in 13 points and Bye 11. In the 49-32 semifinal win over Elk River, Roedler led the Raiders with 15 points and Townley added 12. Junior forward Chrissy Melander pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds.

Cody, who earlier this year recorded his 300th career coaching victory, remained upbeat as the Raiders' state tournament run came to a close. "This is the second-best feeling in the world," he said. "A lot of people never get to play at this level."



Coach Tom Cody orchestrates his Raiders' play to no avail in the title game. Photo by Brad Stauffer.

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WEARY WOLVES

The Minnesota Timberwolves are stuck between a rock and a hard place. While they'd love to rest a few key players in preparation for the playoffs, they'd prefer to open the postseason somewhere besides Seattle or Salt Lake City. And to make a push for sixth place in the Western Division, they have to expend all the energy they have in the next month.

It's inconceivable that the Wolves could have fallen so far. After losing Gugliotta to injury, they suddenly ceased to be a serious contender. Apparently their bench just didn't have the firepower to replace Googs' scoring and rebounding abilities. They'll be lucky to win a single playoff game.

Meanwhile, the Utah Jazz and Chicago Bulls continue to amaze. Led by ageless wonders Karl Malone and Michael Jordan, who are currently one and two in the NBA scoring race, these teams are again hovering near the top of their divisions. I'm going to stick with San Antonio, my long-shot prediction for the NBA title, but it's going to take a great series on the Spurs' part to oust either the Jazz or Bulls.

DID SOMEBODY SAY YOUTH MOVEMENT?

The lame-duck Twins were going to have trouble putting butts in the Metrodome's seats this season anyway, but running out retreads like Otis Nixon makes no sense for a team in their situation. While Nixon may be a capable defensive centerfielder, he's certainly not a building block for the franchise's future. Why not give Torii Hunter the job? He can field as well as Nixon. Hunter may not be able to hit much, but neither can Otis.

As much as I like Ron Coomer as a person, the baseball fan in me would rather see Corey Koskie at third. Koskie will probably start the season in AAA Salt Lake, though. The Twins' line-up is laden with double-hitters like Molitor, Steinbach, Cordova and Walker. Koskie, on the other hand, has the ability to go deep. First-base prospect David Ortiz is another young Twin with home-run potential. Orlando Merced gets us nowhere fast.

Pitcher Eric Milton, the young phenom who came over from the Yankees in the Knoblauch trade, is another player the Twins should be playing this year. In these days of free agency and long-term contracts, there's no such thing as a prospect and there's no point in protecting young players in the minors. They leave the team after a couple of years anyway.

The Twins may as well give fans a first-hand look at the youngsters before the team hits the road for North Carolina.

THE PREPS IN POSTSEASON

- All-conference awards in boys hockey have been presented to Justin Parranto, John Ericksmoen and Andy Norman of Central-Highland Park-Humboldt; and Dan Ehrmantraut, Brian Gornick, David Noh, Ben Jardine and Joe Vannelli of Cretin-Derham Hall.

- All-conference honors in boys basketball were bestowed on Mark Wingo and Lewis Freeman of Highland Park; Andy Carter, Adam Hunkins and John Dungey of Central; and Jack Hannahan and Jabari Barner of Cretin-Derham Hall.

- All-conference honors also went to Sibley's Kristin Johnson in girls basketball; Sibley's Katie Lecher in gymnastics; St. Thomas Academy's Kyle Malkerson, Mike Woell, Kurt Hinz, Jacob Frenz, Peter Westbrook, Nelson Carlson and Matt Mattice in alpine skiing; and CDH's Josh Howard, Alex Bisanz and Bri Covert in alpine skiing.

- Among the all-city wrestlers this season were Highland Park's B.J. Rains, Jeff Sitberg, Mike Smith, Dan Schroeder, Jim Wosika, Joe Ward, William Carlisle and Jeff Dorfsman; Central's Tim Rufus, Steve Janisch, Tony Landon and Bernie Lacy; and CDH's Mike Runyon, Zak Latzka and Ronny Dox.

- St Paul's all-city swimmers included Central's Chris Rupp, Tom Rupp, Jack Geehan, Kip Barrett, Kirk White and Peter Vitko; CDH's Pat Marzolf, Mike McNamara, Bill Schaffer, Adam Rongitsch, Joe Strike and Brad Haushatter; and Highland Park/St. Paul Academy's Jeremiah Cohen, Ben Mason, Eric Werness, Mike Givot, Doug Kilgore and Matt Sheehy.

- Sarah Russell, a 1995 SPA grad, played a big role in what had to be the upset of the women's NCAA basketball playoffs. The forward helped unheralded Harvard, a 16th seed, shock top-seeded Stanford in the West Regionals of the NCAA tournament. Even more astounding, the 71-67 victory came on the Cardinal's home court. Russell hit four key free throws down the stretch to clinch the victory.

MAL SCANLAN TOASTED

An informal gathering to celebrate the retirement of long-time football coach Mal Scanlan will be held from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Monday, April 13, at the Wild Onion, 788 Grand Ave. Scanlan was the head coach at the University of St. Thomas for the past five years, and before that ran the successful Cretin-Derham Hall program. "I'm now a former coach," he said, "but I'm a current philosopher."

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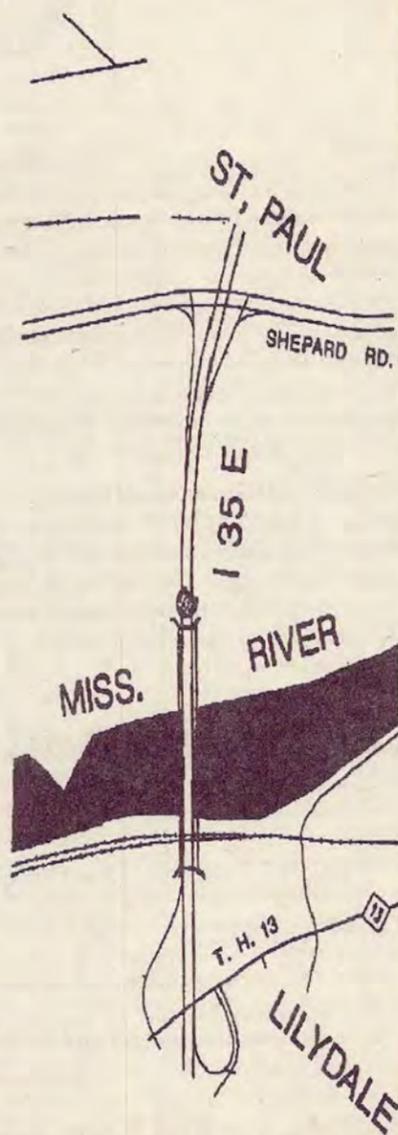
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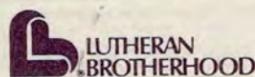
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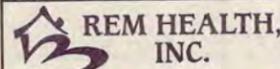
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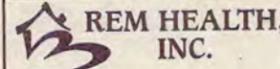
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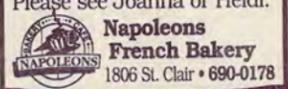


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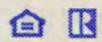
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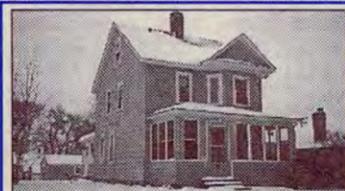
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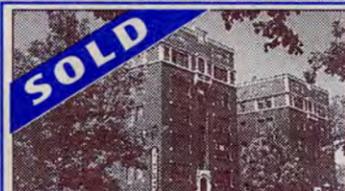


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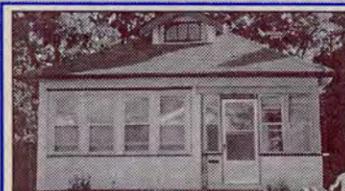
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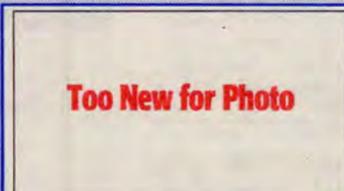


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